

## why have an EVENING SERVICE?

### **PART THREE....**

Our evening services will resume (in-person) TODAY (6pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021). Since it has been a year and a half since our last in-person evening service some may wonder – 'Why do we have two services each Lord's Day?'

Chronological snobbery is when we modern folk think our approach to life is vastly superior to those who lived before us. It's the myth that, because technology improves, everything else has too. This is relevant to our topic because most modern UK churches have abandoned an evening service. Even if a service is held it will usually be attended by a tiny fraction of the morning congregation.

The Scottish Preacher (now exiled in the USA!) Alistair Begg tackles this topic astutely in this video - let me commend it to you.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TbkQUSJXQIQ>

He says;

*"From time to time [we're] asked 'what is the strength of your church?' [we] reply 'the test of a church, in terms of its hunger for the word of God is in the evening service... one of the indications of [our] hunger for the Word of God is to be conveyed in the darkness of church buildings after 4 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon... see the emptiness of the carparks!"*

Pointing us to the past Alistair shows our forebears in the reformation expected to hear six sermons a week (!) He wonders if there is a correlation between the strength of the reformation church and the relative weakness of our own since the norm (for many) has now become one service per week.

Of course, not everyone can make it - the disabled or elderly may struggle, likewise the parents of very young children (though bringing children to an evening service is also a key act of discipleship). Not everyone can make it, but most of us could - and would be blessed by it! We would love to see you for evening worship.

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## important NOTICES

### **NEW HERE TODAY? Welcome!**

We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you. We encourage you to visit [burgheadfreechurch.org/new](http://burgheadfreechurch.org/new) to find out more about our church.

### **JOIN OUR [E]MAILING LIST**

Visit [burgheadfreechurch.org/new](http://burgheadfreechurch.org/new) to sign up for our weekly 'encouraging message'.

### **IN-PERSON EVENING SERVICES**

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## what's ON THIS WEEK?

### **SUNDAY (TODAY)**

11am – Outdoor Morning Service, (Peter T)  
6pm - IN-PERSON Evening Service (Peter T)

### **MONDAY**

10am Mission & Vision Prayer meeting (ZOOM)  
Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 Passcode: 123456

### **WEDNESDAY**

7.30pm – Church Family Prayer (ZOOM)  
Meeting ID: 861 0825 6482 Passcode: 929797

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

11am - Morning Service (Peter T)  
6pm IN-PERSON Evening Service (Peter T)

# welcome | EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 6pm 2021, Burghead Free Church | [burgheadfreechurch.org](http://burgheadfreechurch.org) | [info@burgheadfreechurch.org](mailto:info@burgheadfreechurch.org)

Please note: this service sheet is also available for download at [burgheadfreechurch.org/Sundayservice](http://burgheadfreechurch.org/Sundayservice). Seats for in-person attendance can also be booked at this address.

### **Welcome & Notices** (Peter Turnbull, Minister)

### **Call to Worship** (from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13, said together)

Praise be to you, LORD. You are God from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name

### **Song: Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,  
we will wait upon the Lord,  
we will wait upon the Lord.  
*Our God, You reign forever;  
our hope, our strong deliverer.*  
**You are the everlasting God,  
the everlasting God,  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need,  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.**

Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

### **Prayer:** (led by Chris Harris)

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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

**Bible Reading:** Mark 1:1-13 (p1002)

d. John the Baptist – last of the prophets!

**Song: Sing Psalms 119(5) v33-38**

- 33 Teach me to follow your decrees;  
Then I will keep them to the end.
- 34 Give insight, and I'll keep your law,  
With all my heart to it attend.
- 35 Lead me in your commandments' path,  
For there, O LORD, delight I find.
- 36 Incline my heart towards your laws;  
From selfish gain preserve my mind.
- 37 O turn my eyes from worthless things;  
Give life according to your word.
- 38 To me, your servant, keep your pledge,  
So that you may be feared, O LORD.

4. The News is about JESUS and his MISSION

5. The News if about JESUS and his IDENTITY

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**Sermon** (Peter Turnbull)

On Your MARK (pt1) | Mark 1:1-13 | SPACE TO TAKE NOTES.

Big news...

1. The Beginning of the News
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The Goodness of the News
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The News is not New
  - a. "Messiah"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. "Son of God"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Old Testament Quotation(s) – Malachi & Isaiah

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

- 1 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.
- 2 '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.*
- 3 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Edwin Othello Excell, Louie Giglio, John Newton, John P. Rees

**Final Prayer**