

Sunday 10th March 2024

Dear Church Family,

We are delighted to announce that Rev James Hanson will be joining us as our new vicar here in Burpham. The interview panel were unanimous that James is the person that God is calling to Burpham.

James brings to us a strong sense of his calling to Burpham, an understanding of ministry in a village community as well as his experience as a headteacher prior to his ordination. James volunteers once a month as a team leader with Guildford Street Angels which is one of our church mission partners.



James is currently curate at Alfold and Loxwood which is in the Diocese of Guildford right on the Surrey Sussex border. He is married to Jenny who until very recently worked for Home Start based in the Astolat building next to CHS. Jenny is now training to be a social worker. They have two daughters who are in years 7 and 10, they are excited to be with us. You will find James' biography on the website of his current church [here](#).

Work has already started on the vicarage, and if all goes smoothly, we hope that James and the family will move into the parish in May. He does not start work in Burpham until after the official Licensing Service which is usually held on a weekday evening. We do not yet have the date for this service.

We are excited about James joining us here in Burpham, unbeknown to us he has been walking the streets of Burpham praying for the parish since the summer, his heart for our community and for Jesus shines through. We are enjoying working with him already and we know that you will too.

Please pray for James and the family as they prepare to move from Loxwood to Burpham in May.

Best wishes,

Jane and Lewis

Jane Agg & Lewis Williams

Churchwardens

