

Song: Come People of the Risen King

- 1 Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

***Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

- 2 Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

- 3 Come, young and old from every land -
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands -
find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!"

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

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 & Call to Worship

Song: Bless The Lord O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name.*

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord...
- 2 You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord...
- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forever more.
Bless the Lord...

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Prayer – thanksgiving & confession

Bible Reading: Joel 2:18-27 (p914; read by Chris Harris)

Song: Psalm 126 v1-6 (Sing Psalms)

- 1 When Zion's fortunes God restored,
it was a dream come true.
- 2 Our mouths were then with laughter filled,
our tongues with songs anew.

The nations said, "The LORD has done
great things for Israel."
- 3 The LORD did mighty things for us,
and joy our hearts knew well.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, gracious LORD,
like streams in desert soil.
- 5 A joyful harvest will reward
the weeping sower's toil.

- 6 The man who, bearing seed to sow,
goes out with tears of grief,
Will come again with songs of joy,
bearing his harvest sheaf.

Prayer –intercession (led by Davi de Paula)

Sermon: **Peter Turnbull, Minister** | Joel 2:18-27 | SPACE FOR NOTES

1. **Why God Acts:** Jealousy and Pity (v18)
 2. **What God Does:** Complete Restoration (v19-27)
 3. **What God expects:** Rejoicing and knowing (v23)
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CHURCH FAMILY *news*

Elgin, Forres & Burghead Free Church | week beg. **Sunday 31st March 2024** | Reg Charity SC016070/SC038129

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** or **burgheadfreechurch.org**.

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what's on **THIS WEEK?**

TODAY - SUNDAY 31st

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 1st

10-11am – Mission & Vision prayer meeting

Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 | Passcode: 123456

TUESDAY 2nd

10:30am-12 – Tuesday Cafe (Elgin)

WEDNESDAY 3rd

NO SMALL GROUPS (Easter break)

THURSDAY 4th

1-3pm – Free Church Café (Burghead)

NEXT SUNDAY 7th

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.

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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.