

# 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](http://www.hcsp.net)

### **Sunday 5 January – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Sunday nearest 6/1)**

**9am**

**Morning Worship – Holy Cross**

**10.45am**

**Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's**

**Monday 6 January – Holy Cross Church closes for heating works**

### **Sunday 12 January – BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

**10.45am**

**Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's**

**12.30pm**

**Benefice Lunch – St Paul's Parish Room**

### **Sunday 19 January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**10.45am**

**Altogether Service Benefice Eucharist with breakfast – St Paul's**

**6.30pm**

**Compline (traditional night prayer) – St Paul's**

### **Sunday 26 January – CONVERSION OF PAUL (Sunday nearest 25/1)**

**10.45am**

**Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's**

**Funeral Details for the late Theodora Panayi**

A funeral service will be held at St Paul's church Chipperfield on the 9 January at midday.

**Funeral Details for the late Susan Utley**

A funeral service will be held at St Paul's church Chipperfield on the 16 January at midday.

**Funeral Details for the late Sarah Whalley**

A memorial service will be held at St Paul's church Chipperfield on the 22 January at 2pm.

**Funeral Details for the late Derek Arthur Youell**

A service will take place at Chilterns Crematorium on the 23 January at 2pm.

**Funeral Details for the late Brian Parry**

A funeral service will be held at St Paul's church Chipperfield on the 24 January at 11am followed by refreshments in Blackwells.

**Our bible readings for the Feast of the Epiphany are  
Isaiah 60: 1 – 6**

- <sup>1</sup> Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
- <sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,  
but the Lord rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.
- <sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look about you:  
all assemble and come to you;  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
- <sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant,  
your heart will throb and swell with joy;  
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,  
to you the riches of the nations will come.
- <sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land,  
young camels of Midian and Ephah.  
And all from Sheba will come,  
bearing gold and incense  
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

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

*and*

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew 2: 1 – 12**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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

## **HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLOSURE FOR HEATING WORKS**

We are pleased to inform you that works will start at Holy Cross on Monday 6 January and hopefully finish around Friday 14 February.

We will need help please after the service on the 5 January as we need to move all loose effects e.g. cushions, kneelers, books etc into the chancel and altar area. This area is not affected by the works. The Rector's vestry also needs clearing. The reverse needs to happen on Saturday 15 February, plus a big clean. If you can help, please let Sonya know at [holycrossstpauls@outlook.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@outlook.com)

While Holy Cross is closed, the church is not available for any services nor is it open to visitors. During this time St Paul's Church welcomes those of us from Holy Cross for services, including Eucharist at 10.45 each Sunday morning, and for other activities.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – ST PAUL'S**

On Monday 6 January we aim to remove the inside tree plus take down all the inside decorations and put them safely in to storage.

Breakfast in Blackwells at 9am, 10am in the church.

Please can you try and make it, even for a short while.

Bring a Friend!

## **NEW ITEMS FOR RAFFLE**

Did you receive something new at Christmas which you will not use? Would you be happy to donate it to our raffle, which will be held in Spring, to raise funds for the churches. If so, please can you let Sonya know on [holycrossstpauls@outlook.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@outlook.com) or 07855487342 to arrange collection. Thank you.

## **FIRST AID COURSE PARISH ROOM CHIPPERFIELD**

Our first aid courses were popular last year so we will be running another session on Saturday 8 March, 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](mailto:holycrossstpauls@outlook.com) to register your interest.

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Two great Friends of Holy Cross successes**

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the FOHC 70/80/90s Disco. We are pleased to report that Punks, Mods, Hippies and Disco Divas managed to have a fabulous evening together.

Also, our thanks go to stallholders and shoppers who made the Christmas Fair at Micklefield Hall another success. Together these two events raised almost £7,000 which will go towards the new church heating project starting in January.

### **More dates for your diaries:-**

Saturday 8th March 2025 Ceilidh with the Brimstone Folk band.

Our annual Flower Festival attracts almost a thousand visitors and this year it will take place on 27th – 29th June 2025 with an opening Swing, Blues and Jazz night on Friday 27th June.

Please add these dates in your 2025 diary!

FOHC was established in 1992 and run by a dedicated team of Committee members and lots of volunteers from across the village, the Friends raises funds for the preservation, maintenance and restoration of our beautiful 13th century Parish Church. Projects over the years have included the new roof, rebuilding walls, new paths and internal and external decoration.

For more details please visit our website [www.friendsofholycross.co.uk](http://www.friendsofholycross.co.uk)



# SARRATT CARE

## JANUARY UPDATE

### **'SARRATT COMMUNITY LUNCH'**

In the Village Hall on **Monday 20th January at 12.30**  
For contact please ring Jacky Creed – details below

### **'COFFEE CORNER' and TREATMENTS**

(treatments include hairdressing, massage and chiropody)

In the Village Hall **from 10.30 to 12 noon**  
on **Wednesdays the 8th and 22nd January**

For details please ring Jennifer Haynes on 590542 or  
07743 133736

### **TRANSPORT TO APPOINTMENTS**

To arrange for a volunteer driver  
please ring 07565 399349

### **ANY OTHER ENQUIRIES or PROBLEMS**

Please ring Jacky Creed on 519975 or 07769 045270  
If no reply please feel happy to leave a message



Click here for their latest events and how to donate

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

<https://www.dens.org.uk/support-us/donate/>



## MESSAGE FROM THREE RIVERS

Three Rivers District Council are working with Involve – the UK’s leading public participation charity – to recruit 'conversation starters' who are interested in exploring what Three Rivers District could look like in the future and how we can respond to climate change in a positive way, that makes the district an even better place to live.

This is a critical piece of work that will feed directly into the council’s plans and strategies to respond to climate change.

Anyone living in Three Rivers aged 18-55 can register their interest to take part, and we are particularly hoping that people from minority or under-represented groups within the district will participate.

Participants will come together in-person over four days in February and March 2025 to take part in training, have conversations in their communities, and share back what they’ve heard.

Every participant will be paid for their time at the rate of £15/hour, up to a total of £390, all travel will be paid too, and food and refreshments are provided. We have twenty spaces available.

No previous experience or knowledge of climate change is necessary, just a curious mind and a willingness to learn and get involved. We will make every provision to make the experience as accessible as possible.

**To Learn More and Apply** please visit: <https://involve.org.uk/news-opinion/projects/calling-three-rivers-district-residents-we-need-conversation-starters>

Registration will be open from 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, and the in-person sessions will be on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, 20 February 5.30pm - 8.00pm
- Saturday, 22 February 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Saturday, 15 March 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Sunday, 16 March 10.00am - 4.00pm



# We need you to talk about the future of Three Rivers District.

## We need conversation starters.

Register your interest by scanning the QR below, or phoning 020 3745 4334.

We are looking for twenty 'conversation starters' to talk to friends, family, colleagues, and neighbours about the future of Three Rivers.

No experience or knowledge is required.

Plus you'll receive £15 per hour\* as a thank you for your time!

What matters to you about our district? What makes it unique?

What do you want to keep, change and improve for the future?

How can we make sure the way we tackle climate change makes our district an even better place to live?



← Register by midnight, Wed, 6 February 2025.

\*This monetary gift may affect your benefits. Speak to your benefits adviser if you're unsure. You can take part without accepting the gift.



## CHURCH CONTACTS

### The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

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**St Paul's Director of Music:**

Position vacant

**Holy Cross Organist:**

Position vacant

St Paul's Hall Bookings:

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