

Weekly Worship

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BURPHAMCHURCH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Sunday 6th September 2026

TRINITY 14

Discipleship 1

Developing great Bible reading habits

9.15am

Readings
Acts 8:26-40
Psalms 1:1-3

Holy Communion

Led by - James Hanson
Sermon - William Lowries

10:45am

Intergenerational Service

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Sermon - William Lowries

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

Tuesday prayers at CHS

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

Drop In

Anyone in the community is welcome to join us for a friendly morning gathering. Come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a chat, and a chance to meet others. **Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30am at CHS.**

Hear here 1st Thurs of the month, 10.30 - 11.30am No booking needed, just drop in!

Talking Jesus Course

This course will inspire you to share your faith and will give you practical suggestions to help you to be natural and relevant as you talk about Jesus. Join us for this free course, open to all on Monday evenings.

Starting **Monday 7th September, 7.30pm at CHS** for 7 weeks. Dates 7, 14, 21, 28 Sept, 5, 12, 19 Oct.

Sign up on the sheet in church.

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

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

Suggested donation £2. **Wednesdays, 9.30 - 11am (term time) at CHS**

Guildford Deanery Collaboration Meeting

An invitation to all to attend on **10th September, 7pm** at St. Saviours Church, Guildford. An opportunity for clergy and lay leadership of parishes to come together to share their plans for the future and hear of synergies emerging across the deanery. This will be attended by Bishop Paul and Archdeacon Catharine, and facilitated by Jens Mankel, the Mission Enabler Team Lead. Please take an agenda from the table at the front of church for more information.

Pottery Painting Evening

Come along and have fun pottery painting & support Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy. £10 entry plus pottery cost from £9.50. **Saturday 12th September, 7 - 9pm at CHS.** Booking essential.

Book by emailing guildford@popoloceramico.co.uk See sheet on the table for more info.

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, September 19th**

Prayer Central

Join together as church in monthly prayer on **Wednesday 7th October, 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.

Midweek Services

Dates for your diary: **Thursday 17th September.** Join us for midweek communion **10am at CHS.**

Upcoming Services at CHS

Sunday 13th September: 9.15am Communion & 10.45am Morning Worship with Sunday Club

Sunday 20th September: 9.15am Communion & 10.45am Intergenerational Service

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
Sun 13 th Sept	TBA	Jane A	David A	Susan D	TBA	TBA	Martin V	TBC	TBC

Blog

How do you respond to crisis or catastrophe? Sometimes we hear in our heads that God offers us protection, shelter or shade and this feels comforting and reassuring. But, what happens when this gets tested by a crisis or traumatic event? Last week, I was with Ella at the Big Church Festival, when catastrophe struck and sadly a hording collapsed in high winds and killed a local pastor who was there visiting. Neither of us was at that exact moment, but we were close by and suffice to say, deeply impacted for the forthcoming hours as we found each other, negotiated how the lockdown would work and what came next. What was so palpable in that moment was for a couple of hours a great calm and peace came down on a site with 40,000 Christian worshippers. It has already been a carnival of joy and colour, so much celebration and praise for God and many speakers saying much of the same thing: how can we make Jesus even better known. Yet, in that moment, peace came down in abundance. It was clearly communicated, people dropped into huddles to pray and worship by tents, calm ensued and there was no upset, anger, disobedience to emergency services as they did their very professional job. But, as it dawned on all of us that this was not only very serious but ultimately tragic, our thoughts turned to "why?" questions, and especially "how could this happen when people had gathered to build the Kingdom". Of all the responses, one I drew comfort from was from Amy Orr-Ewing, a small segment from her substack is here:

"In Luke 13:1-5, people come to Jesus with news of Galileans who had been violently killed by Pilate. Jesus then refers to another tragedy: eighteen people who died when the tower of Siloam unexpectedly collapsed on them. He asks: "Do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no!" That is an extraordinarily important starting point. Jesus explicitly rejects the idea that tragedy proves that its victims were somehow worse people, less loved by God, or more deserving of suffering than everyone else. Violent crime and catastrophic accidents are not evidence that the victims were being singled out by God for punishment. Jesus will not allow us to blame the victims."

In her words, she begins to lead us on a journey away from asking worldly natural questions, into where is God at work in the aftermath, where do we find comfort in our pain, and who ultimately will rescue us? Then - from the better questions - we might begin to grasp even more of the love of the Father in the depths of despair. This is where the Psalms so often speak a language that we have no words for. Keep wrestling - I know I don't have anything like all the answers, but I will always signpost to Jesus, the one who knows our pain, and longs to let us be reminded how beloved we are.

Blessings, Rev James

Timetable w/c 7th Sept

Please see our website for more events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Burpham Preschool (Mon - Fri)	10am Prayers -CHS	9.30am Noah's Ark - CHS	10am Drop In - CHS		
7.30pm Talking Jesus Course - CHS		7pm Guildford Deanery Colloboration Meeting - St Saviours			7pm GTCC fundraiser Pottery Painting - CHS

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

Church Office Manager: Lisa Scott Tel **825533** Email office@burphamchurch.org.uk
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(day of rest Friday)

Intergenerational Minister: Carol Lowries Email IGMinister@burphamchurch.org.uk
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Licensed Lay Minister: William Lowries Tel **01483 573327** Email wlowries@gmail.com

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Preschool contact: Tel **07354 444958** Email preschooladmin@burphamchurch.org.uk

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.

vicar@burphamchurch.org.uk
We want everyone to find a place they belong.

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