

Weekly Worship

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BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 16th August 2026

TRINITY 11

**Beatitudes 7: "Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God."**

9.15am

Holy Communion

Led by - Jane Agg
Sermon - James Hanson

Readings

James 3: 13-18

Matthew 5: 1-9

10:45am

Intergenerational Service with Holy Communion

Led by Jane Agg
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

Holiday At Home

Wednesday 26th August, 10am - 1pm, join us at CHS for fun, games, quizzes, songs, arts & craft as we visit Spain. **£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

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

Prayer Central

Join together as church in monthly prayer on **Wednesday 2nd September, 7pm at CHS**

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, September 19th**

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.

Drop In will restart on 3rd September

No Drop In during August.

Hear here 1st Thurs of the month, **3rd September, 10.30 - 11.30am** No booking needed.

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

Midweek Services

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

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday **23rd August , 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Morning Worship All Age

Sunday **30th August, 10am All Age 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.

10.45am next week: Please let the office know if you are able to serve in any of the TBC slots below.

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
23 rd August	Joan G	Joan G	Barbie H	Grace L	TBC	TBC	TBC	N/A	Ruth B Lewis W

Collect & Readings

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

James 3:13-18 NIV - UK

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

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 5:1-9 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.

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.

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

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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

Blog

I was listening to Absolute radio last week when they had a day focused on 1996. The music was brilliant, but it took me back to a year of high highs and low lows - the teenage journey to adulthood, moving away from home to study. Along came some new friends who all raved about this online purity test. Being good at tests and quizzes, I sat the test and it came back 75% after 200 questions. I looked at it ... is that good or bad? The real learning when friends who had persuaded me to take the test also shared their scores. 60, 58, 70, 32 ... all below me (less pure), but one really far below. When I looked at my relatively sheltered upbringing, I wasn't too surprised, yet part of me yearned for a more heathen existence ... that was until I looked back and remembered the questions ... had I ever done this or that ... some of which horrified me, and then thinking about my so called friends and whether they had done them, horrified me even more. Suffice to say - such tests are not what Jesus is about. He is about one purity test, and one only - the one question - have you truly loved me and long to receive my grace? That way, if we genuinely hunger after his grace, it means we let go of our own lives, lay down our impurities at his cross, and ask for the slate to be wiped clean by the only one who scored 100% on God's test. One of my favourite songs: Purify my heart - Brian Doerksen (who died a couple of weeks back) has this as the lines in the chorus: "Purify my heart, Let me be as gold and precious silver."

Purify my heart, Let me be as gold, pure gold. **Refiner's fire**, my heart's one desire Is to be holy; set apart for You, Lord. **I choose to be holy**; set apart for You, my Master, Ready to do Your will".

This is the question posed to us by the beatitudes: Are we ready to CHOOSE to be holy - to surrender ourselves to the true refiner's fire? Blessings, Rev James

Timetable w/c 17th August

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10am Prayers -CHS				

Contact details for information and support

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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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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