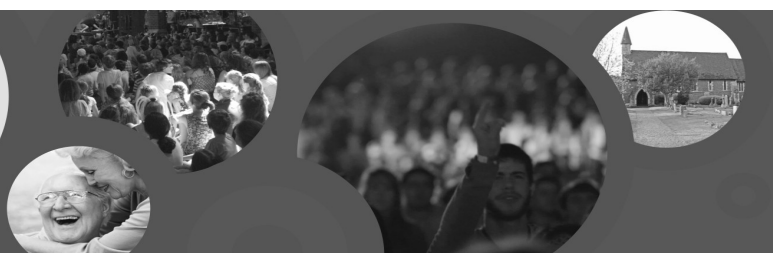


## Church Matters



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Next week	9.15 Service Warden	9.15 Prayers	9.15 Readings	10.15 Coffee	10.45 Service Warden	10.45 Prayers	10.45 Readings	Sunday Club	Screen / Sound
Sun 14 Dec	Jane A	TBC	David A	TBC	Ann W	In service	Sarah S	Carol L Yvonne W	TBC

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# BURPHAMCHURCH

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

## 7TH DECEMBER 2025

### ADVENT 2

### JOHN THE BAPTIST

### PREPARES THE WAY

**9.15am Holy Communion Service at CHS**

*10.15am Coffee in the hall*

**10.45am Intergenerational Christingle at CHS**



**Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church**



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[www.burphamchurch.org.uk](http://www.burphamchurch.org.uk)



## Lighting Advent Candle 2

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

## Collect & Readings 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

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

### Matthew 3:1-12 NIV-UK

**3** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."

<sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?' <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> 'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

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

## Drop In Thursdays:

Coffee and Company,  
10.30am. All Welcome! *Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.*



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Brian Kethero.

Brian's funeral will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am at Guildford Crematorium, and a Thanksgiving Service at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 11.30am

\*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit

## Christmas Services this year at Burpham Church



Join us on Sundays in December for either of our services,  
9.15am Communion service or  
10.45am All Age service.

In addition, there will be the following Christmas services:

**Carols by Candlelight** - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm St Luke's  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm St Luke's

**Community Carols** - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm Sainsburys  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 5.00pm Sainsburys

**Brick Church Christmas** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 3pm CHS

**Dress Up Nativity** - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm CHS

**Midnight Communion** - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30pm at St. Luke's

**Christmas Day Celebration** - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 10am. CHS



## Holiday At Home For all Ages

**We are heading to Iceland!**



Book your boarding ticket for **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, 10am - 1pm.**  
£2 per day, 7yrs and under free. Children to be accompanied by an adult.  
To book email: [office@burphamchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@burphamchurch.org.uk) or sign up on the sheet.  
Pay in the office or on the day.

## 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 14 & 18th December, 6.30pm**  
**Sunday 21st December, 4.30pm**  
**Tuesday 24th December, 5.00pm**

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



## Candlelit choir rehearsals

We will rehearse 9<sup>th</sup> December 7:30-9:00pm at CHS, and then at 5pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's for a final run.



## Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

**Sunday** 14<sup>th</sup> December  
**9.15am** Communion Service  
**10.45am** Morning Praise with Sunday Club  
**6.30pm** Candlelit Carols @ **St. Luke's**  
**Thursday** 18<sup>th</sup> December  
**6.30pm** Candlelit Carols @ **St. Luke's**  
**Sunday** 21<sup>st</sup> December  
**9.15am** Communion Service  
**10.45am** Intergenerational Service  
**3.00pm** Brick Church



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