**JOY TO THE WORLD**

Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing.
And Heaven and nature sing.
And Heaven, and Heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love.
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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FREE CHURCH

GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 15th December 2024

Service at 12.00 noon in Inverinate Hall

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

*In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.* ***1 Timothy 6:13-16***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev. James Blackwell leading us in worship from Luke 2:1-21, Sermon – *People of the Nativity 3: Three Kings,* in Inverinate. There will be no 6.00pm service in Glenelg to allow us all to attend the Carols at the Castle Service at 5.00pm at Eilean Donan Castle this evening.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 96(a):7-13 (page 127) – *All nations, to the Lord ascribe*

Scottish Psalter 47:1-8 (page 272) – *All people, clap your hands: to God*

Sing Psalms 72:1-7 (page 92) – *Endow the king with justice, Lord*

Hymn – *Joy to the World.* *(See back page)*

* **Sunday School:** Sunday School will run as usual today during our 12.00 noon service. There is also a creche for the very little ones.
* **Next Sunday 22nd December:** Rev James Blackwell will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and at 6.00pm in Glenelg.
* **Upcoming Services:**
	+ **Christmas Eve:** We will be holding a Family and Friends Service in Inverinate Hall at 4.30pm.
	+ **Sunday 29th December:** Sunday services as normal
	+ **New Years Day:** Community New Years Day Service in Inverinate Hall at 12 noon.
* **Carols at the Castle:** Tonight in place of our Evening Service in Glenelg, we will be hosting the Carols at the Castle Service at 5.00pm at Eilean Donan Castle. All are invited to this community outreach service, so do come along and bring a friend. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies are kindly provided by Eilean Donan Castle staff.
* **Prayer for One:** Invite Leaflets are available in the weekly Bulletin and at the back of the hall. They are for use for our Christmas and New Year Services. Please do take as many as you want and pray for a person or people who you would like to invite to any of these services and then use the Invite Card to invite them along.
* **Advent Study**: We are continuing to offer a whole church an Advent Bible Study again this year. The study we are undertaking is called "The Coming of the King" and the study books are still available at the door, so please do take one. We will be doing these as part of our house Bible Studies, our online Bible Studies and we would encourage you to join into one of those. However, if you cannot do so, then please consider reading it as a personal study, or part of a small group set up by yourselves. So do pick up a copy and join in.
* **Church Prayer Meeting:** Please remember that our Church Prayer Meeting is now held every Sunday at 11.15am in Inverinate Hall before the Sunday Service. Prayer is the engine room of the church and this is a wonderful opportunity every Sunday to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ and pray together. So please do come along and join us in prayer to our Heavenly Father.
* **Wednesday Bible Studies:** Our Dornie Bible Study runs at Colin and Vivienne MacKenzie’s home at 7.30pm and our Glenelg Bible Study runs at Jon and Megan MacDonald’s home, also at 7.30pm. Please speak to James, Ken, Finaly or Colin if you want to join either study.

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* **Friday Youth Club, Kyle:** Timmy and the team are in need of an extra set of hands each week at Friday youth club (1.30-5.00pm). This club is run as drop in sessions for S1—S6. We are also looking for volunteers to provide a simple dinner each week (for about 20 - pizza, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, etc - to be eaten at 4.30pm at Kyle village hall). If you are interested in helping out with either of these please contact Megan on megan-mac@outlook.com for more details.
* **Praying for One Another:** Please add the following prayer points to your prayer diaries

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| **Kiltearn:** In October, our dearly loved brother, elder and friend, Hugh MacIver passed away having loved and served his Saviour until the end. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of the congregation in the blessings and burdens of their responsibilities. Our congregation is not a big one, but there are a number of people with health issues at this time. Please pray that God will strengthen us and grow us in number as a congregation and in our individual walks with the Lord.**Scalpay:** Pray for the successful conclusion in 2025 of the purchase of our building. This has been ongoing for the past couple of years, and has kept facing delays due to the complexities of crofting land legislation. There is light at last at the end of the tunnel and we are praying for a conclusion in the next couple of months. Pray for the successful conclusion in 2025 of the purchase of our building. This has been ongoing for the past couple of years, and has kept facing delays due to the complexities of crofting land legislation. There is light at last at the end of the tunnel and we are praying for a conclusion in the next couple of months.**Free Church Youth Camps:** Please pray that as camps registration for 11 camps has opened, that many will register interest and many children will be given the opportunity to attend a camp. Give thanks for all the work done to organise these camps and the opportunity of hearing and responding to the gospel they offer. |
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