



WEEKLY NEWS



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

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SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

(the Sunday nearest Holy Cross Day, 14 September)

Liturgical colour: Red

Lectionary readings for today:

Numbers 21: 4 - 9; Philippians 2: 6 - 11; John 3: 13 - 17

The reading from John is shown in full at the end of this news sheet

9am	<p>Morning Service - St Paul's <i>Leader: Philip Waine</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>John 3: 13 - 17</i></p>
10.30am	<p>Holy Communion for Holy Cross Day - Holy Cross <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Canon Michele du Saire</i> <i>Organist: David Clough</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>As 9am</i></p>

Collect Prayer for Holy Cross Day

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer:

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death
until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.
Amen.

Verse for the Week

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3: 16

SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER
15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Liturgical colour: Green

Because of the current restrictions, attendance at services
in Holy Cross and St Paul’s is limited. To register to attend a service in
either church on **Sunday, 20 September**, contact Sonya Tolmie,
Benefice Administrator, **by Thursday 17 September**

Tel: 01923 264377 or Email: holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com

9am	Holy Communion – Holy Cross <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Canon Michele du Saire</i> <i>Matthew 20: 1 - 16</i>
10.30am	Family Service (All Age Worship) – St Paul’s <i>Leaders: All Age Team</i>

PRAYER POINTS

The Church

- The renewal and reformation of the church in our land.
- Unity of the Christian Church in the bond of peace.
- Michele and all those leading our churches as they plan the future. Those who look after our churches.
- Give thanks for Ben Atkinson, new Director of Music at St Paul's.
- The future of our outreach to the young and those unable to return to church.

The World

- Nations will seek the common good for peace and conservation of the world we live in.
- All those suffering and displaced by insurrection, war and climate changes.

Our Nation

- Our government to be given wisdom in all their decisions at this time and that they will address the problems of those whose livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic.
- That the rise in numbers of Coronavirus cases may be stemmed.
- Those developing and trialling vaccines so that they can be introduced as soon as possible.

Our Community

- Shops, businesses and voluntary organisations in our villages.
- Teachers, school staff and young people settling into new ways of working, especially those starting new schools. Undergraduates preparing for the new year.
- All who are sick in body, mind or spirit, including Andrew Gain, Carol Tillott, Katrina Bond and their families and all who care for them.
- All who grieve the loss of loved ones, especially Yvonne and David Collette and their family following the loss of Yvonne's mother, Janet, whose funeral was on Thursday. Also for Richard Downer, following the loss of his mother.
- Anne Stickland of Chipperfield parish and Anne Trenchard of Sarratt parish.
- Residents of Sarratt Bottom in Sarratt and Rousebarn Lane & Firtree Hill in Chipperfield.

OPENING OUR CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP & PRIVATE PRAYER

KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE

Covid-19 will be with us for some time to come, the ease of infection means that each of us need to continue to take every precaution to ensure that we **keep each other safe**, so when you come to church whether for private prayer or to attend a service, please **hand sanitise, wear a face mask and maintain 2m social distancing**. Some of this is difficult, I know, but in time this too will pass.

Revd. Michele

PUBLIC WORSHIP Booking procedures for attending a service during current pandemic restrictions

Because of the current restrictions, attendance at services in Holy Cross and St Paul's is limited. Please contact Sonya Tolmie, Benefice Administrator, to register to attend a service. Telephone: 01923 264377 or Email:

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by the Thursday before a particular Sunday to book a place in either church for that Sunday.

Worship at St Paul's

Following discussions involving Revd Michele, the Churchwardens and a small committee of volunteers, the following precautions and procedures have been agreed for public worship. Please proceed to the main church door via the car park path and exit via the pathway from the main church door. A sidesman will greet you outside the church and check you have informed Sonya, our parish administrator, of your attendance. You will be ushered inside the church, wearing your mask, when the person in front of you has moved on. Once inside, please sanitise your hands. If you wish to donate to church funds please proceed to the Tap & Go machine, or place your donation in the envelope or plate provided. You will then be directed to a given pew. Sadly, singing in church amongst the congregation is not allowed at present, although there will be music of course! At Holy Communion, Revd Michele will distribute the communion host to you whilst you stay in your seats. When the service is over, please stay in your seats until directed by a sideman to leave. You will be asked to leave the church by the choir vestry door (which has steps and a rail outside). If you unable to leave by the vestry door due to the steps, please stay in your seat until the rest of the congregation have left and you will then be able to leave by the main door. The vestry is out of bounds to everybody except Revd Michele. There will be no coffee after the service, but this will be kept under review. Please see Booking Procedures for how you can book your place and yes, we are looking forward to welcoming you back to church in person!

