**BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love"
whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart;
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When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me;
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die;
my soul is purchased with His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God;
with Christ my Saviour and my God!

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FREE CHURCH

GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 12th January 2025

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

***“****For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.* ***Jeremiah 29:11***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev. Roddie Rankin leading us in worship from Hebrews 10:1-25, Sermon – *Looking at the Family Album to Remind us who we are!* in Inverinate. The evening service in Glenelg will be led by Rev. James Blackwell from Esther 1:1-22, Sermon – A Proud King’s Folly.
* **Praise:**
Sing Psalms 118:19-26 (page 156) – *Throw wide the gates of righteousness*
Sing Psalms 103:13-18 (page 135) – *Just as a father loves his child*
Sing Psalms 116:12-19 (page 154) – *How can I thank the Lord for all he’s done?*
Hymn – Before the throne of God above – see back page
* **Sunday School:** Sunday School and JaM Group will run as usual today during our 12.00 noon service. There is also a creche for the very little ones.
* **Next Sunday 19th January:** The 12 noon service in Inverinate will be taken by Rev. Roddie Rankin from Kyle. The evening service in Glenelg will be led by Rev. James Blackwell.
* The minister will be away in Edinburgh from 13th-17th January for inset training.
* **Upcoming Events:**
* **24th January at 7:30pm:** There will be board games and fellowship in the manse for the younger adults. Speak to Claire if you're interested.
* **Saturday 25th January:** We will be having an afternoon of psalm singing, food and fellowship up at the manse. Join us for some 'Psalms and Sausages' around the fire pit. Giant marshmallows will be available too! All welcome. **(Please note change of date)**
* **Outreach Fundraiser:**As you will remember last year we ran a Slow-cooker Supper and Quiz fundraiser for Dornie Shop, which was a great night and raised a tidy sum towards a local project. We are looking to do this again this year, and would welcome suggestions for a local cause we could fundraise for as we look to be a blessing to the communities we serve. If you have any ideas please let Colin know. Thank you.
* **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.

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* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their Two-Year Bible Read Through study. Our Men's Study Group will be starting a new study on 'Authority in the Christian Life', so this would be a great time to join up. If you are interested in joining either group please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin.
* **Wednesday Bible Studies:**  Our Glenelg Study Group are meeting in Jon and Megan MacDonald's home at 7.30pm, where we will be continuing our study on the book of Job. All are warmly invited.

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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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| **Arran:** Please remember the congregation in Arran in prayer as they meet monthly for worship. Please pray that the Lord would bless them, and uphold them. Pray that the Lord would strength believers on Arran, that He would draw near to them and that they would be strengthened to continue faithfully witnessing the gospel.**Tearfund, Middle East:** Please pray for peace in times of increased violence, and for humanitarian aid to reach the many thousands of displaced people. Please pray as Tearfund partners seek to provide food, and clean water to those in need.**Tain and Fearn:** Give thanks for the ministry of Rev Andrew Macleod who has served as assistant minister. Please pray the Lord would be bless him and his family as they prepare to minister to New City Church, Dunfermline, and pray that He would be able to reflect, study and rest during his sabbatical. Pray for the lunch clubs which take place weekly in Tain and Hilton, that many from the community would be welcomed in. Pray that believers would build relationships with those in the community.**Tearfund, Ukraine:** Please pray for the people of Ukraine as they endure many years of displacement and hard shipped caused by the ongoing war. Pray that the Lord would draw near to them and be their source of comfort and hope.**Tearfund, Nepal:** Please pray for workers who are working to address gender-based violence and human trafficking. |
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