**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see,
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter and spring time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
 *Great is Thy faithfulness ……….*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

*Great is Thy faithfulness ……….*

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FREE CHURCH

GLENELG AND INVERINATE

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 16th March 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

*Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.* ***Psalm 25:8-10***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev James Blackwell leading us in worship from Genesis 7:17-8:4, Sermon – *‘The Water’s Prevail’* in Inverinate. Then from Esther 9-10, Sermon – ‘*An Enemy defeated, a Victory won’*, this evening in Glenelg
* **Praise:**
Sing Psalms 103: 1-11 (page 135) – *Praise God, my soul!* With all my heart
Scottish Psalter 124(1st): 1-8 (page 417) – *Had not the Lord been on our side*

Sing Psalms 119(3): 17-24 (page 158) – *Do good to me and I will live;*

Hymn – *Great is thy faithfulness* – see back page

**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.

* **Next Sunday 23rd 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:**
* **Slow Cooker Supper Fundraiser:** On Saturday 22nd March we will be holding a fundraising Slow-Cooker Supper and Quiz event in Inverinate Hall at 6.00pm. We will be raising funds for Inverinate Hall and the Kyle Leisure Centre. Please put the date in your diaries and come along and enjoy a lovely supper and a fun quiz evening. The event can be booked via our church Facebook page or speak to Finlay and he can book you in.
* **Enrich Training Day:** Bookings are now live for that day. 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 following link: <https://coolscotland.org.uk/enrich/>
* **Friday 21st March at 7:30pm:**There will be board games and fellowship in the manse for the younger adults. Speak to Claire if you're interested.
* **Finance Committee Meeting**: on Monday 17th March at 7.30pm at the manse. The Finance Committee oversee the administration of the congregational funds, property and land. The Finance Committee members are James Blackwell, Ken MacDonald, Finlay Macdonald, Colin MacDonald, Ronnie Lamont, Donnie Lamont, Moira Lane and Craig Scobie. If you want to raise any issues concerning property, land or funds at this upcoming meeting please speak to one of them.
* **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 are continuing with our Easter Bible Study, 'In Quietness & Trust', it's always 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. 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. All are warmly invited.
* **Church Baking:** Anyone who would like to volunteer to be on the Baking Rota are invited to speak to Barbara MacDonald to have their name added.
* **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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* **Holiday Club Volunteers:** The summer is approaching fast! To that end we will be holding a planning meeting for our Holiday Clubs on Monday 31st March (venue and time to be confirmed). If you would like to come along and see how you can help out this year that would be greatly appreciated. If you want to help but cannot come to the meeting please let us know. We need volunteers for these clubs to happen, so please prayerfully consider if you can help out. Thanks!
* **Praying for One Another:** Please add the following points to your prayer diaries:

**Tearfund:** Pray for an end to the violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Ask God to bring peace and for people to be able to return safely to their homes and lives. Pray for Tearfund staff and partners and their families. Ask God to protect them and allow them to continue to work safely.

**Galashiels**: Our great hope, to see the re-evangelisation of the Scottish Borders to the glory of God, we will give our lives to. So please plead with us for more people to be saved. May the Holy Spirit fill us to give us boldness to speak.

Please continue to ask the Lord to provide a property.