



## NEWS FROM THE BENEFICE

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

### OUR SERVICES & PRIVATE PRAYER

Whenever possible, online services are screened on our Benefice YouTube channel. Our YouTube Channel link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/HCSP-Online>

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY

**10.30am**

***Family Service on YouTube - pre-recorded***

*Leader: Ian Chantrell*

*Preacher: Revd Michele du Saire*

*(Matthew 4: 1 - 10)*

#### THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY

**Thursday  
at 5pm**

**Evening Prayer - on Zoom, see notice on page 6**

*Leader: Revd Michele*

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY

**10.30am**

***Open House Team on YouTube - pre-recorded***

*Leader: Open House Team*

*(Mark 8: 31 to the end)*

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**St Paul's** - Sunday 2pm till 3pm and Wednesday 2pm till 3pm

**Holy Cross** - Unfortunately Holy Cross will remain closed and no private prayer times are available for the time being.

**Collect Prayer for the First Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written:

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

*Matthew 4: 10*

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH  
with the Gospel reading for the day**

Sunday 28	Second Sunday of Lent	Mark 8: 31 - end
Sunday 7/3	Third Sunday of Lent	John 2: 13 - 22
Sunday 14	Mothering Sunday	
Sunday 21	Fifth Sunday of Lent	John 12: 20 - 33
Sunday 28	PALM SUNDAY	

# PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

## The Church

- We pray for God's grace and love and power to challenge as we journey through Lent.
- With the pause of lockdown to not cause us to waste each moment we are given.
- To allow the pulse of prayer, God's word and reflection to permeate us daily.
- For all church leaders.

## The World

- For the many conflicts where peace feels so far.
- For all marginalised and alone.
- For fair distribution of all vaccines to all.
- For all places where to have faith is dangerous.

## Our Nation

- For our Queen and all her ministers as they consider the options of easing lockdown.
- For all; as the inoculation programme continues, and all challenged by this.
- For all those who feel alone and distanced by fear

## Our Communities

- We give thanks to the many who serve us week in week out and all who liaise with our Zoom and online services.
- All who are sick in body, mind or spirit, including Andrew Gain, Daphne Pritchard, Sarah Whalley, Keith Dawson, David Waine who is Philip Waine's brother & Bridget Brook and all who care for them. For Philip Thompson (Freda Satler's nephew) as he is terminally ill with cancer. Also for Terry Simmonds (husband of Jackie).
- All who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Pamela Davies of Chipperfield parish, and Ann Dorrett of Sarratt parish.
- For all who live and work in our villages, including the residents of Sarratt Hall Area in Sarratt and Scatterdells Lane & Stoney Lane in Chipperfield.

## THE GOSPEL READING FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew, chapter 4 verses 1 - 10

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. <sup>9</sup> 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."'

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

## LENT 2021

Lent is a time that mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism. During that time, Jesus was by himself, but not alone. The Gospel writers tell us that after his baptism Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit, he was led by the Spirit in the desert, he knew hunger and endured the temptations of the devil. He returned to Galilee equipped by the power of the Holy Spirit to do the work of God. He re-enters society spirit-filled and spirit-led with a clearer understanding of who he was, it is in the wilderness that Jesus discovers the meaning and purpose of his life.

Please use this time to renew your relationship with God, to strengthen your friendship with Jesus, to pray for the church and the continuing work of the Holy Spirit so that we, as a community and as individuals, will be equipped for what lies ahead. Below are a few resources for the journey:

### **‘Seeds of Hope’ Prayer Journal:**

St Paul reminds us to *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances*. This prayer journal for Lent and the first week of Easter has a verse(s) of scripture for each day of the week and space for you to keep a record of what you are grateful for each day. Each week has a theme - trust, faithfulness, patience, hope, peace, kindness, love and joy. Spend time with your Lord each day and listen to what he has to say to you. A Seeds of Hope booklet is available. If you do not have printing facilities at home and would like a paper copy please let Sonya know. Those who live in Sarratt will be able to pick up their copy at the village shop. If you live in Chipperfield, you may pick up a copy from the Parish Room porch or at the vicarage.

### **‘Journey with the Psalms’ Lent Course:**

Each week we will be spending time looking at one of the Psalms of Lament and considering how their wisdom may guide us through these times. Contact Michele to attend either Morning or Evening Sessions on Zoom.:-

#### **Tuesday Evenings at 7pm**

23 February, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March

#### **Thursday Mornings at 10am**

25 February, 4, 11, 18, 25, March

### **Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book 2021**

*Living His Story by Hannah Steele* – A book about evangelism and sharing your faith.

