

# WELCOME to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

Holy Cross Church, Sarratt, & St Paul's Church, Chipperfield - Benefice Office: 01923

264377 - Everyone is welcome to attend any of the services in our churches

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## Sunday 8 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

9am

Morning Worship – St Paul's

10.45am

Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

## Sunday 15 March – MOTHERING SUNDAY

9am

Note  
time/venue

All Together Family Service – St Paul's

10.45am

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time/venue

All Together Family Eucharist – Holy Cross

6.30pm

Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross

## Sunday 22 March – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins

9am

Morning Worship – St Paul's

10.45am

Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

## Sunday 29 March – PALM SUNDAY Holy Week begins. British Summer Time begins

9am

Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) – Holy Cross

10.45am

Service for Palm Sunday – St Paul's

## Thursday 2 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY

6.30pm

Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's  
with the washing of feet

**Friday 3 April – GOOD FRIDAY**

<b>2pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross– St Paul’s</b>
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross – Holy Cross</b>

**Saturday 4 April – HOLY SATURDAY**

<b>All day</b>	<b>Both churches open for reflection with prayer stations</b>
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**Sunday 5 April – EASTER DAY – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Easter**

<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**

## Our bible readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

8 March

### Romans Chapter 5, verses 1-11.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

# The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

## Chapter 4, verses 5-42

### Glory to you, O Lord

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep.

Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

<sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they

are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

<sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

<sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

<sup>34</sup> “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup> Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.”

<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.”

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
A service for everyone!

**Friday 6 March**

*I will give you rest, come*

**10.30am**

**Bovingdon Baptist Church**

High Street Bovingdon

(With refreshments after the service)

Access also available via Apple Cottages

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# 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

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For more info contact Fay on  
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# Saturday 7th March

6.00pm

Come along to hear the powerful and mighty organ of St. Paul's Church (Chipperfield) doing what it does best. There will be something for everyone in this recital – from fiery Italian baroque to lusciously smooth English music – with tunes that you will recognise (Amazing Grace) and others you have never heard before!

*Paul Markovic was senior organ scholar at Queens College Cambridge, and has held posts at Worcester Cathedral and several London Churches. We are fortunate that Enfield Organists have chosen to bring Paul to our organ at Chipperfield for this event - please support live music in our village.*

Just turn up and enjoy – collection to cover costs after the finale.

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