

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

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

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

Sunday 15 December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
10.45am	All Together Service Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – St Paul's

Sunday 22 December – 4th Sunday of Advent

10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
4pm	Christingle Service – St Paul's
6.30pm	Community Carols and Cake – Holy Cross

Tuesday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

2pm	Crib Service – St Paul's
4pm	Crib Service – Holy Cross
11.30pm	Midnight Mass – Holy Cross

Wednesday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am <i>Note: time</i>	Family Eucharist – St Paul's
10.45am	Family Eucharist – Holy Cross

Sunday 29 December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

8am <i>Note: time</i>	Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) – Holy Cross
10.45am	5th Sunday of Month Benefice Service – Holy Cross

NEXT BENEFICE LUNCH...

Will be on the 12 January at 12:30pm in the Parish Room.

**Our bible readings this weekend are
Philippians chapter 4 verses 4 - 7**

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

And

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
chapter 3 verses 7 - 18**

Glory to you, O Lord

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?' ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰ 'What should we do then?' the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, 'Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.'

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptised. 'Teacher,' they asked, 'what should we do?'

¹³ 'Don't collect any more than you are required to,' he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, 'And what should we do?'

He replied, 'Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.'

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

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Praise to you O Christ

The Bereavement Journey Course

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with long term effects of loss?

A seven-session course will be running soon in your area.

Topics include:

Attachment, separation & Loss – The impact & pain of bereavement – Adjusting to change – Anger & guilt

The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

When: Starts 14th January 2025

Where: 7pm St Paul's
Church Parish Room

The Common, Chipperfield

Cost: Suggested donation £7

How to book: email Revd Sarah at
revdsarahcollins@outlook.com

THANK YOU...

To all who helped decorate, set up and make St Paul's church look so wonderful this week.

SHOEBOX COMPETITIONS

We encourage you all, if you can, to pop into both churches from next Tuesday onwards and vote for your favourite shoebox entry by the children. Unfortunately we now have funerals on the Monday so please leave your voting until Tuesday onwards. Thank you.



Charis is a charity committed to supporting women in the sex industry in our local area. Over the past year they have seen an increasing amount of need and women referred to them by other professionals for support.

They count it a privilege to be part of the women's lives and to get to know them, showing God's love in a powerful way.

As a Benefice we can show our support holding them in our prayers:

Please pray for the Charis team

For the women they are supporting

That they have enough resources and financial support referred.

We can also show our support by giving from the list below:

Items that we need are:

- Warm socks
- Hats
- Gloves
- Snoods/balaclavas/ear muffs
- Disposable hand and & foot warmers
- Underwear- all sizes
- Pyjamas- all sizes
- Jumpers- all sizes
- Thermal layers leggings/tops- all sizes
- Slippers sizes womens 4-8
- Loungewear sets- all sizes
- Sweets- haribo, squashies etc (share size bags)
- Pot noodles

If you are able to help this charity, please either contact Elaine Dean on e-dean@hotmail.co.uk for further information or drop items off for her attention at the back of St Paul's Church. Elaine will then kindly ensure they reach the charity

St Paul's Church Chipperfield

Christingle!

A tradition since the
1700's

A celebration as we
wait for the arrival of
Christ's
light in the world



All welcome

Sunday 22nd December

4pm

**St Paul's Church
Shoebox
Nativity
Competition**



Come & see the exhibition of Nativity Boxes

Created by the children of our local school

Vote for your favourite

St Paul's Church 16th - 22nd Dec

Winners announced during the Christingle Service -

St Paul's Church Sunday 22nd Dec 4.00pm





**HOLY CROSS CHURCH
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US
AS WE JOIN TOGETHER FOR
SARRATT COMMUNITY
CAROLS & CAKE**

WHERE –
HOLY CROSS CHURCH
WHEN –
SUNDAY 22ND DEC
TIME –
6.30PM

REFRESHMENTS
SHOE BOX NATIVITY PRIZE
GIVING
FOR MORE INFO & TO GET
INVOLVED CALL ON
07525491496

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Holy Cross Church Sunday 22nd Dec 6.30pm*



HOLY CROSS CRIB SERVICE
4pm Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

**Calling all shepherds, angels, wise men (& women),
donkeys, sheep, etc, etc!!**

Holy Cross Church would like to invite you to our wonderful
Christmas Eve 'Crib Service'

Children, please come dressed up ready to join
in with our Nativity and bring along your
favourite adults with you...

No costume? No worries; we have a few at
church if you would like to join in the fun!

**If you feel now is the year to make your
stage debut as Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel,
or the wee donkey...please contact**

Linda on 01923 264884 or Revd Sarah on 07525491496



**CRIB SERVICE
CHRISTMAS EVE
2PM
ST PAULS CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD**

*FOLLOWED BY HOT REFRESHMENTS AND
DELICIOUS TREATS*



All are welcome to join our
Crib Service
We look forward to seeing you

If you can, please come dressed as a crib story character.
Shepherds, angels, kings, even sheep and donkeys!

Please note we are unfortunately not providing the clothes or outfits for the children to wear, so do let the them come in items they have chosen to wear themselves.

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:

- Tinned ham
- Tinned corned beef
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned fruit
- Long life milk
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fish
- Biscuits
- Crackers
- Christmas selection packs
- Chocolate
- Custard
- Nuts

KITCHEN AND HYGIENE ITEMS:

- Roasting trays (large)
- Kitchen foil
- Deodorants
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder (small)
- 2-in-1 shampoo

Click here for their latest events

<https://www.dens.org.uk/events/>

CHURCH CONTACTS

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Position vacant

Holy Cross Organist:

Position vacant

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