

Daily Prayer

MONDAY 16TH

- **Pray** for Peter as he prepares for the short talk at Burghead Community Carols on Sunday, that he would be faithful to the gospel, clear and engaging.
- **Pray** for our Explore/Awesome clubs as they have their Christmas party today, that they would have fun and hear the reason we celebrate at Christmas. **Pray** that they would remember all they have learned over the term and would want to come back and learn more.

TUESDAY 17TH

- **Praise God** for the fellowship that our Ladies' Daytime Small Group enjoys, **pray** that they would continue to grow to know God more and to encourage one another as they live for him.

WEDNESDAY 18TH

- In the lead up to Christmas, **pray** for those who struggle at this season with loneliness, financial difficulties or grief. **Pray** that the hope of Christ come to earth would bring great comfort and joy in the midst of their sorrows.

THURSDAY 19TH

- **Pray** for the release of the Chibok girls who are still detained by Boko Haram, and Leah Sharibu, a teenager captured who has refused to deny her faith in order to secure her freedom.

FRIDAY 20TH

- **Praise God** for the Youth Fellowship and Sunday school at Callanish Free Church, and the good relationship they have with the local primary school. **Pray** for young people and their parents to be drawn to a greater interest in the gospel and the Christ of which it speaks.

SATURDAY 21ST

- **Pray** for Burghead Community Carols, that many in our community would come and hear the good news of Christmas. **Pray** that they would feel welcome as they come into our church and that there would be many good conversations about the gospel.
- **Pray** for our **MISSION**: to "know Jesus and make Jesus known" and **pray** for our **VISION**: that we would "grow to be a **vibrant, all-age** church of **100 disciples**, all seeking to know Jesus and make Jesus known".

SUNDAY 22ND

- **Pray** as we gather to worship today that guests and newcomers would join us, feel welcome and want to know more about Christ.



NOTICES

Intimations for the coming week/s



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Intimations for the coming week/s

TODAY

11^{AM} Morning Service - Peter Turnbull | Matthew 1:1-17

6^{PM} Evening Service - Peter Turnbull | Matthew 1:18-23

Monday 16TH

10^{AM} Mission and Vision Prayer Meeting (Vestry)

3.05^{PM} Explore & Awesome Club Christmas Party

Tuesday 17TH

10.30^{AM} - Ladies' Daytime Small Group

Wednesday 18TH

7.30^{PM} - Church Family Prayer Meeting

Saturday 21ST

12-3^{PM} - Scratch Choir Rehearsal

4^{PM} - **Burghead Community Carols**

Next Sunday 22ND

11^{AM} Morning Service - Peter Turnbull | Matthew 3:1-17

6^{PM} Evening Service - Len Cazaly



FOR THE DIARY

Looking further ahead

SUNDAY MORNINGS (11am)

- 29th Dec - Donald Martin
- 5th Jan - Peter Turnbull
- 12th Jan - Ian Davies

SUNDAY EVENINGS (6pm)

- 29th Dec - NO EVENING SERVICE
- 5th Jan - Guest Preacher
- 13th Jan - Sandy Finlay

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welcome

to **BURGHEAD FREE CHURCH** | 15TH DEC 11^{AM}

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Welcome

Song: Across The Lands

You're the Word of God the Father,
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of Your voice:
let the skies declare Your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!

***You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
and Your cry of love rings out
across the lands.***

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You stilled the sea;
yet how silently You suffered
that the guilty may go free. ***You're the Author...***

With a shout You rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
interceding for Your own.
from each tribe and tongue and nation

You are leading sinners home. ***You're the Author...***

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ALL IN (Children's Address)

Song: My God Is So Big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do.

The rivers are His
The mountains are His
The stars are His handiwork, too.
My God is so big
So strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do.

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----- **KIDS leave for groups** -----

Notices & Offering

NB - An opportunity to give money to the work of the church. If you're visiting us please don't feel under any obligation to give

Prayer (thanksgiving, confession)

Song: Psalm 122v1-5 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 "To the LORD's house!" they were calling,
and with joy I went with them.
- 2 Now at last our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem.
- 3 See, Jerus'lem, like a city
built compactly, close and strong.
- 4 That is where the tribes assemble,
tribes which to the LORD belong.

To the LORD's name praise they offer,
as for Israë! decreed.
- 5 There are set the thrones for judgment,
thrones of David's royal seed.

Reading: Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 1:1-17 (p13;p965)

Prayer (Intercession) Followed by **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. **Amen**

Song: Psalm 89v1-6 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 I will extol the LORD's great love for ever;
your faithfulness to all I will proclaim.
- 2 I will declare your love stands firm for ever;
your faithfulness in heaven you maintain.
- 3 You said, "I made a cov'nant with my chosen,
and to my servant David I have sworn:
- 4 'I will ensure your line shall last for ever,
your throne to generations yet unborn'"
- 5 O LORD, the heavens praise your mighty wonders
and to your saints your faithfulness declare.
- 6 For who is like the LORD among the angels,
or who in heaven can with him compare?

Sermon: "Christmas & Covenant: Continuity with Covenant"

Peter Turnbull | Matthew 1:1-17 | *SPACE FOR NOTES*

Intro: finding your place...

1. JESUS: CONTINUITY OF THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM (v1-6)

2. JESUS: CONTINUITY OF THE COVENANT WITH DAVID (v6-17)

3. JESUS AND THE COVENANT WITH YOU

A) Surprising People

B) Supreme Power

C) Space for You

Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel
who mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God draws near:

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.

O come, true Branch of Jesse, free
your children from this tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
to rise victorious from the grave: **Rejoice...**

O come, bright Daybreak, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom
and pierce the shadows of the tomb: **Rejoice...**

O come, strong Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery: **Rejoice...**

O come, O come, great Lord of might
who long ago on Sinai's height
gave all your tribes the ancient law
in cloud and majesty and awe: **Rejoice...**

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Closing Prayer