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**Sunday 2nd February 2025 Candlemass - The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**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 2nd February –**- **Stewardship Sunday - Readings**

**9.00am**

2 Corinthians 8: 1-9 pg 1163; Luke 2: 22-40 pg 1028

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

**11.00am**

2 Corinthians 8: 1-12 pg 1163

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**6.00pm**

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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 3rd February | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Tea and Chat, at The Centre, Verney Close |
| 7.30pm – 8.30pm | Prayer and Praise |
| Tue 4th February | 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 12 Noon | Community Lunch |
| Wed 5th February | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| 4.00pm – 6.00pm | Lighthouse |
| Thu 6th February | 9.30am – 11.00am | The Ark Toddler Group |
| 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 6.30pm – 8.00pm | Youth Hub |
| 7.15pm – 8.15pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri 7th February | 7.00pm - 7.30pm | Prayer meeting on Zoom: contact Paul Wallace on [*bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com*](mailto:bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com)for details. |
| Sat 8th February | 10.30am – 12noon | Coffee Service Café |
| Sun 9th February | **The Fourth Sunday Before Lent** | |
| 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, we had one last week and want to thank all who joined. Please contact Sue Fox at [*parector@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:parector@bpchurch.uk) for details.

**Prayer and Praise:** Please come and pray for the Outreach of the church in the town of Buckingham and around the world on 3rd February. Nothing happens without prayer, so please see this as an essential part of our church’s activities.

**The Freedom in Christ course** will be running every Tuesday at BPC for six weeks, starting 4th March and ending on 8th April, from 8.00pm - 9.30pm. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what every Christian has received in Christ. It reveals the truth of who we are in Him, the reality of the spiritual battle, and how to live more abundantly and freely in Christ. Please sign up using the link www.*bpchurch.uk/freedominchrist* or contact Keith Hagon to secure your place, and to ensure there is time to order the course books.

**Grace and Truth:** The Christian Institute is speaking on three very important key contemporary issues to equip us in our understanding as Christians.

1. Euthanasia: We are all made in God’s image. Evidence shows that, very quickly, allowing euthanasia puts the most sick and vulnerable in society at serious risk. 2. Gambling: This has become an all-pervasive part of life in modern Britain exploiting the most vulnerable and desperate in our society. 3. Gospel Freedom: This is under threat because LGBT activists wish to impose LGBT ideology on preaching, prayer, pastoral work and parent-child conversations. To be held at Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring, Herts., Tuesday 18th February 7.45pm. Further information: phone 0191 281 5664

**Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF**): Did you make a New Year's resolution to get to know the Bible better? BRF notes are a great way of studying the Bible on a regular basis, with daily readings and excellent commentaries. A number of different series are available to meet differing needs (see *https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/our-notes*). An annual subscription costs £15.75. For more information contact Jane Wardale, *jswardale@gmail.com* or call 07342 264666, and start a new habit in 2025!

**The Flower Team** will meet for coffee, tea, cake and conversation on Saturday 22nd February, 10.30 to 12.00. We’ll be signing up for the Easter windowsills, filling gaps in the 2025 rota and enjoying one another’s company. Everyone, ladies and gentlemen, is most welcome to join us to discover more about what we do. More info from [*susan@mileham.net*](mailto:susan@mileham.net)

**Room to let** in lovely house in Gawcott. £750 pcm. Please contact Anne Clark 07752 660739

**Spring Harvest 2025 Minehead.** We have been advised that a church member has had to cancel a 4-bed unit for Spring Harvest at Minehead for April 14th -18th. If interested, please contact Spring Harvest directly on their website or phone them on 0330 100 9332.

**Church Choir:** Do you love singing? Then please consider joining our Church Choir and contact our Choirmaster Rob Tucker at: choir@bpchurch.uk

**Support Group.** We would like to start a support group in 2025 for couples who are struggling with infertility or who have experienced miscarriages. This is a very personal and sensitive subject, but the aim of this group is to create a space for couples, going through similar painful experiences, where they can find community and understanding. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me, Jo Wigley, via email: [*care@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:care@bpchurch.uk)

**Useful contact details:**

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Assoc Minister: Rev. Jo Wigley: *care@bpchurch.uk (07512 274423)*

Curate: Rev. Ope Ayileye: [*ope@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:ope@bpchurch.uk) *(07886 317246)*

Ministry Assistant: Andrew Pegg: *andrew.pegg@bpchurch.uk*

Worship: *worship@bpchurch.uk (07823494704)*

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

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Organist & Choirmaster: Robert Tucker: [*choir@bpchurch.uk*](mailto:choir@bpchurch.uk)

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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.