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

**COOL**: Please pray for our local schools and opportunities for Timmy to be able to share about Jesus at school assemblies and clubs throughout this coming year.

Plans and preparations for the year ahead and that the Lord would guide us in the directions He wants us to go.

That the conversations we had during the summer about God would continue to happen as we work with our children and young people.

That we would find the right people to fill the positions that need to be filled on the COOL Management Committee

**Healthy Gospel Church: Prayer:** Pray that as a Church, we would see God at work among us, and at work in this nation, so that many people hear and respond to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Central Office:** Please pray for the right candidate for the role of Finance Manager in the Central Office. Pray that God’s hand will be in the process, from the application through to the interviews, and that the right person would be appointed.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 28th September 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

*Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skilfully, and shout for joy.*

***Psalm 33: 1-3***

**NOTICES**

**•   Today’s Services:** We are delighted to have Rev James Blackwell, leading our 12 noon worship from Matthew 4:12-22, Sermon – *‘The King Begins’*. Then from James 1:19-27, Sermon – ‘*Hearing and Doing’*, this evening in Glenelg. The audio from both services is recorded and are accessible on our website.

* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 103: 1-11 (page 135) – *Praise God my soul with all my heart!*

Hymn – *How great Thou art*

Scottish Psalter 119: 65-72 (page 405) – *Well hast thou with thy servant dealt*

Hymn *– Take my life and let in be*

* **Sunday School:**Sunday School and JaM Group will run as usual today during our service. There is also a creche for the very little ones.
* **Next Sunday 5th October - Harvest Thanksgiving and Communion:** We will be celebrating our annual Harvest Thanksgiving along with our Communion Service. Please invite anyone you feel may be interested in coming. Invite cards are In today’s Bulletin. There will be a retiring collection for the Lochalsh Foodbank, please give generously to this good cause if you are able. There will be a church lunch after the 12 noon service, please stay and join us for this fellowship time as a church family. 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.
* **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.
* **Music and Worship Team:** We are looking at developing our music and worship team, if anyone would like to get involved please speak to one of the elders.
* **Glenelg Church Maintenance:**  The Glenelg Church of Scotland building is currently undergoing some maintenance to its pathway, as a result the surface may be more uneven than usual until works can be completed. Those who are attending the evening services are advised to take extra care when entering and leaving the building especially as it gets darker.
* **Wednesday Bible Studies:** Our Glenelg Study Group are meeting in Jon and Megan MacDonald's home at 7.30pm this Wednesday.We are beginning a study on the book of Proverbs, so this would be an excellent time to join. 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.
* **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.

* **COOL Secretary and Treasurer:** COOL are currently looking to fill these two positions within their Management Committee:

**Secretary Job Description:** Acts as Secretary to the Management Committee, taking minutes at five meetings per year and handling key admin tasks. Liaises with Scripture Union, OSCR, and other agencies to help keep COOL compliant with regulations. Supports the smooth running of COOL and must join the Management Committee and thus, agree to COOL’s Statement of Faith.

**Treasurer Job Description:** Manages COOL’s simple finances, tracking donations and payments using Excel and monthly bank statements. Handles budgets, Gift Aid claims, and prepares regular financial updates for Trustees and the Management Committee. Sends donors an annual summary of their donations and Gift Aid reclaimed. Keeps records in order for annual reporting and external examination.

If this is something you feel able to take on, please contact Colin MacDonald on colinmacdonald950@btinternet.com for further details.

* **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.

* **Slow-cooker Supper and Quiz:** Raised the fantastic total of £833 for the Glenelg Community Shop purchase. Huge thank you to everyone.