Prayer Central July 2026

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in Heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
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2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

3. Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

1. **Praise: Psalm 103:** *Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. [2] Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— [3] who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, [4] who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, [5] who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. [6] The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. [7] He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.*

2. **Prayer for our church and community**

- Thanksgiving – new families, bring and share lunch, focus on prayer, sermon series on Stewardship, shared space at St Luke's, new ministries and connection to the community.
- For our ministry team, office, pastoral team and growth group leaders, PCC

- Recent funerals / interrings (6), wedding and baptism – for signposts to Jesus for those families grieving and celebrating.
- Growth groups and those who are able to join these cells
- Buildings work – urgent window replacement, fundraising, roof and improvements inside and outside of St Luke's as well as CHS
- Partnership with local churches (Merrow schools)
- Those unwell, in hospital, in residential / care homes or unable to leave home
- Guildford as a town, neighbouring parishes, our Bishop Paul, and Archdeacon Catherine.
- Our new Mayor Jane, relationships with local Councillors
- Students at the local Uni, schools coming to term ends
- Local businesses and partnerships

3. Our time to listen to God

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

4. Church growth

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Our own frontlines, connections and groups in Burpham
- Favour reaching out to pre-schools, relationships with local schools
- Those who faithfully serve at drop-in and those who attend – for faith conversations, pointers to Jesus and the bi-weekly communion (and future handover)
- For Sunday club, Noah's Ark and Burpham church pre-school
- Relationships with those at the pub, both management and regulars, for faithful witness as we visit and meet there. Thanks for those who are asking questions of life.
- Recent enquirers who we are walking with exploring.
- Future talking Jesus course in the Autumn

Numbers 6: 22-27: *The Lord said to Moses, [23] "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: [24] "'"The Lord bless you and keep you; [25] the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; [26] the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."' [27] "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." UK Blessing*