

Weekly Worship

You are welcome here!



BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 20th September 2026

TRINITY 16

Discipleship 3

What role does church have for disciples?

9.15am

Holy Communion

Led by - Carol Lowries
Sermon - James Hanson

Readings

Acts 2: 42-47

Ephesians 4: 11-16

10:45am

Intergenerational Service

Led by Carol Lowries
Sermon - James Hanson

4:00pm

Pet Thanksgiving Service at St. Luke's
(Burpham Lane)

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.

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

Love St. Luke's

Love St. Luke's - gather together for prayer, services, events!

St Luke's will be open 19th - 26th September, 8am - 9.30am & 3 - 4.30pm.

Tuesday prayers at St Luke's - 10 - 10.30am Tuesday 22nd September

Wednesday Holy Communion - 12 noon - 23rd September

Thursday Lego Brick Church - 3pm - 24th September

Church Poppy Display

Are you a crafter and would like to be involved in creating a display? Knitting crocheting crafting poppies for the war memorial to be displayed at St. Luke's for Remembrance Sunday. For patterns and ideas or to be involved chat to Carol.

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.

Monday 21st September, 7.30pm at CHS. Dates 28 Sept, 5, 12, 19 Oct. All Welcome!

Mens' Socials

Breakfast on **Saturday 26th September, 9.30am, Anchor & Horseshoe** with speaker. Chat to James to book or more info. 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.

Womens' Socials

Breakfast on **Saturday 17th October, 9.45am - 12noon at Guildford Baptist Church.** Speaker: Joanna Watson. "We are ordinary - but God is extraordinary." A cooked breakfast served at 9.45am, or come at 10.30am for the talk only. Book via www.gulidfordbaptist.org/womens-breakfast. Or chat to the office to sign up.

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.**

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

Noah's Ark Toddlers

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

Prayer Central

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

Midweek Services

Dates for your diary: **Thursday 1st October.** Join us for midweek communion **10am at CHS.**

Upcoming Services at CHS and St. Luke's

Wednesday 23rd September: 12noon Communion Service at St. Luke's

Sunday 27th September: 9.15am Communion & 10.45am Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Sunday 4th October: 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 27 Sept	Rex T	Rex T	Barbie H	Ruth B Joy P	Martin J	Martin J	Sandy J	Carol L Nigel C	Lewis W Ruth B

Collect & Readings

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 2:42-47 NIV - UK

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Ephesians 4:11-16 NIV-UK

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Blog

When I was supporting a parishioner going through a torrid time, her husband (not a Christian) was very happy to be supported too, so we used to walk or go to the pub. On one conversation, he said: I can see you Christians have a beautiful heart, you care so deeply for me and my wife, but what I struggle with - I never hear you talk about your path. For all the questions I have been asked - this really struck me deeply. If you ask me specifically, I can speak in some depth about the formation that is going on by the Spirit - shaping me, knocking off rough edges, moulding my character. I can talk about discipleship; the daily patterns, rules of life that help me grow deeper in faith and love for Jesus. Yet, what he was really angling for, was a person who loved walking in the way of Jesus who could articulate what the Jesus path looked like. Going back to university days and Christian fellowships, I remember being taught these five words: Repent, Believe, Come, Follow, Fish. That to me has always summed up the Christian path - or the Jesus Way. We read in Mark 1:15, the call Jesus makes to us to "repent and believe the good news", and then in Matthew 4:20, when he says to Andrew and Simon Peter: "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men". The words are all there - the journey we go on, from turning back to God - our whole bodies gazing on him (repent), then realising it is all true - the notion that there is a God who became man on earth ultimately to die for us (believe). The talking Jesus course we are running had introduced us to market research indicating 45% of UK folks polled believed in the resurrection, so we may find that there are more and more people who do have some embryo of belief already. But this is where I got stuck as a young man, and where many get stuck: the "so, what" question - if I believe, what then? When Jesus asks the fishermen to come and follow him, he is calling on them and us to a radical new life in him. A costly life, and a life full of challenge - but a life completely and utterly fulfilled in him. The journey or path is this "followership", learning to let go of what the world says, and embrace a different path or way of Jesus. Where are you in this Jesus way? Have you got stuck at a point? Do you need encouragement, support or prayer to move on to the next step? Blessings, Rev James

Timetable w/c 21st Sept

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Burpham Preschool (Mon - Fri)	10am Prayers -St Luke's	9.30am Noah's Ark - CHS	10.30am Drop In - CHS		
7.30pm Talking Jesus Course - CHS		12noon Holy Communion - St. Luke's		3pm Lego Brick Church - St. Luke's	

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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(day of rest Friday)

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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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