

Church Matters



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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
10th Nov	Andy L	Jean D	Andy L	Iain R	Mike P	William L	TBC	N/A	N/A

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BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

3RD NOVEMBER 2024

TRINITY 23

WELCOME:

GOD'S HEART FOR WELCOME

9.15am Communion Service at CHS

10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Intergenerational Service at CHS



Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church

News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 3rd November 2024

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 NIV

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

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



Tuesday Prayers

10 -10.30am at CHS, an opportunity to pray together.
Tea & Coffee available.

Drop In Thursdays

Every week for Coffee and Company, 10.30am in the church hall.
Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday per month. All Welcome!



As I was drafting last Sunday's sermon I reflected on my journey to the priesthood and in particular the fear I felt when doing something for the first time. The first time I read a bible passage at a service - I had practiced so much that I more or less knew the reading off by heart - only to find when I turned up at church they had changed the reading to one I had never seen and at least half of it was unpronounceable names!

The first time I preached, my face was frozen, I couldn't feel my legs and my hands were shaking uncontrollably and when I first led Communion my mouth dried up so much so that my lips kept sticking to my teeth! I often wonder how on earth I ever got ordained. But, if God has a plan for you, you can be sure he will be with you as you journey. He will provide you with encouraging mentors and a flock of believers who are on your side and willing you to succeed.

That feeling of fear has not left me, whenever I try anything new, the self-doubt raises its head but it is nowhere near as powerful as it used to be. The physical and mental side effects of the fear are lessening the more involved I am in ministry.

Please do be encouraged that if you feel God is nudging you to take a step into the unknown, he will be with you and will surround you with people who believe in you to journey with you. There is nothing more worthwhile in this life than responding to the call of our Lord and serving him in your own unique way. Blessings, Jo

Lego Church

Come and get building at CHS. Lego stations, stories, songs and refreshments!

FUN for ALL the FAMILY

Dates for your diary:

17 Nov, 1 Dec

3 - 4.30pm at CHS.

Christmas Choir

Would you like to be part of the choir at the Candlelit Carol Service?

Sunday 15th December, 6.30pm at St. Luke's. Rehearsal times TBC.

Chat to Claire for more info.

Men's Events An invite to all the men to enjoy eating together, conversation and hear speakers.

Tues 12th Nov, 7.30pm Curry at the Raj

Sat 14th Dec, 8.30am Breakfast at the Pub

Chat to James

Prayer Walks this Week - meet on Tuesday or Thursday at St. Luke's 8.30am. Walk in prayer with others to CHS.



Remembrance Sunday Services 10th November

9.15am Communion Service at CHS. Join us at St. Luke's 10.45am for an 'Act of Remembrance' service outside at the war memorial followed by interactive prayer stations in St. Luke's.

There will be no 10.45am service at CHS.

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday 10th November
9.15am Holy Communion Service
10.45am An Act of Remembrance at St. Luke's followed by interactive prayer stations in church

Sunday 17th November
9.15am Holy Communion Service
10.45am Contemporary Holy Communion Service with Sunday Club