**HERE IS LOVE VAST AS THE OCEAN**

Here is love vast as the ocean

loving kindness as the flood,

when the Prince of life, our ransom,

shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember,

who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten,

Throughout heaven’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion

fountains opened deep and wide,

through the floodgates of God’s mercy

flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers

Poured incessant from above

and heaven’s peace and perfect justice

kissed a guilty world in love.

**KNOWING YOU JESUS**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,

all this world reveres and wars to own,

all I once though gain I have counted loss;

spent and worthless now compared to this:

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,*

*there is no greater thing.*

*You’re my all, You’re the best,*

*You’re my joy, my righteousness*

*and I love You Lord.*

Now my heart’s desire is to know You more,

to be found in You and known as Yours,

to possess by faith what I could not earn,

all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Knowing You Jesus ……….*

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life

and to know You in Your sufferings,

to become like You in Your death, my Lord,

so with You to live and never die.

*Knowing You Jesus ……….*

*I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.* ***Psalm 119:10-11***

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# GLENELG AND INVERINATE

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday 26th May 2024**

**Services at 12.00 noon in Inverinate Hall**

**and**

**6.00pm in Glenelg Church of Scotland**

**We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and would love you to join us for tea, coffee and refreshments**

*Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord: Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.* **Habakkuk 3:2**

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Services:** For the 12.00 noon service in Inverinate we are delighted to welcome Rev Roddie Rankin to lead us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Today’s Bible reading is from Luke chapter 22 verses 1 to 38 and the message is *Meeting Jesus in the Lord’s Supper* focusing on Luke chapter 22 verse 15. We are looking forward to hearing what the Lord has lain on Roddie’s heart for us today. The 6.00pm service in Glenelg is part four of our online sermon series on Ezekiel. Rev Ian Hamilton from Smithton Free Church is preaching on Ezekiel chapter 3 verses 1-15 in a sermon entitled *God’s Man for Dark Times.* The evening service will be followed by our weekly Prayer Meeting.
* **Sunday School:** The older children will leave us during the mid-day service for their Sunday School. There will also be a creche for the very little ones.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 66:1-4 and 16:20 (page 83) – *Shout loud with joy to God*

Hymn (see back page) – *Here is love vast as the ocean*

Sing Psalms 118:13-22 (page 156) – *I was pushed back and nearly fell*

Hymn (see back page) – *Knowing You Jesus*

* **Communion Lunch:** Following today’s 12.00 noon service we will have a Communion Lunch to which everyone is invited. Please stay if you can, to enjoy this time of sharing good food and fellowship together.
* **Healthy Gospel Church Health Check:** If you have not yet completed the Healthy Gospel Church Health Check either by the questionnaire or online please can we urge you to do so as soon as possible. This initiative follows a suggestion made by the Presbytery Oversight Visit team when they were with us. They suggested we look at the way we do things and the skills, gifts and ideas we have in our congregation. Initially we planned a series of congregational meetings to do this, but we decided that it would be more practical to do this by a series of short questionnaires. Please prayerfully answer the questions and give us back your feedback in the spaces provided. Take your completed questionnaire back to church with you and there will be a collection box available from today for you to put it in. There are more copies of the questionnaire at the table by the door. Please remember to put your name on it as we cannot accept anonymous forms. The form is available online on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJW238M>
* **Next Sunday 5th June:** Rev Robert Coke will lead the 12.00 noon Inverinate service and for the 6.00 pm service in Glenelg we will listen to part five of our online series on Ezekiel.
* **Save the Date:** We are hoping to hold a Sunday School picnic on Saturday 8th June at the Ploc in Kyle. The whole church family are invited and it would be great if you could make it. We have also booked the Free Church Hall in Kyle in case the weather is bad. Once we have more details we will let you know.
* **COOL Newsletter:**  The latest COOL newsletter is available on the table by the door. Please do take a copy.
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their Two-Year Bible Read Through study. Our Men’s Study Group are just starting a new study on Paul’s letters with the book of Galatians. This would be a really good time to join. If you are interested in joining either group please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin.
* **Bible Studies:** Both of our Wednesday evening Bible studies are on this week. The Dornie group meet at 7.30pm at Colin and Vivienne MacKenzie’s home. In Glenelg we are starting a new study called *God is God and You are You* by Thomas Davies. We meet at Peter and Moira Lane’s home for a 7.30pm start and this would be a great time to come along.
* **Holiday Bible Clubs/Youth Activity Weeks:** It’s that exciting time of the year again when we are busy starting to make our plans for the Holiday Bible Club (15th to 19th July) for Primary age children and the Youth Activity Week (16th to 19th July) for P7 and High School Youth. Please do pray for the organisers and leaders.
* **COOL Prayer for Youth:** Advance notice of the COOL Prayer for Youth evening in the Lighthouse Centre on Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm.
* **Free Church Youth Camps Adopt-a-Camp:** The Free Church Youth Camp organisers are repeating last year’s initiative for congregations to ‘adopt’ a specific camp. This enables congregations to pray for and support their allocated camp in the run-up to and during camp. We are joining the scheme again this year and have been allocated Renfrew Kids as our adopted camp. This camp is for P5-P7 children and runs from 6th to 13th July. They will be sending us prayer points and updates and will let us know if there are other ways we can support them, for example through baking or chaperoning. In the meantime, thank the Lord they have a full team, most returning from last year. Camp leaders will meet on the last Saturday in May, please join with them in prayer for the week and as they go over all the details that made last year’s camp run smoothly.
* **Praying For One Another**: Please add the following to your Prayer diaries:
  + **Galashiels**: Please continue to pray more specifically for more people to join the church plant who can also join the launch team and for more financial partners. They are amazed at the way the Lord has answered this prayer but continue to for pray for this specifically. They are growing in numbers but that translating into commitment can be difficult to tell.
  + **Turkey:** A young Turkish Christian couple who have been involved win ministry for a number of years have been invited to lead a congregation in a large Turkish city from the autumn. Gives thanks for this new opportunity and ask the Lord for the provision of the necessary funding.
  + **Wick and Keiss:** Pray that the Lord would prepare the right man for ministry in Wick and that there would be a gospel presence in Wick. Give thanks for those in the congregation and pray the Lord would strengthen and uphold them.