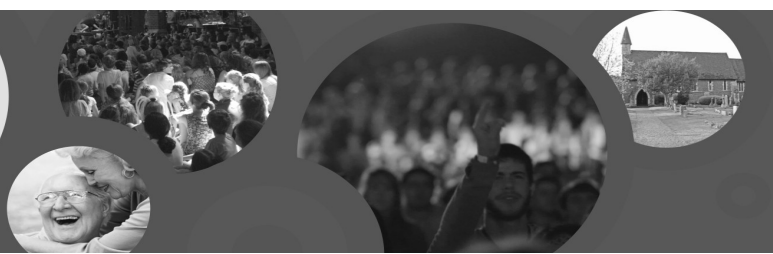


## Church Matters



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Next week	9.15 Service Warden	9.15 Prayers	9.15 Readings	10.15 Coffee	10.45 Service Warden	10.45 Prayers	10.45 Readings	Sunday Club	Screen / Sound
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Maggie P	Clergy	Barbie H	TBC	Jane A	In service	In service	N/A	Ruth B Renny M

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# BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

## 31ST AUGUST 2025

### TRINITY 11

## HEROES OF FAITH: STEPHEN

**9.15am Communion Service at CHS**

**10.45am Morning Worship**

**with children in church at CHS**



**Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church**



News, events and talks at...

[www.burphamchurch.org.uk](http://www.burphamchurch.org.uk)



## Collect & Readings 31st August 2025

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Acts 6: 1-15, 7: 54-8:1 NIV - UK

**6** In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.'

<sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called) – Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia – who began to argue with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

<sup>11</sup> Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, 'We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.'

<sup>12</sup> So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. <sup>13</sup> They produced false witnesses, who testified, 'This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. <sup>14</sup> For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.'

<sup>15</sup> All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

**7** <sup>54</sup> When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

**8** And Saul approved of their killing him.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

*This is the word of the Lord:*

**Thanks be to God**

**Rotas** - next term's rotas will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Please make note of dates in your diaries and let the office



**Tuesday Prayers** 10-10.30am at CHS An opportunity to pray together. Tea & Coffee available. All Welcome.

## New Licenced lay minister on placement

In September and October, we will welcome Sam Fisk to join us as a Licenced Lay minister on placement. Sam is really excited to join us, and she writes:

Hi! I'm Sam. I live in Jacob's Well and worship at St Mary's, Byfleet. I was licensed last year as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) and have now started my journey of discernment to become ordained.

During the week I work full time as an administrator for an environmental engineering company that works to create environmental and sustainable buildings for the future. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my dog Max, a German Shepherd and my cat Lola and going for walks in the countryside with Max, exploring new places. I also enjoy crafts, camping, reading and especially on a wet day snuggled up with a nice cup of coffee or tea!

I'm really looking forward to joining you Burpham church to see how you do church, learn new things and also join in with you to worship God together.



### Pet Blessing Service

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm at St. Luke's**

Bring your family pets to a service of blessing and Thanksgiving.  
**All Welcome!**

### Drop In Thursdays:

Coffee and Company, 10.30am in the church hall.  
**All Welcome!**



*Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.* **Drop In restarts this Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at CHS**

### Church Growth Conference

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10am - 3.30pm**

at Welcome Church, Woking.

Cost £12 including lunch. Book on:  
**ChurchGrowth2025.Eventbrite.co.uk**  
or speak to the office. All Welcome!

### Lego Brick Church Come and get building!

Lego stations, stories, songs and refreshments.



**FUN for ALL the FAMILY**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 3- 4.30pm at CHS.**

For your diary:

**12<sup>th</sup> October, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.00am** Midweek Communion

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.15am** Communion Service

**10.45am** Intergenerational Service

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.15am** Communion Service

**10.45am** Morning Praise with Sunday Club

\*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit