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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 18th May 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

*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 Service:**We are delighted to have Rev James Blackwell, leading us in worship from Ephesians 1:1-23, Sermon – *‘The Church: Who/What?’ in* Inverinate. Then from Amos 3:1-8, Sermon – ‘*The Trial Begins’*, this evening in Glenelg.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 104:1-13 (page 136) – *Praise the Lord, my soul, O praise him!*
Sing Psalms 84:1-9 (page 112) – *How delightful are your dwellings*

Sing Psalms 34:1-7 (page 40) – *At all times I will bless the Lord*

Hymn – *As we are gathered Jesus is here* – see back page

* **Next Sunday 25th May:** As James will be away at the General Assembly this coming week Arran Macdonald agreed to lead our 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and Finlay Macdonald will lead the 6.00pm Service in Glenelg.
* **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.
* **Congregational meetin**g**:** There will be a congregational meeting after the Inverinate Service on **Sunday 8th June** regarding the Glenelg church building. Please make every effort to attend, especially if you are a member of the congregation, thank you. **[Please note the change of date]**
* **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.
* **Holiday Club Request: Cotton Material Scraps Needed!** We are looking for cotton material scraps to help create bunting for this year’s Holiday Club! If you have any spare fabric, we’d love to put them to good use. Please speak to Cheryl if you can donate any materials. Thank you for your support in making our club extra special!
* **Wednesday Bible Studies:** Our Glenelg Study Group are meeting in Jon and Megan MacDonald's home at 7.30pm and this Wednesday we will continue our study on the book of Romans. Our Dornie group meets at Colin and Vivienne MacKenzie’s home at 7.30pm. All are warmly invited.

**• Online Studies:**Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their Two-Year Bible Read Through study. Our Men's Study Group are continuing their study on the book of Genesis. It's always a great time to join up so if you are interested in joining either group please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin.

* **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.
* **Sunday School Picnic:** Come along to a family picnic on **Sat 31st May**.All welcome Meet at Arnisdale Hall at 2pm and bring a rug and some food to share. Hopefully we'll enjoy games and fun on the seashore/River so make sure the kids have swimsuits and towels.  We'll also have hotdogs on the go.  Happy to take kids unaccompanied if you trust us!  And if you need transport let Cheryl or Barbara know.
* **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.
* **Praying for One Another:** Please add the following points to your prayer diaries:

**Lennoxtown:** Please pray for the weekly drop in and road to recovery groups which meet in the Church. Pray that God would use these opportunities to witness to the community. Please pray as the congregation seeks to make Jesus known in the community, that the Lord would bless this work and many seeds would be scattered.

**Golspie:** We value your prayers for our Elders, Deacon and Treasurer as they continue in their service in the Lord, especially as they take on greater responsibility.  We were very saddened to lose our close friend and helper Rev Ian Allan:  thank God for Ian and others like him who do so much for the rural gospel cause in the Highlands. (Ian was Golspie’s Session Clerk). Pray that the ongoing renovation work in Golspie church and hall would progress, that it would make the buildings even more practical for the work of the gospel in the foreseeable future.  Give thanks to God for the faithfulness of his people in Golspie and for their continued support in this work

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**General Assembly:** Please pray for the General Assembly which commences on Monday. Give thanks to Rev Callum Macleod who has served as Moderator over the past year, and pray for Rev Alasdair Macleod who will be Moderator this upcoming year. Please pray for wisdom for Alasdair, and also for all of the commissioners who are making decisions. Pray that in all the decisions would be made, the Lord would be glorified.

**Hope Church Leith**: Please remember our next 'Come and See' service on **25th May** (coffee and tea from 10am, service at 10.30am)  Again, if you know anyone in Leith that might be up for coming along (even if they don't usually go to church) let them know!   The next one after that will be **22th June**, and then we will be weekly from August. Give thanks for our Core team, and for the passion they have for the vision and work of HCL. Please continue to pray for the people of Leith as we seek to become known in the community, serve in whatever way we can, and share the good news of Jesus, the light of the World.