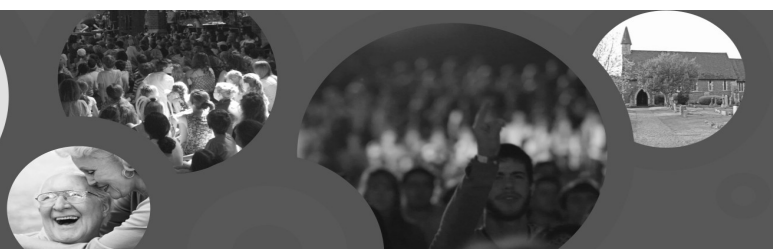


## Church Matters



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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 1st Feb	Maggie P	Jean D	Christian H	TBC	Jane A	In service	In service	N/A	Ruth B Lewis W

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# BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

## 25TH JANUARY 2026

### JOURNEY THROUGH PHILIPPIANS

EPIPHANY 3

**9.15am Holy Communion Service at CHS**

*10.15am Coffee in the hall*

**10.45am Holy Communion with Sunday Club at CHS**

**4.00pm Bereavement Service at CHS**

*We warmly welcome John Valentine to Burpham Church this Sunday*



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## Collect & Readings 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

### Philippians 2:5-30 NIV - UK

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. <sup>20</sup> I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. <sup>23</sup> I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. <sup>24</sup> And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

<sup>25</sup> But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. <sup>26</sup> For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. <sup>27</sup> Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup> Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. <sup>29</sup> So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honour people like him, <sup>30</sup> because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

*This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God*

### Drop In Thursdays:

Coffee and Company,  
10.30am. All Welcome!

*Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.*



### 2026 Brick Church Dates

15<sup>th</sup> February, 29<sup>th</sup> March  
3pm at CHS.



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

**Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> February

**9.15am** Communion Service

**10.45am** Intergenerational Service

**Sunday** 8<sup>th</sup> February

**9.15am** Communion Service

**10.45am** Morning Worship with Sunday Club

**Midweek Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month **10am at CHS, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

"Believe in yourself." "Kickstart growth." "Take back our streets." These are all familiar slogans that people in the media and in political debates trot out. In Paul's day, in the first century Roman empire, Caesar also had his slogans, as empires always do. "Caesar is Lord - and saviour," was one. Another was, "There is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved, but Caesar."

So for Paul, or any Christian to say "Jesus is Lord", or for Peter to say (in Acts 4), "there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved, but **Jesus**," was profoundly subversive. In Paul's letter to the Philippians, "Live as citizens worthy of the gospel" (1.27) was a challenge about allegiance. Philippi was a Roman colony fiercely loyal to Rome and to Caesar (Nero), so for them to be firm in their allegiance to Christ was likely to be contested and costly.

Nearly 5000 Christians were murdered for their faith in 2025. We see the protests in Iran in the face of a brutal crackdown, and yet Iran is the fastest growing church in the world! We do not face that kind of pressure and persecution here in the West. But where do we need to hold our nerve in the face of opposition? What gospel issues do we face in Burpham? How can we remain bold in our witness and true to Jesus Christ? Where is your allegiance? Blessings, William

### Change of service time

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, Palm Sunday, will be a **10am joint service** with breakfast served before the service. There will be no 9.15 or 10.45am service.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** Connect with God, others and food! Invite friends! **Women's Curry Evening Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm** Chat to Carol for more info or sign up on the sheet.

**Help is needed!** Can you help with furniture? Tables and chairs need moving every week. Times / days: Every Sunday after the service. Wednesdays from 12noon and Thursdays after 12 noon, can be flexible with Thursday for a Friday/ Saturday. Please let James or the office know if you can help.

**Prayer Central** Join together as church in monthly prayer on Wednesday evenings, **7pm at CHS. Starting on 4<sup>th</sup> February.**



**Calling all Gardeners** We would like to improve the flower beds at St Luke's. If you are planting seeds or propagating cuttings please would you plant a few extra that we could use. Our next St Luke's work parties will be: **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

If you are willing to help with the gardening at either St Luke's or CHS please have a chat to Jane.

### Noah's Ark Toddlers

**Wednesdays, 9.30 – 11am at CHS**

A stay and play for 0 - 5 years with their parents/ carers. A warm, welcoming, safe toddler group with refreshments. Suggested donation £2.



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