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**Sunday** **4th May 2025 The Third Sunday of Easter**

**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 4th May**

**Themes and Readings**

**9.00am:** “It is the Lord!”

Acts 9: 1-6 pg 1102; John 21: 1-19 pg 1090

**Preacher**: Paul Mileham

**11.00am****:** On Fire: Elijah (1) Three Keys to Ignition

1 Kings 17: 1 -24 pg 358

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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 5th May | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Tea and Chat, at The Centre, Verney Close |
| 7.30pm – 8.30pm | Prayer and Praise |
| Tue 6th May | 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 12noon | Community Lunch |
| Wed 7th May | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| 4.00pm – 6.00pm | Lighthouse |
| 7.00pm – 8.30pm | Alpha |
| Thurs 8th May | 9.30 – 11.00am | Ark |
| 10.00am – 12 noon | Coffee and Company, at  The Centre, Verney Close |
| 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Youth Hub at Sam’s House |
| 7.00pm - 8.30pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri 9th May | 7.00pm - 7.30pm | Prayer meeting on Zoom: for details contact Paul Wallace on [*bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com*](mailto:bpcprayermeeting@protonmail.com) |
| Sat 10th May | 10.30am – 12noon | Coffee Service Café |
| Sun 11th May | **The Fourth Sunday of Easter** | |
| 10.30am | Annual Parochial Church Meeting |

**APCM:** Next Sunday, 11th May, is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is the **only service** in church next Sunday and we will be combining all three congregations as we worship, vote on various matters and hear from key ministry leaders. Do please make every effort to be there. Children’s groups will be running. We will once again be providing a picnic lunch, so to help us cater, please reply to the email you have received, or contact the office if you are not signed up to get emails.

**Voting at APCM:** To be able to vote at this year’s APCM you needed to have signed up on the Electoral Roll by the 20th of April. Full information is at [*www.bpchurch.uk/voting*](http://www.bpchurch.uk/voting)

**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 next afternoon tea where you will meet members of our staff team and church family. Our next welcome tea is on 21st June. Please contact Sue Fox at parector@bpchurch.uk for details.

**Alpha:** The new Alpha course started on 30th April in the evening at the church. It is still possible to join so please pray about who you can invite. Visit the website to sign up or speak to Jo Wigley for more information.

**Vacancy:** Our worship has experienced significant growth, and we are now seeking a part-time Worship leader/pastor, who is called to build on this foundation, leading, inspiring, and empowering us to worship God in Spirit and truth. Closing date for applications is **30th June 2025**. Interviews will be arranged after shortlisting at a mutually agreeable time. Will would love to talk to anyone thinking of applying to better describe the role so do get in touch with him *rector@bpchurch.uk* or to know more about the role please get in touch with Divya Jacob at *hr@bpchurch.uk*

**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, join us at The Centre, Verney Close from 9:00–10:30am every 4th Saturday of the month for a time of prayer; the next one is on 24th May. Join us for all or part of the time.

**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 with visitors. For more information phone Gill Croxton 01280 815100

**May Families’ Camp-Out:** Save the date for a night under canvas at Stampwell Farm Saturday 31st May to Sunday 1st June. Visit *bpchurch.uk/camping* (or speak to Will).

**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*

**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

**Christian Aid Week** this year starts on 11th May. There will be a fund-raising Soup Lunch on Saturday 17th May at The Salvation Army, Moreton Rd 12 noon - 1.45pm. Do join us for a bowl of delicious home-made soup and an opportunity to join with others in Buckingham to help support those around the world who struggle to survive. Envelopes to allow you to donate will also be available in church on 18th May. More information from Jane Wardale (07342 264666)

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

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

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

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

**Website: *www.bpchurch.uk***

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The Centre: Amir Kamali [*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.