



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

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

Sunday 26 March – 5th Sunday of Lent

Reminder: BST begins. The clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am

9am	Holy Communion – St Paul's <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Charles Burch</i> <i>(Romans 8:: 6 - 11; John 11: 1 - 45)</i>
10.15am	Chipperfield Annual Parochial Church Meeting – St Paul's following on from the 9am service
10am N.B. start time	Morning Service – Holy Cross <i>Leader: John Guy</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>
11am	Sarratt Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Holy Cross following on from the 10am service
midday	Messy Church – Sarratt Village Hall
2pm	Thanksgiving Private Service for the birth of a child – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Revd Adrian Manning</i>

Thursday 30 March – Youth Off -site Outing

Sunday 2 April – PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS

9am	Morning Service – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i> <i>(Philippians 2: 5-11 and Matthew 21: 1-11)</i>
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion – St Paul's <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Robert Riley-Braleay</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>

noon	Church Lunch – St Paul’s Parish Room
Thursday 6 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY	
6.30pm	Holy Communion with washing of feet - Holy Cross <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Jos Perris</i> <i>(1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26; John 13: 1 - 17, 31b - 35)</i>
Friday 7 April – GOOD FRIDAY	
noon	Watch by the Cross Part 1 – St Paul’s <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i>
2pm	Watch by the Cross Part 2 – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i>
Sunday 9 April – EASTER DAY - 1st Sunday of Easter	
10.30am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s <i>Celebrant: Revd Adrian Manning</i> <i>Preacher: Phil Waine</i> <i>(Acts 10: 34 - 43; John 20: 1 - 18)</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion – Holy Cross followed by Easter Egg hunt after service <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Jos Perris</i> <i>(as 10.30am)</i>
Thursday 13 April – Youth Group TBC	
Sunday 16 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter	
9am	Holy Communion – Holy Cross <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Simon Cutmore (Rural Dean)</i> <i>(Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32; John 20: 19 - end)</i>
10.30am	Family Service – St Paul’s <i>Leader: Anne Stickland and team</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>

HELP NEEDED AT ST PAUL’S - SATURDAY 8 APRIL

We need helpers please on Saturday 8 April to decorate St Paul’s for Easter. Meeting at church for 10am. Please let Jenny Laurie know if you can make it.

Collect Prayer for 5th Sunday of Lent - 26 March

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

²⁵ Jesus said to [Martha],

‘I am the resurrection and the life.

The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;
and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ she replied, ‘I believe that you are the Messiah,
the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’

John 11: 25 - 27

Music exams are taking place in St Paul’s on
28 March 11.30am to 5.20pm, 30 March noon to 5pm
and 1 April 9am to 5.05pm.

THE FIRST READING FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

26 March 2023

The first reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans
chapter 8: verses 6 - 11

⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

26 March 2023

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 11: verses 1 - 45

Glory to you, O Lord

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.'

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.'

⁸ 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?'

⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.'

¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.'

¹² His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.'

²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

²⁴ Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'

²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

²⁷ 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ 'Take away the stone,' he said.

'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

THE CHURCH

- For the church worldwide to share the Good News of Easter.
- Increase our faith and strengthen our resolve to be kind and compassionate to the needs of others around us.
- For all who are persecuted for their faith. Keep them safe from harm.

THE WORLD

- Lord, we give thanks for your wonderful creation.
- Turn us from being careless tenants to being faithful stewards of your world.
- For the countries that have undergone catastrophic natural disasters to be able to rebuild their communities and meet the needs of those who have suffered.

OUR NATION

- For our Government to show wisdom, and compassion in its decision-making.
- For those affected by the economic climate, those who are struggling and have concerns and worries about the future.
- For us all to show tolerance, compassion and generosity to those who need it most.

OUR COMMUNITIES

- For those in our communities who are sick in body, mind or spirit, including Pam Dawson, those who feel anxious or lonely, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Help them to know they are not alone for you are with them always.
- For our annual church meetings in Sarratt & Chipperfield. Help our churches to grow in numbers and in spiritual commitment to you.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Susan Tyler of Chipperfield Parish and Daphne Tyler of Sarratt Parish.
- For all who live and work in our villages, including those in Olleberrie Lane in Sarratt and Havensfield & Nunfield in Chipperfield.

BIBLES FOR OUR YEAR 6 ST PAUL'S LEAVERS

In July our Year 6 children leave primary school and venture off to new beginnings at secondary school. At their St Paul's leaver's church service we provide each child with their own bible. If you would like to specifically contribute towards the cost of these bibles please let Fay Dent (Treasurer for St Paul's) know. We buy 23 and they cost £10.51 each.



SUNDAY 30 APRIL - BENEFICE COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS

This is the 5th Sunday service and it will be held in Holy Cross on this occasion. After the service lunch has been arranged at The Cock pub in Sarratt. The table is booked for 12 midday and coffee will not be served in church on that occasion. It will cost approx. £18 depending on what is ordered. If you would like to attend, would you please sign up at the back of either church as soon as possible so that we can give the numbers in to the Cock. We will have to pre-order the food so please also tick what you would like on the sign-up sheets.

HOLY CROSS PCC SECRETARY

We are looking for someone in the wider church community of Holy Cross to take on this role. The position 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 you will be helped for the first few months. Please email Linda Clough on dandlclough@btinternet.com who can give you more details.

HOLY CROSS 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.



We'd like to invite you to the following event hosted by the Trinity Project, the Rickmansworth Deanery Mental Health Project.

The details are as follows:

Prayer Evening focus:

The Wellbeing of Children and Young people in our community and those who serve them.

