

# Church Matters



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Next week	9.15 Breakfast	10.00 Service Warden	10.00 Prayers	10.00 Readings	Sunday Club	Screen Sound
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Carol L Lisa S	TBC	TBC	TBC	N/A	Ruth B Lewis W

Please let the office know if you are able to serve in any of the TBC roles.



# BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

## 22ND MARCH 2026

### PRAYER

LENT 5

**9.15am Holy Communion Service at CHS**

*10.15am Coffee in the hall*

**10.45am Holy Communion 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](http://www.burphamchurch.org.uk)



**Church of Holy Spirit** New Inn Lane, Guildford. GU4 7HW Tel 01483 825533

**St Luke's Church** Burpham Lane, Guildford GU4 7LX



## Collect & Readings 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 28:1-2 NIV-UK

<sup>1</sup> To you, LORD, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I shall be like those who go down to the pit. <sup>2</sup> Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands towards your Most Holy Place.

### 1 Kings 19:1-13 NIV-UK

<sup>19</sup> Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, 'May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.'

<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. 'I have had enough, LORD,' he said. 'Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' <sup>6</sup> He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.' <sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

<sup>10</sup> He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.'

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.'

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

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



**Brick Church Date: NEXT WEEK** 29<sup>th</sup> March 3pm at CHS.



**Tuesday Prayers** 10-10.30am at CHS  
An opportunity to pray together.

**Change of service time**  
**NEXT SUNDAY Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March,**  
Palm Sunday, will be a **10am joint service**  
with breakfast served before the service  
at 9.15am. *Please sign up.*  
**There will be no 9.15 or 10.45am**

### 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.  
**Last one this term Wed 25th March restarts Wed 15th April**

When was the last time you felt truly motivated and persistent in your approach? One recent visitor and mission partner, Caroline, told the story of when she was young, she kept pestering her family for a dog. She wrote note after note, and kept leaving them in places round the house until one day, a new rescue dog was introduced into the family. I loved how she liked this to our attitude towards prayer. Are we persistent in prayer? Sometimes, we might send up a prayer and leave it there, thinking it is done. The parable of the persistent widow that Luke tells us, reminds us that God longs to hear our persistence, and her determination to see right prevail was what drove the best outcome. It doesn't mean that we get everything we desire, because our prayers are always prefaced with "your will be done", so it is for God to answer in his way. Strangely, the more we pray the same prayer, the more I find God shapes our heart and steers our desires to be more like his. That way, when the prayer is answered, we already know that he has responded in his way, and his timing. Back in 2017, I felt the Lord say to me those words from 1 Samuel 3: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". I prayed them week in, week out, and around a year later, he made abundantly clear what he wanted to say to me - i.e. time to step back from teaching and enter into full-time ministry. What had happened in that year was that he had steered me to know the time to step back was right, and also the opportunities to serve in ministry were already forming and taking root, so the bigger step was much more straight-forward. What is it that God longs for you to keep praying about? Is it a future direction for yourself? Is it about an area of injustice in the local or wider world? What might God be revealing to us about his character, and what might he be longing to change of our character in this place of persistent prayer? Blessings, Rev James

**APCM date for your diary**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon.**

**Electoral Roll** If you would like to be a member on Burpham Church's electoral roll, please return your form to the office before **10<sup>th</sup> April**. Forms available on the website, in church or contact the office for a copy.

**Ordination Service** We have been kindly invited to attend Alastair's ordination on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Blackburn Cathedral. If you would like to attend please contact James.

**Don't forget!** Clocks spring forward next week on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March



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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
**9.15am** Breakfast  
**10.00am** Palm Sunday IG Communion  
**3.00pm** Lego Brick Church  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**10.00am** Midweek Communion  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**10.00am** IG Good Friday Service followed by Walk of Witness to St. Luke's  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10.00am** Easter Day Communion

### Maundy Thursday Meal

Immersive talk on the Passover including soup and roll supper. All welcome. Please sign up on the sheet.  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 6.30pm at CHS**  
*Followed by*  
**Prayer Central**  
An opportunity to spend time and reflect at prayer stations open from **7.30 - 10.30pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 - 9.30am at CHS.**