

THIS SUNDAY 26 MARCH



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST BARTHOLOMEWS

10AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST CHRISTOPHER'S & LIVESTREAM

Reading: Elizabeth Copeman

Intercessions: Richard Reincke

6PM EVENSONG

ST BARTHOLOMEWS

Lamentations 3:19-33; Matthew 20:17-34

Reading: Frankie Gaiter & Christopher

Scholfield

NEXT SUNDAY 2 APRIL

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

ST CHRISTOPHER'S

10AM HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY MORNING FAMILIES

ST BARTHOLOMEWS & LIVESTREAM

Reading: Sarah Mulliner

Intercessions: Jane Slevin

WEEK COMMENCING 26 MAR

9am Morning Prayer:

Monday | St Bartholomew's

Tuesday | St Christopher's

Wednesday | All Saints

Thursday

9am Holy Communion | St Christopher's

PARISH INFORMATION

St Bartholomew's Church is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday - Saturday

St Christopher's Church is open from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday - Friday

Livestreamed services: Link to view and orders of service on the website. [Church at Home](#)

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(open: 9am-3pm Mon/Tues/Thurs, 1-3pm Fri)

Pastoral Visitors for March: Elizabeth Cook, Sara Smith & Jan Wickers.

To request a visit or for any Pastoral matter please contact Rev Chris, Rev Justin or the Parish Office

Further information:

Please continue to check the website for updated information; www.haslemereparish.org

To receive this news sheet by email contact office@haslemereparish.org

Accessibility:

Both churches have hearing loops. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil.

Both churches have step free access and a wheelchair is available on request.

Large print service orders and hymn books are available—ask a sides person.



Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8:6-11;

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you

John 11:1-45

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR W/C SUNDAY 26 MARCH

A Thought for Sunday: John 11:32-37

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The Christ within us feels our every emotion, there is nothing he doesn't know and feel about sadness, pain and grief. This is what makes Christ....real, relatable, trustworthy....he is not other worldly smiling benignly at our tears, he is here and now, within and without us, feeling every pain and every joy and walking with us, hand in hand, nonetheless.

Why? Because that is the love of God, the love we should all ponder during lent so that we can celebrate with true joy on Easter morn, when the Word enters his glory and indeed through his resurrection ensures ours.

Christ, who showed his love for all humanity, through his love for Lazarus. Who showed us the power of prayer and through it all, is still our relational God, who walks with us, in every facet of our lives

For our Local Ministry Work and Schools

- We pray Lord that you will sustain us through the journey of Lent, as soon you will guide us towards the cross. Place within us your Spirit of Life and Peace.
- We pray for all those facing hardship at the moment, be that due to health, finance or any other reason. May we take comfort in the knowledge, that you walk with us in every facet of our lives.
- We give thanks for our team of school governors, whose careful work is usually unseen in the parish. Especially we give thanks for the good response to the request for new governors to join the team.
- We pray for all our outreach activities in the community, but especially for the Link Community Hub project and it's work to seek local support.

Those Sick and Suffering: Liz Hawkins, Andrew Lee, and Paul Simmonds.

Rest In Peace: Grace Marriage & William Pennington

Upcoming Life Events:

Monday 27 March	Guildford Crematorium	Funeral of Grace Marriage
Wednesday 12 April	St Christophers	Funeral of William Pennington

PARISH NOTICES

The Link Community Hub Project

Have you clicked to agree yet? Please support our quest to secure funding for the Link by visiting www.haslemereparish.org/link or by using the QR Code and click to agree. It will ask you to input your information but it should only take a minute or two of your time and it is vital we get your support!



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If you are on Facebook, please follow our Haslemere Parish page. And if you spot us posting on the community board, please give us a like!

Revd Chris Bessant to be Area Dean of Godalming

Bishop Andrew Watson of Guildford has asked Revd Chris Bessant to take up the post of Area Dean of Godalming, which will run concurrently with his continuing work as Rector of Haslemere. This is a senior clerical role for those assisting the work of Bishops and Archdeacons. Area Deans will dedicate a few hours of their work each week to support deanery clergy, to assist on parish mission plans, and to work with the diocese on recruitment of new clergy into vacant parishes.

Chris will be officially licenced by the Archdeacon of Surrey after a service of Evensong on Sunday 26th March at 6:00pm in St Bartholomew's Haslemere. All are welcome to attend.

Friends Organ Concert—Spring Series

The next in the Spring series of organ concerts is on 1 April, 11am at St Bartholomew's Church. These concerts are free to attend, refreshments are served from 10:30am with a retiring collection in aid of the Friends of the Parish.

Church Care Group

To all the members and any one else who would like to join us on Friday 31st March 0930-1230, to freshen up St B's church for Easter. I would be delighted to welcome you all. Coffee etc; will be available!! Please come, Yours Roscelin Rees

Palm Sunday Procession

Next Sunday, 2nd April, is Palm Sunday – the beginning of Holy Week. As is our custom we shall be making a short procession outside the church, and singing as we enter. Please make a special effort to come a little earlier, to meet at the Derby Road churchyard gates (next to the noticeboard). Please be at the gate for 9:55am, for a 10:00am start.

Easter Lilies

It is traditional at Easter to decorate the churches with lilies. If anybody would like to make donations towards them, possibly in memory of a loved one then please let the Parish Office know. Donations for either church can be dropped into the office, for St Bart 's you can also pay directly into the following account: Church Flowers, Acc No: 00107872, Sort Code: 30-93-94.

Electoral Roll Revision 2023

If you wish to join the Parish of Haslemere Electoral Roll and be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), please complete an application form and return it to the Parish Office **before the 31st March**. Forms are available from both churches or can be completed online [here](#). If you have attended church for more than 6 months and you are baptised, then you are encouraged to have your name added. **If you are already on the Roll, no action needs to be taken.**

A concert with Rushmoor Male Voice Choir, 17th June at Haslemere Methodist Church

Tickets are £10 including refreshments available from Malcom Harris on 07842 973341.

Pop-In Coffee Morning and Hearing Champions

Our regular Pop-In Coffee Morning reaches out to those who would like a bit of company and a chat. We meet on each 2nd and 4th Thursdays, in the Link at 10am. Our clergy, Chris and Justin are usually around to meet you. Also if you have a hearing aid, you can have it cleaned and serviced by our Hearing Champions service, with new batteries at the same time!