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**Sunday** **23rd March 2025 The Third Sunday of 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.



**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 March – Themes and Readings**

**9.00am:** **Repent or Perish**

1 Cor 10: 1-13 pg 1151; Luke 13: 1-9 pg 1046

**Preacher**: Rev. Sarah Harrison-Potts

**11.00am** **and 6.00pm: Practicing the Way – Scripture**

2 Tim 3: 14-17 pg 1196

**Preacher:** Rev. Ope Ayileye

***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 March | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Tea and Chat, at The Centre, Verney Close |
| Tue 25th March | 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, atThe Centre, Verney Close |
| 12 Noon | Community Lunch |
| 8.00pm – 9.30pm | Freedom in Christ Course |
| Wed 26th March | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Thu 27th March  |  9.30am – 11.15am | 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 |
| 7.00pm – 8.30pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri 28th March | 7.00pm - 7.30pm | Prayer meeting on Zoom: contact Paul Wallace on *bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com*for details. |
| Sat 29th March | 8.45am – 10.30am | Men’s Breakfast  |
| 10.30am – 12.00 noon | Coffee Service Café |
| 4.00pm – 5.00pm | Newcomers’ Welcome Tea |
| Sun 30th March | **The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday** |
| 9.00am | Traditional 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* 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*

**Women’s Discussion Dinners:** The next meeting is on Wednesday evening, 16th April. The subject for discussion, ‘The Beauty That Never Fades’. Please check your diary and respond to the invitation you will have received.

**Deanery Lent Evensongs:** are on 30th March at Radclive; 6th April at Stowe; and 15th April at Padbury.

**Electoral Roll:** This year, the Electoral Roll will be completely renewed, so all members must reapply before the Sunday 20th April deadline. To stay on the Roll, please complete the online form at *www.bpchurch.uk/voting* or use a paper form available at the back of the Church. Full details at [*www.bpchurch.uk/voting*](http://www.bpchurch.uk/voting).

**Volunteers needed:** As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, we need volunteers to help with various services, particularly for the kitchen team and distribution. Your support is much appreciated. Please add your names to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or contact office.

**Holiday Club** returns 12th–15th August, and we still need more leaders and helpers so we can welcome more children. Volunteer by emailing *abi.holidayclub@gmail.com.* Please pray for the team and for the children attending. Also, we’ve booked The Centre, Verney Close from 9:00–10:30am every 4th Saturday of the month; the next one is on 26th April. Join us for all or a part of the time.

**Easter Creativity Craft Morning** at The Centre, Verney Close, Buckingham. Saturday 29th March 10am - 12.15pm. A morning to create decorations and reflect as we prepare for Easter. Come and be inspired! To book your place please email: *info@createdcreative.co.uk*

**9am Congregation Lunch:** The next lunch for the 9am congregation will be on Sunday 6th April 12.30pm at The Centre. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or leave a message with the office. Lunch will be catered for, and donations are welcome on the day. Offers to help prepare the food and/or the tables would be greatly appreciated.

**Alpha:** We are looking for someone to help run the next Alpha course after Easter. Alpha is a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a welcoming and open environment. If you are interested in being involved or would like to find out more, please contact Jo Wigley for further details.

**Men’s Breakfast:** Saturday 29th March. We will have a full English Breakfast (or continental by request) for a nominal charge of £5. Please respond to the invitation you will have received or sign up at *bpchurch.uk/breakfast*. There will be a short presentation and a chance to look ahead and discuss what we mean by 'Men’s Ministry’. Those who can stay afterwards will make daffodil posies for Mothering Sunday.

**Easter Lilies:** You are invited to sponsor a lily for our Easter displays. A single stem will cost £5. Please add your name to the list at the back of church. Susan Mileham will be delighted to receive your contribution at any time.

**SOMA Mission Trip to Mombasa October 2025:** Will is leading a team to do some teaching (the ‘Boot Camp’ materials) to the dioceses around Mombasa, Kenya 6th-14th October. Successful applicants will be physically fit, active in prayer ministry, confident in the Gifts of the Spirit and ideally able to teach. Apart from a £250 bursary from the PCC the trip (and the pre-training) is self-funded. If you would like to be considered for a place on this trip please contact Will.

**Prayer for the World:** We will be meeting on Thursday 27th March at 4pm in church to pray for our troubled world, our mission partners and the persecuted church. Persecution of our brothers and sisters in many countries is fiercest at Easter. Please join us to pray for protection and courage for them. Tea and cake will be available from 3.40pm. For further details contact *zenagreig@hotmail.co.uk*

**May Families’ Camp-Out:** Save the date for a night under canvas at Stampwell Farm Saturday 31st May to Sunday 1st June. See ‘May 2025 Camp Out’ under ‘What’s On’ on our website for details (or speak to Will).

**Coffee and Company at the Centre:** We need two volunteers once a month on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon to serve tea and coffee, and chat to visitors. For more information phone Gill Croxton 01280 815100



**Sponsoring Ali:** I’m running a 100km alpine ultramarathon in June, climbing 6,000m, to support Bridge of Hope Children’s Ministry in Uganda. To donate, scan the QR code or speak to me in person. Thank you! – Ali

**Useful contact details:**

Rector: Rev. Will Pearson-Gee: *rector@bpchurch.uk (830221)*

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Youth Leader: Sam Graham: *youth@bpchurch.uk* *(07767 544504)*

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Organist & Choirmaster: Robert Tucker: *choir@bpchurch.uk*

Production: Mike Roskell: *production@bpchurch.uk*

Safeguarding Team: Glynnis Eastwood/Jane Wardale: s*afeguarding@bpchurch.uk*

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: Phil & Gill Blackledge *connect@bpchurch.uk*

Stewardship Co-ordinator: Brian & Tracy Roskell: *stewardship@bpchurch.uk*

Women’s Fellowship: Nicky Bereit: *women@bpchurch.uk*

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

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

The Centre: Amir Kamali *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* by 6pm on Wednesday. Any items received after this time will be listed in the following week’s notice sheet.