

Weekly Worship

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BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 23rd August 2026

TRINITY 12

**Beatitudes 8: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

9.15am

Readings

1 Peter 4: 12-16

Matthew 5: 1-12

Holy Communion

Led by - William Lowries

Sermon - William Lowries

We welcome Revd Peter Levell to preside

10:45am

All Age Morning Worship

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

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**

Guildford Deanery Collaboration Meeting

An invitation to all to attend on **10th September, 7pm at St. Saviours Church, Guildford**. An opportunity for clergy and lay leadership of parishes to come together to share their plans for the future and hear of synergies emerging across the deanery. This will be attended by Bishop Paul and Archdeacon Catharine, and facilitated by Jens Mankel, the Mission Enabler Team Lead. Please take an agenda from the table at the front of church for more information.

Pottery Painting Evening

Come along and have fun pottery painting & support Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy. £10 entry plus pottery cost from £9.50. **Saturday 12th September, 7 - 9pm at CHS**. Booking essential.

Book by emailing guildford@popoloceramico.co.uk See sheet on the table for more info.

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!

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 30th August, 10am All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 6th September, 9.15am Communion & 10.45am Intergenerational Service

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		10.00 Service warden	10.00 Prayers	10.00 Readings	Sunday Club	Screen / Sound
30 th August		Roy W	Ann WM	Joy P	N/A	Renny M Lewis W

Collect & Readings

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Peter 4:12-16 NIV - UK

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

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, 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.

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

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

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Blog

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

There is so much tension and conflict in our world that this teaching of Jesus to be peacemakers can seem overwhelming. Where do I start?

I have found that this simple everyday object helpful in praying for peace and reconciliation in a situation of conflict. When we close a zip, two sides come together not stuck on top of each other like Sellotape or glue, but interlocking tooth by tooth.

Hold an opened zip in your hand.

Think of a situation of tension or conflict amongst friends, family members or the community.

Now slowly close the zip, watching the teeth interlink as you pray for peace and reconciliation to come into that relationship.

Now think of one global conflict that is on your heart and mind.

Take an open zip and slowly close it watching the teeth interlock one after another as you pray for the peacemakers in that situation, and for peace to come.

I wonder if this simple way of reflecting on peace and reconciliation is something that you could use each time you close a zip fastener in everyday life.

Jane Agg

Timetable w/c 23rd August

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10am Prayers -CHS	10am Holiday at Home - 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

Church Office Manager: Lisa Scott Tel **825533** Email office@burphamchurch.org.uk
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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.

vicar@burphamchurch.org.uk
We want everyone to find a place they belong.

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