**The Lord Is King! Lift up you voice**

The Lord is King! lift up your voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens, re­joice;
From world to world the joy shall ring,
'The Lord om­ni­po­tent is king!'

The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist His will, dis­trust His care,
Or mur­mur at His wise de­crees,
Or doubt His roy­al pro­mis­es?

The Lord is King! Child of the dust,
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all His ways:
Let ev­ery crea­ture speak His praise.

He reigns! ye saints, ex­alt your strains;
Your God is King, your Fa­ther reigns;
And He is at the Fa­ther’s side,
The Man of love, the Cru­ci­fied.

One Lord, one em­pire, all se­cures;
He reigns—and life and death are yours,
Through earth and Heaven one song shall ring,
'The Lord om­ni­po­tent is King!'

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GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 26th 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

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.* ***Hebrews 12:28-29***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev James Blackwell leading us in worship from Genesis 4:17-26, Sermon – *‘The More Things Change…’* in Inverinate. Then from Esther 3:1-15, Sermon – Defiance and Vengeance, this evening in Glenelg
* **Praise:**
Hymn – The Lord is King! Lift up your voice – see back page
Sing Psalms 1(a):1-6 (page 1) – *Blessed is the one who turns away*
Sing Psalms 54:1-7 (page 70) – *Save me, O God, by your great name*
* Sing Psalms 5:1-8 (page 4) – *O Lord, give ear to what I say*
* **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.

There will be no JaM Group next Sunday (2nd Feb) as the leaders are away at Alltnacrich. Sermon Helper sheets will be available for the young people.

* **Next Sunday 2nd February:** Rev James Blackwell will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and the 6.00pm Service in Glenelg.
* **Upcoming Events:**
* **Baptism:**We are delighted to announce that William Blackwell will be baptised on Sunday 9th February at the 12 noon service in Inverinate. The service will be followed by a Congregational Lunch. Rev Angus MacRae will conduct the baptism and will take both services that Sunday.
* **COOL:** Our 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 Colin MacLeod for 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.

We also have some exciting news. 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.

* **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.
* **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.
* **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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* **Praying for One Another:** Please add the following points to your prayer diaries:

**Free North:** Pray for stamina, unity and joy in the Lord for our church family serving in the city centre of Inverness. Pray for wisdom to make best use of our location and resources. Pray for peace and protection from disruptions. Pray for a growing team of workers to share in ministries such as youth work, hospitality and leading praise. Pray that our kids and young people would be fully committed to Christ, serving the Lord.

**Charleston:** New Venue: For the past few months our Sunday service has moved out of the old post office, and we are now in the community centre. Give thanks for the good relationship we have with the community centre and pray for that to continue and to open up new doors for mission. Addiction work: Our addiction group Bible study has been one group that we have run from the beginning but in the past year it has declined. We are hoping to rebrand it and relaunch this month. Please pray for that. Many in our community feel trapped by addiction, but there is hope and freedom in Christ and his gospel. Pray also for those that have come to our Bible study in the past – we listed the names of those who had attended and were encouraged to see that overall, we have had 52 people from the scheme have come and studied the Bible as part of that group. Growth in Christ: Give thanks for how some of our members are just growing in their godliness. It’s been very encouraging to see how people in the church have dealt with various trials and difficulties these past few months. Pray that we would continue to disciple and love one another.

**Dornoch:** Give thanks for the nomination of additional office bearers, and pray for unity, wisdom, and spiritual growth across the leadership and congregation as we seek to follow Christ and reach our rural communities with the gospel. Pray for God to raise up additional leaders to help coordinate outreach opportunities, including youth and children’s ministries, Scripture Union in schools, Little Lambs, Living Room, and the Summer Holiday Bible Club, so that families in our community may come to know Jesus.