Ann & Philip Waine

Worship at Holy Cross

Following a great many discussions with Revd. Michele and the Churchwardens of both churches we are excited to be opening the church for worship after several months of closure. After registering by Thursday of the previous week with Sonya, the parish administrator, to attend the service, parishioners are requested to wait outside Holy Cross until a sidesperson asks them to enter the church wearing their mask. They will be requested to either wash their hands or use sanitiser. To donate to church funds the collection plate will be available as will gift aid envelopes to be completed with your own pen. You will be given an order of service. Following this you will be escorted to a designated pew. Sadly singing in church amongst the congregation is not allowed at present although there will be music at the beginning, for a reflection during the service and at the end. When the service is over please remain in your seats until you are invited to leave by a sidesperson.

Linda and Nikki Clough

PRIVATE PRAYER Our churches are open for private prayer each week at these times (times as from 2/9/20):

Sunday	From end of morning service - 4pm	St Paul's
Sunday	2pm - 4pm	Holy Cross
Wednesday	10 am - 12 midday	Holy Cross
Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	St Paul's

St Paul's is open for private prayer on the days shown above. We would please ask, that should you visit, you follow the signage and poster instructions directing you to use the hand sanitising items provided. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to unlock and lock the church on these two days. Please note, that from week commencing 31 August, the church will be open for private prayer at the same times on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Holy Cross is open on days of the week shown above. Please come for private prayer at the times stated - there will be a steward on duty on Sundays to help with instructions; for example, washing and sanitising hands.

SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS AND ST PAUL'S
Please note start times and venues. Don't forget to register to attend.

Sunday 20 *15th Sunday after Trinity*
9am Holy Communion - Holy Cross. Register by 17/9
10.30am Family Service (All Age Worship) - St Paul's.
Register by 17 Sept.

Sunday 27 *Sarratt Harvest Festival / 16th Sunday after Trinity*
9am Holy Communion - St Paul's. Register by 24/9
10.30am Harvest Festival Family Service - The Dell,
The Green, or in Village Hall if wet. Register for hall by 24/9

All are welcome. Families are very welcome indeed to attend any of the services in our churches. Those services described as 'Family Services' are particularly child-friendly.

THE FUNERAL OF SHIRLEY DOWNER - 1pm ON TUESDAY
15 SEPTEMBER AT HOLY CROSS

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, only family and very close friends will be able to attend Shirley's funeral. If you would like to pay your respects, you are invited to stand at the side of the road as Shirley passes on her way to Holy Cross. The hearse will leave Shirley's home, Toledo, at approximately 12.40pm and will drive along Sarratt Green, turning right at The Boot and following the road past the houses and Sarratt Stores before returning to the main road and turning right into Church Lane. Alternatively, you are welcome to come to the churchyard and stand socially distanced by 2 metres during the funeral. Donations in memory of Shirley may be given to Holy Cross Church by either bank transfer: sort code 40-52-40, account number 00019785, by cheque payable to 'Sarratt PCC Holy Cross' or via the Benefice website donate button.

FATHER TERRY...late of Our Lady, Mother of the Saviour Catholic Church in Chipperfield We have been informed that Father Terry Cantwell, who took over from his late brother, Father Des, as priest at Our Lady, Mother of the Saviour, sadly died in his retirement home in Dublin on 8 August. His funeral has taken place and he is buried in Harrow Weald Cemetery where his brothers, Fr Des and Fr Michael are both interred. May he rest in peace.

MICHELE'S RETURN TO WORK We are delighted that Michele is able to be with us again. As Michele resumes her ministry among us she will be in a phased return to work, initially working on Tuesday and Wednesday - 9.00 to 5.00, Thursday - 9.00 to 4.0, Saturday - 9.00 to 12.00 (on alternate Saturdays), and Sunday morning. Please continue to keep her and Bob in your prayers.

WE ARE STILL ONLINE!

The Benefice will be posting the sermon and the gospel reading every week, so don't forget to follow the link to that broadcast. If you haven't already done so, we would be grateful if you could please subscribe to our channel. Once we have 100 subscribers it allows us to be able to apply for an 'easier to remember' link. You need not stay subscribed forever, but once we have achieved the 100 subscriber mark we can apply for the change of Channel link, and then you can unsubscribe whenever you wish. Subscribing means that you will get notified within your YouTube app (phone, tablet or TV) when our services are available to watch and you can also receive an email with the direct link to the services as soon as they are made available, so do please consider subscribing.

