

Church Matters



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 15 th March	Rex T	Rex T	Gay R	Sarah S	TBC	In service	In service	N/A	Ella H TBC

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BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

8TH MARCH 2026

PRAYER

LENT 3

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 March 2026

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 5:12-16 NIV - UK

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.'

¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' And immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴ Then Jesus ordered him, 'Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.'

¹⁵ Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their illnesses. ¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Psalms 46:7-11 NIV-UK

⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'

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This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

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

Change of service time

Sunday 29th March, Palm Sunday, will be a **10am joint service** with breakfast served before the service at 9.15am.

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.



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.

The Lord's prayer - so well known, we say it by rote sometimes. It's worn smooth by over familiarity. But I think Jesus meant it mainly as a pattern, a framework for our prayers, rather than just something we recite every week (although that's OK too). Jesus teaches his disciples to start their prayer, "Our Father in heaven," so we focus first of all on the **God we are praying to**. God is not stingy or down on us. He loves us completely. Better than the best parents ever could. Which means that we are his children - children of the living God. We have an intimate parent/child relationship with God who longs to bless us and to hear our prayers. May that knowledge transform our prayer life, from a duty to a precious conversation.

And notice that the pronouns in the Lord's prayer are all plural, "our, us, we." Martin Luther said, "Never think you are standing or kneeling alone. Rather think that all devout Christians are there beside you." Even when we say it on our own, we are not alone. It is a community prayer.

I find every section of the Lord's prayer profoundly challenging - when you pray it slowly enough. Your Kingdom come is effectively a prayer for regime change. Karl Barth said, "To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." I want to be part of an uprising like that, don't you? Blessings William

Journey through Lent with the Desert Mothers and Fathers.



Monday 9th March, 7.30pm
at CHS. All welcome!



St Luke's Work Party inside and outside St Luke's on:
Saturday 14th March:

9.30-12.30 All welcome!

Springtime Trail & Scavenger Hunt at St Luke's

Join the hunt for natural springtime treasures and win some snowdrops to plant in the church meadow. Special prizes for the first 3 complete sets.

Saturday 14th March 10 -11.30am

1st Merrow Scouts warmly invite you to their annual Community Easter Tea.
Saturday 28 March 2026, 2.30 - 4.00 p.m.
Merrow Methodist Church Hall, Bushy Hill Drive. Pick up an invitation at the back of church to RSVP.

Next Brick Church Date:

29th March 3pm at CHS.



Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Sunday 15th March

9.15am Communion Service

10.45am Intergenerational Service

Sunday 22nd March

9.15am Communion Service

10.45am Communion service with Sunday Club

*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit