



NEWS FROM THE BENEFICE

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

OUR CHURCH SERVICES AND OPENING TIMES

Holy Cross and St Paul's are open each day between 9am and 5pm.
The Rector and Churchwardens keep these arrangements under review and will advise you of any changes.

Our YouTube Channel link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/HCSP-Online>

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 9th Sunday after Trinity

9am	Morning Service – Holy Cross <i>Celebrant & Preacher - Revd Michele du Saire</i> <i>(Ephesians 4: 1 – 16 ; John 6: 24 – 35)</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion – St Paul's with Baptism of Nova Atkinson-Rowley <i>Celebrant & Preacher - Revd Michele du Saire</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>

THURSDAY 5 AUGUST

Thursday at 5pm	Evening Prayer - on Zoom, see notice on page 2 <i>Leader: Revd Michele du Saire</i>
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SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 10th Sunday after Trinity

9am	Morning Service – St Paul's <i>Celebrant & Preacher - Revd Michele du Saire</i> <i>(Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2; John 6: 35, 41 - 51)</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion – Holy Cross <i>Celebrant & Preacher - Revd Michele du Saire</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>

The Collect for the 9th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth
the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then Jesus declared,
'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6: 35

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 with Michele on Zoom, please contact Sonya so she can send you an invitation. Phone 01923 264377 or email, holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com

GILES WYBURD - We shall be interring Giles's ashes under a Memorial Stone in the Burial Ground at 5.30pm. on Monday 9 August. Anyone who wishes to attend will be most welcome and all are invited to have a drink at Blackwell's after the brief ceremony.

Anne Wyburd and family.

Arrangements for Church Services in Step 4 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown

The approach taken by the Government in the move to Step 4 of it's roadmap is to remove most coronavirus legislation but to promote guidance that emphasises the personal and corporate responsibility of individuals and organisations to protect others and themselves.

The Church believes that everyone is known and loved individually by God. As members of God's family we are all equally valued and called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering (1 Cor 12:12-27). The move to Step 4 means we are being asked to choose to take even more personal responsibility around coronavirus than when we were required by law to do so. Taking personal responsibility means taking responsibility for our neighbour not just for ourselves.

Many will be relieved that restrictions have been lifted, it signals the return of singing as part of worship indoors and we can now enjoy fellowship after our services. But the lifting of restrictions also means that some of our members will be more anxious about coming to church.

For our collective well-being and to mitigate the spread of the virus, the following precautions will remain in place:

- All the doors to the church will remain open to improve ventilation.
- Hand sanitiser will continue to be available for visitors.
- Test and Trace will remain in place. The QR Code will continue to be displayed along with sign-in sheets for those who do not use the NHS App. Privacy Notices will be displayed on church and on our website.

Attending Services

You will no longer need to book-in to attend a service, nor will there be a seating plan. BUT we request that you:

- Hand sanitise before entering church.
- Register /sign-in using the QR Code or sheets provided.
- Respect other's need to social distance.

- Wear a face mask until you are seated, when you move around the church during Communion and as you leave church after the service.

Everyone has a different set of criteria by which they judge whether they feel safe in different situations. We have endeavoured to meet everyone's need by creating zones (red/amber/green) in the church and providing a card to put next to you so that the adjacent space is kept free. Please sit where you feel comfortable.

Red Zones - for those who wish to continue to wear a face mask and social distance

- Holy Cross Church - South Transept
- St Paul's Church - Narthex

Amber Zone – for those who feel able to remove their face masks but wish to social distance

- St Paul's Church - rear pews and Morkill Chapel

Green Zone – for those who feel able to remove their face masks + no social distance

- Holy Cross Church - all other areas
- St Paul's Church - front five(L) or four(R) rows either side of the main aisle

Receiving Communion

Both bread and wine will be administered using the *simultaneous method*. (The priest will dip the host into the wine before offering it to the communicant).

Those seated in the red zone will receive communion first.

Other communicants will be asked to make their way to the sanctuary as directed.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served after the service. Please bring your own mug if you have any concerns.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST /SEPTEMBER

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| Sunday 15 | <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i> | <i>Eph. 5: 15 - 20; John 6: 51 - 58</i> |
| | 9am Holy Communion - Holy Cross | |
| | 10.30am Family Service - St Paul's - outdoors, see pg 6 | |
| Sunday 22 | <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i> | <i>Eph. 6: 10 - 20; John 6: 56 - 69</i> |
| | 9am Holy Communion - St Paul's | |
| | 10.30am Morning Service - Holy Cross | |
| Sunday 29 | <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i> | <i>James 1: 17 - end;</i>
<i>Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14, 15 & 21 - 23</i> |
| | 10.30am Benefice Service - St Paul's - outdoors | |
| Sunday 5/9 | <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i> | <i>James 2: 1 - 10 & 14 - 17;</i>
<i>Mark 7: 24 - end</i> |
| | 9am Morning Service - Holy Cross | |
| | 10.30am Holy Communion - St Paul's | |
| Sunday 12 | <i>Sunday nearest Holy Cross Day</i> | <i>Philippians 2: 6 - 11;</i>
<i>John 3: 13 - 17</i> |
| | 9am Morning Service - St Paul's | |
| | 10.30am Holy Communion for Holy Cross Day - Holy Cross | |
| Sunday 19 | <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i> | <i>James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7 and 8a;</i>
<i>Mark 9: 30 - 37</i> |
| | 9am Holy Communion - Holy Cross | |
| | 10.30am Family Service - St Paul's | |
| Sunday 26 | <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i> | <i>James 5: 13 - end; Mark 9: 38 - end</i> |
| | 9am Holy Communion - St Paul's | |
| | 10.30am Morning Service - Holy Cross | |

**Please note that during August there will be no online services,
to enable the team to have a break.
We will let you know in due course when they will resume.**

PRAYER POINTS

Give thanks

- For all who care for children - including parents, grandparents, adopters, foster parents, teachers and nurses.

