

## 2. NAHUM: THE STORY TO COME

A) The Cross of Christ in Nahum

B) Good News in Nahum

\* The possibility of refuge

\* The comfort of God's people

C) Perspective in Nahum

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### Song: There is a Higher Throne

1 There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace: salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing, their thunderous anthem rings  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks and honour are  
to God, our King who reigns on high, for evermore.*

2 And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;  
we'll honour him in perfect song where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye, as thirst and hunger die;  
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King: we'll reign with him.

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**Final Prayer** (please remain standing, please stay for refreshments).

Evening Service, 6pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

welcome to

**ELGIN**  
FREE CHURCH

&

**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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with us online**

## Welcome, Church Family News and Call to Worship (Peter Turnbull, Minister)

### Song: Grace

- 1 Your grace that leads this sinner home  
From death to life forever  
And sings the song of righteousness  
By blood and not by merit
- 2 Your grace that reaches far and wide  
To every tribe and nation  
Has called my heart to enter in  
The joy of Your salvation  
  
*By grace I am redeemed; by grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord*
- 3 Your grace that I cannot explain  
Not by my earthly wisdom  
The prince of life, without a stain  
Was traded for this sinner. **By grace...**
- 4 Let praise rise up and overflow  
My song resound forever  
For grace will see me welcomed home  
To walk beside my Saviour. **By grace...**

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**Prayer** – thanksgiving & confession (led by Peter Turnbull)

**Bible Reading: Nahum 3:1-19** (read by a Abby Spencer)

### Song: Psalm 76 v1-7 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 In Judah's land God's name is known; in Isr'el he is great.
- 2 In Salem he has pitched his tent, his home in Zion set.
- 3 He broke the fiery arrows there, the military might  
Of those who with their swords and shields against us came to fight.
- 4 Your splendour is more glorious than hillsides rich with prey.
- 5 Brave men were stripped of all their spoil; asleep in death they lay.  
  
Not one of those great warriors could lift his hands to kill.
- 6 At your rebuke, O Jacob's God, rider and horse lay still.
- 7 For you alone are to be feared— before you, who can stand?  
Who can endure your anger, LORD, the judgments you command

**Prayer** – intercession (led by Davi de Paula)

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**Sermon: Peter Turnbull, Minister | Nahum 3:1-19** | SPACE FOR NOTES

### 1. NAHUM: THE STORY SO FAR

A) The Rule of God (3.5, 1.2-9)

B) The Reality of Judgement (3.1-10)

\* Judgement is deserved

\* Judgement is inevitable and unstoppable

\* Judgement is final

C) The Refuge of God (3.11, 1.7-8, 2.15)

C) The Real Need for a Better King (3.18-20)

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# CHURCH FAMILY *news*

Elgin, Forres & Burghead Free Church | week beg. **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024** | Reg Charity SC016070/SC038129

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## welcome!

If this is your first time 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](http://elginfreechurch.org)** or **[burgheadfreechurch.org](http://burgheadfreechurch.org)**.

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## what's on THIS WEEK?

### TODAY - SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>

**10am Elgin Morning Service –**

*'That you may believe'* | John 1:19-29 – Peter

**11:15am Burghead Morning Service –**

*Disappointing Discovery* | Ecc. 2 – Paul

**6pm – Joint Evening Service (in Burghead)**

*The Whirlwind & the Storm* | Nahum 3 - Peter

### MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup>

**10-11am – Mission & Vision prayer meeting**

Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 | Passcode: 123456

**3:05pm – After School Club (Burghead) –**

### TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup>

**10:15am Ladies Daytime Small Group**  
(Burghead)

**10:30am-12 Tuesday Café (Elgin)**

**7pm – Pathfinders Youth Bible Study**  
(Burghead)

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### WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup>

**7:30pm – Hope Explored with Small Groups**  
alongside (Burghead – Church building))

**7:30pm – Hope Explored with Small Groups**  
alongside (Elgin – Church building))

### NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEB

**10am Elgin Morning Service –**

*'That you may believe'* | John 1:29-34 – Peter

**11:15am Burghead Morning Service –**

*Hours, days and years* | Ecc. 3 – Peter

**6pm – Joint Evening Service (in Burghead)**

*Gospel Partnership* | Phiippians! 1.1-11- Peter

# Church family NEWS

## HOPE EXPLORED AND SMALL GROUPS

Our Small Groups will continue this Wednesday alongside our Hope Explored courses. We have courses continuing in **both** Elgin and Burghead on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**. A meal is provided for all who come along.

## BURGHEAD BUILDING PROJECT

Following a Finance Committee meeting last week, I'm delighted to report that over £320,000 has now been raised towards the extension and refurbishment of the Burghead Church Halls. This is likely to rise again (by several thousand) once our latest Gift Aid claim comes in. We have also recently submitted an application to the National Churches Trust for an additional £15,000. If this grant were to be awarded, we might be able to proceed with our original design for a pitched roof on the extension. At the moment we are in the processes of ensuring we have planning permission for both the pitched and flat roof options, (to give maximum flexibility) and will soon be pressing on with the building warrant application. That will then clear the way for us to begin speaking to possible building contractors. Be assured that much work continues behind the scenes. We very much hope and pray that 2024 will see the work done!

