

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

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

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

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

Sunday 28 April – 5th Sunday of Easter

9am	Holy Communion – St Paul's
10.45am	Morning Service – Holy Cross followed by Holy Cross Annual Parochial Church Meetings at 11.45am – Holy Cross

Sunday 5 May – 6th Sunday of Easter

9am	Morning Service – Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Holy Communion – St Paul's

Thursday 9 May – ASCENSION DAY

7.30pm	United Deanery Service – St Mary's, Rickmansworth
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Sunday 12 May – 7th Sunday of Easter

9am	Morning Service – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Holy Communion – Holy Cross

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Holy Cross Parish Prayer

*Glorious God,
nurture in us
your self-giving love;
give us wisdom, courage
and humility to seek you
in all things.*

*Jesus our saviour,
be our cornerstone.
Guide and protect us
in the truth of your word
and lead us to be
a vital, passionate
community.*

*Holy Spirit,
stir, inspire, and equip us
to make new disciples;
teach us to live
in the freedom
of your love.*

*May our unity in Christ
strengthen us to serve
with joyful, open hearts
to the glory of God
for the sake of his kingdom.*

Amen

ANNE WYBURD'S FUNERAL

Anne's funeral will take place at St Paul's, Chipperfield, on **Saturday 27 April at 3.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. Extra parking spaces will be available in the school playground. The service at the crematorium on Monday 29 April will be attended by family only. Donations in Anne's memory can be made to Hertfordshire Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders (HACRO) via the link below:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/anne-wyburd-memorial>

First reading for 5th Sunday of Easter
28 April

The Acts of the Apostles
chapter 8 verses 26 to the end

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

³¹ 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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

The Gospel Reading for 5th Sunday of Easter
28 April

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
chapter 15 verses 1 – 8**

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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



PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS at ST PAUL's CHURCH, Chipperfield. In Church or outside Parish Room. They'll be collected nightly and put inside until delivered.

Donate Food & Household Items - DENS

HIGH NEEDS LIST

We have a good supply of many food, hygiene and household items, however there are some specific items that we are in need of. Please see our High Needs List below.

FOOD:

- Jars of cooking sauces
- Tinned mackerel
- Teabags
- Tinned soup
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned peas/carrots
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned potatoes
- Instant mashed potato
- Long life milk
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Cereal bars

HOUSEHOLD AND HYGIENE ITEMS:

- Carrier bags
- Sanitary products
- Hand soap

Lots of new DENS events now on the link below

Events - DENS

FIRST AID COURSE PARISH ROOM CHIPPERFIELD

Our first aid courses are proving popular. We will therefore be running another session on Saturday 29 June, 9.30am to approx. 1pm/1.30pm. If you would like to attend the cost is £30 per person. Please contact Sonya at holycrossstpauls@outlook.com to register your interest.

SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE

If you receive a Spotlight magazine through your door, or you pick one up from church, you may have a copy which says April 2024 on the front. This is a printing error and is in fact the May edition. The cover looks like this:



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Position vacant

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