**GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ, His Son.
*(Repeat)*

And now let the weak say, ‘I am strong’,
Let the poor say, ‘I am rich’,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
*(Repeat)*Give thanks. *(Last time only)*

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**ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR**

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

*Knowing You, Jesus
Knowing You, there is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

*Knowing You, Jesus…*

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die

*Knowing You, Jesus…*

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FREE CHURCH

GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 19th 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

*But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.  I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.****Philippians 3:7-11***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev. Roddie Rankin leading us in worship from Matthew 5:1-12, Sermon – *The Poor in Spirit are Truly Rich!* in Inverinate. The evening service in Glenelg will be led by Rev. James Blackwell from Esther 2:1-23, Sermon – A Defeated King and a New Queen
* **Praise:**
Sing Psalms 20:1-9 (page 24) – *May the Lord answer you when you cry in distress*
Hymn - Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart – see back page
Sing Psalms 22:25-29a (page 27) – *You are the theme of all my praise*
Hymn – All I Once Held Dear – 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 26th January:** Rev James Blackwell will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and the 6.00pm Service in Glenelg.
* **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.
* **Psalms & Sausages:** 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)**
* **Alltnacriche:** The Youth Weekend to Alltnacriche is coming up on 31st January to 2nd February. If you are able to donate some home baking to the weekend we would be most grateful. Please speak to Fiona.
* **COOL** **Annual Celebration:** Will be held at Dornie Village Hall on Friday 7th February at 7:30pm. This will be an evening of celebration for all God has done through COOL over the last year. We have Rev. Colin MacLeod from Lochcarron Free Church who will be sharing a short message to inspire us in the year ahead and there will be a time of fellowship after.
* **COOL Training Day:** COOL are planning a Training Day for anyone involved in children's and youth work. We have a great group of people from SU Scotland and other youth organisations coming through to inspire those in Skye and Lochalsh and it's shaping up to be a really great day. The Training Day will be held on Saturday 29th March. More details will follow over the coming months.
* **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.
* **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 points to your prayer diaries:

**Grace Church Montrose**: Our vision is to see a healthy church established and flourishing in Montrose. Pray with us as we work through Colossians that we would be rooted in Jesus. Also for us to find a new venue as we are outgrowing where we meet now. The other element of our vision is to see churches started and strengthened throughout Angus & Mearns. Join us as we pray particularly for Brechin, that Jesus would raise up workers for that town.

**Dumisani**: It is with a heavy heart we pray for Nolundi, one of the cleaning staff at Dumisani Theological Institute, who lost her daughter in a tragic murder on New Year's Eve. Please pray for Nolundi and her family for the divine comfort of the Lord. Pray that textbooks and books for graduation could make their way to Dumisani Theological Institute as quickly as possible. There have been increasing difficulties in getting such needed materials to Dumisani with bags missing or not being delivered. These materials are really needed for Term One.

**Buccleuch**: We are running a Christianity Explored course in the Spring. Please pray that non-Christians in our congregation, our circles of friendship, and from the wider community will come and encounter Jesus.

**Free Church Youth Camps**: Pray for the preparations taking place to arrange the summer camps. Pray that as campers continue to register, logistics will fall into place.