

Weekly Worship

You are welcome here!



BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 26th July 2026

TRINITY 8

**Beatitudes 4: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, For they shall be filled."**

9.15am

Readings
Psalm 42: 1-5
Matthew 5: 1-6

Holy Communion

Led by - James Hanson
Sermon - James Hanson

10:45am

Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Led by William Lowries
Sermon - James Hanson

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

Join us for the last session on Revelation. Everyone is welcome to join.

Monday 27th 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 & Horseshoes.

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. Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30am at CHS. **No Drop In during August.**

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

Midweek Services

Dates for your diary: Thursday 3rd September. Join us for midweek communion **10am at CHS.**

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday 2nd August, **9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Sunday 9th August, **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 2 nd August	Maggie P	Jean D	TBC	Iain R	Susan D	In service	In service	N/A	Renny M Lewis W

Collect & Readings

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 42:1-5 NIV-UK

¹As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

³My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?'

⁴These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. ⁵Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.

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 5:1-6 NIV-UK

⁵Now 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.

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

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

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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

Blog.

Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth. Which is all well & good, but what does meek mean? It's not a word used much nowadays, and if it is, not usually in a very complimentary way. Often associated with passivity, submissiveness, being a pushover in other words. So in modern usage meekness = weakness. But this is not the biblical meaning, and certainly not what Jesus had in mind.

"The Greek army would find the wildest horses in the mountains and bring them to be broken in. After months of training they sorted the horses into categories: some were discarded, some broken and made useful for bearing burdens, some were useful for ordinary duty and the fewest of all graduated as war horses. When a horse passed the conditioning required for a war horse, its state was described as 'praus,' [that is, meek]. The war horse had 'power under authority,' 'strength under control.' A war horse never ceased to be determined, strong and passionate. However, it learned to bring its nature under discipline. It gave up being wild, unruly, out of control and rebellious. A war horse learned to bring that nature under control. It would now respond to the slightest touch of the rider, stand in the face of cannon fire, thunder into battle and stop at a whisper. It was now 'meek'."

I like this picture - that meekness means strength or power under control. Which again reminds us of Jesus himself - the creator of everything, yet submissive to God's will - including the cross. May God train us in meekness. Blessings William

Timetable w/c 27th July

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10am Prayers -CHS		10.30am Drop In -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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