d) life ends in death.

5. Where is there hope?

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Song: Cornerstone

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

> Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Saviour's love. Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

- When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil, *Christ alone...*
- When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 O may I then in Him be found,
 dressed in His righteousness alone,
 faultless, stand before the throne. *Christ alone...*

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Closing Prayer (please remain standing. Please stay for refreshments).

welcome to BURGHEAD FREE CHURCH

If you're new to church - welcome!

- This sheet will guide you through our service.
 - Please stay for coffee at the end.
- You can also scan the code below to connect with us online.



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Welcome and Church Family News (Peter Turnbull, Minister)

Call to Worship (Davi de Paula, Minister in Training)

Song: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

- Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:
 holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
 God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 3 Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea; holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

ALL IN - CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

Song: Great Big God

Our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God and he holds us in his hands. (Repeat)

He's higher than a skyscraper and he's deeper than a submarine. He's wider than the universe and beyond my wildest dreams. And he's known me and he's loved me since before the world began. How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

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Prayer: thanksgiving and confession (led by Davi de Paula)

------Kids head out to Sunday School ------

Bible Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 (read by Imogen Gregory)

Prayer: intercession (led by Davi de Paula)

The Lord's Prayer

Amen

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.

Song: Psalm 39 v4-8 (Sing Psalms)

- 4 LORD, show me that my life will end— how many days I'll see— And cause me, LORD, to understand how brief my life will be.
- 5 "O LORD, how short you make my days before I sink in death. My years are nothing in your sight; man's life is but a breath.
- 6 "Like shadows people go about; they bustle to and fro. They heap up wealth, but do not know to whom their wealth will go.
- 7 "But now, what do I look for, LORD? My hope is set on you.
- 8 From my transgressions rescue me lest fools in scorn pursue.

Sermon: Peter Turnbull | Ecclesiastes - Life Under the Sun | Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 | NOTES

- 1. How is your life?
- 2. What is this book?
- 3. Who is speaking?
- 4. Why are things meaningless?
 - a) life goes round and round.

b) life's exhausting.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Elgin, Forres & Burghead Free Church | week beg. Sunday 21st January 2024 | Reg Charity SC016070/SC038129

welcome!

If this is your first tine with us, we're glad you've come. We hope you feel at home. We're one church family across two locations – Elgin and Burghead. Please do...

- pick up a welcome pack
- stay for **refreshments** at the end of the service.
- and connect with us online.

You can also sign up to keep in touch with us via our weekly email by visiting **elginfreechurch.org** or **burgheadfreechurch.org**.

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what's on THIS WEEK?

TODAY - SUNDAY 21st

10am Elgin Morning Service –
'That you may believe' | John 1:1-18 – Brian
11:15am Burghead Morning Service –
Disappointing Discovery | Ecc. 1 – Peter
6pm – Joint Evening Service (in Burghead)
The Whirlwind & the Storm | Na. 2:1-13- Peter

MONDAY 22nd

10-11am - Mission & Vision prayer meeting Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 | Passcode: 123456 3:05pm - After School Club (Burghead) -

TUESDAY 23rd

10:30am-12 Tuesday Café (Elgin)
7pm - Pathfinders Youth Bible Study
7pm - Ladies' Meeting/Guild (Burghead)

WEDNESDAY 24th

7:30pm - Hope Explored with Small Groups alongside (Burghead - Church building))
7:30pm - Hope Explored with Small Groups alongside (Elgin - Church building))

FRIDAY 26th

1pm – Arthritis Pain Group (Elgin building hire)

7-9pm - Youth Club (Burghead)

NEXT SUNDAY 28th

10am Elgin Morning Service –

'That you may believe' | John 1:19-29 – Peter
11:15am Burghead Morning Service –

Disappointing Discovery | Ecc. 2 – Peter
6pm – Joint Evening Service (in Burghead)
The Whirlwind & the Storm | Nahum 3 - Peter

Church family NEWS

HOPE EXPLORED COURSE - STARTS THIS WEEK FOLLOWING POSTPONMENT

Our Hope Explored course (postponed to start *THIS Wednesday*) is an opportunity to examine and explore the life and claims of Jesus from Luke's Gospel (one of the accounts of Jesus' life based on eyewitness testimony). It's not too late to come along yourself and to invite friends.

We have courses beginning in **both** Elgin and Burghead on **Wednesday 24**th **January at 7.30pm.**

To sign up contact Peter (Peterturnbull@burgheadfreechurch.org / 07841777482)

SMALL GROUPS THIS WEEK (IN CHURCH WITH A MEAL)

For three weeks only, Small Groups will move into the church buildings in Elgin and Burghead to happen alongside the Hope Explored course (Small groups will not be doing Hope Explored – but it is good for guests to meet and mingle with the church family). Groups begin on 24th Jan. Speak to Peter, Brian, or Davi if you would like to join a group. There will be a meal provided.

BURGHEAD - WELCOME TO NEW FRIENDS

Following the sad closure of the Church of Scotland building in Burghead we want to offer a particular welcome to new friends who may be joining us in our Burghead congregation today – you are most welcome, and we hope you feel at home as you worship with us.

NEW TERMCARD - COMING NEXT SUNDAY

Every three months we produce a new 'term card' showing details of all our Sunday services (passages, preachers etc) across both Elgin and Burghead. The February – April card will be available next Sunday (28th).

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

(Across the Free Church of Scotland)

Monday 22nd January - North Tolsta

Please pray for us as we continue to engage with the wider community, seeking to share the good news to our community

Tuesday 23rd January - Dumisani

Pray for the gathering of new and former students at Dumisani Theological Institute for Term One which starts on January 29th, Dumisani's 45th year! May there be a wonderful spirit of Christian unity(Psalm 133) present between lecturers and students for this First Term of the new academic year.

Wednesday 24th January - Stirling

Pray that God will lead the congregation and guide them, for his glory. Pray for the weekly ministry, that God would strengthen and bless it.

Thursday 25th January - Board of Trustees

Please pray for the Board of Trustees as they meet for their first meeting of 2023, that God would guide them and grant them wisdom as they make decisions to steward our resources well.

Friday 26th January - Dumisani

Pray for lecturers Tembani Zani, Ikho Magodla, Luaan Goosen, and Wilbert Chibenyu as they return to lecture for Term One at Dumisani starting January 29th. May the Lord bless their labours.

Saturday 27th January - North Tolsta

Please pray for us, as we give praise to God for some recent encouragements, that we keep growing in our discipleship and love for our Saviour.

Sunday 28th January - Stirling

Pray that as the congregation would be rooted in the gospel, and that the Lord would grow a passion for His word and seeing the lost come to know Jesus through it.