

**INVERKIP, SKELMORLIE & WEMYSS BAY CHURCH  
SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024**

**This morning's worship will be conducted by  
Rev Liz Geddes**

**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.

**Cafe Church** will meet again on Thursday 29th August at 7pm in Wemyss Bay Station Café. The theme will be 'Choices'.

All are welcome to this midweek alternative type of worship.

**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.

**Pennies for Christian Aid:** Siona would like to thank everyone who has been donating pennies for Christian Aid. So far this year Siona has received £374, a tremendous number of pennies and other small change.

**Praying for our Future**

Milestone reached! The closing date for applications has passed, so our Nominating Committee should now have a number of applications to read and consider. It is important that we pray together at this juncture as they seek the Holy Spirit's guidance.

**All seeing God**, we believe that you have a future mapped out for our churches. Help us to have faith in You at this time as we wait with bated breath, not knowing what progress is being made. We ask that You will give Caroline, Ella, Ewen, Gloria, Keith, Laura, Moira, Morag, Muriel, Rory, Sheila insight as they read the applications and move towards selecting a short list and a candidate to come and preach with a view. May their individual preferences be blended together to come to the best outcome for our congregation. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**God, our Heavenly Father**, we ask that you would create in each of us the desire to see your will done in our area. That you would help us to see new possibilities, that we may currently be unaware of. We want to see more people come to know Jesus in a personal way, but we also realise that there are many who need introducing to Him, because they have grown up not having the opportunity to find out. As Paul wrote in Romans: But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? Speak to each of us we pray. Help us to do our part, perhaps even telling our neighbours that we come to church to worship Jesus. Amen

**Faithful God**, as we meet Sunday by Sunday, draw us closer together, especially from both churches, so that our new incumbent may inherit a vibrant God seeking, outward looking congregation. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

