**WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS**

 When I survey the wondrous cross

on which the Prince of glory died,

my richest gain I count but loss

and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,

save in the death of Christ my God:

all the vain things that charm me most,

I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,

sorrow and love flow mingled down:

did e’er such love and sorrow meet,

or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were an offering far too small,

love so amazing, so divine,

demands my soul, my life, my all.

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*I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.* ***Psalm 119:10-11***

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# GLENELG AND INVERINATE

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday 24th September 2023**

**Services 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 refreshments following**

*Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord: Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.* **Habakkuk 3:2**

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Services:** Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship for our 12 noon Inverinate service today. He will be preaching from John chapter 18 verse 1 to verse 27. For the 6.00pm service in Glenelg we will be listening to part four of our online sermon series from Smithton Free Church, ‘*Following Jesus*.’ Rev Ian Hamilton will preach on, ‘*Jesus, the Disciple’s Life*.’ The Evening Service will be followed as usual by our Prayer Meeting. If you are unable to join us and have prayer requests, then please let Ken know.
* **Sunday School:** We are delighted to have our Sunday School today, it will run, as usual, during our Inverinate 12 noon Service.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 116:1-9 (page 154) – *I love the Lord because He heard my voice*

Sing Psalms 107:1-9 (page 143) – *O thank the Lord, for He is good*

Sing Psalms 130 (page 173) – *Lord, from the depths I call to you*

Hymn (see back page) – *When I survey the wondrous cross*

* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies**: Both the Glenelg and Dornie groups will not be meeting this week, to allow us all to attend the Healthy Church Gathering in Kyle Free Church (see details on the opposite page.)
* **Harvest Service next Sunday 1st October:** Ken MacDonald will lead us as we celebrate the Harvest next Sunday at our 12 noon service in Inverinate. **There will be a retiring collection for the Community Foodbank Skye and Lochalsh**. There are *Prayer for One* invitations in today’s Bulletin, please use one to invite someone along to the service and lunch. The service will be followed by a Congregational Lunch to which everyone is invited. Mairi MacRae is coordinating a soup and puddings lunch, so please speak to her if you can contribute.
* **Edict for the Congregation:** At Inverinate on the 20th August 2023, the Kirk Session of the Free Church Congregation of Glenelg and Inverinate having appointed an election of Elders to take place and the Congregation, after due intimation, having made choice of Mr Finlay Macdonald as Elder and the Session having judged the aforementioned Mr Finlay Macdonald as duly qualified for the respective office and the said Mr Finlay Macdonald having intimated his acceptance of the office, the Kirk Session did appoint the Ordination and Induction of Mr Finlay Macdonald to the office of the eldership to take place on Sunday the 8th October 2023. It is accordingly hereby intimated, that if any member of the Congregation have objections to the life or doctrine of the said Mr Finlay Macdonald they will have an opportunity to do so at a meeting of the Kirk Session before the noon service to be held on the 8th day of October 2023.
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their study on 1 Peter, called ‘*Following Jesus’.* Please speak to Moira, Barbara to join up. Our Men’s Online Study Group continue with our *‘Bible Read Through’* study and are studying 1 & 2 Corinthians, if you would like to join us please speak to Colin.
* **Tuesday 26th September:**  All are invited to go along to Kyle Free Church for 7.30pm to hear “Adam” speak about his work supporting the persecuted church in the Middle East, Central Asia and elsewhere. This is a great opportunity to hear first hand about the situation of brothers and sisters where the church is severely oppressed yet witnessing God’s mighty hand at work. Adam has a monthly column in The Record magazine and is supported by the Free Church in his work.
* **Healthy Church Gathering - Wednesday 27th September:** Join us at the Healthy Church Gathering at Kyle Free Church. This is a free event being organised for congregations in the Skye and Wester Ross Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland as we look to encourage one another and share in the vision for A Healthy Gospel Church for every community in Scotland. The event brings together people from different congregations for a time of input and then discussion, with a focus on us hearing the views and ideas of one another. There are updates on how some churches have taken hold of the vision as well as time to discuss some main topics, give feedback, ask questions and pray together. There will be two main sessions. The first will focus on Healthy Christians and Healthy Churches, looking at a number of areas including worship, mission, discipleship and relationships. The second session will focus on a Healthy Denomination covering areas including church development, church planting, training ministers and partnering with others. There will be an opportunity to pray together and for sung worship. The gathering will take place at Kyle Free Church on Wednesday 27th September. There will be refreshments from 6.30pm. The gathering will formally start at 7.00pm with two main sections and will conclude 9.30pm. We are asking people to sign up to give us an idea of numbers attending. To book go to freechurch.org/healthy-church-gatherings.
* **Big Free Rally:** Saturday 30th September in Smithton Church Inverness from 11.00am to 3.30pm for young people from P5 to S6, Davi de Paula is the main speaker. For more information and to book: [www.freechurchyouthcamps.org](http://www.freechurchyouthcamps.org)
* **Healing Hurting Hearts:** Following the recent success of the Healing Hurting Hearts courses the organisers are running a second course – Strength from Weakness – 28th October, 11th November, 20th January. For more information and to book a place speak to Anne MacLeod.