

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 19th April	Rex T	Rex T	Barbie H	Iain R	Ann W	In service	In Service	N/A	TBC

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BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

12TH APRIL 2026

EASTER 2

9.15am Holy Communion at CHS

10.15am Coffee in hall

10.45am Morning Worship with Sunday Club at CHS

We warmly welcome Revd Noelle Coe to both of our services

Easter Greeting
 Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**



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News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 12th April 2026

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:1-12 NIV-UK

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead?' ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

It's Easter Day! Hallelujah, Christ is Risen! Or has he? That was the question on the lips of those in and around Jerusalem on that day. The evidence of the crucifixion is incontrovertible. It is recorded in Jewish and Roman historian (Josephus, Tacitus) accounts of that year and season. Jesus was a man who walked this earth. Fact. Jesus was a man who claimed to be God. Fact. Jesus was a man tried by the Romans and sentenced to death. Fact. Jesus died on a cross. Fact. What remains for us to answer is the 64,000 Shekel question - did Jesus actually rise from the dead? And if so, is there some doubt as to whether he did die? For those who witnessed these events, we have the gospel narratives, we have local historians and we have Paul's letters written even earlier that align with these accounts. Each of them gives us a different angle on the resurrection, covering off the many questions that might be unanswered. But, for us, the cross has only been one part of God's plan and his story. Jesus died as a sinless man who didn't deserve any punishment, yet went willingly to death. His death has taken upon himself the iniquity of us all - our sins and judgement stripped from us. Yet, if Jesus was to remain dead, our faith would be futile, Paul reminds us. Jesus needed to conquer death once and for all - so that not only was our sin dealt with, but our future life with him would be assured. So the resurrection is at the cornerstone of our faith. The moment when history became the future. The earth shook, the stone was rolled away, and the body was gone. "He is not here; he has risen." Words that should shake us into asking that ultimate question - did Jesus rise from the dead? Are we sure that the evidence points us away from an April fool's joke, away from conflicting narrative put out by the Jewish Elders that this was fake news, and towards the place of truth. A fact we can hang our lives on. Those ancient historians (Josephus and Tacitus) both testified that Jesus appeared again. After all, if Jesus had not really risen from the dead, why would 2.5 billion people believe upon a crucified Galilean man? Why would each of those disciples give up their lives to follow a closed story, even to the point of their own martyrdom? Jesus' rising from the tomb is the ultimate victory. Jesus, the lamb of God, the passover lamb, is the winner. The lamb wins. And he calls us to follow him. Are you ready to go? Blessings, and Happy Easter, Rev James

APCM date for your diary - Sunday 26th April, 12 noon.

Please see nomination forms in church for joining the PCC, becoming a Church Warden and other church roles.

Electoral Roll If you would like to be a member on Burpham Church's electoral roll, please return your form to the office before **10th April**.

Forms available on the website, in church or contact the office for a copy. If you would like a hard copy of the Annual Report please sign up on the sheet.

Bounds Walk - 25th April

Bounds Walk A chance to walk together around the parish boundary.
10am, meet at St Luke's, roughly 90 mins, bring water and sturdy shoes - we won't be off road.

Drop In Thursdays:

Coffee and Company,
10.30am. All Welcome!
Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.
Drop In back on Thursday 16th April



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.
Restarts this Wed 15th April



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

Brick Church Dates: 3pm at CHS
19th April, 14th May, 21st June, 26th July,
30th August

*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit

Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Sunday 19th April
9.15am Holy Communion
10.45am Intergenerational Service
3.00pm Lego Brick Church
Sunday 26th April
9.15am Holy Communion
10.45am Holy Communion with Sunday Club **followed by APCM**

SPACE - meeting at St. Luke's Saturday 18th April, 5-6pm for quiet reflective prayer. All welcome.

Burpham Preschool

Date for your diary - **Preschool Fair 17th May**
Would you like to help? Let the office know.



Grab a copy of the latest newsletter from the trustees at the back of church.