



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 Office: 01923 264377 · Benefice website www.hcsp.net

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

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

10.30am
St Paul's

Benefice Communion – St Paul's Patronal Festival – followed by charity cake sale, see page 11 for more info

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Jos Perris

(Acts 9: 1 - 22; Mathew 19: 27 - end)

Thursday 2 February

6.30pm

HCSP Youth Group – St Paul's Parish Room

Year 6 and above – finish time 8pm

Sunday 5 February – Presentation of Christ in The Temple

(Sunday nearest to 2 February)

9am

Morning Service – Holy Cross

Leader: Revd Mary Kingsley

(Hebrews 2: 14 to the end; Luke 2: 22 – 40)

10.30am

Benefice Holy Communion – St Paul's followed by Church Lunch

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Mary Kingsley

(as 9am)

Thursday 9 February – no Youth Group this week

Sunday 12 February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

9am

Morning Service – St Paul's Parish Room (Theme of 'Love')

Leader: Phil Waine

(Colossians 3: 12 - 17; Matthew 6: 25 - end)

10.30am

Benefice Holy Communion – Holy Cross (Theme of 'Love')

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Hilary Kemp

(as 9am)

Collect Prayer for The Conversion of Paul

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us,
that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

Psalm 67: 1, 2

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 CONVERSION OF PAUL

29 January 2023

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
chapter 19: verses 27 to the end

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁷ Peter answered him, 'We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?'

²⁸ Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.'

This the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

THE FIRST READING FOR THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

29 January 2023

The First Reading is from Acts chapter 9: verses 1- 22

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

⁵ 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁶ 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

⁷ The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, 'Ananias!'

'Yes, Lord,' he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.'

¹³ 'Lord,' Ananias answered, 'I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.'

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, 'Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.'

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, 'Isn't he the man who caused havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?' ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

THE CHURCH

- For respect and tolerance for all those who have faith in God that they may feel included and welcome in the Christian church throughout the world.
- We give thanks that we are able to worship freely in this country.

THE WORLD

- We give thanks for the beauty of the sunrises and sunsets and the frosty morning of the environment around us.

OUR NATION

- We give thanks that we live in a tolerant society where there is respect between people of all faiths and beliefs and pray that this continues to grow.

OUR COMMUNITIES

- For our local school struggling with the additional costs of heating and the cost of living crisis.
- For all those unwell in body mind or spirit including 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.
- 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.

**Benefice Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
Holy Cross Sarratt
Wednesday 22 February
7.30pm
Service to be taken by Revd Charles Burch
All Welcome**

Ash 
Wednesday

**Holy Communion
With Imposition of Ashes**
Includes music for communion setting

ST PAUL'S CANDLEMAS CLEAR UP...

Will be on Thursday 2 February and will involve taking down the outside tree and crib from 10am. Help is needed please if you are free. Meeting for breakfast first in Blackwell's at 9am.

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 \(anglican.org\)](#)

LENT – TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO OUR BENEFICE

GOING GREEN OR GREENER FOR LENT....

Would you be interested?

How can we become better at caring for creation and improving our lives and the lives of others through healthy, eco-friendly and sustainable living?

The Lenten 40-day period before Easter gives us the opportunity to reflect on the practice of fasting and commit to giving up something that brings a real benefit to nature and helps address climate change.

Would you be interested in joining an initial Zoom session a few weeks before Lent begins to look at different small changes you could make to go greener....taking time to pray, reflect and consider these options. Perhaps pick one or two or however many you'd like!

Please email Sonya at holycrossstpauls@outlook.com to register your interest and you will be kept up to date on dates/timings etc

OR

'PRAYER IS FOR ALL' LENT MEETINGS - AN INVITATION

Churches Together in Croxley Green are organising a series of Lent meetings under the title 'Prayer is for All'. Each church will take it in turns to host meetings at 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesdays during Lent, offering a talk, a service, a discussion or an activity or maybe a combination, helping us to broaden and deepen our experience of prayer. All are welcome, whether from Croxley or further afield, and dates and times are as follows:

1st March: Croxley Methodist Church, New Road

8th March: St Oswald's Church, Malvern Way

15th March: Croxley Baptist Church, Baldwins Lane

22nd March: St Bede's RC Church, Baldwins Lane

29th March: All Saints' Church, The Green

If you wish to attend, please let Sonya know.

[Email holycrossstpauls@outlook.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@outlook.com)

so that Sonya can connect you to the 'Prayer is for all' organiser.

Friends of Holy Cross Sarratt

Reeling at the Village Hall with Tam Lin

Saturday 4 March 2023

Banish the winter blues and join us for reeling in the village hall on Saturday 4 March.

No experience necessary – we will have a dance caller to guide you through the moves! Starting at 7pm, bring your own food, music/dancing 8pm – 11pm, bar with beer, wines and soft drinks

All proceeds to the Friends of Holy Cross appeal to fund a new boiler for the Church

Tickets £25, available from Sue Clark – sue (@sue_mclark.com)

<https://www.friendsofholycross.co.uk>

Want to read more about Reeling?

Click on the link below

[Reel \(dance\) - Wikipedia](#)

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YOUTH

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

CAKE SALE – 29 JANUARY AFTER THE BENEFICE SERVICE

Jane Deal's daughter, Charlotte, will be running in the 2023 London Marathon for Muscular Dystrophy UK (MDUK) and will be holding a cake sale after the Benefice Service this Sunday, to help raise funds for the charity.

MDUK is a charity which is very close to their hearts as two of their closest friends and loved ones have received the devastating news that they have a form of the disease. Those who know Charlotte will know that the Marathon is the most daunting challenge she has set herself yet. However, she is determined to do this to show her love and support for those battling the disease and to help in the finding of a cure. Details of the charity and Charlotte's story below. Please do come and buy cakes after the service and help Charlotte support the charity. Thank you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charlotte-deal2>



Charlotte Deal

Running the 2023 London Marathon for Muscular Dystrophy UK

Fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy UK

SUPPORTING FRIENDS OF ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Delicious apple juice is for sale, with proceeds going to St Paul's School.
£3.50 a bottle or 3 bottles for £10.

If anyone would like one or more, please contact Jennifer on
Jennifer.hibberd@hotmail.co.uk



Here are two WWF quizzes to test your wildlife knowledge if you would like to try:

[Wildlife quiz for primary schools | WWF](#)

[Wildlife Quiz for Secondary Schools | WWF](#)



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.



POP UP COMMUNITY CAFE



in the Sarratt Village Hall

Monday 13 February

2:15pm - 4:30pm

**We really look forward to welcoming you all
Of course there will be delicious cakes and coffee!**

Fun and Friendship

The next date for your diary is the 13 March

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

The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

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Benefice Office Hours:

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

Rector: Position vacant

Churchwardens:

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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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