

Weekly Worship

You are welcome here!



BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 9th August 2026

TRINITY 10

**Beatitudes 6: "Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God"**

9.15am

Readings
Psalm 24
Matthew 5: 1-8

Holy Communion

Led by - James Hanson
Sermon - James Hanson

10:45am

Morning Worship All Age

Led by Robert Gibbons
Sermon - James Hanson

Welcome to Burpham Church

We're a church for our local community and you are invited, whatever your story. Church is a family for every day of the week, walking through life together, supporting each other and growing in our christian faith.

You matter to God. You matter to us.

Our building is a hub of activity all week, in our events, our preschool, and with our groups for children, teenagers, students, and adults of all ages. Whether you've never entered a church before or have lots of church experience, there are many different ways you can get involved with the community here.

Children's groups

Our Children's groups on Sundays require a sign in with the Sunday Club Leader.

Visiting children who would like to attend the children's groups are very welcome and also need to sign-in with the Sunday Club leader.

Your child will be returned to you from their group at the **end of the service.**

Get connected

Speak to one of the Welcome Team
or use the QR code to connect.



Sign-up on our welcome cards or directly on the church website to receive church news and follow us on Facebook and Instagram



What's On at CHS and St. Luke's

CHS - Church of the Holy Spirit
St. Luke's - Burpham Lane

SPACE at St. Luke's

A space to replenish and refresh yourself in peace and quiet in **St Luke's Church, Burpham Lane**. A few words will be said or sung midway and at the end of the hour. Saturdays once a month **5-6pm, August 15th**

Church BBQ

Date for your diary, **Sunday 16th August, 12noon** at the Vicarage. Please sign up on the sheet in church.

Holiday At Home

Wednesday 26th August, 10am - 1pm, join us at **CHS** for fun, games, quizzes, songs, arts & craft as we visit Spain. **£2 per person, under 7s free. Lunch is included!** All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up on the sheet or contact Carol at lgminister@burphamchurch.org.uk

Tuesday prayers at CHS

An opportunity to pray together. Tea & coffee available - all are welcome to attend! **10 -10.30am**

Prayer Central

Join together as church in monthly prayer on **Wednesday 2nd September, 7pm at CHS**

Mens' Socials

Connect with God, others and food! 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 & Horseshoes.

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!

Flowers in church

Do you like arranging flowers, would you like to be a part of the team? We would love to hear from anyone who would enjoy arranging the flowers in church on a relaxed but regular schedule. Please chat to the office.

Drop In will restart on **3rd September**

No Drop In during August. Hear here **1st Thurs of the month, 3rd September, 10.30 - 11.30am** No booking needed.

Noah's Ark Toddlers Term Time - will restart on **9th September**

Midweek Services

Dates for your diary: Thursday **3rd September**. Join us for midweek communion **10am at CHS**.

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday **16th August, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Intergenerational Holy Communion

Sunday **23rd August, 9.15am** Communion & **10.45am** Morning Worship All Age

SERVICE CHANGE - 30th August will be a Church Breakfast **10am service**. **Breakfast served at 9.15am.**

Please sign up on the sheet for catering and offers of help.

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
16th August	Rex T	Rex T	Jean D	Susan D	Ann W	In service	In service	N/A	Ruth B TBC

Collect & Readings

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 24 NIV-UK

¹The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ²for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. ⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Saviour. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. ⁷Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty – he is the King of glory.

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

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

Matthew 5:1-8 NIV - UK

⁵ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

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

Blog

There's a story (almost certainly apocryphal) about a lady who had her portrait taken by a professional photographer, and was disappointed by the result. She exclaimed "It doesn't do me justice!" To which the photographer replied, "It's not justice you need madam, it's mercy!"

We all want justice - children often have a very pronounced sense of it. How often do you hear children saying, "It's not fair!" Those listening to Jesus' teaching also had a sharp sense of fairness - they didn't like the parable of the workers in the vineyard, and if we're honest neither do we. It's just not fair that those working for one hour get the same pay as those working all day.

But that's the whole point - mercy or grace isn't fair. Because we don't get what we deserve, punishment, instead we get what we don't deserve, forgiveness and acceptance. Lord Hailsham, who was Lord Chancellor in the 1970s, reflecting on mortality, said "I shall plead guilty and throw myself on the mercy of the court."

So in this fifth beatitude, Jesus says blessed are the merciful. Just as we have received mercy, we are to show mercy to others. The Hebrew word *Hesed*, sometimes translated as mercy, or steadfast love, or loving kindness, includes the idea of entering into someone else's skin and seeing things from their point of view, which Jesus did supremely as took on flesh - became one of us. May God grant us that empathy, and to be those who show mercy. Blessings William

Timetable w/c 10th August

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10am Prayers -CHS				5.00pm SPACE - St Luke's

Contact details for information and support

The office is the initial point of contact for church events, weddings and funerals.
Office hours are Monday - Thursday: 9.30am - 1pm

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Prayer...

How can we pray for you?

We all need prayer so don't be afraid to ask, whatever you're going through we'd love to pray with you today!
Ask a member of the Welcome Team or a member of staff.



Members of our Pastoral Team are happy to visit and pray with those who are in need. To find out more, please do get in touch with - vicar@burphamchurch.org.uk

Small Groups

Small groups are the heart of belonging at Burpham Church. They're the best places to form deep friendships, and live out everyday faith in community – to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did. If you'd like to join a group, fill out the form on the website or email.

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We want everyone to find a place they belong.

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