**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 23rd February 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

*The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.* ***Psalm 29:10-11***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev James Blackwell leading us in worship from Genesis 6:8-22, Sermon – *‘Righteousness and Grace’* in Inverinate. Then from Esther 7:1-10, Sermon – ‘*The Great Unmasking’*, this evening in Glenelg
* **Praise:**
Sing Psalms 98: 1-4 (page 129) – *O sing a new song to the Lord*

Scottish Psalter 24: 1-5 (page 230) – *The earth belongs unto the Lord*
Sing Psalms 119(1): 1-8 (page 157) – *Blessed are those of blameless ways*

Hymn – *All I Once Held Dear* – see back page

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will run as usual today during our 12.00 noon service. There will be no JaM Group this week. Sermon Helper sheets are available for the young people. There is also a creche for the very little ones.

* **Next Sunday 2nd March:** 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:**
* **COOL:** Most of you will be aware the Enrich Training Day which will be happening on Saturday 29th March. We are very happy to announce that bookings are now live for that day.

This day will be for anyone involved in the working with children and young people through churches, youth groups and holiday clubs. We have a great group of people from SU Scotland and other youth organisations coming through to inspire those in Skye and Lochalsh who work with children and young people. Enrich will be a chance for those involved in this work to grow in the skills they already have, learn new skills and ideas from experts from across Scotland, and think about ways their ministry with children and young people can be enriched over the years to come.

Enrich will be held at Kyle Free Church on Saturday 29th March from 10am to 4pm. A small charge of £5 will help to cover speaker costs and costs of a light lunch provided. To book on and for more information, please see the link below:

<https://coolscotland.org.uk/enrich/>

* **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.
* **Easter Bible Study:** We have an Easter Bible Study again this year, for the whole church to take part in together. It is a 40 day study called '*In Quietness & Trust*' by Matt Searles, looking at the beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10). We would encourage everyone to take part in some way, either as part our weekly Bible Studies, our online studies, as an individual daily devotional or as part of a small group of friends. The study will begin on Wednesday 5th March and will end on Saturday 19th April (40 days, Sundays not included.)  Copies are available at the door, please do take one and join in with the church family as we study God's Word together.
* **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.
* **Persecuted Church:** We have some material from Open Doors on the persecuted church available for you. It includes details of the worst 50 countries in the world to be a Christian and prayer points. There are also resources for children available. Please take one if you can use it. Thanks.

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

**Lennoxtown:** Give thanks for the provision of two new ordained elders at the end of last year. Give thanks to God for these men and their service to the congregation. Please pray that the Lord would provide great opportunities to witness into the community and to continue building relationships with individuals.

**Assynt and Eddrachillis:** Pray for believers in Lochinver, that they would be strengthened in the knowledge of Christ and grow in His likeness each day. Give thanks to God for His faithfulness, and pray He would be renewing His church daily.

**Healthy Gospel Prayer Gatherings:** Our focus in 2025 is going to be on thanksgiving and prayer. Please join us in giving thanks to God for all that he has done among us in the last 5 years and praying for the next 5 years in our local communities

**Matt and Maria, Greece:** Please continue to pray for Matt, Maria, and Sofia as they adjust to life as a family of three. Please pray for Maria and Sofia to be strengthened in their health, and pray for Matt and Maria, that the Lord would bless them as parents. Please pray for relationships with individuals to continue to grow as the gospel is spoken into their lives. Pray that we would see individuals come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.