# MESSAGES FROM REVD MICHELE AND YOUR CHURCHWARDENS

## CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**St Paul's** - Sunday 2pm till 3pm and Wednesday 2pm till 3pm

**Holy Cross** - Unfortunately Holy Cross will remain closed and no private prayer times are available for the time being.

We will be keeping these arrangements under review and will let you know of any changes.

For each other's safety please continue to follow the protocols already in place, by wearing a face covering at all times, sanitise your hands on entering and leaving church and use only the spaces that have been made available.

Please continue to pray for the health our nation and each other.

## THURSDAY AT FIVE

Each week on Thursday at 5pm Michele says Evening Prayer on Zoom using the material from the [Northumbria Community](#). It is an opportunity to pause for a moment before God, to be refreshed and to pray for others. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Sonya so she can send you an invitation. See Church Contacts for her details.

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

## PLEASE HELP WITH OUR ONLINE SERVICES

During the pandemic, a small technical team has worked tirelessly to enable the churches of Holy Cross, Sarratt and St Paul's Chipperfield to have an online presence. Services have either been live streamed or pre-recorded. We would like to extend the team in 2021, so if you have an interest or gifting in technology, filming or sound and would be able to volunteer some of your time by joining the team it would be much appreciated, likewise we would also welcome anyone who has some time and a willingness to learn some new skills to join us. **If you can help us**, please contact our Parish Administrator, Sonya Tolmie on 01923 264377 or email, [holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com)

*Rector and Churchwardens of Holy Cross and St Paul's.*

## HOLY CROSS, SARRATT – CAN YOU HELP OUR TREASURER?

We are looking for someone to shadow and assist Colin, our treasurer. The role of a treasurer is very important to the control and recording of our finances. Colin has been capably looking after our finances for many years but we feel that the role could be spread a little to reduce his workload. In due course, the assistant could be promoted to treasurer, although this is not imminent. If you feel that you could help in this way and would like more details, please contact Colin on 01923 263123

*Linda Clough - Churchwarden*

## SUPPORTING OUR CHURCHES 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.

**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.

## SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY

### DENS – THE SPRING QUIZ GOES VIRTUAL!

Their popular Spring Quiz is back! Get your snacks ready and join them for an evening of fun and online entertainment on Friday 26 February at 7.30pm. Connect with friends, family and colleagues for a great night in and put your knowledge to the test -all from the comfort of your home. Sign up at [Virtual Spring Quiz | DENS](#)

### SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE

The February edition of Spotlight is not being delivered to each household this month. You can view view online at [sarrattvillage.co.uk](http://sarrattvillage.co.uk)

### SPOTLIGHT - TWO VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Spotlight Editorial Committee urgently needs a new Editor and a new Advertising Manager for the monthly magazine produced by Holy Cross for Sarratt village and surrounding hamlets.

**Spotlight Editor:** all you need is an interest in the Church, the village, its people and the activities of its clubs, groups and societies. And, of course, you will need to know a bit about using a computer keyboard, but we will help you every step of the way if you're not too sure about fonts, jpegs and pdfs. Put it another way – if the idea of turning text and picture into interesting articles appeals to you, this could be for you.

**Advertising Manager:** we need someone with an easygoing telephone manner to talk to local businesses about how going into everyone's homes once a month in a much-loved magazine could do wonders for their business. There's no hard sell involved and we often have a waiting list for advertising. It would help here too if you knew the difference between a jpeg and tiff, but again don't worry if you don't – you too will be helped all the way.

The editorial team is knowledgeable, helpful and friendly and we thrive on co-operation. We meet once a month to discuss the next issue and so there is regular support as well. Please email us at [sarrattsptlight@googlemail.com](mailto:sarrattsptlight@googlemail.com) if you might be interested – or indeed if you know someone who might. Or you can approach either Michael Edmund or Michael Lench for an informal chat about the roles.

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

We would like to thank all those who have kindly contributed to DENS over recent the months, your generosity is much appreciated.

## CHURCH CONTACTS

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### *Church Office hours:*

With current lockdown restrictions in place and schools closed, the hours Sonya is working vary from day to day. Therefore for the time being please make contact by either emailing [holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com) or telephoning 07855 487 342.

### **Location of churches:**

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