**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,

new life the dead receive,

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,

The humble poor believe

Hear him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,

your loosened tongues employ

ye blind, behold your Saviour come,

and leap, ye lame, for joy

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of Thy name.

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*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 18th August 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:** We are delighted to have Ken MacDonald leading us in worship today from 2 Corinthians chapter 5, verse 1 to chapter 6, verse 2, a sermon entitled *Seeing it how it really is.* For our 6.00pm service in Glenelg we will listen to an online sermon from Rev Ian Hamilton from Smithton Free Church called *Five reason why the church should pray.*  The evening service will be followed as usual by our weekly Prayer Meeting, if you would like a prayer said on your behalf please speak to Ken.
* **Edict to be read in the Free Church Congregation of Glenelg and Arnisdale, Lochalsh and Glenshiel:** The Free Church Presbytery of Skye and Wester Ross, having resolved to proceed to the Ordination and Induction of Rev. James Blackwell, Congregational Worker at Fort William Free Church, who has been duly called to be Minister of this congregation, did, and hereby do, issue their Edict, giving notice to all persons concerned, and especially to members of this congregation, that if any of them have anything to object to the life or doctrine of the said Rev. James Blackwell they must substantiate the objections to the satisfaction of the Presbytery at a meeting to be held in **Inverinate Hall on Saturday 24th August at 11.30am**, with certification that if no one offer any relevant objection, or unless relevant objections be proven at the time, the Presbytery will then forthwith proceed to the Ordination and Induction of the said Rev. James Blackwell, and admit him as Minister of this congregation.

All being well, **the Induction Service will be held on** **Saturday 24th August at 12 noon in Inverinate Hall**. We are all invited and heartily encouraged to attend this most anticipated and significant event in our church family.

* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 118:1-9 (page 155) – *O thank the LORD for he is good*

Sing Psalms 42:1-5 (page 53) – *As pants the deer for flowing streams*

Sing Psalms 139 (a):1–5 (page 180) – *O LORD, you have examined me*

Hymn (see back page) – *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

* **Sunday School:** Sunday School is taking a break now and will restart at the end of the summer holidays. However there will be a creche for the very little ones.
* **Next Sunday 25th August:** Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon service.
* **Manse:** The manse is now ready and James and family plan to move in on Monday 19th August. Many thanks to everyone who worked towards getting everything ready in such a short time. The plan is that James will begin preaching with us on Sunday 9th September.
* **Wednesday Bible Studies:** Meet at Colin and Vivienne’s home in Dornie at 7.30pm and at Jon and Megan’s home in Glenelg also at 7.30pm. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend either group if you are able to get along. A warm welcome awaits you.
* **Fundraising for Centre for Rural Ministry:** Skye and Wester Ross Presbytery is launching an exciting new project to establish a Centre for Rural Ministry. The centre’s aim is to support the revitalisation of rural congregations and foster contemporary rural ministry across the nation. A fundraising campaign for the centre has been launched and one hundred people are being sought to commit to giving £200 per year for three years. This can be given in one-off donations each year or instalments. The money will go towards employing a minister who is passionate and knowledgeable about rural life. He will be coming alongside rural congregations – across all Presbyteries – to coach and champion local leaders. He will also walk beside young ministers recruiting and training them for the gospel work in smaller communities and pastors the pastors in an area where there are significant changes. For more details visit the News & Events section of the Free Church of Scotland website.
* **Praying for One Another:** Please add the following prayer points to your prayer diaries.
	+ **Bangladesh:** The country is currently experiencing widespread protests due to the political situation, causing turmoil and challenges. Since last month the death toll due to protests is over 500, with many more deaths unaccounted for due to religious persecution. As part of the global body of Christ, we urgently request your prayers for Bangladesh to overcome this crisis and for the safety of OM teams in Bangladesh.
	+ **Rasaay:** Please pray that on a small island, the Lord would be encouraging His people and growing His church through the faithful witness of His people. Please pray that they would know deep fellowship with Him.
	+ **ETS:** On Saturday 7th September, ETS will hold its annual day conference on the theme, *'We Believe': Why the Creed Matters Today*. Please pray for the speakers, that the Lord would give them wisdom, and this day conference would encourage and engage the church in what it means to receive and confess this creed, as the church, in today’s secular society. Please pray for the ETS open day on the 6th of September. Please pray that the Lord would be at work in the hearts of those considering studying at ETS to come along and hear more about studying at ETS. Please pray that the Lord would also be raising up leaders who consider training at ETS and that the Lord would be building and strengthening his Church through this training.
	+ **Murray River (Prince Edward Island, Eastern Charge):** Give thanks to God for the believers and for their faithfulness to the Word of God. Please pray that the Lord would be at work by His spirit in each of our lives. Pray for the Church to be salt and light on Prince Edward Island, and that the Lord would be revealed by the preaching of His word to those who do not yet know Him.
	+ **Dumisani:** Continue to pray that a way forward may be found to provide more male dormitory space at Dumisani Theological Institute in the Eastern Cape as this matter will greatly impact growth and intake.