

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 6^{AM}

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Welcome

Song: Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear:
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things
so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at his side,
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper
our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord - O let all that
is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the 'Amen!'
sound from his people again -
gladly with praise we adore him!

Joachim Neander and Catherine Winkworth

Prayer

Reading: Matthew 1:1-18-2:23 (p965)

Song: Psalm 147v1-7 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 O praise the LORD! How good it is
to sing him songs of praise!
How pleasant to give thanks to him
for all his gracious ways!
- 2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
and he it is alone
Who reaches out to Israël
to bring the exiles home.
- 3 He heals his people's broken hearts,
restores the bruised and the lame.
- 4 He sets the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
- 5 Great is our Lord and great in power;
his wisdom is profound.
- 6 The LORD sustains the meek, but casts
the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thankfulness;
with joy his praise proclaim;
And with the music of the harp
give glory to his name.

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

Song: Psalm 97v1-7 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad!
Let distant shores express delight!
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness cover him;
His throne is built on truth and right.
- 3 Fire goes before him and consumes
His enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightning flashes through the world;
At this the earth is terrified.

- 5 Hills melt like wax before the LORD,
Before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heav'ns proclaim his righteousness;
All peoples see his glorious worth.
- 7 All those who worship images
Are put to everlasting shame;
Their worthless idols are their boast—
You gods, bow down before his name!

Sermon: "Christmas & Covenant: Fulfilment of the Covenant"

Peter Turnbull | Matthew 1:18-2:23 | SPACE FOR NOTES

1. JESUS: A BABY BORN OF A VIRGIN

- The Miraculous Conception
- Is it believable?

- Is it important?

A) Jesus is unique

- supernatural nature of Jesus and the gospel
- A new beginning (a break from the line of Adam).

B) Jesus is the saviour we need

- A judgment on humanity

C) Jesus is divine and human

2. JESUS: A SAVIOUR PROMISED OF OLD

D) Matthew writes a section of sections.

E) Jesus is attested by ancient Words of prophecy.

F) Jesus is attested by contemporary Words of command.

3. JESUS: A KING WITH A BETTER KINGDOM

G) Words from Herod are impotent / Words about Jesus are powerful.

H) Herod Elevates himself / Jesus humbles himself.

I) Herod brings destruction / Jesus brings salvation.

Song: Here I am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor,
So here I am...

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Closing Prayer