

# Prayer Notes over Christmas

## Our Church

- **Praise God** for the precious gift of his son, pray that we would remember Christ throughout this season and point those around us to the wonderful good news.
- **Pray** for those within our church family struggling with loneliness, ill health or other difficulties, that they would know the love and comfort of God. Pray too that we would demonstrate that love to one another.

## Our Community

- **Pray** for those within our community who attended one of the Christmas events or services, that they would reflect on the true message of Christmas and want to know more. **Pray** for opportunities to invite friends, family and neighbours to Christianity Explored.
- **Praise God** for the good relationships with the staff at at Burghead Primary School, **pray** that they would have time this holiday to relax and be refreshed.

## Wider Free Church

- **Give thanks** for the growth and strength of those at Scalpay Free Church who have professed faith in recent years and have been leading the Christianity Explored course.
- **Give thanks** for those who work in the Free Church Offices in Edinburgh. **Pray** that that would be refreshed and strengthened over this Christmas period.

## Our Nation

- **Pray** for those throughout the nation who are alone this Christmas, without family or support. **Pray** that we, along with our brothers and sisters, would be quick to welcome and care for the lonely and vulnerable.
- **Pray** for the newly appointed leaders of our nation, that God would give them wisdom and insight as they make decisions that affect the whole country.

## Our World

- **Pray** for our brothers and sisters facing persecution at this time, that they would hold firm to the hope of the gospel in the midst of their suffering.
- **Pray** for Catriona Macdonald as she prepares to leave her post at Collegio San Andrés at the end of the year in order to pursue further studies in Edinburgh. **Give thanks** for her eight years of service in the school and **pray** God would help her as she says goodbye.
- **Pray** for all those we know who are serving the Lord in places away from their family. As they celebrate the birth of our Saviour pray that they are able to know the joy of being part of the family of God.

## NOTICES

Intimations for the coming week/s

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The 7 week course starts on 22nd January (see flyers for details).

#### Please....

- Think and pray about inviting a friend to the course. It's an ideal opportunity for those who wouldn't normally be in church to explore the Christian faith.
- Be aware we are also taking the small groups through the course (on Wednesday evenings). This is an ideal time to join a small group - please speak to Peter if you're interested.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

Intimations for the coming weeks

### Sunday 22<sup>ND</sup>

11<sup>AM</sup> Morning Service - Peter Turnbull | Matthew 3:1-17

6<sup>PM</sup> Evening Service - Len Cazaly

### Monday 23<sup>RD</sup>

10<sup>AM</sup> Mission and Vision Prayer Meeting (Vestry)

### Sunday 29<sup>TH</sup>

11<sup>AM</sup> Morning Service - Donald Martin

NO Evening Service

### Monday 30<sup>TH</sup>

10<sup>AM</sup> Mission and Vision Prayer Meeting (Vestry)

### Tuesday 31<sup>ST</sup>

7<sup>PM</sup> Hogmanay Service (Mud Macleod)

### Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup>

11<sup>AM</sup> Morning Service - Peter Turnbull

6<sup>PM</sup> Evening Service - Peter Turnbull

## FOR THE DIARY

Looking further ahead

### SUNDAY MORNINGS (11am)

- 12th Jan - Ian Davies

#### Vision Sundays 2020

- 19th Jan - Giving and Going in Local Mission | Peter Turnbull
- 26th Jan - Giving and Going in Global Mission | Peter Turnbull

### SUNDAY EVENINGS (6pm)

- 12th Jan - Sandy Finlay

#### Vision Sundays 2020

- 19th Jan - Giving and Going in Local Mission | Peter Turnbull
- 26th Jan - Giving and Going in Global Mission | Peter Turnbull

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## Welcome

### Song: Angels From The Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight through all the earth;  
heralds of creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth!

**Come and worship  
Christ, the new-born king;  
come and worship,  
worship Christ the new-born king.**

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching by your flocks at night,  
God with us is now residing;  
see, there shines the infant light!  
**Come and worship...**

Wise men, leave your contemplations!  
brighter visions shine afar;  
seek in him the hope of nations,  
you have seen his rising star:  
**Come and worship...**

Though an infant now we view him,  
he will share his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
every knee shall then bow down:

**Come and worship...**  
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**ALL IN** (Children's Address)

**Prayer** (thanksgiving, confession)

----- **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

**Reading:** Malachi 3:1-4, 4:1-6; Matthew 3:1-17

(p961; p967)

**Song: Psalm 98v1-4** (Scottish Psalter)

- 1 O sing a new song to the LORD,  
for wonders he hath done:  
His right hand and his holy arm  
him victory hath won.
- 2 The LORD God his salvātion  
hath causèd to be known;  
His justice in the heathen's sight  
he openly hath shown.
- 3 He mindful of his grace and truth  
to Isr'el's house hath been;  
And the salvation of our God  
all ends of th' earth have seen.
- 4 Let all the earth unto the LORD  
send forth a joyful noise;  
Lift up your voice aloud to him,  
sing praises, and rejoice.

**Prayer** (Intercession)

**Song: Psalm 148v1-10** (Sing Psalms)

- 1 I will extol the LORD's great love for ever;  
O praise, O praise the LORD!  
Praise him from heavens' height!
- 2 All angels, give him praise;  
Praise him, you hosts of light.
- 3 Praise him, sun, moon and stars on high,
- 4 You highest heavens and cloudy sky.
- 5 O let them praise his name,  
The name of God the LORD,  
For he created them  
By his almighty word.
- 6 He set their place eternally;  
For ever fixed is his decree.

- 7 The LORD praise from the earth,  
You creatures of the deep,
- 8 Fire, hail, snow, clouds and winds,  
Which his commandments keep.
- 9 You hills and trees, beasts wild and tame,
- 10 Small creatures, birds, exalt his name.

**Sermon:** "Christmas & Covenant: Consequences of the New Covenant"

Peter Turnbull | Matthew 3:1-17 | SPACE FOR NOTES

intro: "something old, something new..."

1. THE CHRIST: PROPHETIC FULFILMENT

2. THE CALL: TO REPENT

3. THE CONFRONTATION WITH RELIGION

4. THE CONFIRMATION FROM HEAVEN

5. THE CONCLUSION: SO WHAT?

**Song: O Little Town Of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy child of Bethlehem  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

**Closing Prayer**