

# WELCOME to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

Holy Cross Church, Sarratt, & St Paul's Church, Chipperfield

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Everyone is welcome to attend any of the services in our churches

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<b>Sunday 29 March – PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>Holy Week begins.</b> British Summer Time begins	
<b>9am</b>	<b>Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) – Holy Cross</b>
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Service for Palm Sunday – St Paul's</b>
<b>Thursday 2 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's with the washing of feet</b>
<b>Friday 3 April – GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
<b>2pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross– St Paul's</b>
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross – Holy Cross</b>
<b>Saturday 4 April – HOLY SATURDAY</b>	
<b>All day</b>	<b>Both churches open for reflection with prayer stations</b>
<b>Sunday 5 April – EASTER DAY – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
<b>5.30am</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service – Holy Cross Churchyard</b>
<b>9am</b>	<b>All Together Eucharist – St Paul's</b>
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>All Together Eucharist – Holy Cross</b>

**Funeral Details for the late Lesley Edwards:**

**2.30pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
St Paul's Church, Chipperfield**

**Lesley's family would like to encourage the wearing of accessories  
with a "*Sign of Spring*"**

**Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Room**

## **Our bible readings for Palm Sunday**

**29 March**

### **Philippians Chapter 2, Verses 5-11**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

# The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

## Chapter 27, verses 11-54

### Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

<sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup> “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

<sup>22</sup> “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

<sup>23</sup> “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and

again. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup> They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). <sup>34</sup> There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the jews.

<sup>38</sup> Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup> “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” <sup>44</sup> In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

## REVISION OF HOLY CROSS ELECTORAL ROLL

The revision of the **Holy Cross** Electoral Roll will take place beginning on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026. If your name is **not** currently on the roll and you would like to be added, please complete the form which can be found at the back of church. Please hand the completed form to Jeannie Poulton, deliver to 7 Alexandra Road, Sarratt or email to [alan.poulton@talktalk.net](mailto:alan.poulton@talktalk.net) by 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note that if you live outside the Parish, in order to be added to, or to stay on, the Electoral Roll you must have 'habitually' attended public worship during the preceding six months or be able to give a reason why you were prevented from doing so. This is generally interpreted as at least once a month rather than occasional visits.

## LILIES FOR EASTER AT ST PAUL'S

If you would like to make a donation for a lily in memory of a loved one please contact Jenny Laurie ([jennylaurie@icloud.com](mailto:jennylaurie@icloud.com) or 01923 275292), give the donation to our treasurer, Caroline in person or via the card machine in church. St. Paul's will be decorated and the lilies displayed from Easter Sunday.

# Inspire

## Women Inspiring Women



### Change of date!

In April we are meeting on  
Monday **13<sup>th</sup> April**

Have time away from your busy lives  
with activities, conversations and  
inspiring talks over tea, coffee and  
cakes

April 13th we are meeting  
“Under the Heavens” at  
1-30 for a walk in the  
bluebell woods



For more info contact Fay on  
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