

### 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

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#### 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

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

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

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

#### Monday 6<sup>TH</sup>

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

3.05<sup>PM</sup> Explore! / Awesome after school clubs

#### Tuesday 7<sup>TH</sup>

7.30<sup>PM</sup> Ladies Meeting

#### Wednesday 8<sup>TH</sup>

7.30<sup>PM</sup> Church Family Prayer Meeting

#### Sunday 12<sup>TH</sup>

11<sup>AM</sup> Morning Service - Ian Davies

6<sup>PM</sup> Evening Service - Sandy Finlay



### FOR THE DIARY

Looking further ahead

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#### 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

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# welcome

to BURGHEAD FREE CHURCH | 5<sup>TH</sup> JAN 6<sup>PM</sup>

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**Welcome** (Peter Turnbull, Church Worker)

### Song: Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou fount of every blessing  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise:  
songs of God's abundant treasure,  
sung by angel tongues above,  
songs that tell the boundless measure  
of my Lord's unchanging love!

I remember Thy great mercy:  
by Thy help I've safely come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God,  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
shed for me his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor -  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter  
bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love!  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,  
seal it for Thy courts above!

Robert Robinson and John Wyeth

**Prayer** (Thanksgiving & Confession)

## 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 23 (Sing Psalms)

The LORD is my shepherd; no want shall I know.  
He makes me lie down where the green pastures grow;  
He leads me to rest where the calm waters flow.

My wandering steps he brings back to his way,  
In straight paths of righteousness making me stay;  
And this he has done his great name to display.

Though I walk in death's valley, where darkness is  
near,  
Because you are with me, no evil I'll fear;  
Your rod and your staff bring me comfort and cheer.

In the sight of my en'mies a table you spread.  
The oil of rejoicing you pour on my head;  
My cup overflows and I'm graciously fed.

So surely your covenant mercy and grace  
Will follow me closely in all of my ways;  
I will dwell in the house of the LORD all my days.

**Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14 (p990)

### Song: Psalm 119(3)v17-20, 24 (Scottish Psalter)

17 With me thy servant, in thy grace,  
deal bountifully, Lord;  
That by thy favour I may live,  
and duly keep thy word.

18 Open mine eyes, that of thy law  
the wonders I may see.

19 I am a stranger on this earth,  
hide not thy laws from me.

20 My soul within me breaks, and doth  
much fainting still endure,  
Through longing that it hath all times  
unto thy judgments pure.

24 My comfort, and my heart's delight,  
thy testimonies be;  
And they, in all my doubts and fears,  
are counsellors to me.

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### Sermon: "A New Year Invitation"

Peter Turnbull | Matthew 22:1-14 | *SPACE FOR NOTES*

1. THE GENEROSITY OF THE KING (v2-4)

2. THE REJECTION OF THE KING (v5-7)

3. A SURPRISING INVITATION (v8-10)

4. A SURPRISING EJECTION (v11-13)

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### Song: Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,  
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures. **My chains...**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below  
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

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**Closing Prayer** (please remain standing)