



NEWS FROM THE BENEFICE

OUR CHURCH SERVICES AND OPENING TIMES				
Holy Cross is open each day between 9am and 5pm. St Paul's is open each day between 10am and 4pm.				
Our YouTube Channel link is <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/HCSP-Online</u>				
SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 16th Sunday after Trinity				
9am	Holy Communion – Holy Cross Celebrant & Preacher - Revd Michele du Saire (James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7 & 8a and Mark 9: 30 - 37)			
10.30am	Chipperfield Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service St Paul's – Live Streamed Followed by bring and share lunch. Leader: Revd Michele du Saire (Matthew 25:31 - 36) Direct Link <u>https://youtu.be/IxZr7CZBSFU</u>			
THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER				
Thursday at 5pm	Evening Prayer - on Zoom, see notice on page 3 Leader - Revd Michele du Saire			
SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 17th Sunday after Trinity				
9am	Holy Communion – St Paul's Leader & Preacher - Revd Michele du Saire (James 5: 13 – end and Mark 9: 38 - end)			
10.30am	Sarratt Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service Holy Cross - followed by lunch, see page 10. Leader: Revd Michele du Saire (Matthew 25:31 - 36)			
6pm	Choral Evensong – St Paul's – Live Streamed			

The Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;

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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.' *Mark 9: 35*

THURSDAY AT FIVE

Each week on Thursday at 5pm, Michele says Evening Prayer on Zoom using the material from the <u>Northumbria Community</u>. 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, <u>holycrossstpauls@outlook.com</u>

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 3/10	18th Sunday after Trinity 9am Morning Service - Holy Cross 10.30am Holy Communion - St Paul's	1st Sunday of month
Sunday 10	<i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i> 9am Morning Service St Paul's 10.30am Holy Communion Holy Cross	2nd Sunday of month
Sunday 17	20th Sunday after Trinity 9am Holy Communion - Holy Cross 10.30am Family Service - St Paul's	3rd Sunday of month
Sunday 24	<i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i> 9am Holy Communion - St Paul's 10.30am Morning Service - Holy Cross	4th Sunday of month
Sunday 31	ALL SAINTS' DAY Sunday nearest 1 November 10.30am 5th Sunday Benefice Morning Service - Holy Cross 12 noon Messy Church - Sarratt Village Hall for children accompanied by parents or carers 6pm Evening Service for All Souls (Fauré's Requiem) St Paul's	

LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED SERVICES

If you are attending a live streamed service and do not wish to be on camera please let the welcomer know when you arrive at church. You will then be seated in an area out of camera view.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray this week for:

THE CHURCH

- The church worldwide and especially those facing persecution.
- Bishop Alan and his team that they may have had a successful conference and be inspired and invigorated to lead the church forward.

THE WORLD

- For all refugees throughout the world that they may find a place that gives them safety and security in which to live.
- For poorer nations and those facing famine, the pandemic, and conflicts.
- For peace and tolerance between people and countries.
- For successful harvests throughout the world.

OUR NATION

- For continued control of the Pandemic and wise decision making by our Government.
- For a successful plan to improve our social care and NHS.
- For the right decisions to be made by government, leaders and everyone to combat global warming and its disastrous results.

OUR COMMUNITIES

- Our schools on their reopening to be a safe place of learning to provide knowledge and skills of life.
- That our churches can meet the needs of our young people.
- For our local farmers and those who take care of our countryside.
- For those who are grieving that they may know God's love and comfort.
- For all those who have health problems and other concerns. Remembering Keith Dawson, Pauline Hodges, Michael and June Clark.
- Those who are bereaved especially Sallie Collins as she mourns to loss of her brother Derek (Del).
- All those on our church electoral rolls, including Paul & Judy Olney of Chipperfield parish, and Colin Plummer of Sarratt parish.
- All who live and work in our villages, including the residents of Alexandra Road in Sarratt and Alexandra Road & Chapel Croft in Chipperfield.

