

Weekly Worship

You are welcome here!



BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 21st June 2026

TRINITY 3

Stewardship 3: Hospitality for God

9.15am

Holy Communion

Led by James Hanson
Sermon - William Lowries

Readings
Genesis 18: 1-15
Luke 5: 27-32

10:45am

Intergenerational Service

Led by Jane Agg
Sermon - William Lowries

3.00pm

Lego Brick Church

Moses, Prince of Peace

Welcome to Burpham Church

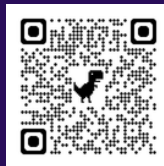
We're a church for our local community and you are invited, whatever your story. Church is a family for every day of the week, walking through life together, supporting each other and growing in our christian faith.

You matter to God. You matter to us.

Our building is a hub of activity all week, in our events, our preschool, and with our groups for children, teenagers, students, and adults of all ages. Whether you've never entered a church before or have lots of church experience, there are many different ways you can get involved with the community here.

Get connected

Speak to one of the Welcome Team
or use the QR code to connect.



Sign-up on our welcome cards or
directly on the church website to
receive church news and follow
us on Facebook and Instagram



What's On at CHS and St. Luke's

CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit
St. Luke's - Burpham Lane

The Bible Course

Grasp God's big story in 7 weeks. Monday evenings at CHS. Everyone is welcome to join. Sign up on the sheet or contact the office. **Monday 22nd June, 7.30pm** at CHS.

Prayer Central

Join together as church in monthly prayer on **Wednesday 1st July, 7pm** at CHS.

Mens' Socials

Connect with God, others and food! Invite friends! Chat to James for more info or keep an eye on the website. **Curry at the Raj, 8th July 7.30pm**. Join in every Sunday evening, 8.30pm at the Anchor & Horseshoe.

Womens' Socials

Summer Evening Party - a chance to relax and enjoy good company. Drinks and Light bites. **Thursday 2nd July, 7-9pm**. Please sign up on the sheet in church. Details of venue on the sign up sheet, or contact the office. Chat to Ann for more details.

SPACE at St. Luke's

A space for contemplation, prayer or just to still your mind. A space to replenish and refresh yourself. In peace and quiet in St Luke's Church, Burpham Lane. A new opportunity to come and go as you want. A few words will be said or sung midway and at the end of the hour. Saturdays once a month **5-6pm, 18th July, 15th August**.

Tuesday prayers at CHS

An opportunity to pray together. Tea & coffee available - all are welcome to attend! **10 -10.30am**

Noah's Ark Toddlers

A stay and play for 0 - 5 years with their parents/ carers. A warm, welcoming, safe toddler group with refreshments. Suggested donation £2. **Wednesdays, 9.30 - 11am** at CHS

Drop In

Anyone in the community is welcome to join us for a friendly morning gathering. Come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a chat, and a chance to meet others. No booking needed - just drop in! **Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30am** at CHS

Hear Here

The hearing aid clinic is held on the first Thursday of the month during Drop In. The next one will be on **Thursday 2nd July, 10.30 - 11.30am** at CHS.

Midweek Services

Dates for your diary: **2nd July, 16th July, 6th August**
Join us for midweek communion **10am** at CHS.

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday **28th June, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Thursday **2nd July, 10am** Midweek Communion
Sunday **5th July, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Intergenerational Service

Next Week	9.15 Service warden	9.15 prayers	9.15 Readings	Coffee	10.45 Service warden	10.45 Prayers	10.45 Readings	Sunday Club	Screen / Sound
Sun 28th June	Roy W	Rex T	Jean D	Grace L	Susan A	Jane A	Ann Wfr	Carol L	Jenny H Lewis W

Collect & Readings

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Genesis 18:1-15 NIV-UK

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. ³ He said, 'If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way – now that you have come to your servant.' 'Very well,' they answered, 'do as you say.' ⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. 'Quick,' he said, 'get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.' ⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. ⁹ 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'There, in the tent,' he said. ¹⁰ Then one of them said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.' Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, 'After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?' ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, "Will I really have a child, now that I am old?"' ¹⁴ 'Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.' ¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, 'I did not laugh.' But he said, 'Yes, you did laugh.'

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 5:27-32 NIV-UK

²⁷ After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus said to him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

²⁹ Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' ³¹ Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

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

Blog

Have you ever wondered what it means to be in a church building, and why they are the way they are? If you started afresh today, what would it look like, and how would it end up functioning? We have so many beautiful older church buildings around us - you don't have to go far to find ones not withstanding out own St Luke's. But, why do we have them? The early followers of God were led by Moses out of slavery towards the promised land. They carried with them a tent of meeting (a Tabernacle), which was way more than a large covered tent. It was a Holy Place, as the Psalmist writes - where people knew they stood on Holy ground. It was a sanctuary - a place of refuge and safety. It was a place where they would enter once they were clean and pure of heart. And it was a place to encounter God afresh - where God would literally 'Tabernacle with his people', as written in Exodus. So, we have much of this intention that we can take forward today into our places of meetings. As the church is a place to meet, to gather, and to worship God, we find we are drawn to the same purposes today. Our churches should be Holy places - where we are doing the Lord's work. They should be a refuge - always a safe space, where people know the real value of Safeguarding done well. And when we come in, we should expect a change of heart - God is working within us to transform us more into his likeness, so going to church isn't about what we desire, or a pattern that fits us ... rather is about coming in to be reminded that Jesus washed us clean, and letting our hearts be moulded more and more. I've always said that what matters is our attitude of heart towards Jesus. Finally, we should come to church to expect an encounter with God - through being filled with and touched by his Spirit, feeding from the Word that is Jesus, and turning our faces to know more of our Father and his love for us. Are we ready to fling wide those gates to welcome God in? In the coming weeks, we will explore what we can practically do to build God's Kingdom here, but the Spirit is already speaking loud to many of us about what doors he longs to open here - the many groups who come into the building each day, the people we can easily get alongside and minister to, and he is present in each of those encounters and interactions. So - as people of God, I feel we need to turn our eyes to being here, ready to serve and be interrupted for God. And, the time is coming, when we need to pay for much needed upgrades to the main-frame of the buildings, and also the draw inside the buildings. Blessings, Rev James

Timetable w/c 22nd June

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Burpham Preschool (Mon - Fri)	10am Prayers -CHS	9.30am Noah's Ark Toddlers -CHS	10.30am Drop In -CHS		
7.30pm The Bible Course - CHS					

The office is the initial point of contact for church events, weddings and funerals.
Office hours are Monday - Thursday: 9.30am - 1pm

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Contact details for information and support

Prayer...

How can we pray for you?

We all need prayer so don't be afraid to ask, whatever you're going through we'd love to pray with you today!

Ask a member of the Welcome Team or a member of staff.



Members of our Pastoral Team are happy to visit and pray with those who are in need. To find out more, please do get in touch with - vicar@burphamchurch.org.uk

Small Groups

Small groups are the heart of belonging at Burpham Church. They're the best places to form deep friendships, and live out everyday faith in community – to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did. If you'd like to join a group, fill out the form on the website or email.

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We want everyone to find a place they belong.

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