

Daily Prayer

MONDAY 17TH *(Granary Street and Dunphail Place)*

- **Pray** that all those who joined in with our service yesterday would find 'life in all its fullness' in Jesus (John 10:10). **Pray too** that many would join us for our invitation service next Sunday, 'Is there any hope in death?'

TUESDAY 18TH

- **Pray** for those affected by the train derailment in Stonehaven this week. **Pray** particularly for the family of Christopher Stutchbury who grew up in Burghead, for his mum Molly (known to many in the congregation) and the wider family as they grieve.

WEDNESDAY 19TH

- **Pray** for protection for the church in Tajikistan from false accusations and government surveillance; that they would find ways to meet together safely to worship God. **Pray** for wisdom and boldness for believers as they share the gospel and reveal God's love to their communities.

THURSDAY 20TH

- **Praise God** for the many good links that Nairn Free Church (Minister: Mud Macleod) have to the local community, especially to the schools - some of these will have been helped through the lockdown, others impaired. **Pray** they would be to be faithful in living out the gospel, and be ready, able and willing to demonstrate, and give a reason for, the hope they have.

FRIDAY 21ST

- **Pray** for wisdom for those making plans for the safe reopening of our church building for 'in person' services. **Pray** that these would be communicated clearly and that we would seek to love one another as we move into this new stage as a church family.

SATURDAY 22ND

- **Pray** that we would continue in our MISSION: to "know Jesus and make Jesus known" and 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 23RD

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

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Who is the author of Ecclesiastes? Why was the book written - what "thought experiment" is being conducted within it?
2. Where do you think most people seek to find meaning or purpose in life?
3. If Atheism is right, why can there be no purpose or meaning to life? Try to make reference to Ecclesiastes as well as the arguments made in the sermon.
4. If Jesus Christ is truly God, what does that mean for the following atheistic arguments
 - There's no purpose because we're just accidents of nature.
 - There's no purpose because there are no objective values.
 - There's no purpose because death is the end.
5. Many people would describe their relationships with friends or family as the most meaningful things in their lives - why is this do you think?
6. What, according to the Bible, is the true purpose of life?

THE WEEK AHEAD *At Burghead Free Church*

Monday 17TH AUGUST

10^{AM} *Mission & Vision Prayer Meeting* - (on "Zoom")
Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 | Password: 123456

Wednesday 19TH AUGUST

7:30^{PM} *Church Family Prayer Meeting* (on "Zoom")
Meeting ID: 861 0825 6482 | Password: 929797
Telephone Dial In Number - 0203 481 5237

Friday 21ST AUGUST

7.30^{PM} *Pathfinders (Youth) Games* - (on "Zoom")
Meeting ID: 271 055 1908 | Password: 277388

Sunday 23RD AUGUST

11^{AM} *Invitation Service - IS THERE ANY HOPE IN DEATH?*
LIVESTREAM (Peter Turnbull)
5.30^{PM} *Evening Service (LIVESTREAM from [smithtonchurch.com](https://www.smithtonchurch.com))*



welcome

BURGHEAD FREE CHURCH | 16TH AUGUST 11^{AM}

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Welcome (Peter Turnbull, Minister)

Song: Psalm 40v1-5

- 1 I waited long upon the LORD;
He heard my cry and turned to me.
- 2 He raised me from the slimy pit
And from the mire he pulled me free.

He set my feet on solid rock,
A place to stand both firm and broad.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
A joyful hymn of praise to God.

- Many will look with godly fear
And on the LORD alone rely.
- 4 Blessèd are they who trust the LORD,
Who shun the proud and gods that lie.
- 5 The wonders you have done, O LORD,
How many and how great they are!
Your plans for us are far beyond
Our power to number or declare.

ALL IN

----- **activities provided for KIDS** -----
(visit burgheadfreechurch.org/sundayservice)

Readings (read by Peter Turnbull)

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

¹The words of the Teacher, son of David, king of Jerusalem: ² 'Meaningless! Meaningless!' says the Teacher. 'Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.'³ What do people gain from all their labours at which they toil under the sun?

⁴ Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains for ever. ⁵ The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises.

⁶ The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.

⁷ All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.

⁸ All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing.

⁹ What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

¹⁰ Is there anything of which one can say, 'Look! This is something new'? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.

¹¹ No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them.

John 10:7-11

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Sermon: "Is There Any Point in Life?"

Peter Turnbull | Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; John 10:7-11 | NOTES

1. IF ATHEISM IS RIGHT THERE CAN BE NO MEANING

A. No purpose: because we're just accidents of nature

B. No purpose: because there are no objective values

C. No purpose: because death is the end

D. No purpose: because we cannot create purpose for ourselves

2. IF JESUS IS RIGHT THERE IS DEEP MEANING

Prayer (led by Carrie Marlow)

Song: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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how great Thou art! How great Thou art!***

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.

Then sings...

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings...

Closing Prayer