



WELCOME

Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

Holy Cross Church, Sarratt, & St Paul's Church, Chipperfield

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the services in our churches

Church Services and Opening Times

Holy Cross is open each day 9am - 5pm and St Paul's 10am - 4pm

Benefice website www.hcsp.net

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

Sunday 27 November ADVENT SUNDAY

9am	Holy Communion – St Paul's - <i>Followed by tea and toast</i> <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Simon Cutmore (Rural Dean)</i> <i>(Romans 13: 11 – 14; Matthew 24: 36 - 44)</i>
10.30am	Morning Service – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Fr Simon Cutmore (Rural Dean)</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>
Midday	Messy Church with lunch – Sarratt Village Hall All ages welcome
6pm	Advent Carols – St Paul's <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i> Direct Link to view https://youtu.be/rqedZIOUEmE

Thursday 1 December

6.30pm	HCSP Youth Group No Youth in Parish Room - Christmas outing, please see paperwork provided for start and finish times.
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Sunday 4 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

9am	Morning Service – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i> <i>(Romans 15: 4 - 13; Matthew 3: 1 - 12)</i>
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion – St Paul's <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Anne Lovegrove</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>

Thursday 8 December

6.30pm	HCSP Youth Group – St Paul’s Parish Room <i>Year 6 and above – finish time 8pm – Christmas Surprise</i>
Sunday 11 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	
9am	Morning Service – St Paul’s Parish Room – <i>Followed by tea and toast</i> <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i> <i>(James 5: 7 - 10; Matthew 11: 2 - 11)</i>
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion – Holy Cross followed by Grand Christmas Draw (see page 8) <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Charles Burch</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>
2.30pm	Carols on The Green – Sarratt Green – meet outside the village shop

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,
 give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
 and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life,
 in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
 that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
 to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
 through him who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
 make us watchful and keep us faithful
 as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
 that, when he shall appear,
 he may not find us sleeping in sin
 but active in his service
 and joyful in his praise;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

VERSE OF THE WEEK

So you also must be ready,
 because the Son of Man will come
 at an hour when you do not expect him.
Matthew 24: 44

THE GOSPEL READING FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

27 November 2022

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
chapter 24: verses 36 – 44

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁶ 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

This the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

PRAYER POINTS

The first Sunday of Advent encourages us to focus on hope, Father let your hope stir in our hearts, help us to see that our hope comes from you alone. Help us to leave behind the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year and place our hope in you.

Pray for:

OUR WORLD

- We give you thanks for our beautiful world, we are sorry that we have abused and polluted the atmosphere with our greed and selfishness. Give us and the leaders of the world the wisdom that we may be better custodians.
- We pray for the people of West Java, Indonesia, for those who have lost their lives or suffered injuries, for those who have lost their friends and families, and their homes and for the help desperately needed.
- We pray for Your peace on Earth, for an end to persecutions and prejudices of all kinds
- For all refugees fleeing from war and persecution in their homelands.

THE CHURCH

- For the church around the world, increase our faith, strengthen our resolve to be kind and compassionate to the needs of others around us.
- For all church leaders to be encouraged and inspired.

OUR NATION

- For the political leaders of this country, we pray for wisdom, and discernment.
- For those affected by the economic climate, those who are struggling and have concerns and worries about tomorrow.
- For King Charles and the royal family, for unity as they plan for the coronation.

OUR COMMUNITIES

- For our church and community, especially those who are struggling as we go through this time of change and uncertainty.
- For our Churchwardens and PCC's as they navigate the process of finding a new Rector.
- We pray for those struggling in this cost of living crisis and pray that they have the courage to reach out to others for help and others will see where help is needed.
- For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, including Irene Oulsnam, Ann Rees and Bridget Brook, and Ann Waine's sister, Linda, and her seriously ill husband, Bill.
- For those who feel anxious or lonely, help them to know Your presence and know that they are not alone, that You are with them always.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Rosemary Oliver of Chipperfield Parish and Irene Oulsnam of Sarratt Parish.
- For all who live and work in our villages, including those in Sarratt Hall area in Sarratt and Scatterdells Lane & Stoney Lane in Chipperfield.

HOLY CROSS TRAVELLING CRIB

Can you offer Mary and Joseph a room for the night?

Holy Cross Travelling Crib is a lovely way to remember the meaning of Christmas by hosting the nativity characters for a night and helping them on their journey the next day. The Travelling Crib basket includes ornamental figures of Mary, Joseph and a donkey, a candle, prayer leaflet and The First Christmas Story booklet but it's not just for children and families. Anyone is welcome to have them in their home.

