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SUNDAY'S READINGS AND INFORMATION

3RD MAY 2026
EASTER 5

9.15am Holy Communion at CHS

10.15am Coffee in hall

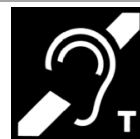
10.45am Intergenerational Service at CHS

Easter Greeting
Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**



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 10 th May	Jane A	Jane A	David A	Susan D	Ann WM	Ann WM	Ann Wr	TBC	TBC

Large print weekly sheets are available at the back of church



Collect & Readings 3rd May 2026

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Jeremiah 29:10-14 NIV - UK

¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: 'When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,' declares the LORD, 'and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.'

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 10:38-42 NIV-UK

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

⁴¹ 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

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

Noah's Ark Toddlers

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.

Church Breakfast - can you help? Serve church with a yummy bacon buttie before the **10am service on 31st May**. Chat to the office.



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. All Welcome!

Hear Here clinic runs 1st Thursday of the month.



*CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit

If you started with a blank canvass to build church now, what would be the key ingredients of it? You may turn around and scream out loud that it starts with the people. Perhaps even a decent, modern and open space for multiple purposes aside from getting together on a Sunday. Maybe it would serve a community partnership role, and be equipped with the latest hospitality and office facilities. But, whatever was dreamt about, I hope it would start, middle and end with Jesus at the centre. The reason we gather, the reason we have life and the reason we share in hope. At the end of Luke's gospel, he rushes to finish this first scroll with such rich detail about the final appearance of Jesus and his closing words and actions to those gathered, and it gives me a brilliant picture of what church should be:

- A place to gather around Jesus
- A welcoming, safe invitation for all to come - to touch and see or to taste and see
- A place where we expect to encounter Jesus - and be filled with his Holy Spirit
- An assembly or gathering where we know he will open Scripture to us
- A place of deep emotions, sharing of our lives and being ready to offer hospitality to anyone

There is much we can dwell on in this final piece, but Jesus own reassurances and teaching show us that he was readying them for a mission. He said "wait, stay and be ready to be equipped". This equipping would be a free gift from the Father, a promise kept, a powerful ally, a true 100% clothing of our whole self with him, and all we need for our mission. The mission itself would be a clear one - to be witnesses of all these things Jesus is, has been and will be - proclaimers of this good news. This is church - a clear mission, centred on Jesus, empowered in the Holy Spirit, and a gathering to be sent out in his timing. How might this help us to rethink church?

Blessings, Rev James

Prayer Central

Join together as church in monthly prayer on

**Monday 18th May, 7pm at CHS and
Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm at St. Luke's**



Burpham Preschool Preschool Fair

17th May 2 - 4pm at CHS

Can you help? Please sign up on the sheet.



Upcoming Services at CHS & St. Luke's

**Thursday 7th May
10am** Midweek Communion

**Sunday 10th May
9.15am** Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Worship with Sunday Club

**Sunday 17th May
9.15am** Holy Communion
10.45am Intergenerational Service

Midweek Thursday Services

dates for your diary:

7th May, 21st May, 4th June, 18th June,
2nd July, 16th July, 6th August
join us for midweek communion
10am at CHS.

Space at St Luke's

A space for contemplation, prayer or just to still your mind. A space to replenish and refresh yourself. In peace and quiet in **St Luke's Church, Burpham Lane.**

A new opportunity to come and go as you want. A few words will be said or sung midway and at the end of the hour. Saturdays once a month

5-6pm - May 16th, June 20th

Brick Church Come and get building!

Brick stations, stories, fun and refreshments. **3pm at CHS.**

FUN for ALL the FAMILY
Dates: **24th May, 21st June, 26th July**