**AMAZING GRACE**Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’ve first begun.
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FREE CHURCH

GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 5th 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, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!*

***2 Corinthians 5:17***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Ken MacDonald leading us in worship from Psalm 90, Sermon – *Waking up to Reality,* in Inverinate.
* **Praise:**
Sing Psalms 85 (page 113) – *In times past, Lord, you showed favour*
Sing Psalms 90:1-10 (page 120) – *Lord, you have ever been our dwelling place*
Sing Psalms 90:11-17 (page 120) – *The power of your anger who can know?*
Hymn - Amazing Grace – 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 12th 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 where we'll be starting a series on Esther.
* The minister will be away in Edinburgh from 13th-17th January for inset training.
* **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 1st February:** 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.
* **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.
* **Finance Committee Meeting:** Will meet on Monday 6th January at 7.30pm at Peter and Moira Lane's home in Glenelg. If anyone has any issues that they would like to raise with the Finance Committee for this meeting, please speak to Ronnie or James.
* **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 this Wednesday (8th January) in Jon and Megan MacDonald's home at 7.30pm, where we will be picking up 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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| **London City:** Please give thanks for recent baptisms and new members welcomed, pray that the Lord would strengthen and uphold these individuals. Pray in 2025 the Lord would give us a renewed spirit to serve His church and bring the Gospel to those around us.**Grace Church Leith:** Our Conversation Café runs every Wednesday from 7.00pm - 8.00pm at Grace Church Leith during university term. Please pray for those who will come during this upcoming term, particularly that they will attend the optional Bible study following the conversation cafe and that they would come to know Christ through His word.**Healthy Gospel Church:** Pray that in 2025, the Lord would continue to equip His church to bring the gospel to our neighbours and nation. Pray that as a denomination we would continue to have unity and fellowship in the Gospel.**Sashko, Poland:** Give praise for the first deacon-in-training and for the two ministry candidates that will be ordained next year. Please pray for more local men to be raised up for church leadership**Grace Church Leith:** Please pray for our youth who gather together on Sunday evenings. Please pray that they would grow in love and knowledge of the Lord, and that those whose trust is not yet in Christ would come to know Him as their personal saviour. Pray that the Church would be strengthened as they disciple our young people. |
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