

## 2. ...Vulnerable to Folly (10:1)

### a. Our own folly:

i. Heart Disposition (10:2-4, 20)

ii. Awareness and Diligence (10:8-11, 18)

iii. Speaking too much! (10:12-15, 20)

### b. The folly of others:

i. Rulers making mistakes (10:5-7)

ii. Ignorant and incompetent rulers (10:16-17)

## 3. ...Found perfectly in Jesus (Col 2:2-3)

Morning Service, 11.15am Sunday 24th March 2023



**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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### Song: How Great is Our God

- 1 The splendour of the King, clothed in Majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice; all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
It trembles at His voice; trembles at His voice  
*How great is our God*  
*Sing with me, how great is our God*  
*And all will see, how great, how great is our God*
- 2 Age to age, He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end; beginning and the end  
The Godhead, three in one; Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb; Lion and the Lamb

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

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

### Song: Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest—to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

**Prayer:** thanksgiving & confession

### NEW CITY CATECHISM (Children's Address)

#### Question 12 - What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

more at [newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com) | songs at <http://shorturl.at/bsAIK>

### Song: My God is So Big (words on screen)

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

### Song: Psalm 14 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 The fool speaks in his heart; "There is no God," he says.  
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; none walk in godly ways.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon the human race,  
To see if any understand, if any seek God's face.
- 3 They all have turned aside; corrupt they have become.

Not one of them does any good— no, not a single one.

- 4 Will sinners never learn? My people they've devoured  
As if they were consuming bread; they never seek the LORD.
- 5 Struck down they are with dread, for God is with the just.
- 6 You evildoers shame the poor, but in the LORD they trust.
- 7 May help from Zion come, the LORD his captives bring!  
And then let Jacob's tribes rejoice; let Isr'el gladly sing.

**Prayer:** intercession (led by Abby Spencer)

### Song: Psalm 146 v1-9 (Sing Psalms)

- 1-2 Praise the LORD, my soul! O praise him! I'll extol him all my days.  
While I live, to God my Saviour from my heart I will sing praise.
- 3 Do not put your trust in princes, mortal men who cannot save.
- 4 All their plans will come to nothing when they perish in the grave.
- 5 Blessèd is the one who truly looks for help to Jacob's God;  
Blessèd is the one who places all his hope upon the LORD—
- 6 He who made the earth and heaven and the seas, with all their store;  
He who keeps his every promise, who is faithful evermore.
- 7-8 He delivers from oppression and relieves the hungry's plight.  
He releases those in prison; to the blind the LORD gives sight.  
Those who are bowed down he raises. God delights in righteousness.
- 9 He protects and cares for strangers, widows and the fatherless.

**Bible Reading** – Ecclesiastes 10:1-20 (p677, read by Fiona Harris)

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**Sermon:** Davi de Paula, Minister in Training | Ecclesiastes 10 | SPACE FOR NOTES

**Introduction:** *Wisdom is a delicate thing.*

Wisdom is...

### 1. ...Powerful but Undervalued (9:13-18)

# CHURCH FAMILY *news*

Elgin, Forres & Burghead Free Church | week beg. **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 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 24<sup>th</sup>

**10am Elgin Morning Service –**

*A Harvest of Eternal Life* | John 4:27-42 – Paul

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

*'A Study on Fools'* | Ecc. 10 – Davi

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

*Joel: A Prophecy for Today* | Joel 1.1-2.17 –

Peter

### MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 | Passcode: 123456

### TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

**10:15am – Ladies Daytime Small Group**

(Burghead)

**9:30am – School Easter Experience** (Elgin)

**7pm – Pathfinders Youth Bible study** (15

Mason Haugh Rise, Burghead)

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### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

**9:30am – School Easter Experience** (Elgin)

**7:30pm – Joint Church Family Prayer Meeting**  
(Burghead)

### THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:30am – Burghead Primary Whole School**  
**Easter Assembly/Service** (in the Burghead church)

**1-3pm – Free Church Café** (Burghead)

### FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>

**1pm – Arthritis Pain Group** (Elgin building hire)

### NEXT SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup>

**10am Elgin EASTER INVITATION Service –**  
Luke 24:1-12 – Peter

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# Church family **NEWS**

## **EASTER SUNDAY INVITATION SERVICES – IN BOTH LOCATIONS**

Easter Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> March) brings another excellent opportunity to invite along friends, family, neighbours and colleagues who wouldn't normally be in church. Flyers are enclosed for your use.

## **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS – REPORT & THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME**

Thanks to all who joined us at our annual church meetings last week in both Elgin and Burghead. We had a productive, positive, and prayerful time as we reflected on past ministry and looked to the future. Current members of our Finance committees were re-appointed for **Elgin** (Chris Harris, Lesley Morrison, Stewart Campbell), and **Burghead** (Chris Harris, Fiona Harris, Donald Tolme, Philip McPherson). In addition, the following new members were added to the **Elgin** group – Alice Urquhart, Gavin Thomas, Ian Davies. We're grateful to all who serve us.

## **JOINED US RECENTLY?**

We would love to keep in touch with you about church life, news and events. Scan the QR code to fill in our online contact form.



## **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

(Across the Free Church of Scotland)

### **Monday - Covenant Church, Newmilns**

Please pray for the Kirk Session as they think through how to be a healthy gospel church, particularly working this year on healthy prayer, healthy mission and healthy leadership.

### **Tuesday - Richard and Barbara, a European City**

As we tell our island friends that we will be leaving later this year, may the Lord give them the desire to continue hearing the word of God; and may that word bear fruit in their lives.

### **Wednesday - Dumisani**

Give thanks to the Lord for the wonderful Graduation Exercises at Dumisani Theological Institute on March 2nd with nineteen graduating. Student speakers were Mbombe Sivenathi and Mhlali Njoli. Family and friends were well represented and this was very encouraging. Thanks be to the Lord.

### **Thursday - In a Big Country Rural Conference**

Pray for preparations for the third In A Big Country rural conference which is taking place in Dingwall Free Church on Saturday 20th of April. Please pray that many will attend and be equipped for ministry in rural contexts across a Scotland.

### **Friday - Covenant Church, Newmilns**

Please give thanks for a number of growing connections with the local community, and pray that many will come along at easter time, particularly to the 'flowers and praise' event Monday 25th March.

### **Saturday- Richard and Barbara, a European City**

Pray for A, her son B in prison, her 6 other children (one daughter has plans to marry soon), her son-in-law and two grandchildren. May the Lord open her heart and the hearts of her family to receive the good news they have heard. May He be present as we continue visiting with her and sharing.

### **Sunday- Dumisani**

Give thanks to the Lord as Dr Wilbert Chipenyu, the principal at Dumisani Theological Institute, was ordained on March 2nd in the Reformed Church. We rejoice with him and the whole Dumisani community for this recognition of his ministry and calling.