



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

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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 18th Jan	Rex T	Rex T	Roy W	Susan D	Ann W	In Service	In Service	N/A	Ruth B/ Lewis W



SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

11TH JANUARY 2026
PHILIPPIANS - GOSPEL PROCLAIMERS

EPIPHANY 1

9.15am Holy Communion Service at CHS

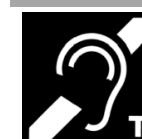
10.15am Coffee in the hall

10.45am Morning Worship with Sunday Club at CHS

3.00pm Brick Church at CHS



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News, events and talks at...

www.burphamchurch.org.uk



Collect & Readings 11th January 2026

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.

Philippians 1:22-26 NIV - UK

²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Drop In Thursdays:

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



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

Please save your stamps and pass them
on to Carol Salter - in aid of the RSH.

Midweek Communion 1st Thursday of
the month 10am at CHS, 5th February

Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

Sunday 18th January
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Intergenerational Service
Sunday 25th January
9.15am Communion Service
10.45am Morning Worship with Sunday
Club
4.00pm Bereavement Service

Wednesday Lunches at the
Anchor & Horseshoe from 12.30pm.
Everyone welcome. More details
chat to Evelyn Brown.

*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit

What is the best gift you have ever been given at Christmas? How about the worst? Often, we might lament the practical gifts (socks, books, toiletries), but secretly we are glad of those that we deem necessary. Maybe we are in a privileged position whereby we can buy what we want when we want it / need it, so Christmas ideas are in short supply, hence we get practical gifts. In schools, I was usually blessed with gifts at Christmas – always grateful for those gifts and the families giving them. I soon realised in teaching that I needed to be more open with what I really valued rather than leave it to chance. Soon enough, I started sharing with families how I valued dark chocolate and real ale – as I had been given many bottles of wine (which I don't very often drink), or more eclectic gifts.

One year I received a giant teddy, and a box of scented botanicals – I thought, did my lounge smell that bad? Even a bottle of mango liquor. Lots of generous gifts, but we compared notes amongst staff to see if we were alone, or joined in gifting. The error was often to not say anything!

This week, we have just passed Epiphany - the marking of the journey to the new-born King made by magi from the East. All we know from the gospels was that they lived a life marked by prayer, discernment and obedience to the new King. What they brought him were fantastic value gifts, of great symbolism - even if not quite as practical as they might have been. But where we often fail to notice is that they were living a life of true obedience - they followed God's invitation to come to Jesus, and they were present for him - kneeling down to present him gifts both of material nature and more importantly their lives. This new year, what gifts are you going to bring to the King, Jesus?

My challenge for us all is three-fold: **Prayer, Invitation and Presence**. Might you take up bringing those to Jesus this year?

Blessings, Rev James

Noah's Ark Toddlers

Restarts 14th January

Wednesdays, 9.30 -11am at CHS

A stay and play for 0 - 5 years with their parents/ carers. A warm, welcoming, safe toddler group with refreshments.
Suggested donation £2.

Brick Church Come and get building!



Brick stations, stories,
songs and refreshments.

3pm at CHS.

FUN for ALL the FAMILY
Dates for your diary: **11th January,**
15th February, 29th March



ALPHA - Invite someone?

Start your journey this
Christmas and come to the
Alpha course. Beginning on
Monday 12th January 2026, 7.30pm at
CHS. Sign up on the website -
www.burphamchurch.org.uk