

Weekly Worship

You are welcome here!



BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 2nd August 2026

TRINITY 9

**Beatitudes 5: "Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy"**

9.15am

Readings
Col 3: 12-17
Matthew 5: 1-7

Holy Communion

We welcome Clare Marren
Led by - Rex Thorpe
Sermon - Clare Marren

10:45am

Intergenerational Service

Led by Carol Lowries
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

Holiday At Home

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

Tuesday prayers at CHS - please pray at home on **Tuesday 4th August**.

Prayer Central

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

Walk to St. Martha's Church

Enjoy a short ramble along the ancient Pilgrims Way and hear about the history of St. Martha's Church from Revd James Hanson on **Saturday 8th August. Meet at 10am at Halfpenny Lane Car Park.**

SPACE at St. Luke's

A space to replenish and refresh yourself in peace and quiet in St Luke's Church, Burpham Lane. 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.

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.

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!

Flowers in church

Do you like arranging flowers, would you like to be a part of the team? We would love to hear from anyone who would enjoy arranging the flowers in church on a relaxed but regular schedule. Please chat to the office.

Noah's Ark Toddlers Term Time - **will restart on 9th September**

Drop In will restart on **3rd September**

No Drop In during August. Hear here 1st Thurs of the month, **6th August, 10.30 - 11.30am** No booking needed.

Midweek Services

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

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday **9th August, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Morning Worship

Sunday **16th August, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Intergenerational Holy Communion

SERVICE CHANGE - 30th August will be a Church Breakfast **10am service**. Breakfast served at 9.15am.

Please sign up on the sheet for catering and offers of help.

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
9th August	Jane A	Jane A	David A	Lisa S	Lisa S	TBC	Ann W	N/A	Ruth B Lewis W

Collect & Readings

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Colossians 3:12-17 NIV - UK

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 5:1-7 NIV - UK

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

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

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

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

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

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

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

Blog

If you are anything like us, then the words "picky bits" might be a staple diet or recipe for a meal. Not the fussy components, but those little bits of leftovers, packets that are half-opened in the fridge, snacks and snackettes that can be laid out like a buffet of pick and mix to charm into a creation worthy of a plate. In other words - lots of different bits that need no cooking or preparing into a meal. The easy food. Sometimes, I will even go out to a shop and buy packs of "picky bits". Life tends to be busy and in my lazier moments, I find that speeding through a fairly non-nutritious meal can be the lesser of several evils. But, what if we looked at that with our own walk with Jesus? What if we just picked up scraps and put them together (occasional attendance, sporadic prayer, every now and then bible reading, seldom meeting with Christian friends)? Would that be a good recipe for our spiritual diets? No, of course not. In the beattitudes, Jesus has already called on us to surrender - to embrace our spiritual destitution as we come to him, recognise our spiritual bankruptcy in mourning over the state of our own sin and yielding our control and power over to him fully. So, in challenging us to hunger and thirst for righteousness, he goes one step further - by calling us to see him as the only living nourishment for our bodies, and recognising that we are in that place of critical refuelling need. When I read the start of Psalm 42, I learn of a longing for God like a deer panting for streams of water, and a question: where can I go and meet with this living God? In our day-to-day lives, I think we so often pick and mix our Jesus diet, which barely tops us up before leaving us ravenously hungry again. Our challenge is to make sure we fill ourselves from the well - the true living water - not try to fill up from what the world offers. When you take a moment - do pray with hands open wide asking God to show you where you might be filled fully from him again.

Blessings, Rev James

Timetable w/c 3rd August

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10am - 1pm Holiday at Home - CHS		10.30 - 11.30am Hear Here - CHS		10.00am Walk to St. Martha's Church - Halfpenny Lane Car Park
		7.00pm Prayer Central - CHS			

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

Contact details for information and support

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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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