

Weekly Worship

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BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 19th July 2026

TRINITY 7

**Beatitudes 3: "Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth."**

9.15am

Holy Communion

Led by William Lowries

Sermon - William Lowries

We welcome Revd Rod Pierce to preside.

Readings

Psalms 37: 7-11

Matthew 5: 1-5

10:45am

Intergenerational Service

Led by Jane Agg

Sermon - William 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 20th 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. Join in every Sunday evening, 8.30pm at the Anchor & Horseshoe.

Holiday At Home

Tuesday 4th August, 10am - 1pm, join us at CHS for fun, games, quizzes, songs, craft and LEGO as we visit Denmark. Sign up on the sheet or contact Carol at IGminister@burphamchurch.org.uk £2 per person, under 7s free. Lunch is included! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Prayer Central

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

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, August 15th**

Church BBQ

Date for your diary, **Sunday 16th August, 12noon** at the Vicarage. Please sign up on the sheet in church.

Tuesday prayers at CHS

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

Biscuits Please:

We are asking for regular offers of biscuits to serve at our various services and gatherings. In date, unopened and no nuts please. Thank you!

Noah's Ark Toddlers will restart on 9th September

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 (term time)** 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: Thursday 3rd September. Join us for midweek communion **10am at CHS.**

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday **19th July, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Intergenerational Service

Sunday **26th July, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Holy Communion with Sunday Club

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 26 July	Joan G	Joan G	TBC	Sarah S	Jane A	TBC	TBC	Nigel C	Renny M Lewis W

Collect & Readings

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 37:7-11 NIV - UK

⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. ⁸Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret – it leads only to evil. ⁹For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. ¹⁰A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

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 5:1-5 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:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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

Blog.

As we read the Beatitudes (Matthew 5), notice:

- Jesus is still at the start of this message – the sermon on the mount. It goes on for 3 chapters, so it is ultimately his core teaching for how we follow him.
- As we learnt last week, this is Jesus laying out a map; a journey for his followers as they seek him, as we all seek to be like him as his disciples.
- When we read a single verse (e.g. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted) it is easy to read it as a simple standalone message of comfort and relational ministry to those who are mourning. But, this is Jesus showing them his true purpose again, and ours as a journey of character formation.
- Alongside reading the sermon on the mount, we should read alongside it Isaiah 61 (1-3), which reminds us that Jesus came into the world to: proclaim good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, to comfort all who mourn which sounds a lot like Matthew 5: 3-4.

Those who heard this sermon would have had their ears pricked towards the words from Isaiah – the Lord's mission – was a transformative one; no longer would we live in the darkness, broken-heartedness, mourning, despair, spiritual poverty (the bankruptcy we heard about last week from Carol). Instead, this is God pointing us to what fullness of life looks like in Jesus, and to have a Kingdom focus – what eternity in him will look like. There is no doubt that the Beatitudes are a journey of character formation, but the sermon on the mount has at its core a picture of new life and new birth in Jesus – our moral transformation. Christian beginnings mean a journey to understand inner righteousness. That picture of an Oak that Isaiah brings, is a picture of us like a tree – one in which the tree must be made good if it is to bear good fruit. Is there an area of your life which the Spirit is yearning for you to allow him to transform and make good? Is there an area of life where you are grieving your own path that isn't God's way? Is there something which causes you to mourn your own sin as a barrier between you and God. That is the longing Jesus had that his people would be spiritually on their knees, desperate for the life-changing rescue that we know as grace. When we know the depths of our own sin, then we might know afresh the riches of his grace. It is a profound challenge – but these Beatitudes are all pointing us to surrender as the gateway to life in all its fullness.

Blessings, Rev James

Timetable w/c 20th July

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Burpham Preschool (restarts 7 th Sept)	10am Prayers -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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