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**Sunday** **9th March 2025 The First 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.

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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 9th March – Themes and Readings**

**9.00am:** “.…. **(Jesus) was tempted by the devil”**

Rom 10: 8b - 13 pg 1137; Luke 4: 1 - 13 pg 1030

**Preacher**: Rev. Ope Ayileye

**11.00am****: Practicing the Way – Fasting**

Matthew 4: 1 - 4 pg 967

**Preacher:** Jacob Wigley

**6.00pm: Practicing the Way – Solitude**

Luke 22: 39 – 43 pg 1058

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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 10th March | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Tea and Chat, at The Centre, Verney Close |
| Tue 11th March | 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 12 Noon | Community Lunch |
| 8.00pm – 9.30pm | Freedom in Christ course |
| Wed 12th March | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Thu 13th March | 9.30am – 11.15am | Ark Toddler Group |
| 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 6.30pm – 8,00pm | Youth Hub |
| 7.00pm – 8.30pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri 14th March | 7.00pm - 7.30pm | Prayer meeting on Zoom: contact Paul Wallace on [*bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com*](mailto:bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com)for details. |
| Sat 15th March |  | **No** Coffee Service Café |
| Sun 16th March | **The Second Sunday of 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. 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*

**Electoral Roll:** *This year the existing Electoral Roll list will be voided, so we need to renew the Electoral Roll entirely in readiness for the APCM.* Consequently, if you consider yourself a member of BPC it is important that you add your name to the new Roll by completing, preferably, the online application form (available at *www.bpchurch.uk/voting*) or via the paper forms at the back of the Church. The deadline for applications is the end of the day on Sunday 20th April. Full information is at *www.bpchurch.uk/voting*.

**Holiday Club is back** from the 12th – 15th August. To enable us to take more children we need more leaders and helpers. For more information, or to register your name, please email *abi.holidayclub@gmail.com.* Please start praying now for those involved in organizing it, and for the children who will be coming. In addition, we have booked The Centre in Verney Close for every fourth Saturday of the month from 09.00 - 10.30am beginning 22nd March.

**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*](mailto: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.

**Minibus Drivers wanted:** We are looking to establish a pool of church members who are prepared to drive for church or other groups on an ad hoc basis. We urgently need a new driver for the community lunch, on a monthly (or less) commitment. You need a current B driving license (i.e. any car driver). Call 07742 627001 or email *operations@bpchurch.uk* for details.

**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.

**Room to let** in lovely house in Gawcott. £750 pcm. Please contact Anne Clark 01280 423311.

**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 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.

**Women’s Discussion Dinners:** Being so popular, two Wednesday evenings are offered, on 19th March and 16th April, with the same subject for discussion, ‘The Beauty That Never Fades’. Please check your diary and respond to the invitation you will have received.

**Sponsoring Ali.** Hello, Ali here! I am raising donations in aid of Bridge of Hope Children’s Ministry, which works with orphan children and families in poverty in Uganda, sharing the love of Jesus. In June I will be taking part in an alpine ultramarathon, covering 100km and climbing 6,000m in one go (62 miles, 25,000 feet). If you would like to sponsor me, you can donate by either scanning the QR code or speaking to me in person.



**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*

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**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)*

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**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.