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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
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BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

12TH JANUARY 2025

EPIPHANY 1

ACTS 17: 1-15,

1 THESSALONIANS 1

9.15am Communion Service at CHS

10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Morning Praise with Sunday Club at CHS



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www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 12th January 2025

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Acts 17:1-15 NIV-UK

17 When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. ²As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. 'This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,' he said. ⁴Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

⁵But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the market-place, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: 'These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, ⁷and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.' ⁸When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. ⁹Then they put Jason and the others on bail and let them go.

¹⁰As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹²As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

¹³But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up. ¹⁴The believers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea. ¹⁵Those who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.

1 Thessalonians 1 NIV-UK

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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. All Welcome.

*CHS - Church of the Holy

Bringing gifts to our King. Matthew 2 verses 1-12

Epiphany Sunday is a time when we remember the journey of the Wise Men travelling to Bethlehem to visit the infant Jesus – a journey that was marked by rejoicing at the sight of a bright and guiding star. The travellers were focused and determined and not discouraged by the long distance involved. Some scholars have suggested it may have been up to 900 miles! They were filled with a sense of urgency and joyous expectation. On their arrival in Bethlehem, they lay in reverence at His feet their gifts of gold (for a king); frankincense (to symbolise divinity); and myrrh (symbolic of suffering) and worshipped Him. They also listened to God's warning not to go back to Herod, but to return to their country via another route.

"A thousand times in history a baby has become a king, but only once in history has a King become a baby" (Matt Smethurst).

Here was a baby that was a 'gift' for all people, a gift of love, hope and joy and a light in our darkened world.

As we continue our own journey of faith, I believe we can learn much from that journey of the Wise Men of so long ago, with their focus on joyful expectation, obedience and reverence. What 'gifts' can we bring to King Jesus? We may reflect again on that last verse of the carol 'In the Bleak Midwinter:

*'What can I give Him, poor as I am;
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can, I give Him,
Give my heart.'*

Yes, as we come before our King, we can lay before Him our 'gifts' of love, trust, a servant heart, time and worship. May you experience God's love, peace and comfort in 2025.

Rob Gibbons (Pastoral assistant)

Brick Church at CHS in 2025

Come and get building at CHS. Brick 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**

MEN'S MINISTRY

Connect with God, others and food!

Tuesday 28th Jan - 7.30pm Curry at the Raj
Sat 22nd Feb - 9.30am Breakfast at the pub (tbc)
Tues 25th March - 7.30pm Curry at the Raj
Fri 25th April 7.30pm - Games Night at CHS
Invite friends! Chat to James for more info or keep an eye on the website.

Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Wednesday 15th January at St. Luke's
1pm Communion Service

Sunday 19th January
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Morning Praise with Sunday Club

Sunday 26th January
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Communion with Sunday Club



Drop In Thursdays: Coffee and Company, 10.30am in the church hall. All Welcome! *Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month*



The Chosen Course

Stay curious in 2025 and come to the Chosen Course at Church of the Holy Spirit.

Starts **Monday 13th January, 7.30pm.**
To sign up contact email
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