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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
2 nd March	Maggie P	Clergy	Gay R	Joy P Carol L	Jane A	In service	In service	N/A	TBC

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BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

23RD FEBRUARY 2025

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18

9.15am Communion Service at CHS

10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Holy Communion with Sunday Club at CHS

3.00pm Brick Church at CHS



Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church

News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 23rd February 2025

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 5: 1- 3 NIV-UK

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

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

It is God's will that you should be sanctified (1Thess 4:3) What on earth does that mean? It's one of those Christian jargon words which means absolutely nothing to most people, and if we're honest, not much more to us. And what about holiness? Not exactly a laugh a minute sort of word is it? Especially with connotations like Holy Joes or holier than thou.

Paul's words about living to please God (verse 1) are easier to relate to, I think. If you love someone, you want to please them. You try to do things that they like, perhaps with gifts, or meals, or activities that bring them pleasure. And if you upset them in some way, (even inadvertently) you are mortified and say sorry. You ask for forgiveness and to be reconciled.

So if we love Jesus, our aim must be to please him. And when we fail, as we all frequently do, the realisation that we have grieved the Lord should surely bring us running back to God & saying sorry, and when we do, we find God is not slow to pour out his mercy and forgiveness and grace. In fact he is waiting for us with arms open, like the father of the prodigal son. Which is such a relief!

In 1 Thessalonians 4, Paul focuses mostly on sex, but this is much bigger than that. He looks at the world of work and money, and showing kindness to one another. In other words it's about all of life. So a question for you. Are you more like Jesus than you were last month, last year? How can you intentionally choose to please the Lord?

William

Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Friday 28th February at St. Luke's
12.00pm Communion Service

Sunday 2nd March
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Intergenerational Service

Thursday 6th March
10.00am Midweek Communion

Friday 7th March at St. Luke's
12.00pm Communion Service

Sunday 9th March
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Morning Praise with Sunday Club

BISCUITS PLEASE: We are asking for regular offers of biscuits to serve at our various services and gatherings. In date, unopened and no nuts please. Thank you!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Connect with God, others and food!
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.
Join in every Sunday evening, 8.30pm at the Anchor & Horseshoe

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion with Ashing, a churches together service at **Christ Church, Waterden Road** on Wed 5th March, 7.30pm



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



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

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:

23rd February, 30th March & 27th April: 3-4.30pm



A Week of Photos!

We will be taking photos of life at Burpham Church from 23rd February to 2nd March. It is absolutely fine if you don't want to be any photos. For more details please speak to James.

SAVE THE DATE!



Preschool are having a Spring Fair on

Sunday 2nd March, 2 - 5pm.

Come along and support the preschool or help with set up, set down or run a stall. Chat to Carol L for more info.

Lent Course - Practicing the Way

Discipleship (being with Jesus) by

John Marc Comer

Every Monday, 10th March - 14th April, 7.30pm at CHS. Please sign up in church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Anna Welti. Her celebration of Life service is at St. Mary's Church, Shalford on Thursday 27th Feb, 11.30am, committal at Guildford Crematorium, 1.30pm followed by a reception at The Grantley Arms, Wonersh. More details can be found at www.annawelti.muchloved.com