

## 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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### Wednesday 18 March

7pm

Sarratt Prayer Group – 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

2pm

Stations of the Cross– St Paul's

6pm

Stations of the Cross – Holy Cross

### Saturday 4 April – HOLY SATURDAY

All day

Both churches open for reflection with prayer stations

**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**

**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 the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**22 March**

### **Romans Chapter 8, verses 6-11**

<sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

# The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

## Chapter 11, verses 1-45

### Glory to you, O Lord

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

<sup>8</sup> "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. <sup>10</sup> It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

<sup>11</sup> After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

<sup>12</sup> His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

<sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

<sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days."

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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 or attached to this email. 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.

# 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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