

Below are details about who to contact for information and support.

Church Office Manager: Lisa Scott Tel 825533

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(Office hours are Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1pm)

The office staff are the initial point of contact for church events, weddings and funerals.

Vicar: Rev James Hanson Tel 07821 255661

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**Churchwardens:** Jane Agg Tel 01483 502676 Email warden1@burphamchurch.org.uk

**Associate minister:** Rev Darlene McCarley On sabbatical from September - November

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Next week	10am Service Warden	10am Prayers	10am Readings	Coffee	Sunday Club	Screen / Sound
1st Dec	Rex T	Rex T	Susan D	Iain R	N/A	TBC

THE CHURCH



SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

24TH NOVEMBER 2024
CHRIST THE KING

WELCOME: HOSPITALITY AS WELCOME

WE WELCOME STEPHEN PUGH AND NOELLE COE

**9.15am Communion Service** at CHS

10.15am Coffee in the hall

**10.45am Contemporary Service with Sunday Club** at CHS



Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church



News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



# **Christmas Flyers**

Can you help deliver the Christmas flyers to Burpham Parish?
Please sign up on the list .

Count the amount needed for your road.

Leaflets need to be delivered between
now and the 30<sup>th</sup> November

THANK YOU!

### Candlelit choir rehearsals

We will rehearse 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 7:30-9:00pm at CHS, and then at 5pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's for a final run through.



Please let Claire know that you wish to sing if you haven't yet done so.

## Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th November

St. Luke's churchyard will be closed while the large conifer trees are removed.

**Besom Hampers** We are supporting Besom this year with Christmas hampers. Pick up a leaflet on what to pack and pop it in to church before 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## **Upcoming Services at CHS**

**Thursday** 28<sup>th</sup> November **10am** Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 1st December

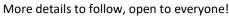
**10am** Christmas Church Together Communion Service with Sunday Club

**3pm** Lego Advent Church

**Sunday** 8<sup>th</sup> December **10am** Christmas Church Together Communion Service with Sunday Club **4.30pm** Pause for Christmas

#### **Carols Out and About**

In the community.
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the
evening finishing off at the
local pub, Horseshoe & Anchor.



### Lego Church at CHS

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

#### FUN for ALL the FAMILY

Dates for your diary:

**1** Dec, 3 – 4.30pm

#### Men's Events

An invite to all the men to enjoy eating together, conversation and hear speakers.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 8.30am Breakfast at the Pub Chat to James

### **Hospitality at Christmas**

We would love to offer a warm welcome at our Christmas Services. Would you be able to do refreshments at any of the following?

Sunday 15th December, 6.3opm

Sunday 22nd December, 4.3opm

Tuesday 24th December, 4.3opm

For more information or to say you can help please let the office or James know.

I loved castles as a youngster – visiting them, exploring them, imagining how life might have been like in them. One Christmas, I was blessed beyond belief with a Lego fortress, which I still have in pieces today. It obsessed me for days after then, so my parents really realised I had found a joy. I wonder what images the word conjures up today. In our daily lives, we might be tempted to think of our homes as our fortress, or perhaps our places of work or maybe our church. I bet that the word we more likely use other than fortress is 'safe'. Where do we feel most safe? I say this, because our readings from the early verses in Psalm 91 brought about the most wonderful imagery of safety that trust in God might look like: refuge, fortress, dwelling-place, saviour, cover, shield, rampart. The imagery is so rich; from a castle build around us, to the shelter provided by a large tree through to the wings of a mother bird. And yet, those same words that we might love to feel about God, may also be a millstone to others who have suffered greatly in the form of abuse. Sometimes this abuse has been perpetrated through the church both local and national, so on Safeguarding Sunday in particular, we lament, apologise and acknowledge the tremendous failures of the past – some of it remarkably recent. I know that the church has, at various times, been anything other than 'safe' for some, and this is of huge upset. We must redouble our efforts to make this church a safe welcome and haven for anyone, a place to have our eyes and ears ready to listen non-judgementally, but also to shape culture around Safeguarding everyone – and everyone taking responsibility for playing their part in asking questions when something doesn't look right. I feel a bit like a platform announcer at the station "See it. Say it. Sort it." But, we will only improve our practice therein. If you have been affected by abuse, and the time comes to speak up / need to talk and pray, then please reach out to me and/or Ann (our PSO). We know of great resources too – one of which is Safe Spaces – a free and independent listening service for survivors of abuse: Safe Spaces Helpline: 0300 303 1056 Email: safespaces@firstlight.org.uk Blessings, Rev James



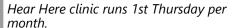
### **Tuesday Prayers**

10 -10.30am at CHS An opportunity to pray together.

Tea & Coffee available.
All Welcome.

### **Drop In Thursdays**

Every week for Coffee and Company, 10.30am in the church hall.



All Welcome!

\*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit