**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

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n 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 to 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

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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 by His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high

With Christ my Saviour and my God.

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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 19th November 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:** We are delighted to welcome back Rev. Gordon Matheson who is leading us in worship over our Communion weekend. Today’s 12 noon service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Glenelg service will be followed as usual by our weekly Prayer Meeting. If you would like a prayer said on your behalf please speak to Ken.
* **Congregational Lunch:** Today’s 12.00 noon service will be followed by a congregational lunch to which everyone is warmly invited. Please do stay and enjoy this time of friendship and fellowship as a church family.
* **Sunday School:** The older children will leave us for Sunday School during the Inverinate Service and there will be a creche for the very little ones.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 122 (page 169) – “*To the Lord’s house!” they were calling*

Hymn (see back page) – *Before the throne of God above*

Sing Psalms 118:15-24 (page 156) – *Triumphant shouts of joy resound*

Scottish Psalter 72:17-19 (page 314) – *His name for ever shall endure*

* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies**: Our Dornie group will meet this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm at Vivienne and Colin MacKenzie’s home and are continuing their study through Luke’s Gospel. Our Glenelg group meet at Peter and Moira Lane’s house at 7.30pm and are studying Tim Keller’s book *‘Prayer’*. Everyone is very welcome at both groups.
* **Next Weekend 26th November** Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon service in Inverinate and we will continue with our online sermons series at the 6.00pm service in Glenelg. We will follow the Glenelg service with our weekly Prayer Meeting.
* **Wednesday 29th November:** We will have our annual Faith Mission service and book/calendar/card sale in Glenelg Hall at 7.30pm. Jeff Townend will lead the service and give us an update on the work of the Faith Mission.
* **Advent Study:** We are looking to offer a whole church Advent Bible Study again this year. The study we will undertake is called ‘*Comfort and Joy’* and the study books are available at the door, so please do take one. We will be doing these as part of our house Bible Studies, our online Bible Studies and we would encourage you to join into one of those. However, if you cannot do so, then please consider reading it as a personal study, or part of a small group set up by yourselves.
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their new study on Colossians called ‘*Alive in Christ*. Our Men’s Online Study Group are continuing their *Bible Read Through* study on Joshua, Judges and Ruth called *The Rise of the Judges*. If you would like to join either study, please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin to join.
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:

**Dumfries:** Please pray for the word to bear fruit of deeper discipleship and more outreach in the year to come.

**Asian Outreach:** Their representative recently attended a conference at a Muslim University along with various panels and discussions. Please pray for fruit from all these opportunities and interactions. Their representative is teaching a module on ‘Engaging with Islam’. Please pray that the module would be very beneficial for the students as part of their preparation for ministry in Scotland and beyond.

**Hope Church Coatbridge:** Please pray for the VOX youth group as they meet weekly for fellowship and discipleship. Pray that as they go through Luke’s gospel they will be transformed by the Word and that those who do not yet know Him will come to saving faith. Pray for the congregation as they witness into their community. Pray for wisdom and guidance on how best to do this. Pray the ministry will be strengthened and God will use it for His purpose and glory.

**Richard and Barbara (a European city):** They have started to visit a new family each Monday. On their first visit the mother said she did not want them to share bible stories in the home. The children, she said, would be confused as they already receive teaching in their community’s faith. This is the first time they have had such point blank refusal. They are continuing to visit to help the children with their studies and praying for opportunities to engage the adults in meaningful conversation. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into this particular field – diaspora islanders. Generally the community is quite closed with little outside contact. May the Lord bring true Christians into gospel-sharing contact with islanders.

**SU Scotland:** Christmas presentations will soon begin in our schools. Pray that schools are open to volunteers, that sufficient team members are available, that children will be attentive and responsive.

**Rwanda:** Give thanks for news of hundreds committing to Christ at a recent Open Air Crusade.