

## WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE BENEFICE

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

### OUR SERVICES & PRIVATE PRAYER

Holy Cross and St Paul's are **open** for private prayer,  
(See times listed below)

Unfortunately, public worship cannot take place because of pandemic restrictions. However, when resources permit, an online service will be screened on our Benefice YouTube channel. Our YouTube Channel link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/HCSP-Online>

#### SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020

##### CHRIST THE KING

Sunday next before Advent

*Liturgical colour: red or white*

*Bible reading: Matthew 25: 31 to the end*

#### SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

##### ADVENT SUNDAY

*Liturgical colour: purple*

*Bible reading: Mark 13: 24 to the end*

#### PRIVATE PRAYER TIMES IN CHURCH

Sunday	10am - 4pm	St Paul's
Sunday	10am - 2pm	Holy Cross
Tuesday	2pm - 4pm	St Paul's
Wednesday	10am - 2pm	Holy Cross

Please follow the signage and poster instructions directing you to use the hand-sanitising items provided.

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
*Matthew 25: 40*

### ***Collect Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King***

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **THE STORY OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS**

Today's Gospel story told by Margaret Prichard Houston, Children's Mission Enabler, Diocese of St Albans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHgMCXjh4yM>

### **A CALL TO PRAYER**

**Stir Up Sunday – stir and pray!**

Watch Me - <https://youtu.be/5pgel0gmAx4>

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord,  
the wills of thy faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Resources - <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/stir-up-sunday/>

# PRAYER POINTS

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for that is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Pray for:

## **The Church**

- 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 church buildings.
- Give thanks for the team creating our online services during this lockdown.

## **The World**

- Nations will seek the common good for the peace and conservation of the world we live in.
- All those suffering and displaced by insurrection, war and climate changes.
- For a peaceful conclusion to the US presidential election process.

## **Our Nation**

- Our government to be given wisdom in all their decisions at this time.
- COVID-19. For peace, renewal and the Lord’s new beginnings for those in communities struggling to recover economically, where mental health is fragile and lives are disrupted.
- Those developing and trialling COVID-19 vaccines so that they can be introduced as soon as possible.

## **Our Communities**

- Shops, businesses and voluntary organisations in our villages.
- All who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Including Mark, Nikki Clough’s partner.
- All who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Kathleen Batchelor of Chipperfield parish and Leone Ashby of Sarratt parish.
- For all who live and work in our villages, including the residents of Dawes Lane in Sarratt and Bucks Hill & Old House Lane in Chipperfield.

## **BIBLE READING**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew, chapter 25 verses 31 to the end

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> ‘Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

<sup>37</sup> ‘Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?”

<sup>40</sup> ‘The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

<sup>41</sup> ‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.”

<sup>44</sup> ‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

<sup>45</sup> ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”

<sup>46</sup> ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

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

# ADVENT RESOURCES

It's hard to imagine that the Advent is nearly upon us, it is season of watching and waiting in which we turn our attentions to preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of God among us.

To that end, below are a few resources which may help you in that endeavour. Whatever you decide, I'd like to encourage you to spend some time each day to pause, to allow yourselves time and space to pay attention to deepening your relationship with the God who comes so that we may have life in all its fullness.

## **Journey to the Manger**

Each week families in Chipperfield and Sarratt will help us Journey to the Manger by sharing with us a time of storytelling, prayer and their own traditions. Look out for a link to our YouTube channel. The link will also appear in each week's newsletter from St Paul's School and Sarratt School.

## **Faith in Action**

***Reverse Advent Calendar*** – During Advent last year many of you placed a gift of food in a basket each day and brought it to church as your Christmas gift for those in greatest need. We'd like to do the same this year, but it is our financial support that would most benefit Dens New Hope Trust this year. Watch this space for details of how to support these charities. Details to be published next week.

## **A Good Read...**

Choose one as your companion in the run up to Christmas

***Being Christian by Rowan Williams*** - In only 82 pages, Rowan Williams introduces the four essential elements of the Christian life:- Baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist and Prayer.

<https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9780281071715/being-christian>

***A Little Book of Prayer Experiments,:*** In her introduction Miranda Threlfall-Holmes says ‘ ‘This is not a book to teach you about prayer. It is a book to encourage you to try prayer out for yourself.’ Many people are anxious about prayer or find it a struggle. Justin Welby ‘commends this little book to help you *just do it*. It matters more that you do it than how you do it.’ In this playful book, there are fourteen experiments with prayer to help you broaden and deepen your prayer life.

<https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9780281075683/little-book-of-prayer-experiments>

***Prayers of the Cosmos: Reflections on the Original Meaning of Jesus’s Words by Neil Douglas-Klotz*** Taking a fresh look at the familiar opens our horizons and offers us the opportunity for new depth and insight. Douglas-Klotz interprets the Lord’s Prayer and The Beatitudes using the original Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, from the perspective of Middle Eastern mysticism. The book invites us to broaden our understanding of these prayers and includes meditations or ‘body prayers’ to encourage us to ‘feel’ the prayer. It is an invitation to go beyond the intellectual, the mind, and to experience the words of Jesus with our whole self.

[https://www.eden.co.uk/shop/prayers-of-the-cosmos-1190298.html?site\\_id=162595&adtype=pla\\_with\\_promotion&device=c&product\\_id=1190298&qclid=CjwKCAiAzNj9BRBDEiwAPsL0d-siksroYsEjh9tsxh0KLoWIP3dRQ4L4o3zOysfb9m81-r9Jui7dVhoC0-sQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.eden.co.uk/shop/prayers-of-the-cosmos-1190298.html?site_id=162595&adtype=pla_with_promotion&device=c&product_id=1190298&qclid=CjwKCAiAzNj9BRBDEiwAPsL0d-siksroYsEjh9tsxh0KLoWIP3dRQ4L4o3zOysfb9m81-r9Jui7dVhoC0-sQAvD_BwE)

***Haphazard by Starlight by Janet Moley:*** There is a poem for each day from Advent to Epiphany along thoughts by Janet Morley and something to ponder. Poets include WH Auden, Christina Rossetti, Rowan Williams, and Gerald Manley Hopkins.

