**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe

Hear him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of Thy name.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 23rd 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

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.*

***Psalm 66:1-4***

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Service:**We are delighted to have Rev James Blackwell leading us in worship from Genesis 8:1-22, Sermon – *‘Noah and the Gospel’* in Inverinate. Then from Matthew 19:16-20, Sermon – ‘*The Labourers in the vineyard’*, this evening in Glenelg
* **Praise:**
Sing Psalms 77: 11-15 (page 100) – *I will recall the Lord’s great deeds*
Sing Psalms 107: 1-9 (page 143) – *O thank the Lord, for he is good*

Sing Psalms 66: 6-13 (page 83) – *To let his people pass*

Hymn – *O for a thousand tongues* – 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 30th March:** The minister will be on annual leave from 26thMarch-2nd April.Rev John Ross will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and Ken Macdonald will lead the 6.00pm Service in Glenelg.
* **Upcoming Events:**
* **Kirk Session Meeting:**on Monday 24th March at 7.30pm at the Manse. The Kirk Session oversees the spiritual and pastoral wellbeing of the congregation. Our minister and elders, James, Ken, Finlay and Colin make up the Kirk Session. If you have any issues you would like to bring up at the meeting, please speak to one of them.
* In light of our AGM we are delighted to announce that Andrew Giffen the CEO of the Free Church is coming to preach and answer any questions you may have on the financial position of our church.

If you have any questions you would like to submit beforehand please email them to me at j.blackwell42@outlook.com or let one of the elders know.

* **Enrich Training Day:** Enrich will be held at Kyle Free Church on Saturday 29th March from 10am to 4pm. 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. To book on and for more information, please see the following link: <https://coolscotland.org.uk/enrich/>
* **Psalms and Sausages:** The next Psalms and Sausages will take place on 26th April at 2pm at the Manse. Please make a note and come along if you can.
* **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:

**Hope Church Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill and East Kilbride:** We are experiencing some encouragement with teenagers at the moment. We hold a youth club on a Friday night and on average 20 are attending, nearly all from non church families. Two claim to have committed their lives to Christ recently. Pray that God’s Holy Spirit will confirm this. We are now trying to disciple those who are Christians. Please also pray for the situation at East Kilbride. The numbers are small. Please pray that attempts at outreach will bear fruit.

**Brora and Helmsdale & KInbrace:** Give thanks for the recent linkage of Brora with the congregation of Helmsdale & Kinbrace. We ask that you continue to remember our congregations in prayer. Please pray that the Lord would strengthen and be at work within these congregations in mighty ways, and that they would know the Lord’s blessing upon them.