

Sunday 8th November 2026 **St Luke's Church, Burpham**

Welcome and notices

Opening hymn – Be thou my vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Act of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all people.

After a short period of silence, all say:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence is kept

Poems led by 1st Burpham Brownies

1. The Day of Poppies
In fields where once the poppies grew,
With tales of courage, bold and true,
We bow our heads, remember well,
The stories that these poppies tell,
Of heroes brave, in red and blue.

2. Echoes of Valor
On this day we cease our play,
To honour those who led the way.
Their valour strong, their spirits bright,
In remembrance, we ignite,
A beacon of respect today.

3. The Silent Tribute
In silence deep, we take a stand,
For heroes of our noble land.
We wear our poppies, heads held high,
For those who fought and dared to die,
Their sacrifice, forever grand.

4. The Legacy Lives On
Each year as November comes to call,
We remember, one and all.
The legacy they left behind,
Courageous hearts, the strongest kind,
Their echo felt in every hall.

5. The Symphony of Peace
A symphony of peace rings clear,
As Remembrance Day draws near.
We honour those who gave their all,
Answering their country's call,
Their memory, forever dear.

<u>The Collect</u>

Ever-living God, we remember those you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence: may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Poems

Light a candle of peace for all nations
And watch as it steadily burns.
Remember the brave fallen heroes –
Those who will never return.
In the quietness, pray for all families,
Wherever they are in the world,
Whose lives have been scarred by violence and pain,
As the banners of battle unfurled.
Light a candle of peace for all races,
All cultures and creeds of mankind,
Ask God to touch every heart with his love
So, in days to come, we will find
Peace for the whole world over,
No longer a dream or a prayer,
But something to last to the end of all time,
For the great heart of God will be there.

— Marian Cleworth

For ever young, in Flanders field they lie,
In peace in silent seas, on foreign shore,
In place with name unknown, in land unseen;
And we, perhaps forgetting, walk on by
Their sad memorials, and think no more
Of lives now passed, and lives that might have been.
In park and green and village marketplace
They stand, these ageing monuments – and we
Look past the loving tributes carved thereon
And never slack or slow our hurried pace
To call to mind the fading memory
Of these young men and women,
much missed, though now long gone.
So let us now, at least, some moments take
To read the names of honoured dead, long lost
To grieving parents, children, sweethearts, wives,
The names of men and women who never more will wake,
Who bought us – at what sad and painful cost –
Our freedom, and indeed our very lives.

— H. Meyer

Children head to prayer activities outside

Bible Readings: **Isaiah 2: 1-4 and John 15: 9-14**

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: **2** In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. **3** Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **4** He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plough-shares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command.

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

Address: **William Lowries**

Hymn 2: Make me a channel of your peace

Verse 1:
Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Verse 2:
Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Chorus:
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved, as to love with all my soul

Verse 3:
Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

Preparation to receive Holy Communion

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.
All **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
All **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.
All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.
All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion
Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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We make our way outside for the act of Remembrance and Last Post

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Act of Remembrance

All turn to face the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance.

When we look at Jesus' cross we remember that human life means a great deal to God. None of us are worthless or insignificant. So let us remember human lives with thanks, Jesus loved us so much he shed his blood for us. And he said these words, "*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."*

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:

Those who have died for their country in war;
Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of peoples of the world.

The names of the roll of Burpham are read:

Reader: They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning –
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

Last post

*Here follows two minutes of **Silence***

Reveille

When you go home, tell them of us, and say
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wreaths are laid

<u>Act of Commitment</u>

When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today. Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All: Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve You and all humanity, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit; give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save our King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.

The Dismissal

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace as we depart.

An offering is taken for the work of the British Legion

You are invited to continue your remembrance reflection using the prayer activities that we have set up around the churchyard.
These are suitable for all ages.

Christmas Dates for your Diary

Christmas Church Together - December Sundays are:

9.15am Communion
10.45am All Age Worship at Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane

Christmas Christingle with Breakfast

Sunday 29th November 9.15am Breakfast, 10am Christingle service at Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane
Build your own Christingle, learn afresh why the true light has come into our world and begin the celebration of this Christmas season.

Christmas Tree Festival

Thurs 11th & Fri 12th December, 10am – 4pm at St. Luke's, Burpham Lane

Come and join us, at our Community Christmas Tree Festival in St Luke's Church and share with us in the joy of Christmas.

Lego Church Christmas Party

Sunday 13th December 3.00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane

Christmas fun and celebrations with Lego. Interactive fun for all the family as we build the Christmas story out of Lego.

Christmas Carols in the Pub

Thursday 17th December 8.00pm at The Anchor & Horseshoe Pub, London Rd.

Join us singing Christmas carols at the local pub. All welcome.

Space at Christmas

Saturday 19th December 5.00pm at St. Luke's, Burpham Lane

Space to rest, Space to reflect, Space for you during Advent.

Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 20th December 6.30pm at St Luke's Church, Burpham Lane
Join us as we celebrate the story and the person of Jesus at the heart of Christmas through the reading of lessons and singing carols.

Christmas Carols at Sainsbury's, Clay Lane

Wednesday 23rd December 5.00pm Meeting at Sainsburys entrance and singing Christmas Carols. All welcome.

Dress Up Nativity

Thursday 24th December 4.00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane
Come as your favourite Nativity story character and join in the Christmas fun. A great one for all the family. Costumes also provided.

Candlelit Midnight Holy Communion

Thursday 24th December 11.30pm at St. Luke's Church, Burpham Lane
See in the beginning of Christmas Day, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and welcome the arrival of hope.

Christmas Day Celebration

Friday 25th December, 10am at Church of the Holy Spirit, New Inn Lane

Let us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas together on Christmas Day.

If being here this morning has stirred something for you and you would like to come and talk to someone or join us for another service, please do contact our office, on 01483 825533 or email office@burphamchurch.org.uk

Due to building work at Church of the Holy Spirit, we have joint services at 10am in November. Our regular Sunday Services in December will be 9:15 Communion with hymns and 10:45am All Age Worship at the Church of the Holy Spirit in New Inn Lane.
See our website for full details.

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