<https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9780281070626/haphazard-by-starlight>

***Falling Upwards: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr*** - Rohr is a Franciscan priest, ecumenical teacher, prolific writer and Christian mystic. In *Falling Upwards* Rohr helps us to understand the tasks of the two halves of life and teaches us that those who have failed, or gone down, are the only ones who can really understand "up." Those who have somehow fallen, and fallen well, are the only ones who can grow spiritually and not misuse "up." What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward!"

<https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9780281068913/falling-upward>

**Note:-** Links above are to Church House Bookshop and Eden Bookshop, but you may find a more economic purchase through other websites.

## **MESSAGES FROM REVD MICHELE AND YOUR CHURCHWARDENS**

### **CHRIST THE KING aka STIR UP SUNDAY**

This Sunday, the Feast Christ the King, is the last Sunday in the Church Year. It is also traditionally the Sunday when Christmas cakes and puddings are made - stirred up! The Bishops of St Albans have called us to prayer at this time – see the notice above, watch the video and pray as you feel able. Many of you will be missing the *Bake -in* at St Paul's Parish Room led by Chris Deal which became a bit of a tradition a few years ago. If you have lost your recipe or are planning to make a different size cake but don't know how to go about it look no further. Chris has very kindly sent me his Christmas Cake recipe (attached to the covering email).

### **THANK YOU ANN...**

After eighteen years of preparing a weekly newsletter from the Benefice, Ann Waine has decided that the time has come to retire from this aspect of church life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication and many years of faithful service.

In light of this, there will now be a single electronic communication from the Benefice which will be an amalgamation of the weekly Welcome Sheet and Benefice News. It will look a different and some details will change.

*Revd Michele*

### **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING – 13 DECEMBER, ST PAUL'S**

A short meeting will be held by Zoom, on 13 December at 3pm, to appoint our new auditor. If you are registered on St Paul's Electoral Roll and would like to join the Zoom meeting please contact Sonya Tolmie on 01923 264377 or [holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com) and she will send you the invitation details.

## SAFEGUARDING

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

It is important for all of us 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. *Our PCCs have given an undertaking that our Benefice will follow the Diocese's guidelines.* 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 or not 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](mailto:holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com)

Many thanks.

Sue Walker

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH WITH YOUR IDEAS, YOUR TIME, FINANCIALLY

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:

### Holy Cross:

The Donate Button on the Benefice Website

<https://www.hcsp.net/Groups/334320/Donate.aspx>

Bank details are: 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:

The Donate Button on the Benefice Website

<https://www.hcsp.net/Groups/334320/Donate.aspx>

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.

**HELPING HOLY CROSS CHURCH  
BEAUTIFUL PRINTS FOR SALE - £5 EACH**

These stunning prints of “The Poppy Field” are by UK artist Gillian Burrows. Gillian’s work radiates joy. She has huge success painting for corporate and private clients. The prints measure 53cms x 43cms and would make super Christmas gifts or just to treat yourself! If you would like to buy one, please contact Sonya Tolmie, Benefice Administrator, on 01923 264377. Thank you for supporting Holy Cross, Sarratt’s parish church.



## SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY

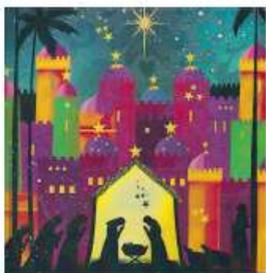
### DENS

Continuing financial donations would be of tremendous help to keep all their services running. To make a donation, please have a look at [www.dens.org.uk/get-involved/give](http://www.dens.org.uk/get-involved/give) or give them a ring on 01442 262274. If you would like to know more, please give me a ring, Sue Walker 01923 261847. Although the foodbank is well stocked, contributions are always welcome. Next month they will be preparing Christmas food hampers which go out to known clients in need on Christmas Eve. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

*Sue Walker*

### DENS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Sue Walker is selling DENS Christmas cards and is unable to sell these cards at our church Sunday lunch, as in previous years! She has a selection and is happy to drop them off to you. Packs of 10 cards, £3.50.



## **SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY**

### **SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE - NOVEMBER ISSUE ONLINE NOW**

The November edition of Spotlight is now available to read online and can be viewed digitally on the Sarratt Village website

<https://www.sarrattvillage.co.uk/> Simply click on 'Spotlight' at the top of the site's home page. Thank you to all those involved with producing the magazine.

### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – 16 to 20 NOVEMBER**

Bullying affects so many children and young people and has a long last effect on those who experience or witness it. To coincide with Anti-Bullying week Scripture Union have launched a brand new free resource to help you discuss bullying with 5-to-11-year-olds, and to introduce relevant biblical themes.

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/anti-bullying-video-and-pdf-resource>

## THANK YOU...

### POPPY APPEAL

As mentioned last week, more money has come in! Grand total now for Chipperfield is **£6,706.32** and for Bovingdon **£3,103.54**. An amazing total of **£9,809.86** has been banked for The Royal British Legion. To think that only a few weeks ago we were expecting not to be able to collect at all. A huge thank you to everyone from the Legion.

*Sue Walker*

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
Psalm 9:1

## CHURCH CONTACTS

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*Church Office hours:*

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

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