The Travelling Crib will leave **Messy Church** in **Sarratt Village Hall** on **Sunday 27 November** and return to **Holy Cross** in time for the **Christmas Eve Crib Service** at **3pm**. If you would like the Travelling Crib to visit your home one night in Advent, please contact

Jeannie: alan.poulton@talktalk.net , 01923 260295 or 07939 539816. You will be contacted by the person before you on the list to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to receive the Crib. You will also be given the name, address and contact details of the next family on the list so that you can transport the Crib to them.

MUSIC EXAMS IN ST PAUL'S PARISH ROOM AND CHURCH

Please note music exams will be taking place at St Paul's on these dates:

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| 1 Dec – noon until 3.45pm | 3 Dec - 9am to 17.05 |
| 5 Dec - 9am to 17.05 | 6 Dec – noon until 3.45pm |
| 8 Dec - noon until 3.45pm | |

YOUTH GROUP

The last session of term will be on Thursday 15 December. It will be 'Christmas Craft' in the Parish Room.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BEN AND FREYA

Ben Atkinson-Rowley and his wife Freya welcomed their new baby boy, Remy, into the world last Friday. Born at 11.45pm, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Both mum and baby are back home and doing great!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Pat Smith has kindly offered to cook a Christmas Dinner (on Christmas Day of course!) for up to 10 people who will be alone on the big day. This will be held in the Parish Room. If you wish to come, please email Sonya, our administrator, who will pass your details on to Pat. Sonya can be contacted at: holycrossstpauls@outlook.com

BENEFICE OF SARRATT AND CHIPPERFIELD

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Advent Carol Service

Leader – Phil Waine

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER – 6pm

**Jas Hutchinson-Bazely on the organ, formerly
of Lincoln Cathedral - also given recitals
at Southwark!**

All Welcome



Please come along with friends and family

If you ~~have~~ any questions please contact holycrossstpauls@outlook.com

or call 01923 264377

FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS

CHRISTMAS FAIR

20+ stalls - Christmas gifts, crafts, wreaths, jewellery & cards

*Mulled Wine,
Fancy Mince Pies
& Sausages**

Thursday 1st December
5pm to 8.30pm

THE GREAT BARN
MICKLEFIELD HALL
SARRATT ROAD WD3 6AQ

Music by

**BLUE IN
GREEN**

Admission: **£10** in advance -
£12 on the door - children free

*included in ticket price

Buy your tickets online:
tickets.mp/fohc also available
from Sarratt Village Shop

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FAMILY SERVICE
BENEFICE CHRISTINGLE
SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER – 10.30AM
ST PAULS CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD



All are welcome from both Sarratt,
Chipperfield and nearby villages.

The tradition celebrating
Jesus, the Light of the World

We look forward to seeing you

Holy Cross Church, Sarratt



GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW



Holy Cross Church is raising vital funds.

The raffle will be drawn on 11 December 2022
11.30am after the morning service in church.

- 1st Prize: £100 National Book Token**
- 2nd Prize: £30 Flamingo Paperie Voucher**
- 3rd Prize: Pig Tour at Micklefield Hall Farm + joint of pork**

Plus Many Other Exciting Prizes

Now on sale in the Sarratt Village Shop or from the
Churchwardens David and Linda Clough. Plus Nikki Clough,
and by contacting Sonya 07855487342.

Tickets £1 Each

Promoter: S Tolmie, c/o The Benefice Office, Sarratt Village Hall, Sarratt, WD3 6AS charity number X89760 Registered with
Three Rivers District Council under the Gambling Act 2005 Registration No. 21/00552/GALOTT Prices for multiple tickets
are still the same at £1 per ticket. You need to be 18 or over to buy a ticket.



FAMILY SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S FROM DECEMBER ONWARDS

Audrey Robinson would be most grateful if you could please consider bringing items to the family service, from December onwards, for DENS. She will then ensure they are delivered safely to DENS.

FOODBANK...

They are well stocked but do have a High Needs List, click on [Donate Food & Household Items - DENS](#)

DENS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Click below to see the most up to date calendar of events.
[Events - DENS](#)

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SLEEPOUT

Experience rough sleeping on a cold winter night to support vulnerable people in your community

**HOBBS HILL WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEMEL
FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER - 9PM - 7AM**

REGISTER NOW: DENS.ORG.UK/SLEEPOUT

CHURCH CONTACTS

The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Sarratt WD3 6HE

St Paul's Church, The Common, Chipperfield WD4 9BS

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Benefice Office Hours:

Please make contact by either emailing holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or telephoning 01923 264377.

Rector: Position vacant

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Philip Waive (St P)

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Ann Waive (St P)

Recovering from illness at the moment.

Readers:

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Philip Waive

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St Paul's Director of Music

Position vacant

Holy Cross Organist

David Clough

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St Paul's Hall Bookings:

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Stephen Morrill