

Weekly Worship

You are welcome here!



BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 30th August 2026

TRINITY 13

Psalm 121

9.15am

Church Breakfast

All welcome!

Readings
Psalm 121

10:00am

All Age Communion Service

Led by James Hanson
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

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**

Drop In - restarts 3rd September

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.**

Hear here 1st Thurs of the month, 3rd September, 10.30 - 11.30am No booking needed, just drop in!

Talking Jesus Course

This course will **inspire you to share your faith** and will give you practical suggestions to help you to be natural and relevant as you talk about Jesus. Join us for this free course, open to all on Monday evenings.

Starting Monday 7th September, 7.30pm at CHS for 7 weeks. Dates 7, 14, 21, 28 Sept, 5, 12, 19 Oct.

Sign up on the sheet in church.

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

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.

Midweek Services

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

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday **6th September: 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Intergenerational Service

Sunday **13th September: 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Morning Worship 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
6 th September	Maggie P	Rex T	Christian H	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	N/A	TBC

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 121 NIV - UK

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip –
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord watches over you –
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm –
he will watch over your life;
- ⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and for evermore.

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

Blog.

"Search for the hero inside yourself". So goes the 1994 song by M People. Celebrities talk of finding themselves, or believing in themselves. We live in a culture that is obsessed with the self. There is even an online clothing brand called (believe it or not) "Be yourself". On their website is a poem which includes the lines:

"Don't you dare doubt your worth or the beauty of your truth. Just keep shining like you do.
BE YOURSELF."

And what does Jesus say? Well he gives us the beatitudes. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the broken, the hungry, the meek, the persecuted. And a few chapters later he says, "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me". (Matt 16.24) Deny yourself? You must be joking! Our culture rejects this idea completely. And take up your cross; what does that look like?

Well for Stephen and for most of the apostles it meant martyrdom – death for Jesus. And all through history this has continued. Polycarp the bishop of Smyrna burnt in AD155 because he would not renounce Christ. William Tyndale also burnt, in 1536 because he translated the bible into English. And in our own day several Christian politicians driven out of office because of their witness & faithfulness to Christ. Around the world about 80% of all religious discrimination is directed at Christians. It's estimated that 100,000 Christians a year are killed for their faith. That's 11 people every hour!

May God keep us faithful in living and proclaiming the gospel, whatever the cost. And let's pray and support our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering for following Jesus. Open Doors is a great organisation which helps such people and there's information on their website. <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

Blessings William

Timetable w/c 31st August

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10am Prayers -CHS		10.00am Midweek Communion - CHS 10.30am Drop In - CHS		
		7.00pm Prayer Central - 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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