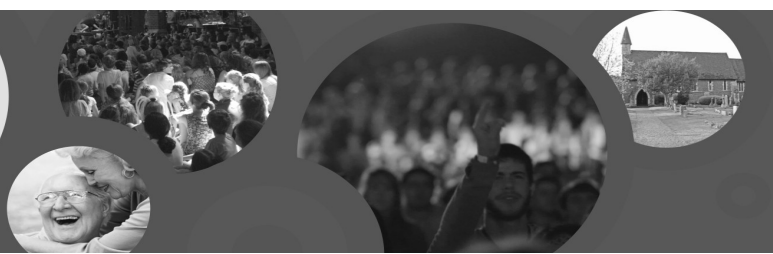


Church Matters



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

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

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Next week	10am Service Warden	10am Prayers	10am Readings	Coffee	Sunday Club	Screen / Sound
29 th Dec	Jane A	Jean D	Henry S	Sam A	TBC	Renny M Lewis W

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BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

22ND DECEMBER 2024

ADVENT 4

JOY TO THE WORLD

10.00am Church Christmas Together Service
at CHS

11.00 Coffee in the hall

4.30pm Community Carols at CHS



Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church



News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 22nd December 2024

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 1:39-56 NIV-UK

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!'

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

'My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants for ever, just as he promised our ancestors.'

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**



Burpham
Preschool
in partnership with

Preschool say
farewell to Annie!
Thank you Annie for
your hard work and dedication to
preschool. We wish you every success
in your new adventure.

Office Hours The church office will be closed
over Christmas. Regular opening hours from
Monday 6th January.

Lego Church at CHS in 2025

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

FUN for ALL the FAMILY

Dates for your diary:

26th January, 23rd February,
30th March & 27th April

3 – 4.30pm



Tuesday Prayers 10 -10.30am at
CHS An opportunity to pray together.
Tea & Coffee available. All Welcome.

I hope that you, like me, have much to be thankful for this Christmas. But I never take that for granted, because I know Advent can be a challenging time for families. When I look back on the past few weeks as we have journeyed into Advent, I can see so much of what God has been doing through people, place and answers to prayer. Looking back on the past few weeks has been so exciting, because I can see the privilege of standing in a place where the Spirit of God has been moving. St Luke's has hosted three wonderful carol services; for Burpham Primary school, Christopher Robin Daycare and Nursery and our own candlelit carols over the past two weeks, with Midnight Mass to come. In that time, nearly 400 people young and old have worshipped together in that ancient house of prayer, and sung praises to Jesus. To see and hear the conversations going on between people, I can testify to those who have richly felt blessing as they came in to a place of deep peace and joy. It is our prayer that God will have touched them richly in this season. The Church of the Holy Spirit has also been equally blessed with a full round of Christingles both for Burpham Primary and a Christmas nativity from our own preschool – both of which were a true gift. Not just to be able to enter into the Christmas story afresh with children and families, but to share in the Christmas hope that we all have through faith. Yet, despite all of these recent services filling me to bursting with joy and praise, one might just top it all. On Tuesday, we took an intrepid group of carollers round the parish, starting in Mallow Crescent, moving to Aldi, the parade of shops before landing at the pub, as the 'guest band for the night' thanks to Julie and Mike's kind welcome. Singing alongside those enjoying Christmas dinners, out for the evening was a gift in itself, but to be joined by over 40 residents of Mallow Crescent and their carers, singing, signing and dancing the night away was a gift from God, and hopefully a gift to God. As we approach Christmas this year, my hope is that we would all see the gift of God in the ordinary, the work of God through the faithful and the hope of God through the sending into the world of his most precious gift of all, Jesus. Merry Christmas to you all, Blessings, Rev James

Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Tuesday 24th December

4.30pm Christmas Eve Christingle

11.30pm Candlelit Midnight Mass at
St. Lukes

Wednesday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Day Celebration
with Communion

Sunday 29th December

10am Christmas Church Together
Communion Service with Sunday Club

Sunday 5th January

9.15am Communion Service

10.45am Intergenerational Service

Drop In Thursdays

Will be closed on the 26th
and 2nd January.

It will restart on Thursday 9th January.



*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit

Christmas Quiz 2024



This year's title is "*Christmas Crackers*". All the 100 clues, mostly mildly cryptic, all point to answers connected to the Christmas and New Year season. If you or your family or friends enjoy this kind of thing do have a go. Hard copies are available in church. Please contribute £2 a copy for our Church funds via the card reading machine, the collection, Lisa's money box or online.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY! Please save the Christmas stamps you receive and place them in the box in the foyer. Proceeds from their sale will go to The Royal Surrey Hospital Charity. Thank you.

Midweek Communion

From January Thursdays 10am
communion service will be on the
1st Thursday of the month.
The next midweek service will be
Thursday 2nd January.