**ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby,
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood,
He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly mother,
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all should be,
Kind, obedient, good as He.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by;
We shall see Him but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
There His children gather round,
Bright like stars with glory crowned.

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FREE CHURCH

GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 22nd December 2024

Service 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 refreshment

*Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.* ***Zephaniah 3:14-15***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev. James Blackwell leading us in worship from Isaiah 9:6-7 & Hebrews 6:13-20, Sermon – *Jesus, Wonderful counsellor. Mighty God,* in Inverinate. Then from 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18, Sermon – *The Danger of Idleness*, this evening in Glenelg
* **Praise:**

Scottish Psalter 100(1st):1-5 (page 362) – *All people that on earth do dwell*

Sing Psalms 98:1-4 (page 129) – *O sing a new song to the Lord*

Sing Psalms 16:8-11 (page 17) – *Before me constantly, I set the Lord alone.*

Hymn – *Once in Royal David City.* *(See back page)*

* **Sunday School:** Sunday School and JaM Group are not running during the school Christmas Holidays. Sermon Helper Sheets are available at the door. There is also a creche for the very little ones.
* **Next Sunday 29th December:** Rev James Blackwell will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and In a change to the scheduled programmes - on Sunday 29th December we are joining the Plockton and Kyle Free Church congregation for their evening service in Kyle Free Church at 5.30pm. There will be no service 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 above.
	+ **New Years Day:** Community New Years Day Service in Inverinate Hall at 12 noon.
* **Prayer for One:** Invite Leaflets are available 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:** Will be taking a break over the Christmas and New Year period and will start again in the New Year.

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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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| **Dunblane:** Please pray for our recent Craft for Kids where we had around 200 children through the building. There were crafts to tell the Christmas story and leaflets about church activities were given out. Please pray for relationship building and that some people may engage with us again by coming to our services or activities. Give thanks for The Ark, a group for 0-5s and their big people. We began this in January. Please pray for more people to come and for them to come to know Jesus. Please continue to pray for three a 'F's. Praying for more families to join with us at DFC; praying for our finances to continue to be stable; praying in thanks for another 5 year ministry term approved.**Plockton and Kyle:** Please pray that ongoing work with children and young people in the congregation would bear much fruit and that a new inter-church initiative amongst primary age kids in the community would be well supported. Pray that our love for our neighbours would inspire us to be more intentional in our evangelism.**Christmas Day:** Give thanks for the birth of our wonderful Saviour, born in humility which is celebrated by Christians worldwide today. Please pray that the world would know and remember the true celebration of Christmas, that Christ was born as a Saviour for our sins.Give thanks for all the outreach events which have taken place sharing this message and pray that many lives would be transformed.**Muriel Macleod, Cambodia:** Give thanks to God for His faithfulness throughout a challenging year. Praise God that the four girls that stay in the dorms, along with their friends, meet with leaders each week for bible study. |
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