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 16th Sunday after Trinity Holy Cross, Sarratt

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 9: verses 30 - 37

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.' ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.'

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.'

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

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 16th Sunday after Trinity Chipperfield Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service - St Paul's

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 25: verses 31 - 36

Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² 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. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ '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. ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

SARRATT LABYRINTH IS BACK!

After two years of absence we are excited to be able to mow a Labyrinth on The Green in Sarratt this year.

This is the fifth Sarratt Labyrinth. It was mown during the this week will be there at least until the 26th September when we will be celebrating Harvest in Sarratt it will then disappear under the next mowing.

Village and Cathedral Labyrinths have a long history. One of the most famous is on the floor of the Cathedral in Chartres. This was put there at about the same time as Holy Cross was built, around the end of the 12th Century.

The 2021 Labyrinth has three sides to remind us of our *Triune* God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Labyrinth has been specially designed for Sarratt. Labyrinths are traditionally designed as a path to the centre with pilgrims returning along the same path stepping aside to allow others to pass on the way. This year we have picked up on one of the consequences of Covid-19 - the need for *social distancing: there* is a single path inward and a different path outward, so when you walk the Labyrinth you will not meet others at less than one metre distance on the way! The lack of contact with each other over the last year or so has been painful and traumatic, but we can look forward in hope knowing that our sovereign God accompanies us at every step and on every side.

This year, the theme is CHANGE. There is a leaflet in the Village Shop which you can use as you quietly walk along the path. Or you can walk it in thoughtful silence.

We hope you will take some time out to walk the Labyrinth. You certainly don't have to be religious to do it! Each of us will come to a labyrinth in a different way, but it can surprise us; a mysterious, spiritual, joyful experience, whatever our expectation.



MESSAGES FROM REVD MICHELE AND YOUR CHURCHWARDENS

CHANGE OF EMAIL FOR THE BENEFICE OFFICE

Please note the new email for the Benefice Office is now holycrossstpauls@outlook.com

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 CHURCH, SARRATT

The Donate Button on the Benefice Website <u>https://www.hcsp.net/Groups/334320/Donate.aspx</u> Bank details are: Sarratt PCC Holy Cross, sort code 40-52-40, account number 00019785. 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 CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD

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.

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.

DENS

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 now be left in the back of St Paul's church everyday between 10am - 4pm from where they will be regularly picked up.

HOLY CROSS HARVEST THANKSGIVING FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 10.30am

Come along with friends and family to enjoy our Harvest Thanksgiving. The service will be followed by a lunch at The Cock Inn, opposite church.

During the service, donations of tinned food etc* will be gathered for the New Hope Trust, Watford, which works to prevent homelessness and to transform lives. And we shall also be supporting *Water is Life*, The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2021, to bring clean water to many more communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

*New Hope Harvest 2021 Appeal needs:

Biscuits; Bottled water; Cereals; Coffee; Crisps; Deodorant; Dishwasher tablets; Foil; Gravy Granules; Kitchen rolls; Olive oil; Salt and pepper; Soft drinks; Squash; Sugar; Tinned sweetcorn; Tinned tomatoes; Tinned tuna; Tinned vegetables; Toiletries; Toothpaste; Vegetable oil; Washing up liquid.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH HARVEST THANKSGIVING FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER - 10.30AM

All Welcome



Please come along with friends and family to enjoy our Harvest Thanksgiving

DENS are currently well stocked, however they still have to buy many other items for those in need. If you are able to help please visit their website to donate www.dens.org.uk/get-involved/donate

We will also be supporting the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal Water of Life – an appeal to bring clean water to communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The church will be decorated with arrangements and displays

For further information please phone Ann Waine on 07557 303619

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.

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Contact Linda Clough at dandlclough@btinternet.com or on 01923 264884 if you are able to come along and help.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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Church Office hours: Please make contact by either emailing <u>holycrossstpauls@outlook</u>.com or telephoning 01923 264377.

Location of churches:

Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Sarratt WD3 6HE St Paul's Church, The Common, Chipperfield WD4 9BS

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