**IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain,
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine  -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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FREE CHURCH

GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 29th 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

*I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord: “Lord, save me!” The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.* ***Psalm 116:1-6***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev. James Blackwell leading us in worship from 1 Timothy 1:1-17, Sermon – *Jesus Saves Sinners,* in Inverinate. There will be no service in Glenelg to allow us to join the Plockton and Kyle Free Church congregation for their evening service in Kyle Free Church at 5.30pm.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 98:1-6 (page 129) – *O sing a new song to the Lord*

Scottish Psalter 33:1-5 (page 245) – *Ye righteous, in the LORD rejoice*

Sing Psalms 150:1-6 (page 195) – *Praise God in his holy temple.*

Hymn – *In Christ Alone.* *(See back page)*

* **Sunday School:** Sunday School and JaM Group are taking a break for the Christmas holidays There will be a creche for the very little ones.
* **Upcoming Service:**
	+ **New Years Day:** Community New Years Day Service in Inverinate Hall at 12 noon. Start the New Year off on the right foot with a service of encouragement and praise. Please do come along and invite friends and family. There will be time for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
* **Next Sunday 5th January:** Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and the 6.00pm service in Glenelg
* A big thank you to everyone who organised, baked, decorated, set up and put away chairs, tables, etc, complied and printed bulletins and orders of service, those who read, prayed and performed, and everyone who invited and attended our Advent and Christmas Services. And a big thank you in advance to all who will do the same for the New Years Day Service on Wednesday. We are so thankful to God to have a church family who get stuck in together and make it all happen
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their Two-Year Bible Read Through study. Our Men's Study Group will be continuing our study on the ‘I am’ statements of Jesus. If you are interested in joining either group please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin.
* **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:** Both Bible Studies are taking a break for the Christmas Holidays and will start up 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:

**Dunblane:** Please pray for our recent Craft for Kids where we had around 200 children through the building. 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.

**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.