

# Church Matters



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

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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

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**St Luke's Church** Burpham Lane, Guildford GU4 7LX



# BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

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](http://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.

### Carols Out and About

In the community.

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



More details to follow, open to everyone!

### 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** 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### 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 Ser-  
vices. Would you be able to do  
refreshments at any of the following?

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm*

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 4.30pm*

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm*

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](tel:03003031056) Email: [safespaces@firstlight.org.uk](mailto: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.

*Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday per  
month.*

All Welcome!

