

1. **Why** look for the living among the dead?
2. **Why** forget the reason for the season?
3. **Why** doubt the evidence?
4. **Why** not keep on exploring?

# EASTER

— invitation service —

**BURGHEAD**  
FREE CHURCH

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**Song: All Heaven Declares**

- 1 All Heaven declares, the glory of the risen Lord,  
who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
For ever he will be the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.
- 2 I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord  
who once was slain to reconcile man to God.  
For ever you will be the Lamb upon the throne,  
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

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

**If you're new to church - welcome!**

- This sheet will guide you through our service.
- Please stay for coffee at the end of the service.
- connect with us online at **[elginfreechurch.org](http://elginfreechurch.org)**

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

**Song: Thine Be The Glory**

1 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won:  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

***Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.***

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting.

***Thine be...***

3 No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

***Thine be...***

**Prayer:** thanksgiving & confession

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

**Question 13 - Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?**

Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

more at [newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com) | songs at <http://shorturl.at/bjA1K>

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

**Song: Psalm 116 v1-9 (Sing Psalms)**

1 I love the LORD because he heard my voice;  
He listened when I cried to him for aid.  
2 I'll call on him as long as I shall live,  
Because he turned to hear me when I prayed.

3 The cords of death gripped and entangled me,  
Upon me came the anguish of the grave;  
With grief and trouble I was overcome.  
4 Then on the name of God I called: "LORD, save!"

5 The LORD our God is kind and full of grace;  
Both righteous and compassionate is he.  
6 The LORD protects all those of childlike faith;  
When I was in great need, he rescued me.  
7 Rest, O my soul; God has been good to you—  
8 For you, O LORD, have saved my soul from death,  
My feet from stumbling and my eyes from tears,  
9 That I may live for you while I have breath.

**Prayer:** intercession (led by Sue Hopkinson)

**Song: Psalm 103 v1-11 (Sing Psalms)**

1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart,  
let me exalt his holy name.  
2 Forget not all his benefits;  
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.  
3 The LORD forgives you all your sins  
and heals your sickness and distress;  
4 Your life he rescues from the grave,  
and crowns you in his tenderness.  
and crowns you in his tenderness.

5 He satisfies your deep desires,  
from his unending stores of good,  
So that, just like the eagle's strength,  
your youthful vigour is renewed.  
6 The LORD is known for righteous acts  
and justice to downtrodden ones.  
7 To Moses he made known his ways,  
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.  
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.

8 The LORD is merciful and kind,  
to anger slow, and full of grace.  
9 He will not constantly reprove,  
or in his anger hide his face.  
10 He does not punish our misdeeds  
or give our sins their just reward.  
11 How great his love - as high as heaven -  
Towards all those who fear the LORD!  
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

**Bible Reading** - Luke 24:1-12 (p1061, read by Jean Marsland)

# CHURCH FAMILY *news*

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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 31<sup>st</sup>**

Luke 24:1-12 – Peter

**11:15am Burghead EASTER INVITATION**

Service – Luke 24:1-12 – Peter

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

*Joel: A Prophecy for Today* | Joel 2.18-27 -

Peter

### **MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 | Passcode: 123456

### **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:30am-12** – Tuesday Cafe (Elgin)

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### **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

NO SMALL GROUPS (Easter break)

### **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

**10am Elgin Morning Service** –

Luke 24:13-35 – Brian

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

Ecclesiastes 11 | 'Reasons to Rejoice' – Peter

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

*Joel: A Prophecy for Today* | Joel 2:28-32-

Peter

# Church family **NEWS**

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

A warm welcome to all who are joining us today, especially if church is new to you or if this is the first time you have visited our congregations in Burghhead and Elgin.

## **AN EASTER REST – WITH THANKS TO OUR MANY HARD WORKERS**

What a busy week we have had in the run up to Easter. Hundreds of kids have passed through both the Elgin and Burghhead buildings for schools events, our ladies Easter craft night saw plenty of folks doing crafts and hearing the gospel, and all of this on top of our many other events and groups. We're so grateful to all who have been working hard to make these things possible. The next two weeks are a little quieter in our church calendar, we hope this brings the opportunity for rest.

## **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 - Grace Church Kilmacolm**

Please join us in giving thanks for the folks coming along to our recent ventures, including the Friday Bible Explorers Club for teenagers and Sunday afternoon services in a local residential home. Please pray that both would be used to encourage and challenge and that people, young and old, would be excited about the saving love of Jesus.

### **Tuesday - Matt and Maria, Greece**

Please ask The Lord to give Matt conciseness and clarity of language in communicating what Christ did for us to the children at the night school over Easter.

### **Wednesday - Hope Church, Blackwood & Kirkmuirhill**

Please pray for the congregation that they would be strengthened by the word through the weekly preaching of it.

### **Thursday - Free Church Youth Camps**

Pray for the Leaders and Cooks training day which is taking place on the 27th of April. Pray that it will be a time of equipping and preparation for leaders and cooks, and ask that the Lord would give wisdom to those speaking and those leading the day. Give thanks for the work of the Camps Co-Ordinator Mairi, and Camps Supervisor Donald in all they do to organise and run the camp programme.

### **Friday - Grace Church Kilmacolm**

We have an outreach service on Good Friday, 29th March to which we are inviting neighbours, friends and everyone else.

We also seek guidance for future plans in reaching our communities.

### **Saturday - Matt and Maria, Greece**

Please pray for A that God would give us wisdom to communicate The Gospel as clearly as possible to Him and that He may grasp it and respond to it, and that He would soon get a job.

### **Sunday - Hope Church, Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill**

Please pray that individuals in the congregation would have opportunity and willing hearts to share the gospel in their community.