



**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 22nd Feb	Rex T	Rex T	Barbie H	Lisa S	Martin J	TBC	Henry S	Carol L TBC	Ella H Lewis W



## SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

### 15TH FEBRUARY 2026 JOURNEY THROUGH PHILIPPIANS

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

**9.15am Holy Communion Service** at CHS

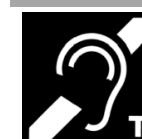
*10.15am Coffee in the hall*

**10.45am Intergenerational Service** at CHS

**3.00pm Lego Brick Church** at CHS



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



News, events and talks at...

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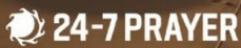


## Journey Through Lent at Burpham Church

A six week course starting on  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7.30pm at  
Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane

## The Desert Mothers and Fathers

A Lectio 365 Series | Lent 2026



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

Please pray at home on Tuesday 17th February, we will be back in church on the 24th February.

### Drop In Thursdays:

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



**Noah's Ark Toddlers  
is having a rest  
Restarts 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**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.

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
**7.00pm** Ash Wednesday Service

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**9.15am** Communion Service  
**10.45am** Holy Communion with Sunday Club

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**9.15am** Communion Service  
**10.45am** Intergenerational Service

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10.00am** Midweek Communion

\*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit

I was not very good at running when I was a boy. (Even less good now!) I used to love Crusaders (now Urban Saints) and every year there was an area sports day. I was very proud when one year I won my heat in the 100 yards, although sadly I did not win the final. I remember being taught that you never look back. Even in relay races, you receive the baton while running flat out and looking forward. In the film Chariots of Fire, Harold Abrahams looks set to win his race, but looks behind him & loses focus and is overtaken.

In Philippians 3.12-4.1, Paul shifts the metaphor from accounting (profit v loss, v7) to running. This is quite a complicated passage in a sense, with many different themes and ideas. Running, waiting, citizenship, resurrection, enemies of the cross, and copying Paul's example. Some of them are hard to reconcile. For example, how does straining and pressing on (v13) fit with waiting, (v20) even eagerly? And how do we keep looking forward, forgetting what is behind? We all carry hurt and damage, both from other people and regrets for our own failures. Blessings William

### Holiday At Home For all Ages

At Mardi Gras!



Book your space for carnival fun on  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 10am - 1pm.**

£2 per day, 7yrs and under free. Children to be accompanied by an adult.  
To book email: [IGminister@burphamchurch.org.uk](mailto: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 **18<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm.**

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> February** so bring them along then or leave them in the Church Office before the 19<sup>th</sup> February.



### St Luke's Work Parties

We will be holding work parties inside and outside St Luke's on:  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February: 9.30-12.30**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30-12.30**  
All welcome!