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**Sunday 23rd February 2025 The Second Sunday before Lent**

**Welcome** **to Buckingham Parish Church.**

**If you are new here, this section is for you!**

**Children and Youth:** We have great provision for children and youth. Scan QR code below for details.

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**Sermons:** These are recorded and available through our website and BPC app. See the QR code above.

**Streaming:** All our services are livestreamed and available to watch on our YouTube channel. See the QR Code above. If you do not wish to be included, please sit at the rear of the church or in the side aisles.

**Giving:** Please use a standing order (forms at the back of church) or the QR code above. We don’t take offerings during services, but you can make donations via ChurchSuite, the card reader at the back of the church or put cash into the wall box by the font.

**Sunday 23rd February –**- **Themes and Readings**

**9.00am:** **Jesus Calms the Storm**

Revelation 4: 1-11 pg 1236; Luke 8: 22-25 pg 1037

**Preacher**: Canon Doctor Peter Williams

**11.00am****: Practicing the Way – The Sabbath**

Exodus 20: 8-11 pg 78

**Preacher:** Rev. Will Pearson-Gee

**6.00pm: Practicing the Way – The Sabbath**

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***Prayer Ministry:*** Available at all Sunday services in the Prayer Chapel. Receiving prayer brings the Lord’s healing and wholeness.

***Pray through the week* for** those who mourn or are unwell, that they may be comforted by God’s presence.

**The Week Ahead:**

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| Mon 24th February | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Tea and Chat, at The Centre, Verney Close |
| Tue 25th February | 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 12 Noon | Community Lunch |
| Wed 26th February | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| 7.00pm - 9.15pm | Bell Ringing Practice |
| Thu 27th February | 9.30am – 11.00am | Ark Toddler Group |
| 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 3.40pm – 5.00pm | Prayer for the World |
| 6.30pm – 8.00pm | Youth Hub |
| 7.15pm – 8.15pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri 28th February | 7.00pm - 7.30pm | Prayer meeting on Zoom: contact Paul Wallace on [*bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com*](mailto:bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com)for details. |
| Sat 1st March |  | **No** Coffee Service Café |
| Sun 2nd March | **The Sunday next before Lent** | |
| 9.00am | Traditional Celtic Holy Communion Service |
| 11.00am | Family Service |
| 6.00pm | Contemporary Service |

**Newcomers:** Please fill in a Welcome Card if you are new and want to be a part of the church family. We would love to invite you to the afternoon tea where you will meet members of our staff team and church family. Our next Welcome Tea is on 29th March at 4.00pm. Please contact Sue Fox at [*parector@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:parector@bpchurch.uk) for details.

**Focus 2025** - as a church family this summer we will be heading to Newark Showground 24th – 27th July for 4 days of worship, fellowship and fun! For more information, and to book, please visit bpchurch.uk/focus

**Building the Body:** Come and explore the rhythm and pattern of our Church Year and get a ‘taste’ of the different components that make up our rich liturgical worship. Whether it is in welcoming, flower arranging, praying, reading, making coffee, preparing the communion table, or operating a camera, every part is important. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a window into every aspect of our worship. To be held on Saturday 8th March 10am – 12.30pm at Buckingham Parish Church. Booking is essential. *www.bpchurch.uk/buildingthebody* or call the office 01280 830220.

**Community Lunch:** We are looking for more volunteers who can join our friendly team with this important weekly outreach event on a Tuesday. We need people to help set up from 10am, serve and clear up, or supporting Sheila with the meal preparation. To find out more please email Heidi Buchan at *heidi@red4exhibitions.co.uk*

**Giving/Stewardship:** Following our Stewardship Sunday, if you would like to increase your giving or start giving regularly for the first time, please scan the QR code on the front of this sheet or pick up a ‘Giving’ leaflet at the rear of church. If you have any queries, please email [*stewardship@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:stewardship@bpchurch.uk)

**Prayer for the World**: If you are feeling concerned about what is going on in the wider world, and would like to pray with others, then please join us in church on Thursday 27th February at 4pm. Tea and cake will be available from 3.40pm. We pray for the persecuted church, our mission links, and for the troubled areas of the world. Further details from: *zenagreig@hotmail.co.uk*

**The Freedom in Christ Course.** Last chance to book your place on the Freedom in Christ course! The course is running every Tuesday at BPC for six weeks from 4th March 8.00pm - 9.30pm. Learn more about what every Christian has received in Christ. Discover the truth of who we are in Him, the reality of the spiritual battle and how to win it, as well as how to live more abundantly and freely in Christ.

Please sign up at *www.bpchurch.uk/freedominchrist* or contact Keith and Mandy Hagon by tomorrow, Monday 24th February to secure your place.

**Holiday Club is back** from the 12th – 15th August. After such a success last year there is a much higher demand among the families of Buckingham, and we are already near capacity! To enable us to take more children we need to be confident that we have enough leaders! There is a role for everyone, so please prayerfully consider joining us so that we can bless more children.

For more information, or to register your name, please email *abi.holidayclub@gmail.com*

**World Day of Prayer:** Please join us for this year's United Service meeting on Friday 7th March at 11am at the Salvation Army, Moreton Road. The service has been planned by the women of the Cook Islands. The theme is ‘I made you wonderful’ based on Psalm 139:14: ‘I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.’

**Useful contact details:**

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Prayer Chain: If you need or know of someone who needs prayer,

please call Gill Croxton who heads up the Prayer Chain *(815100)*

Connect Groups: *connect@bpchurch.uk*

Stewardship Co-ordinator: Brian & Tracy Roskell: [*stewardship@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:stewardship@bpchurch.uk)

Women’s Fellowship: Nicky Bereit: [*women@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:women@bpchurch.uk)

**Full-service information:** [***www.bpchurch.uk/services***](http://www.bpchurch.uk/services)

Parish Office: open weekdays 10am–Noon [*office@bpchurch.u*](mailto:office@bpchurch.u)*k (830220)*

The Centre: [*centre@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:centre@bpchurch.uk) (*830228)*

**Notice Sheet:** If you would like to submit an item for the notice sheet, please email the office: [*office@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:office@bpchurch.uk) by 6pm on Wednesday. Any items received after this time will be listed in the following week’s notice sheet.