



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

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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 15th Feb	Joan G	Joan G	Gay R	Iain R	Susan D	In service	In service	n/a	Ruth B Lewis W



SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

8TH FEBRUARY 2026
JOURNEY THROUGH PHILIPPIANS

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

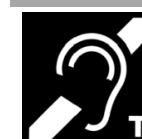
9.15am Holy Communion Service at CHS

10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Morning Worship with Sunday Club at CHS



Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church



News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 8th February 2026

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Philippians 3:12- 4:1 NIV-UK

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

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

Change of service time

Sunday 29th 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.

Drop In Thursdays:

Coffee and Company, 10.30am. All Welcome!
Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.

2026 Brick Church Dates

15th February, 29th March
3pm at CHS.



*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit

Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Sunday 15th February
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Intergenerational Service
3.00pm Lego Brick Church

Wed 18th February
7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday 22nd February
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Holy Communion with Sunday Club

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

Despite writing from the bleak conditions of imprisonment, Paul urges the Philippian church to find their security and "deep joy" exclusively in knowing Jesus Christ. He distinguishes between "knowing about" Jesus and a personal, intimate relationship, likening the difference to reading about honey versus actually tasting it. For Paul, this relationship is the ultimate spiritual safeguard against despair and false teachings.

Paul provides a "resume" of his previous legalistic achievements and religious credentials, only to declare them "rubbish" compared to the surpassing worth of Christ. He argues that true righteousness is not earned through religious works or human effort but is a gift received through faith.

The challenge for us is 'how well do we really know Jesus?' Take time this week to reflect. What am I trusting in to make me right with God? Am I building my life around the things that are eternal or is my focus on passing achievements? This passage calls for a "180-degree turn" from trusting in self-effort to resting in the finished work of Christ, recognizing Him as the ultimate treasure. Blessings Carol

Holiday At Home For all Ages At Mardi Gras!



Book your space for carnival fun on
Tuesday 17th February, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Ashing



A joint service with Christchurch, St. Peter's and St. John's Stoke. Join us at the Church of the Holy Spirit for our Ash Wednesday Service on **18th February, 7.00pm**.

BISCUITS PLEASE: We are asking for regular offers of biscuits to serve at our various services and gatherings. In date, unopened and no nuts please. Thank you!

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.

Snowdrops for St Luke's Churchyard

We would like to create bank of snowdrops to the left of the path.

Are you able to spare a few snowdrops in the green?

We will be planting them during the work party on the morning of **Thursday 19th February** so bring them along then or leave them in the Church Office before the 19thFebruary.



St Luke's Work Parties

We will be holding work parties inside and outside

St Luke's on:

Thursday 19th February: 9.30-12.30
Saturday 14th March: 9.30-12.30

If you can spare an hour or more, we'd love you to join us. Just come on the day. See the posters for more details. Any questions or suggestions to Jane