Prayer central Aug 2026 Listening deeply

Is it well with your soul?

Isaiah 43: 2 – *when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.*

Jer 29:11 Isaiah 43:1, 19 Psalm 46: 1

Hold a rock

Each of these stones are ignation – born of fire – volcanic rocks. Hold a rock in your hand, look at the craters, dimples, holes. Imagine yourself as a porous rock made by the Father – imagine that nature and shape allowing his Spirit at work in you, and all those holes to allow him to continue to pour that Spirit back into you. Know where you have been made, and to where you will return. What is the Lord saying to you about how precious you are? How is he speaking to you about his plans for you? Ask him to fill you afresh?

Mt 7: 24-25 *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.* ***25*** *And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*

What is the WORD of God to you – the LOGOS, JESUS?

Use the tiles to press into what this Word means to you – be guided, be directed and use the tiles to create a mosaic of words that God speaks over you through his Word. Have a look at the images and words from his Word that speak richly to you.

Prayer images

Use the cards to guide you into prayer – what leaps up to describe what is happening in your heart for God? What burning platforms in the world tug at your heart-strings? What is God speaking to you through an image – notice what your eyes and heart are drawn to. Is this a word for you, or an image for someone else. Pray for them – invite that conversation.

1. **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, growth group leaders, PCC (rest, recharge, re-excitement, fun and great harmony).
- Buildings work – window replacement, fundraising, roof and improvements inside and outside of St Luke's as well as CHS
- Those unwell, in hospital, residential / care homes, unable to leave home
- Guildford; partner churches, our Bishop Paul, and Archdeacon Catherine.
- Our Mayor Jane, local Councillors, Burpham Community Association

2. **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, Holiday Home, Burpham church pre-school
- Families on school holidays, staff on holidays
- Relationships with those at the pub, both management and regulars, for faithful witness as we visit / meet there. Those asking questions of life.
    - Recent enquirers who we are walking with exploring.
    - Future talking Jesus course in the Autumn