



WEEKLY NEWS



from the Benefice of
The Church of The Holy Cross, Sarratt
and St Paul's Church, Chipperfield

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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020

Bible reading for the Online Service for this week
2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 7

Readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter (The Sunday after Ascension Day)
Psalm 68: 1 – 10 & 32 to the end; Acts 1: 6 - 14; John 17: 1 - 11
Liturgical colour for Easter: gold or white

*** Readings are given in full at the end of this edition of Weekly News ***

Please join us this Sunday at 10am for our weekly Online Service
Welcome

Opening Hymn

Take my Life and Let it Be

(with words on screen)

Bible reading - 2 Corinthians 8: 1-7

(read by a member of the congregation)

Reflection

Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans

Prayers

(written and spoken by a member of the congregation)

Final hymn

Give me Joy in my Heart

(with words on screen)

Blessing

Approximate running time 20 minutes

Available from 11am
The first online
All Age Service
with children in mind

Welcome

Song: **Faithful One**

Reading - **Mark 4: 35-41**

Seb the Puppet

Song: **Nothing is too big for his power**

Talk: **Ian Chantrell**

Prayers from our young congregation

The Lord's Prayer

(in modern format)

Song: **The Lord's My Shepherd**

Closing Words & Grace

Please follow the links to the YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrPu7Gwp4Lv60fD5wLSZ88w>

Via our website: <https://www.HCSP.net/>

The Online Services page of our website:
<https://www.HCSP.net/online-services>

ALL AGE WORSHIP ONLINE - FIRST SERVICE THIS WEEK

Our monthly All Age Service (with children in mind), which was usually held in St Paul's Parish Room, will be ready to go online at 11am on Sunday, 24 May. Don't miss it!

Collect Prayer for the 7th Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning,
to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part ...
– see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8: 6 & 7

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2020

Bible readings for The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Numbers 11: 24 - 30; Acts 2: 1 - 21;

The Gospel reading is to be confirmed by Bishop Michael

Liturgical colour for the Day of Pentecost: Red

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Following the unprecedented situation our country faces at this time with the COVID-19 pandemic, you will be aware that we have had to cease all services and lock both Holy Cross and St Paul's churches.

There is still plenty that we can do across the benefice in reaching out to those we know who may be struggling with isolation. Included in this Weekly News Sheet (Welcome Sheet) (which is at present being distributed via email only), will be ways you can connect with prayer and worship on a daily or weekly basis.

Our commitment as wardens is to serve the church, congregation and wider community in our villages. We are delighted to know that in both villages, help is being co-ordinated with volunteers helping with shopping. Please do not hesitate to contact us if needed.

Linda Clough, Nikki Clough, Philip Waine, Ann Waine, Churchwardens

PRAYER POINTS

Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pray for our world:

- For peace and reconciliation within and between nations.
- For freedom from hunger, drought, disease, fear and violence.
- For the work of Christian Aid, TearFund & other relief agencies.
- For all who are working to develop tests and a vaccine for COVID-19 and for fruitful co-operation between nations.

Pray for our nation:

- For Elizabeth our Queen, and for all those in authority guiding the United Kingdom at this time.
- For our archbishops, bishops and clergy, including our rector Michele.
- For doctors, nurses, medical researchers, pharmacists, carers and all other key workers, that they may be kept safe & well as they strive to serve others.
- For those whose businesses have collapsed and all who have become unemployed and are enduring hardship.
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Pray for our community in Sarratt and Chipperfield:

- For those who are unhappy, who are lonely or neglected, who are damaged or abused, or whose life is darkened by fear or pain or sorrow.
- For Robin and Edna Gain and for their son Andrew, who is in hospital having been diagnosed with a brain tumour.
- For all who grieve the loss of loved ones, including the family and friends of Freda Driver.
- Residents of Alexandra Road in Sarratt and Alexandra Road & Chapel Croft in Chipperfield.
- Rosemary Oliver of Chipperfield parish, and Irene Oulsnam of Sarratt parish.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Church buildings are to be kept closed
and public worship is suspended until further notice.

See 'A Message From The Churchwardens'

May

Sunday 24 From 6pm, 'Big Church Day In' Concert - see notice

Sunday 31 PENTECOST *Marking the day the apostles received the Holy Spirit*

June

Sunday 7	TRINITY SUNDAY <i>Celebrating God as Father, Son & Holy Spirit</i>
Sunday 14	1st Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 21	2nd Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 28	3rd Sunday after Trinity

BENEFICE ONLINE SERVICES

Our benefice broadcasts could not take place without the skill sets of Martin Deane, Paul Rodgers and Oliver Webby and we offer our sincere thanks to all three. Thank you also to David Clough & David Heath for the music, to Philip Waine, the producer, and to all who have and are to take part in reading the gospel and prayers. Please make sure you press the 'thumbs up' button and subscribe to our YouTube channel, which will help enable easier access. And a comment would be great!

So far, there have been five services broadcast on the Benefice YouTube channel to date, the services have collectively received over 1,500 views and we have 55 subscribers to what is now our own YouTube channel.

VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING - RESUMES SUNDAY 31 MAY

Please look out for an invitation to the next virtual coffee morning after church, which will be hosted by Nikki Clough. After the 31st, virtual coffee mornings will be held fortnightly on Benefice Sundays and we are looking for volunteers to host these. Our aim is that a volunteer from St Paul's will host when the actual service would have been held at St Paul's and a volunteer from Holy Cross will host when the actual service would have been held at Holy Cross. Please contact Ann Waine at annwaine57@gmail.com if you can help. If you are missing being on the rota, here is your chance!

Technical details: You do not need to register every time you wish to join, you only need to simply request it once from Sonya and this will then place you on the distribution list for every upcoming sessions. Each time we are due to hold a coffee morning the invite will go out to everyone on the list and it is up to you if wish to join: holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com You will then be invited by our technical expert, Paul Rodgers, who will send you a link to join. You may need to install Zoom on your tablet or desktop.

ACCESS TO WORSHIP ONLINE & ON TV updated

Here is the link to the Church of England website which gives information about all the online facilities they are offering at this time:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturg-and-prayer-resources>

The BBC is broadcasting virtual church services on Sundays amid the coronavirus pandemic on BBC One, Radio 4 and BBC local radio stations.

St Alban's Cathedral YouTube channel – enables you to watch services they have recently given.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ST+ALBANS+ABBEY

ACCESS TO WORSHIP OVER A FREE DIAL-IN PHONE LINE

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a free dial-in worship phone line during the Coronavirus lockdown. Daily Hope, which is now available, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. More information can be found on the link below.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/archbishop-canterbury-launches-free-dial-worship-phone-line-during>

BIG CHURCH DAY IN CONCERT - TODAY, SUNDAY 24 MAY

From 6pm today, watch some of the world's best worship song artists exclusively on YouTube. Go to [YouTube.com/bigchurchdayout](https://www.youtube.com/bigchurchdayout)

Some members of our congregation have been to Big Church Day Out Festival in previous years. This special online event will be an opportunity to see the blessings of the festival and hear many of the worship songs we play at our All Age service performed by the writers of the songs.

Ian Chantrell

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK DONATIONS

Although Christian Aid Week finished on Saturday 17 May, there is still time to send a donation to Christian Aid to help the charity in its response to the Coronavirus outbreak in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. If you wish to donate, please phone 020 7523 2046 or use the link:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER NEEDED

Please can you help? St Paul's needs an independent examiner to inspect our annual accounts. The person needs to have the ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination of the annual financial statements and is a qualified member of a recognised professional body, however they do not need an audit licence. If you would be able to help please contact Fay Dent at fay.dent@live.co.uk

CHURCHES IN CROXLEY GREEN CIO...

...are looking to appoint a Mental Health Practitioner to work for approximately 5 hours a week, alongside the Parish Nurse, local ministers

and existing health professionals to bring holistic care to the people of Croxley Green. This unique role for a Mental Health Nurse or similar Paramedical practitioner will integrate concern for both the spiritual and mental well-being of the people of Croxley Green. It will complement but not replace the work of local mental health providers. For further information or to request a recruitment pack please contact: Rev Miriam Mugan of All Saints Church at miriam.mugan@btopenworld.com Or Rev Lisa Kerry of Croxley Green Baptist Church at lkerry@aol.com Closing date for applications is September 1st 2020
Find out more about us here www.croxleyparishnurse.org

HOLY CROSS SARRATT FLOWER FESTIVAL

It is with regret that the annual flower festival, usually held at the end of June, has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus restrictions. This is disappointing, but understandable based on the amount of advanced planning required for the event. If you have any questions about this please contact Linda Clough on dandlclough@btinternet.com

SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE

May's edition of Spotlight is now available to read. The magazine is still being created as normal and can be viewed digitally on the Sarratt Village website sarrattvillage.co.uk simply click on 'Spotlight' at the top of the site's home page. Thank you to all those involved with producing it.
Please pass on this information about the magazine to anyone you know living in the Parish. We all hope normal service will resume as soon as possible. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive the missing issues in paper copy please email holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com and we will note for when restrictions have been lifted.

URGENT REQUEST:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCHES AT THIS TIME

Please contribute, during these difficult times, to the running of Holy Cross and St Paul's, if you are able to do so. Thank you.

The following ways are available:

Holy Cross: BACS Payments can be made to "Sarratt PCC Holy Cross", sort code 40-52-40, account number 00019785 or cheques payable to "Sarratt PCC Holy Cross" can be posted to or put through the door of Colin Plummer (Hon.Treasurer), Greenhill Cottage, Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6AR.

