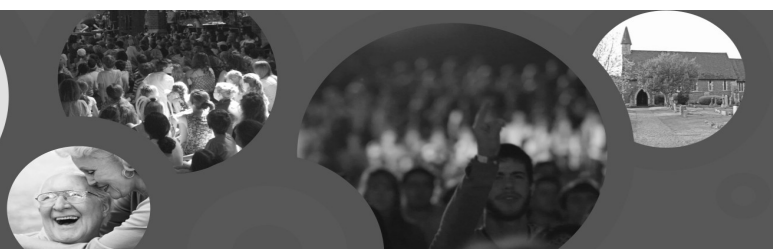


Church Matters



Below are details about who to contact for information and support.

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(Office hours are Monday - Thursday 9.30am - 1pm)

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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 21 st Dec	Rex T	Rex T	Barbie H	Iain R	Martin J	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

14TH DECEMBER 2025

ADVENT 3

MARY—MAGNIFICAT

Lighting Advent Candle 3

God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. **Amen.**

9.15am Holy Communion Service at CHS

10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Morning Worship and Sunday Club at CHS

6.30pm Candlelit Carols & Mulled Wine at St. Luke's

Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church

News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 14th December 2025

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 1:39-56 NIV-UK

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!'

⁴⁶ And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants for ever, just as he promised our ancestors.'

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Luke 2:36-38 NIV-UK

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**

2026 Brick Church Dates



11th January
15th February
29th March



ALPHA - Invite someone?

Start your journey this Christmas and come to the Alpha course. Beginning on
Monday 12th January 2026, 7.30pm at CHS.
Sign up on the website - www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Christmas Services this year at Burpham Church

Join us on Sundays in December for either of our services,
9.15am Communion service or
10.45am All Age service.

In addition, there will be the following Christmas services:

Carols by Candlelight - Thursday 18th December 6.30pm at St Luke's

Community Carols - Saturday 20th December 3.30pm Sainsburys
Monday 22nd December 5.00pm Sainsburys

Brick Church Christmas - Sunday 21st December 3pm at CHS

Dress Up Nativity - Wednesday 24th December 4.00pm at CHS

Midnight Communion - Wednesday 24th 11.30pm at St. Luke's

Christmas Day Celebration - Thursday 25th 10am at CHS



Holiday At Home For all Ages



We are heading to Iceland!

Book your boarding ticket for **Friday 2nd January 2026, 10am - 1pm.**

£2 per day, 7yrs and under free. Children to be accompanied by an adult.

To book email: office@burphamchurch.org.uk or sign up on the sheet.

Pay in the office or on the day.



Christmas Quiz 2025

Anatomy, malady and remedy

Answers are connected to body parts, ailments, and healers.

Please take part in this year's quiz. You can find a copy in church or on the Church website. £2 a go. Have fun!

Drop In Thursdays:

Coffee and Company,
10.30am. All Welcome!

Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.

Advance Notice

NO Drop In on Thursday 25th December or 1st January. Restarts 8th January.



Tuesday Prayers 10 -10.30am at CHS.

An opportunity to pray together.

Tea & Coffee available. All Welcome.



Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Thursday 18th December
6.30pm Candlelit Carols @ **St. Luke's**

Sunday 21st December
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Intergenerational Service
3.00pm Brick Church

Wed 24th December
4.00pm Dress Up Nativity
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Thurs 25th December
10.00am Christmas Day Service

NO Thursday Communion service at CHS on 1st January

*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit