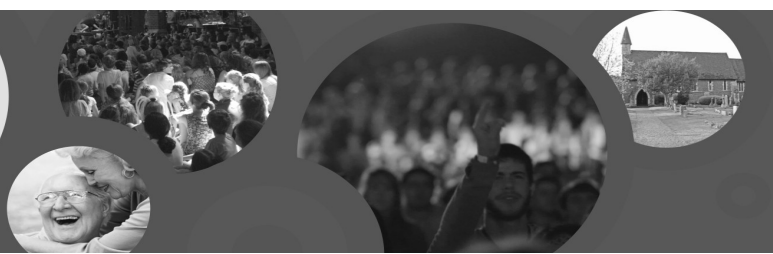


Church Matters



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

Church Office Manager: Lisa Scott Tel 825533

Email office@burphamchurch.org.uk

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

The office staff are the initial point of contact for church events, weddings and funerals.

Vicar: Rev James Hanson Tel 07821 255661

Email vicar@burphamchurch.org.uk (Day of rest Friday)

Intergenerational Minister: Carol Lowries

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ann Wigmore

Email safeguarding@burphamchurch.org.uk

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Email preschooladmin@burphamchurch.org.uk

Next week	9.15 Service Warden	9.15 Prayers	9.15 Readings	10.15 Coffee
Sun 28 th Dec	Susan D	Clergy	Jean D	Susan D

Office Hours The office will be closed from 24th December - 4th January, and will reopen to normal hours on Monday 5th January. In case of an emergency only please contact 07821 255661

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BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

21ST DECEMBER 2025

ADVENT 4

Jesus - the fulfilment of Prophecy

Lighting Advent Candle 4

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, light of the world, blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news; blessed is Mary, your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children, who long for your coming. **Amen.**

9.15am Holy Communion Service at CHS

10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Morning Worship and Sunday Club at CHS

3.00pm Christmas Brick Church at CHS

Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church

News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 21st December 2025

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Matthew 1:18-25 NIV- UK

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us'). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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



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:

Community Carols - Monday 22nd December 5.00pm Sainsburys

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

2026 Brick Church Dates



11th January
15th February
29th March

*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit



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

The 3 wise women of Christmas.

In Matthew's gospel, the account of Jesus' birth (such as it is) is largely drawn from a male perspective, whereas in Luke's account, it is the women who are active and speaking, and indeed Zechariah is forcibly silenced! Anna, Elizabeth and Mary all experienced significant suffering in their lives, but used it as fuel for prayer rather than bitterness or self pity. They were all hoping, praying, dreaming for God to break into their world.

I love the dialogue when Mary greets Elizabeth - the sheer excitement and joy which seems to erupt in both of them. Mary's spirit inspired song, the Magnificat, is full of joy, despite the difficulties which she is almost certain to face. And it is all expressed in the past tense. Nine times we read that God has...Even though at this stage, much of it was still in the future. It was so real to Mary that she spoke of it as a present reality.

The media portrays Christmas as all about us, we are front and centre. It's all about us having a good time, good presents and so on. The reality is that Christmas is about what **God has already done**. Let's learn from these three wise women, and let's get excited about the sheer wonder and joy of Christmas! William



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: IGminister@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.



Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

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

Thurs 25th December
10.00am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 28th December
9.15am Communion Service ONLY
10.45am NO service

Sunday 4th January
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am All Age Service

Wednesday Lunches at the

Horse & Groom pub will continue from 7th January. Do join us from 12.30pm. Everyone welcome. More details chat to Evelyn Brown.

NO Thursday Communion service at CHS on 1st January

Tuesday Prayers 10-10.30am at CHS.

An opportunity to pray together.
Tea & Coffee available. All Welcome.

