



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 is open each day between 9am and 5pm.

St Paul's is open each day between 10am and 4pm.

These arrangements are kept under review and any changes will be posted on the benefice website hcsp.net

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

Sunday 9 January **THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

9am

Morning Service - St Paul's

Leader & Preacher: Revd Michele du Saire

(Isaiah 43: 1 - 7; Luke 3: 15 - 17 & 21 - 22)

10.30am

Holy Communion - Holy Cross

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Michele du Saire

(as 9am)

Sunday 16 January **2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

9am

Holy Communion - Holy Cross

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Terence Russoff

(Isaiah 62: 1 - 5; John 2: 1 - 11)

10.30am

Family Service - St Paul's

Leaders: Anne Stickland and All Age Team

(as 9am)

Everyone is welcome to attend services in the Benefice.
Unless exempt from doing so, please wear a face-covering in church,
and follow the directions of the sidespeople. Thank you

Collect Prayer for The Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VERSE OF THE WEEK

And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:

‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’

Luke 3: 21b, 22

SERVICES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY following on from those shown on page 1

Sunday 23 St Paul’s Patronal Festival (Sunday nearest 25 January)

9am Holy Communion - St Paul’s

10.30am Morning Service - Holy Cross

12 noon Messy Church - St Paul’s Parish Room

Sunday 30 CANDLEMAS Presentation of Christ in the Temple

(Sunday nearest 2 February)

10.30am 5th Sunday Service - St Paul’s Parish Room

6pm Choral Evensong - St Paul’s

Sunday 6/2 Accession of Queen Elizabeth II 4th Sunday before Lent

9am Morning Service - Holy Cross

10.30am Holy Communion - St Paul’s

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

THE CHURCH

- For protection of those persecuted for following Jesus.
- For tolerance between faiths and within faiths.
- For support & encouragement for our Rector Michele, our Readers and Churchwardens.

THE WORLD

- For the saving power of Christ to be revealed to all.
- For all who suffer from war and violence, including the peoples of Myanma (Burma) and Afghanistan, that they will find peace.
- For asylum seekers and refugees, that they will be given shelter and support in places of safety.

OUR NATION

- For Queen Elizabeth II and her family.
- For our leaders to show wisdom & justice in government.
- For those working in hospitals and in the community in these difficult times.
- For an end to the violence and abuse of young people on the streets of our nation.

OUR COMMUNITIES

- For all who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, including Robin Edna Gain's son Andrew, and all those who love and care for them.
- For Chris Smith, who has died. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- For all who mourn, especially Pat Smith and their children Alistair and Nicola. May they know God's love and comfort with them at all times.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Ann & Philip Waine of Chipperfield parish and Anne Trenchard of Sarratt parish.
- For 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 READING FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
Sunday 9 January

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
chapter 3: verses 15 - 17 and 21 - 22

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

MESSAGES FROM REVD MICHELE AND YOUR CHURCHWARDENS

SUPPORT FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICES

Isn't it great that the hymn words and prayers appear on screen each time we have an online service, so that those taking part remotely can participate fully. We use PowerPoint to provide the text for the service. If you are familiar with PowerPoint and have some time to spare, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sonya Tolmie at the Benefice Office on 01923 264377 or holycrossstpauls@outlook.com

Revd Michele

IMPORTANT CORRECTION TO JANUARY 2022 SPOTLIGHT

On the 'Personal Paragraphs' page of the January 2022 issue of Spotlight (page 5), it was stated that Margaret Newman of Bucks Hill has died. This is not the case. This report should not have been published.

The Spotlight Editorial Team extends profound apologies to Margaret Newman and her family and friends for the distress caused by this incorrect announcement.

MESSY CHURCH

We are holding our second Messy Church on Sunday 23 January at 12 noon until 1.30pm in St Paul's Parish Room. The last one was well received so come along and join the fun. Lunch is also provided. To comply with regulations you will need to stay with your child or children please. Some of you have already booked but if not please do so by emailing holycrossstpauls@outlook.com

It helps greatly to ensure we have enough materials and food on the day.



INTERESTING AIR QUALITY RESULTS!

On Sunday 2 January we monitored the air quality at St. Pauls by measuring the carbon dioxide in the air, just as schools are now doing. The reading outside on the Common was 408 parts per million, which is normal for outside fresh air in the UK. At the end of the service, 24 people were present in church and 27 candles lit; the level was 410, fractionally higher. In the Parish Room at the end of coffee it was 470. In your homes the level is likely to be 600 to 800. The measuring display turns yellow at 800, and red at 1600, but a room does not feel stuffy until at least 2,000 or 3,000 ppm.

Conclusion? Come and try the air in St Paul's Church & Parish Room - probably fresher than in your own home! Unless you live with the windows open.

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

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

Bank details: Sarratt PCC Holy Cross, sort code 40-52-40, account number 00019785. Cheques payable to "Sarratt PCC Holy Cross" 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: Sort code 40-52-40, account number 00032404, account name: PCC St Paul's Chipperfield. Cheques payable to "PCC St Paul's Chipperfield" posted to or put through the door of Fay Dent (Hon. Treasurer), 'Anderlea', Croft Lane, Chipperfield, WD4 9DX.

Happy New Year!

WHAT'S ON AT ST ALBAN'S ABBEY

Each year St Alban's Abbey has a programme of interesting events. Below are a few to whet your appetite. There is likely to be much more at the Abbey which will be of interest to you, use this link ['What's On'](#) to see what else is on offer.

ST ALBAN'S ABBEY EXHIBITION - THE BFG IN PICTURES

Friday 7 January - Thursday 27 January

A free exhibition featuring published and unpublished reproductions of Quentin Blake's iconic illustrations from the classic Roald Dahl story. *The BFG in Pictures* is an exhibition from House of Illustration, curated by Quentin Blake.

The exhibition is accompanied by other events:

Dream Country: An Adventure in Creative Writing

Saturday 22 January, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Tickets £15

Sketching Evening

Tuesday 11 January, 6pm - 8pm

Practice your drawing skills at this informal sketching evening
Free: Donations Welcome

There is also a **BFG Family Workshop**

Sunday 23 January, 1.30pm - 2.30pm and 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

£6 per child under 16. Free admission for accompanying adults.

Use the links to find out more or to book the event.

THEOLOGY, PRAYER AND CINEMATIC ART

Monday 17 January, 7.30-9pm

Standard Tickets £10. Student Ticket £6.00

A talk exploring the relationship between theology and the arts, focussing particularly on the connection between theology, cinematic art and prayer.

The talk will be held on line via Zoom. Click the link above to book

POP UP COMMUNITY CAFE

in the Sarratt Village Hall

Monday 10th January 2022

2:15pm - 4:30pm

We really look forward to welcoming you all

Of course there will be delicious cakes and coffee

Fun and friendship

Also joining us is Sonya with her fab Flamingo Paperie cards

We Look Forward to Seeing You All



The next date for your diary is 14 February 2022

If you would like to get involved or have any requests / ideas just contact : Angela Coakley
07584 240661, Carol Chorley 01923 265096 or Clare Concannon 07761 129311

If you require transport to the event we may be able to assist if you call well in advance.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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