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NEVER TOO LATE FOR YOU TO FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND ALL THE ISSUES REGARDING SAFEGUARDING

Now that we are looking forward to going back to church, it is important to think about safeguarding. We are pleased that some of you completed the online training during lockdown. If you are a verger, welcomer, refreshment helper, home group leader, sidesperson, PCC member, churchwarden, bell ringer, then the Diocese recommends this is for you. Please take a look at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org>

Many of you may have already done this course, or a more advanced one, and, if so, you can choose whether to repeat it as a 'refresher' for you.

Once you have completed it, please can you let Sonya know in order for her to update her training spreadsheet. If you wish just to double check the training you have already done please contact Sonya on 07855487342 or holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com

Many thanks.

Sue Walker

URGENT REQUEST:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCHES AT THIS TIME

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

The following ways are available:

To either Holy Cross or St Paul's:

Use the Donate Button on the Benefice Website www.hcsp.net

This is a quick and simple way to donate to either Holy Cross or St Paul's, and is especially convenient 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 in red if you have missed anything.

To Holy Cross:

The Donate Button on the Benefice Website (see above).

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.

To St Paul's:

The Donate Button on the Benefice Website (see above).

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.

SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE - SEPTEMBER EDITION ONLINE NOW

The September edition of Spotlight is now available to read online 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.

DENS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR ON-GOING SUPPORT

The food bank continues to make up food parcels for single people and families. If you can continue to help DENS, they are currently running extremely low on the following items:

tinned ham/corned beef, sponge puddings, custard, tinned fruit, shampoo/conditioner/deodorant - women's and men's, toothbrushes, liquid hand soap, dishwasher tablets and cleaning sprays.

Please note: At the moment they have good supplies of *baked beans, cereal and pasta*. To make a donation to their funds, please have a look at www.dens.org.uk/get-involved/give or give them a ring. Many

thanks. DENS are now collecting at their foodbank in The Hub, Paradise, HP2 4TF, between 10am - 1pm: double sized quilt covers, with or without pillow cases, if possible suitable for men, double or king sized sheets, cooking utensils. **Please note:** they can only accept items which are **new** or of **good quality**, and cannot accept any items which are NOT ON THE LIST ABOVE. Many thanks. *Sue Walker, 01923 261847*

PIANO AND ORGAN LESSIONS

Ben Atkinson, the new Director of Music at St Paul's, is delighted to now be able to offer piano and organ lessons in Chipperfield. Students of all ages and abilities are welcome, from complete beginners, to advanced students. It is never too late to start! Study for ABRSM exams or just for fun. Ben trained at Cambridge University and at the Royal Academy of Music and has had an extensive and varied playing and teaching career, ranging from cathedral organ recitals to west end musicals. To get in touch, please contact Ben on 07731 740936 or benatkinson28@gmail.com
www.benatkinsonmusic.com

**Local Heroes
Who will you nominate?**



Have you been a local Hero? Do you know someone who has?

In the last few months during the pandemic we have all had to endure the most testing of times!!

Is there an individual or a business that you think has gone above and beyond to help out in our community?

We are looking for our local Heroes.

Please nominate who you think should be recognised as a local hero or a Business hero – in the Parish of Sarratt & Chipperfield
Just let us know who they are and why you are nominating them.

Email us at: amc.sarratt@gmail.com

Nominations open from: **September 10th – October 16th.**
All Heroes will be announced – date to be confirmed

Let's nominate and recognise them for all they have done in the most turbulent of times.

SCCF



Accounts Assistant
20 hours per week

We are looking for someone to join our small, friendly team at the Diocesan Office in St Albans. Responsibilities include data input, processing receipts and payments, nominal ledger posting and other clerical duties. Computer literacy, an eye for detail and ability to work to deadlines essential.

Salary £24,916 – 28,307 pro rata
plus generous pension

Further details are available at
www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies

Closing date: 12 noon – 21st September 2020

CHURCH CONTACTS

Benefice Website: www.hcsp.net

Church Office:

Benefice Office, Sarratt Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt, Herts WD3 6AS

Church Office hours:

Tues. 10.30am - 2.45pm; Thurs. 9.15am - 2.45pm; Fri. 9.15am - 1.30pm

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Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Sarratt WD3 6HE

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*** Scroll down to see the Gospel reading for today ***

THE GOSPEL READING FOR HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

A Reading from the Gospel of John chapter 3: 13 - 17

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