## STIPEND - CONTRIBUTING TOGETHER.

Following the linkage of our two congregations the Burghead end of our congregation had been continuing the support paying the Minister's stipend. With the burden of stipend contributions relieved, we have been able to move to a more financially stable position in Elgin. The Elgin Finance Committee met last week and agreed that the Elgin congregation would now begin to contribute something toward stipend each month. The precise figure is yet to be calculated – we will keep everyone informed. This is a positive development and represents our partnership together going forward.

## 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.

## WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

For a full list of Sunday and midweek activities across the Elgin and Burghead sites please either scan the code or visit [elginforresburghead.churchcenter.com/calendar](http://elginforresburghead.churchcenter.com/calendar)



<sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> ***not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another***—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

HEBREWS 10:23–25.

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## Term card for Sundays

February - April 2024

Scan the code on the reverse (or find us online) for a **full diary of weekend and mid-week events.**

## ELGIN MORNING SERVICE

10:00<sup>AM</sup> IN ELGIN

**4th Feb** | John: *"God's Son Revealed"*  
John 1:29-34, Peter Turnbull

**11th Feb** | John: *"Come and See"*  
John 1:35-51, Davi de Paula | COMMUNION

**18th Feb** | John: *"Signs in the Temple"*  
John 2:13-22, Brian Roby

**25th Feb** | John: *"Eternal Life:"*  
John 2:23-3:15, Peter Turnbull | INVITATION SERVICE

**3rd Mar** | John: *"Life from Above"*  
John 3:16-21, Peter Turnbull

**10th Mar** | John: *"Two Witnesses"*  
John 3:22-36, Paul Hopkinson

**17th Mar** | John: *"Life from Within"*  
John 4:1-30, Brian Roby

**24th Mar** | John: *"A Harvest of Eternal Life"*  
John 4:27-42, Paul Hopkinson

**31st Mar** | Easter Sunday  
Luke 24:1-12, Peter Turnbull | INVITATION SERVICE

**7th Apr** | Eater Appearings (pt.1)  
Luke 24:13-35, Brian Roby

**14th Apr** | Eater Appearings (pt.2)  
Luke 24:36-53, Brian Roby | COMMUNION

**21st Apr** | Galatians: *'The Real Gospel'*  
Galatians 1:1-10, Peter Turnbull

**28th Apr** | Galatians: *'Paul and the Real Gospel'*  
Galatians 1:11-2:14, Peter Turnbull

## BURGHEAD MORNING SERVICE

11:15<sup>AM</sup> IN BURGHEAD

**4th Feb** | Ecclesiastes: *'Hours, Days & Years'*  
Ecclesiastes 3, Peter Turnbull | COMMUNION

**11th Feb** | Ecclesiastes: *'Observing a Broken World'*  
Ecclesiastes 4, Paul Hopkinson

**18th Feb** | Ecclesiastes: *'Beyond the Sun'*  
Ecclesiastes 5, Peter Turnbull

**25th Feb** | *'Possessing Everything, Enjoying Nothing'*  
Ecclesiastes 6, Peter Turnbull

**3rd Mar** | Ecclesiastes: *'Dealing with Death'*  
Ecclesiastes 7, Peter Turnbull | INVITATION SERVICE

**10th Mar** | Ecclesiastes: *'The Limits of Wisdom'*  
Ecclesiastes 8, Davi de Paula |

**17th Mar** | Ecclesiastes: *'The Uses of Wisdom'*  
Ecclesiastes 9, Peter Turnbull

**24th Mar** | Ecclesiastes: *'A Study on Fools'*  
Ecclesiastes 10, Davi de Paula

**31st Mar** | Easter Sunday  
Luke 24:1-12, Peter Turnbull | INVITATION SERVICE

**7th Apr** | Ecclesiastes: *'Reasons to Rejoice'*  
Ecclesiastes 11, Davi de Paula | COMMUNION

**14th Apr** | Ecclesiastes: *'Life Under the Sun'*  
Ecclesiastes 12, Peter Turnbull

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Galatians 1:1-10, Peter Turnbull

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## JOINT EVENING SERVICE

6:00<sup>PM</sup> IN BURGHEAD

**4th Feb** | Philippians: Gospel Partnership (pt.1)  
Phil. 1.1-11, Peter Turnbull

**11th Feb** | Philippians: Gospel Partnership (pt.2)  
Phil. 1.12-30, Brian Roby

**18th Feb** | Philippians: Gospel Partnership (pt.3)  
Phil. 2.1-11, Jeff Townend - Faith Mission

**25th Feb** | Philippians: Gospel Partnership (pt.4)  
Phil. 2.12-30, Peter Turnbull

**3rd Mar** | Philippians: Gospel Partnership (pt.5)  
Phil. 3.1-11, Peter Turnbull | COMMUNION

**10th Mar** | Philippians: Gospel Partnership (pt.6)  
Phil. 3.10-4.1, Peter Turnbull

**17th Mar** | Philippians: Gospel Partnership (pt.7)  
Phil. 4.4-9, Peter Turnbull

**24th Mar** | Joel: *"A Message of Judgement"*  
Joel 1.1-2.17, Peter Turnbull

**31st Mar** | Joel: *"A Message of Restoration"*  
Joel 2.18-27, Peter Turnbull

**7th Apr** | Joel: *"A Message of Equipping"*  
Joel 2:28-32, Peter Turnbull

**14th Apr** | Joel: *"A Message on Destination"*  
Joel 3:1-21, Peter Turnbull

**21st Apr** | John: *"My Time Not Yet Come..."*  
John 7:1-52, Brian Roby

**28th Apr** | John: *"He without Sin..."*  
John 7:53-8:11, Paul Hopkinson