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

**Kiltarlity**: Pray for our recently appointed Community and Family Worker, Marta Mitchelll, as she is seeking accommodation in the area and prepares to begin work (hopefully in September). Give thanks for a large number of children and young people coming along to church and other activities such as Young Life Club during the week. Pray for wisdom as we begin plans to build a hall extension to the church to accommodate so many young people.

**Merchant City**: Pray that as they sow the seeds of the gospel and extend invitations to those who they meet-that God would stir the hearts of those who do not know Him. The mission events include the following: Wednesday a music night with Ellyn Oliver from Hope City Church Edinburgh, Friday will be an evangelistic outreach night with international speaker Mark Ritchie and Sunday will be the launch service." Please pray for the Merchant City Church who are launching public worship services end of August. On the lead up to the launch Sunday, Merchant City are partnering with OM who are sending six missionaries to help the church with promoting their services, street questionnaires and street evangelism.

**30x30**: Please pray for the 30x30 gathering which has taken place over yesterday and today. Pray that as church planters, ministers and elders gather, there would be a renewed heart for gospel work across Scotland. Pray that as a denomination, we would have wisdom in how best to reach every community in Scotland. Give thanks for those who have planted churches, and pray for God to continue to strengthen them.

**Open Doors**: Pray for Open Doors’ ongoing work in supporting the persecuted church worldwide, that their efforts to provide resources, encouragement, and advocacy will strengthen believers in the global church. Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom, protection, and provision to all who serve with Open Doors, enabling them to reach hidden and vulnerable communities. Pray for Christians in Myanmar who have been forcibly displaced due to ongoing conflict. Many now live in overcrowded IDP (internally displaced persons) camps under harsh conditions. Pray for their health, provision, and the restoration of peace.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 24th August 2025

Service at 12.00 noon in Inverinate Hall

We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and would love you to join us for tea, coffee and refreshment

*Then Hannah prayed and said: “My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. “There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.* ***1 Samuel 2: 1-2***

**NOTICES**

**•   Today’s Services:** We are delighted to have Rev James Blackwell, leading our 12 noon worship from Matthew 2:13-23, Sermon – *‘Who is really King?’*. The audio from the service is recorded and is accessible on our website. There will be no 6.00pm Service in Glenelg as there will be the COOL *'Back to School with God*' Community Service in Kyleakin Hall at 6pm.

* **Praise:**

Hymn – The King of Love my Shepherd is

Sing Psalms 2: 6-12 (page 2) – *The Lord has made it known to them*

Hymn – *In Christ Alone*

* **Sunday School:**Sunday School and JaM Group are back today! There will be crèche for the very little ones.
* **Next Sunday 31st August**: Rev James Blackwell will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Service at Inverinate Hall and our 6.00pm service in Glenelg
* **Membership:** Following on from our mini-series on the church, if anyone has a desire to become a member or simply to ask what is entailed please get in touch with James or any of the elders and we would be delighted to chat about it.
* **Wednesday Bible Studies:** Our Glenelg Study Group are meeting in Jon and Megan MacDonald's home at 7.30pm this Wednesday and we will look at the book of James.Our Dornie group meets at Colin and Vivienne MacKenzie’s home at 7.30pm. All are warmly invited to either meeting.
* **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 Shorter Catechism. 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 Prayer Meeting:** Please remember that our Church Prayer Meeting is now held every Sunday at 11.15am before the Sunday Service. So please do come along and join us in prayer to our Heavenly Father.
* **Dornie Playgroup:** The new term for Dornie playgroup will begin this Monday (18th) Please pray for all the helpers and those who come as we transition to taking over running it.
* **Hope Explored:** ‘Hope Explored’ will begin on Tuesday 2nd September at 19:30pm at the Chocolates of Glenshiel café and run for three weeks. If you’re new to the faith or exploring what being a Christian means, this is perfect for you. Have a friend who is interested? Bring them along! All are welcome.
* **Heating Oil Scheme:** Argyle Energy have historically offered a preferential rate on heating oil for church buildings and manses. Recently they have expanded this scheme to include the personal residences of the congregation and the churches wider community. Anyone that is interested in joining can send an email asking for an application form to claire@argyleuk.com or telephone Hugh or Claire on 07760 446262 to request an application form.
* **Scottish Education in the Christian Context survey:** A survey has been commissioned by the Christian Education working group from the Free Church of Scotland to gather views, insights, and ideas for Christian Education in Scotland from a wide range of Christians across the country. The Group was established by the Free Church General Assembly in May 2024 and is chaired by Rev Allan Shearer. In the past year, the Group assisted the Public Engagement Group with the response to the Consultation on Removing Religious Observance in Schools. Answers from the survey, Scottish Education in the Christian Context, will help inform the next steps of the working group. Questions include ‘What does Christian Education mean to you? Do you have an opinion on Christian Education?’ The sections enable parents, guardians, and grandparents, those within the teaching profession and church leadership or church worker roles the opportunity to share their insights and experience.

The deadline for the survey is 4th October. Complete the survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/GA9aqnGYQd> or scan the QR code.

* **Invitation to Area Prayer Meeting – A Time of Thanksgiving & Prayer**

The vision of the Free Church of Scotland is for ‘A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland’. We recognise that we are completely dependent on God to bring about this vision.

Therefore, our focus in 2025 is going to be on thanksgiving and prayer. Giving thanks to God for all that he has done among us in the last 5 years and praying for the next 5 years.

We would love for you to join us at an Area Prayer Meeting at Kyle Free Church on Wednesday 17th September. It will start at 7.30pm but doors will be open from 7pm with the opportunity for conversation and a cup of tea.

We look forward to joining with you in prayer. In prayer we express our complete dependence on God.  And we join together in prayer asking that we might indeed see A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland.

To find out more, go to: <freechurch.org/hgc-area-prayer-meetings>

* **COOL Resource Library:** Attendees of the Enrich conference back in March may remember me saying there were plans in the works to create a resource library on the COOL website with materials that can help with the children and youth work they are already doing. This Resource Library is now live!

The link for the resource library is below:

<https://coolscotland.org.uk/resources/>​
Thank you for your patience and happy planning