

### Praying for our Future

We will continue to print prayers in the notice sheet, instead of arranging specific prayer meetings to pray for our future. Could you please include these prayers in your own prayer times as we begin to move forwards in a more tangible way.

**Almighty God**, with the joys of our Easter celebrations still in our minds, we remind ourselves that Jesus, Your Son, is still very much alive. We think of Thomas, only able to acknowledge Jesus as his Lord and his God after seeing Jesus' wounds. Thank you that Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Help us to believe that You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are not marking time until Jesus' return in glory, that Your Spirit is present and active in the world, that Jesus intercedes for us at Your right hand. Amen.

**Understanding Father**, we confess that we do get too comfortable in our walk with you. We ask that you will challenge us to prepare ourselves for the opportunities you will lay before us, now as we wait and then with our new minister. In the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us and make us vital and living parts of Your Son's Body, the Church, to work with Him as we learn to serve You better in this beautiful area in which we live. We know we have to be part of Your plan, for Your kingdom to grow in this area. As the chorus says: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. We pray this in His Name, Amen.

**Heavenly Father**, help us to understand that you have already chosen our new minister for us, although we have to go through the process to select him or her. May we move prayerfully towards the 21st April when we select our Nominating Committee. We ask that you would guide us to nominate and select wise and faithful members of the congregation to represent us at this time and pray that you would bless them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## INVERKIP, SKELMORLIE & WEMYSS BAY CHURCH WHOLE CONGREGATION SERVICE SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

This morning's worship will be conducted by  
Lynsey Graham, Pastoral Assistant

### WELCOME TO VISITORS

A warm welcome to this service and to the congregation and fellowship of Inverkip, Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Church. If you have any enquiries or would like further information relating to the Church, please speak to an elder.

### INTIMATIONS

For all pastoral matters please contact our Interim Moderator, Rev Karen Harbison, Minister at Westburn Church, Greenock. Tel 01475 721048  
Email: [calumkaren@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:calumkaren@yahoo.co.uk)

**Pastoral Care Team:** If you know of anyone who would benefit from a home or hospital visit from the Pastoral Care Team, please contact Willie Gibson on 521425 for Inverkip and Brian Spence on 07495 718328 for S&WB.

**If you have new neighbours in Inverkip**, please advise Jean Benson or any member of the Mission and Outreach Team and they will deliver a Welcome Pack.

**Date for your Diary:** The combined Churches will be holding a Christian Aid Service in Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Church at 11am on Sunday 19th May. This will be followed by a Brunch. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

**Café Church:** We are delighted that Café Church will return on Thursday 25 April at 7pm in Wemyss Bay Station Café. All welcome!

