



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 22 January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9am	Holy Communion with baptism of twins – St Paul's Church <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Paul Palmer</i> <i>(Gospel reading only - Matthew 4: 12 - 23)</i>
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10.30am	Morning Service – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i> <i>(1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18; Matthew 4: 12 - 23)</i>
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Thursday 26 January – no Youth Group this week

Sunday 29 January – Conversion of Paul (Sunday nearest to 25 January)

10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion – St Paul's Patronal Festival <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Jos Perris</i> <i>(Acts 9: 1 - 22; Mathew 19: 27 - end)</i>
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Thursday 2 February

6.30pm	HCSP Youth Group – St Paul's Parish Room <i>Year 6 and above – finish time 8pm</i>
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Sunday 5 February – Presentation of Christ In The Temple (Sunday nearest to 2 February)

9am	Morning Service – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Revd Mary Kingsley</i> <i>(Hebrews 2: 14 to the end; Luke 2: 22 – 40)</i>
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10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion – St Paul's <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Mary Kingsley</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>
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Collect Prayer for The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned
Matthew 4: 16

Murder Mystery Evening

‘Who Killed the Vicar?’

Saturday 18 February, 7.30pm at Sarratt Village Hall

Ploughman’s Supper - Tickets £15

Get your friends to join you to solve this Murder Mystery

Tables of 10

Cash Bar and Raffle

Fundraiser for Holy Cross Church.

Book your tickets from Linda Clough email:

dandlclough@btinternet.com or 01923 264884

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

22 January 2023

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
chapter 4: verses 12 - 23

Glory to you, O Lord

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles –

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.’

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

This the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

THE FIRST READING FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

22 January 2023

The First Reading is from 1 Corinthians chapter 1: verses 1- 18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.'

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

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.
- For unity amongst churches.

THE WORLD

- We give thanks for our world, give us, and the leaders of the world, the wisdom and the discipline that we may be better custodians.
- We pray for an end to persecutions and prejudices of all kinds for all who continue to suffer in conflict, famine and fear.
- For those affected by natural disasters.
- For the victims of the plane crash in Nepal and their families and friends.
- For all those living on the small island of Haiti. May they find peace and strength to guide them through the coming days, weeks and months of shortages and economic collapse.

OUR NATION

- For King Charles and all members of our Royal Family.
- 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 those affected by the ongoing strikes in any way.
- For the people and families affected by the shooting in Euston.

OUR COMMUNITIES

- For our local businesses, the Benefice and church community.
- For all those involved in the appointment process for a new Rector.
- For our Benefice Youth Group and for those who help and support it.
- For those struggling with the cost of living crisis and pray that we can offer help where it is needed.
- For all those unwell in body mind or spirit including Irene Oulsnam and Pam Dawson. Help them to know Your presence and know that they are not alone, that You are with them always.
- For all those mourning the loss of loved ones, including the family and friends of Ann Rees. Let them be comforted by your spirit.
- For Lucy as she brings her two sons for Baptism on Sunday.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Roger and Julia Pritchard of Chipperfield Parish & Scilla Roe of Sarratt Parish.
- For all who live and work in our villages, including those in Dawes Lane & Wards Drive in Sarratt & Bucks Hill & Old House Lane in Chipperfield.

ST PAUL'S

Several roles within the church are becoming vacant this year due to long service by the retirees. The key vacancy needing to be filled is that of **Churchwarden**. Ann Waine has served in this role on and off for over ten years and will be taking a well earned rest. She will, however, remain on the PCC and is happy to support anybody willing to take this on. As you know, we are currently in a vacancy and the need for a second churchwarden to assist Philip Waine is vital at this time. If you are interested in taking on this role, Ann or Phil would be happy to talk to you about it.

ST PAUL'S PCC SECRETARY

Lucy Wood is stepping down as the St Paul's PCC Secretary at the APCM in March, so we are looking for someone in the wider church community to take on this role. The role involves attending the Standing Committee to plan the PCC agenda, taking the minutes of the PCC meetings (5 meetings per year) and supporting the preparation of the APCM report. Rest assured that no previous experience is required and Lucy will be available to help for the first few months. Please email Lucy on lucywood96@gmail.com who can give you more details.

ST PAUL'S DEANERY SYNOD VACANT POSITIONS

We would really like to hear from anyone who may be interested in volunteering for these positions.

The below link gives some guidance, but please note the links for See Round sign-up no longer work and the Diocese are planning to update it all later this year.

[Guidance_for_Deanery_Lay_Chairs2014.pub \(anglican.org\)](#)

FINAL CHIPPERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE

Sadly, Chipperfield Baptist Church will be closing at the end of February. We would like to inform you that we are holding a final service on Saturday 18 February at 2.30pm. It will be a 'Service of Celebration for the Life & Witness of Chipperfield Baptist Church'

Regrettably we have no heating in the church itself and suggest that you come suitably attired.

NEXT CHURCH PARISH LUNCH

Will be on Sunday 5 February. All welcome. Forms to attend are now in both churches.

Holy Cross & St Paul's

hcsp.net



SPRING TERM 2023.

Youth will be restarting on Thursday 19th January:
6:30pm - 8pm, St. Pauls Parish Room, Chipperfield.

Open to anyone in schools years 6 or above,
term time only and will be fortnightly!

Come along for fun, friendship & activities!

Upcoming dates: 19th January, 2nd February,
2nd, 16th & 30th March 2023

To register your interest and to find out more
please email : holycrossstpauls@outlook.com



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](#)

Give to our Winter Appeal

Christmas is over, and now the cold winter months ahead are a bleak prospect for individuals and families facing homelessness and food poverty.

If you don't fancy taking on an event but still want to support us in the New Year, please consider donating to help save, and rebuild, the lives of local people in need.



Messy Church



Sarratt and Chipperfield Benefice

12noon to 1.30pm

Sunday 22nd January in St Paul's Parish Room

Sunday 26th March in Sarratt Village Hall

Sunday 4th June in St Paul's Parish Room

Sunday 16th July in Holy Cross Church (weather permitting outside activities and picnic)

Messy Church helps people encounter Jesus: it is for all-ages, especially primary and nursery school-age children.

The session involves **CREATIVITY** - craft/activities, **HOSPITALITY** - food and **CELEBRATION** - worship.

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

Please contact Sonya Tolmie at holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or 01923 264377 to RSVP or get more information

CHURCH CONTACTS

The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

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

Rector: Position vacant

Churchwardens:

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Readers:

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Philip Waine	07771 712636	wainephilip50@gmail.com

St Paul's Director of Music

Position vacant

Holy Cross Organist

David Clough	264884	dandlclough@btinternet.com
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St Paul's Hall Bookings:	263182	Stephen Morrill
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