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Pray for the Church

- The Church throughout the world to work in unity in the service of Christ.
- Those who are persecuted for their faith.
- For tolerance & kindness between those of different faiths and none.

Pray for The World

- Leaders of all nations that they may bring peace to troubled lands, including Afghanistan, Yemen and Ethiopia.
- All those affected by the affects of climate change such as the devastating floods in Europe, India and China; wildfires in the USA and severe water shortages in Iran.

Pray for Our Nation

- Elizabeth our Queen; her government and all in authority.
- All who provide healthcare support in hospitals and in the community.
- The unemployed, the homeless and all who suffer from economic hardship.

Pray for Our Communities

- All who are sick in body, mind or spirit, including Pauline Hodges, Keith Dawson and all who care for them.
- All who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- Nova Atkinson-Rowley being baptised this Sunday. For God's abiding presence in Nova's life and in the lives of her parents Ben and Freya and her Godparents.
- All those on our church electoral rolls, including Jacqueline Nice of Chipperfield parish, and Cecilia Neal of Sarratt parish.
- All who live and work in our villages, including the residents of Sarratt Bottom in Sarratt, and Rousebarn Lane & Firtree Hill in Chipperfield.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, chapter 6: verses 24 - 35
Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?'

²⁶ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.'

²⁸ Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?'

²⁹ Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.'

³⁰ So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."'

³² Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

³⁴ 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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

MESSAGES FROM REVD MICHELE AND YOUR CHURCHWARDENS

SONGS OF PRAISE

St Paul's Chipperfield – Sunday 15 August at 10.30am

We will be doing something a little different at the main service on the 15th August.

Join us for Songs of Praise on the Common in Chipperfield.

Below is a link that will enable you to vote for your three favourite hymns to be sung at the service, add your own if your favourite isn't on the list.

<https://forms.gle/Wh1yk9ZpVvZtd9Hk6>

Invite your friends and share the link with them so they can make their choices too.

Tea and cake will be served after the service.

MESSY CHURCH FOR THE BENEFICE



We are planning a new Benefice initiative

Messy Church is a church that helps people encounter Jesus: it is for all-ages, but our aim is to encourage families with primary and nursery school-age children to come to church. Messy Church involves **CREATIVITY** - craft/activities, **HOSPITALITY** - food and **CELEBRATION** - worship. The plan is to run it twice a term once in Sarratt at the Village Hall and once in Chipperfield in the Parish Room on the 4th or 5th Sunday of the month starting at midday and finishing at 1.30pm.

The first session will be on **Sunday 31st October in Sarratt**.

Parents and carers will be asked to stay and join in with their children for the whole session.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to get this initiative started and need volunteers willing to make food, lead/help with craft/activities, lead/help with worship.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Holy Cross and St Paul's to work together to enable families across the Benefice to encounter Jesus. Please contact Linda Clough at dandlclough@btinternet.com or on 01923 264884.

DENS

An amazing £22,000 (and still counting) was raised by the recent Hillbuster cycle ride.

Please click on the below link to see the High Needs List for DENS. They have a good supply of many food, hygiene and household items, however there are some specific items that they are in need of.

<https://www.dens.org.uk/get-involved/high-needs-list/>

Donations can be left outside the Parish Room from where they are collected each evening.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHURCHES FINANCIALLY

If you are able to help with the financial running of our churches, we are always extremely grateful.

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.

AND FINALLY....

BENEFICE OPENING HOURS

JULY

Friday 30 – 12.30pm to 5.30pm

AUGUST

Monday 2 to Friday 6 inclusive – closed for annual leave

Monday 9 – closed

Tuesday 10 – 6am to 11.30am

Wednesday 11 – closed

Thursday 12 – 6am to 11.30am

Friday 13 – noon to 5pm

Monday 16 to Friday 20 inclusive - closed for annual leave

Monday 23 - closed

Tuesday 24 – 9.15am to 2.45pm

Wednesday 25 – closed

Thursday 26 – tbc

Friday 27 – tbc

Monday 30 – 9.15am to 2.45pm

Tuesday 31 – closed

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN MORNING

ST PAUL'S CHURCH PARISH ROOM, CHIPPERFIELD COMMON

WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST

10AM – 12.30PM

Pop the date in your diary and register your interest at

holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com

We will keep you updated, on email, about the event.

LEGO BUILDING

CRAFTS & COLOURING

GAMES

REFRESHMENTS AND CAKE!



Any questions email Sonya at

holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com or call 01923 264377

This event is being arranged by St Paul's Church Chipperfield & Holy Cross Church Sarratt and will be free to attend. Parents/carers/grandparents etc will need to stay with their children at all times and be fully responsible for them. Any Government Guidelines around Covid-19 will be adhered to on the day. This event is free to enter.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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