

Weekly Worship

You are welcome here!



BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 5th July 2026

TRINITY 5

Beatitudes 1: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

9.15am

Holy Communion

Led by Carol Lowries
Sermon - Carol Lowries
President - James Hanson

Readings

Isaiah 66: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-3

10:45am

Intergenerational Service

Led by James Hanson
Sermon - Carol Lowries

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.

Children's groups

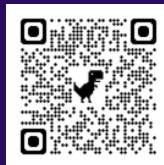
Our Children's groups on Sundays require a sign in with the Sunday Club Leader.

Visiting children who would like to attend the children's groups are very welcome and also need to sign-in with the Sunday Club leader.

Your child will be returned to you from their group at the **end of the service.**

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 6th July, 7.30pm 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, Wednesday 8th July 7.30pm.

Join in every Sunday evening, 8.30pm at the Anchor & Horseshoe.

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, July 18th, August 15th**

Lego Brick Church

Next on **Sunday 26th July at 3pm**, join us at CHS for fun with bricks!

Learn about Prodigal Son, meet new people, refreshments available.

Prayer Central

Join together as church in monthly prayer on **Wednesday 5th August, 7pm** at CHS

Church BBQ

Date for your diary, **Sunday 16th August, 12noon** at the Vicarage.

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.

Hear here ^{1st} Thursday of the month, **6th August**. No booking needed – just drop in!

Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30am at CHS.

Midweek Services

Dates for your diary: **16th July**, 6th August

Join us for midweek communion **10am at CHS.**

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday **12th July, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Thursday **16th July, 10am** Midweek Communion

Sunday **19th 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 12 th July	Jane A	Jane A	David A	Susan D	TBC	Ruth B	Claire P	Carol L	TBC

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 66:1-3 NIV-UK

66 This is what the Lord says:

'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.

Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting-place be?

²Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?' declares the Lord. 'These are the ones I look on with favour: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.

³But whoever sacrifices a bull is like one who kills a person, and whoever offers a lamb is like one who breaks a dog's neck; whoever makes a grain offering is like one who presents pig's blood, and whoever burns memorial incense is like one who worships an idol. They have chosen their own ways, and they delight in their abominations;

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

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

Matthew 5:1-3 NIV-UK

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said: ³'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

Blog.

When was the last time you saw copper coins? A few months back I was up on the roof of our old house, helping decorate some of the outside walls on the first floor. I climbed onto the garage roof, and there, in the felt, saw a really old copper coin - deliberately embedded into the roof as a memento of the initial creation back in the early 1980s. A lovely find on a hot day, but it wasn't what I usually think about coppers. Last Summer I was struck afresh by how much I loathed our copper coins. I always described them as shrapnel, so collect any of them and 5p coins into a bowl where they are kept, albeit discarded. When the bowl is full, I take it to a coinstar machine to be turned into a voucher to spend somewhere, like Sainsburys. Last time I did this, there was just about enough to buy a bottle of sunscreen, despite my hope that it might yield much more. I think because I had valued it so little, I shouldn't have been too surprised that it had limited value itself. Yet, the parable of the widow's mite shows us just how much such copper coins hold value in the eyes of Jesus, and how much I had got this wrong. In his mind, he noticed what the widow did, in stark contrast to what the other pharisees were doing in making their very ostentatious donations. She was humble, quiet and meek - she had none of the privileges that they had, or that I have. She went in, slipping perhaps under anyone's radar except Jesus. But Jesus was there watching - and using it as an opportunity to teach his disciples. He knew what she had in the world materially - because he knows all things. So he knew that her donation was not only heartfelt but it was all that she had. Imagine that? Emptying her worldly savings and giving back to God. I say "back" - we came into this world with nothing, and we take nothing with us, because it all belongs to the creator. Her attitude of heart - to leave herself so much at risk, yet so dependent entirely on God's provision for her remaining life - as a widow - was remarkable and should shake us to the core. So out attitude to stewarding money must be a heart decision - the attitude of our heart to Jesus over a rational head calculation. This month, I would love you to pray and discern for how you might turn your hearts even more to God in tithing money (a regular basis) and one-offs towards a building cost. Please read the enclosed buildings and stewardship fund leaflet for 2026 in prayer. We are longing to increase our regular giving by 20% - if you haven't looked at yours recently, might it take that boost on a monthly basis? If not already, might you give regularly by standing order so we can claim gift aid back from the government? That makes a 25% uplift to us as well. And when we plan for a building fund of £400,000, what might you be drawn to support as a one-off gift? Blessings, Rev James

Timetable w/c 6th July

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		All Day Burpham Village Fair
7.30pm The Bible Course - CHS		7.30pm Mens' Curry - Raj Doot			

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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