St Paul's: Bank details are: sort code 40-52-40, account number 00032404, account name: PCC St Paul's Chipperfield or cheques payable to "PCC St

Paul's Chipperfield" can be posted to or put through the door of Fay Dent (Hon.Treasurer), 'Anderlea', Croft Lane, Chipperfield, WD4 9DX. ***We also now have a new 'Donate' button at the top right of our website home page! This is a quick and simple way to donate, especially good for those who do not have internet banking. You can choose from a one off payment or regular monthly payment, using your debit or credit card. Please note - if you use this option and click on 'Give Now' at the bottom of the page and it does not appear to process through to a confirmation page, simply scroll back up to the top of the page and ensure all your details have been entered correctly in the fields. It will highlight red if you have missed anything.***

HOW YOU CAN HELP NHS WORKERS

A labelled box has been placed outside the parish room at St Paul's in which you can place your donations to DENS, linen bags or linen that can be made into bags (for NHS workers to wash their uniforms in) and hand creams and body butter for NHS workers. Please only donate if you can walk there as part of your daily exercise or you are passing by in your car on an essential journey. Thank you very much to Yovi Cherneva and Sue Walker, who are removing donations from the box daily.

CHIPPERFIELD COVID-19 OUTREACH TEAM

The Chipperfield Covid-19 Outreach Team, working in partnership with Chipperfield Care, offer a helping hand to those in need in the community of Chipperfield. Please telephone the organiser, Ellis, on 07599 429626 if you need help with shopping or meals delivery. Chipperfield Outreach Covid-19 Team can be accessed via their Facebook page of the same name.

PRAYER TREE AT ST PAUL'S

Lesley Edwards has kindly made a prayer tree, which will stand in the entrance to the parish room so that people passing by on their daily walk can see it. If you have any prayers, which you do not mind being seen by the public, please email them to Lesley, at rledwardsedwards@btinternet.com who will hang them on the tree every Friday (on her daily walk). The tree can be seen through the glass but please do not make a special journey to see it, unless you are passing by that way during your daily exercise.

DENS – COLLECTION OF FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUES

Now that the church is closed for the time being, if you would like to continue to donate to the Foodbank, please leave contributions in the porch to the Parish Room where they will be picked up each evening. Your donations are needed now more than ever; there has been a 73% increase in visits to the Foodbank in the last few weeks. The Foodbank is sufficiently stocked but

there are items running low, particularly UHT milk, canned soup, tinned meat, tinned fish, long-life pudding. Please note that at present DENS cannot accept clothing or bedding.

Effect of Covid-19 on fundraising:

Two major fundraising events have had to be cancelled – the Hillbuster and the Sponsored Walk – and it is uncertain whether further events will have to be cancelled. DENS has also had to purchase large quantities of hand sanitisers, Personal Protection Equipment and hygiene products, which are now being sold at heavily, inflated prices. DENS therefore require donations to help to make up the shortfall of over £70,000 to keep The Elms Hostel open for 44 residents. Rooms have been set up for self isolation, if required.

If you could please donate, do have a look at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/denscoronavirus> for details.

Thank you.

Sue Walker

MESSAGE FROM ANGELA COAKLEY, LICENSED READER

Please go this site www.sarrattvillage.co.uk as a place for updates for the community explaining how to receive or give help at this time. To post news or updates onto the website please email amc.sarratt@gmail.com

PHONE A FRIEND

Many members of our congregation will be isolated alone at home at this time. Please pick up your telephone and give them a call. In fact, let's ensure we regularly all stay in touch at this time via telephone, text and email.

NEW CHURCHWARDEN NEEDED AT HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross would appreciate a volunteer to become churchwarden. You may recall that a few years ago many of the churchwarden's jobs were shared out among some members of the congregation and the Benefice Administrator so that the duties of churchwarden are not as numerous as in previous years. If you would like to have a chat about the role please speak to Linda Clough.

MORRIS MEN SERVICE – ST PAUL'S

It is with regret that the annual Morris Men Service and display, normally held in July, has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus restrictions preventing all the planning required for this event.

PLEASE SPONSOR SALLY JIMMINSON - MARATHON

Sally is raising money for 'Breast Cancer Now', the research & care charity. She is running the Brighton Marathon, which, it is hoped, will take place now on 20 September. If you would like to sponsor her, please make a donation at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sally-jimminson>

Sally says: "We all find our role in supporting people through difficult times, for me having watched my amazing mum and some close friends deal with the challenges of Breast Cancer, I decided I want to raise as much money as possible to help the charity 'Breast Cancer Now'. They put people with breast cancer first with research and support."

BENEFICE OFFICE

Sonya can be contacted on the normal church email or mobile any time between 7am and 9pm, Monday to Friday.
holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com 07855487342.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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*** Scroll down to see bible readings for today ***

THE READING FOR THE ONLINE SERVICE

Sunday 24 May 2020

A Reading from **St Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians** **chapter 8: verses 1 - 7**

¹ And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: they gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

READINGS FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 24 May 2020

The Old Testament Reading is from **Psalms 68 verse 1 – 10 & 32 to the end**

¹ May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.

² May you blow them away like smoke –
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.

³ But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;

- rejoice before him – his name is the Lord.
- ⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.
- ⁶ God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.
- ⁷ When you, God, went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.
- ¹⁰ Your people settled in it,
and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.
- ³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,
- ³³ to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient
heavens,
who thunders with mighty voice.
- ³⁴ Proclaim the power of God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.
- ³⁵ You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The New Testament Reading is from
The Acts of The Apostles
chapter 1: verses 6 - 14

⁶ Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

⁷ He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospel of John

chapter 17: verse 1 – 11

¹ After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.’

⁶ ‘I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