When: Tuesday 28th March 2023

Where: The Bridge, Quickly Lane Chorleywood, WD3 5AB. (Parking on Hillside RD or St Andrew's Car Park)

When: 8pm - 9:30pm

We are all increasingly aware that the mental health needs in our community are growing exponentially, so let's pray!

Come and join us as we name the schools, communities, Children's and youth groups lifting them up in prayer.

The Trinity Project is a way we can serve the families of Croxley Green, Chorleywood and Rickmansworth areas.

Come and hear more of the project vision and an update on what doors God has opened to serve in 2023.

The evening will conclude with an opportunity to ask questions and express an interest in further conversation.

RSVP to charlotte@trinityproject.uk

We plan to host monthly prayer meetings. Next Prayer evening will be: **Wed 26th April** if you want to plan ahead!

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE GREEN WINDOWS AT ST PAUL'S?

The windows have been lit green since the start of Lent!
St Paul's chose to go 'Green for Lent' showing their commitment
to our Eco Church program.

Thank you Martin Deane for setting up the lights.



**REMEMBER LOVED ONES AT
EASTER BY DONATING LILIES
TO DECORATE HOLY CROSS
CHURCH SARRATT**



Put £2.00 per lily in an envelope, please write on the front of the envelope the loved one's names and hand in to the Sarratt Post Office.

Names will be displayed in Holy cross Church.

Also: Why not come and join us and have fun decorating
our Church for Easter –
Saturday 8th April at 10am

REMEMBER LOVED ONES AT ST PAUL'S

If you would like to buy a lily in remembrance of a loved one they will be £3 each. Your help and donation will be appreciated to help celebrate Easter Day. Do please contact Jenny Laurie 275292 or jenny_laurie@hotmail.com

Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

DID YOU KNOW...

**ON SUNDAY 9 APRIL AT 10.30am
HOLY CROSS CHURCH SARRATT**

**ARE HAVING A
FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNION
SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY AN
EASTER EGG HUNT!**

ALL WELCOME



Have a question?

Please either email holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or call 01923 264377 to find out more.



NEW INFORMATION!

Charity partnership to support those facing cost of living crisis in the community

DENS, Liberty Tea Rooms and Christians Against Poverty have announced an exciting partnership to support local people facing financial difficulties.

- Funded by The Trussell Trust, the Financial Empowerment Programme aims to help those who access the Dacorum Foodbank, or may be at risk of needing the service, to manage their financial situation and provide practical support so they are less likely to need the Foodbank in the future.
- The programme will provide free, on-the-ground support throughout Dacorum to people accessing the Foodbank and other services like community fridges.
- Individuals will be offered a range of services including; tailored budgeting advice and support; ensuring they are receiving the correct benefits; and life skills and money management workshops, focusing on how to maintain a tenancy, manage bills, eat healthily for less and improve wellbeing.
- More in-depth debt counselling will be available on a one-to-one basis for those with significant issues, to support them to manage their debt and, long term, become debt free.

Wendy Lewington, Chief Executive at DENS, said: “We are delighted to be working in partnership with our friends at Liberty Tea Rooms and Christians Against Poverty to provide this much needed service. We are all very aware of the impact the cost of living has had on our community.

“Our aim with this programme is to provide both immediate support for those in crisis, as well as working with individuals before they get to crisis point. We are very grateful to the Trussell Trust, whose funding means we can make this happen.”

Despite still being in its early stages, the Financial Empowerment Programme has already helped a number of local people to significantly improve their financial situation and wellbeing.

Owen Cooper, CEO at Liberty Tea Rooms and Community Hub, said: “The Financial Empowerment Programme has helped us to focus on those people living in our community who really need help and professional support. This partnership has ensured that we continue to have the resources to give people hope. Just recently, we have seen two families become totally debt free.”

If you, or someone you know, needs financial support, please contact karen.kelly@dens.org.uk or 07415628701.



FOODBANK...

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters in recent weeks, we are now extremely well stocked, with enough provisions to meet the needs of our community for the coming months.

Therefore, we ask that if you are able to, please instead make a financial donation to help keep our vital service running by covering important staff and operational costs.

[Donate Money - DENS](#)

DENS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Click below to see the most up to date calendar of events.

[Events - DENS](#)

SAVE THE DATES



Following on from the hugely successful Chipperfield village Jubilee celebrations last year, we intend to have a variation on the theme the King's coronation. Taking our cue from King Charles III, who has asked the celebrations be pared down from last year, we are following his suggested outline, see draft itinerary below:

Friday 5th May

Comedy Night in the Village Hall featuring A list comedians.

Saturday 6th

Murder Mystery in the Village Hall, run by CTP.

Disco (venue and details tbc)

Sunday activities

10.30am Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Church

Noon onwards - Picnic on the common with bouncy castles (tbc). Food vendors on site will be serving ice creams, burgers, pizzas, cocktails and beer. There will also be a local history display at the back of the church, plus a mini flower festival.

Sunday evening

Musical event in St Paul's church - details to follow.

Monday 8th

The King has asked that the country hold a Volunteering Day and we are therefore planning to get many of you involved in a 'Smarten Up Your Village Project'; helping neighbours to tidy gardens, clear litter and generally spruce up our beautiful village. Other things may be added, but this is the basic plan so far. We need helpers to do all of this so please contact me if you can help in any way at all - it would be good to match the fantastic turn out of volunteers we had in 2022.

Phil Waine & Luke Hinton
Chipperfield Events CIC
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CHURCH CONTACTS

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Rector: Position vacant

Churchwardens:

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Philip Waine	07771 712636	wainephilip50@gmail.com
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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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