

**MOVING ON! Course  
starts 16 April**

How do we live our lives as followers of Jesus? How do we establish healthy habits so that we continue to grow in faith? On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm we are starting a new course at the Rectory, where we will explore these questions in a small group with group discussions, short videos and bible reflections. This is the perfect follow-on course if you have done START! in the past or if you would like to grow in your Christian faith. **Interested? Please let our church office know as we will limit the group size to 10-12.**

**EASTER IS COMING!**

**Easter cards and children's books** are available on our bookstall at the back of church. Do take time to have a browse.

**What's happening for children and families at Easter?**

Please pick up a leaflet with more details and invite others to join us!

**Decorating the church for Easter Sunday.**

Would anyone like to help decorate the church for Easter? Helpers required on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March meeting at 10 am.

**Tombola – Denham Fayre.** Collection for the Tombola at the Denham Fayre has begun. Please place any unwanted gifts which are in good condition in the Tombola Box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

**Book Launch: The 1870 Denham Murders**

On Wednesday, 28 March, 7.30-9.00pm, retired police officer Neil Watson will launch his new book, based on detailed research about the Denham murders in 1870. Free entry.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am** Lifegroup for Women.

*The Rectory*

**7.30pm** The Well. Evening Prayer

*St Mark's*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am** Little Lions Toddler Group

*St Mark's*

**Maundy Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am** NO HOLY COMMUNION

*St Mary's Vestry*

**6.30pm** Maundy Supper (bring & Share)

*St Mary's Vestry*

**7.30pm** Holy Communion *St Mary's*

*Journey to the cross: Last Supper*

**Good Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am** An Hour at the Cross

(with Children's hour at the cross)

*St Mary's*

**Church Administrator Required –  
Chalfont St Giles**

The Administrator is employed by the Parochial Church Council and works closely with the Rector and the Churchwardens. Application forms may be obtained from: The Rector, The Rectory, 2 Deanway, Chalfont St Giles, HP8 4JH Email [rectorcsg@stgileschurch2.plus.com](mailto:rectorcsg@stgileschurch2.plus.com) Tel 01494 872097 *Completed application forms deadline: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018*

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

Our Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, at 11.45am** (straight after the morning service). It is an opportunity to give thanks to God for all that has happened in the life of our church in 2017 and to get a clearer idea of his good plans for us over the next 12 months. We will also elect our two church wardens and some members of our PCC (please look out for more details on our notice board soon). **Please make every effort to be there!**



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Palm Sunday

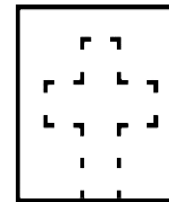
Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there is Sunday club for children & older children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.  
*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

**As the choir enter the church, they will sing - please join in!**

*Verse 1: We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.*

*Verse 2: We are singing of the love of God, we are singing of the love of God.*

*Verse 3: As verse 1*



**New City Catechism - Part 1: God, Creation & Fall, Law**

**Question 20: Who is the Redeemer?**

*The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.*

**1 Timothy 2.5:** For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

**Commentary:** The Redeemer is Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. He became man and lived a real human life like ours. The only difference is that he always trusted God. He trusted him entirely. He is called the Redeemer because he "re-deems" his people. He resets our value. When you redeem something at a shop, you turn it in and you get some money for it. When I was a child, we had redemption stamps. We would save up our stamps and then turn them in to get something else. Jesus resets our value. He gives his own life on the cross for all who repent of their sins and trust in him. He lived a life of trust, and he died a death that he didn't have to die, but he did it because of his love for us. The image of redemption in the Old Testament is one of God rescuing his people from Egypt, pulling them out of bondage, out of slavery. In the New Testament Jesus the Redeemer rescues us from our bondage to sin, of serving ourselves in destructive ways. But God in his great love sent his only begotten Son, who lived a perfect life, died on the cross, and then rose from the dead in order to bring us to him, to redeem us. *(Mark Dever)*

**Prayer:** "Precious Redeemer, before the world began, you loved us. You gave up your glory to bear our shame. You glorified your Father by obeying him all the way to the cross. You deserve our praise, thanks, and worship. We have no hope but in you. Amen."

(The complete *New City Catechism* is available as a book, a free app or at [newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com))

## Worship today



### 25<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

**8.00am Holy Communion** *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Mary Gage

**Readings:** Phil. 2. 5-11

Matt. 27. 1-54

**10.10am Procession with Joey the Donkey.**  
*Denham Memorial Hall*

**10.30am Sung Communion**  
*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children  
**Journey to the cross: Hosanna!**

**Sidesmen:** Janet Drane & Sylvia Gammond  
**Readings and readers:**

Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-end Sam Carter  
Mark 11. 1-11 Ann Collins

**Prayers:** Michael Carmody

**Servers:** David & Judith Babb

**Sunday Club Leader:** Kathy Paine

**4.00pm Messy Church for Families:**  
**Jesus the Saviour**

St Mark's, Denham Green

#### Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-end

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'  
<sup>3</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>5</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>6</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>7</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. <sup>8</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>9</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup> The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>12</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>13</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### Mark 11.1-11

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."

<sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!' <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' <sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### King of kings, majesty

God of heaven living in me  
Gentle Saviour, closest friend  
Strong deliverer, beginning and end  
All within me falls at your throne

*Your majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before you now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve your majesty*

Earth and heaven worship you  
Love eternal, faithful and true  
Who bought the nations,  
ransomed souls  
Brought this sinner near to your throne;  
All within me cries out in praise.

## Worship next week

**29<sup>th</sup> March: Maundy Thursday**

**6.30pm Bring-and-Share Supper**

*Please sign up at the back of church!*

**7.30pm Holy Communion, St Mary's**

**30<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday**

**10.30am An Hour at the Cross, St Mary's**  
*with Children's Hour at the Cross*

**2.30-4.30pm Silent Prayer at St Mary's**  
*with prayer stations, prayer activities for school children, individual pastoral prayer*

**3.15 pm-4.45 pm: Wintershall Passion**  
*relayed live on TV in St Mary's Vestry*

**1<sup>st</sup> April: Easter Sunday**

**8.00am Holy Communion** *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Alison Barrett

**Readings:** Coloss. 3.1-7, John 20.1-10

**9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer**  
*St Mary's, front of church*

**10.30am Family Service**  
*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children followed by Easter Egg Hunt!  
**Journey to the cross: Resurrection.**

**Sidesmen:** David Babb, Sam Carter and Sharon Williams

**Readings and readers:**

Mark 16.1-8 Beverley Gray

Acts 10. 34-43 John Way

**Prayers:** Philip Thompson

In your prayers this week, please remember **Ethel White, Thelma Mann and Christine Willson.** Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time, especially the families of **Mark Miller and Daisy Smith.**