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

St Paul's Church is open each day between 10am - 4pm Benefice Office: 01923 264377 Benefice website www.hcsp.net

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 nd 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) St Paul's Patronal Festival	
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
Sunday 2 February – PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE - Candlemas	
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
Sunday 9 February – 4th Sunday before Lent	
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
Sunday 16 February – 3rd Sunday before Lent	
9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross – IF HEATING WORKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

10.45am	Altogether Service Benefice Eucharist with breakfast – St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (Traditional Night Prayer) – Holy Cross – IF HEATING WORKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

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 Katrina Bond

A funeral service will be held at St Paul's church Chipperfield on the 20 January at 1pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Room.

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.

WHILST HOLY CROSS IS CLOSED...

If you wish to donate to Holy Cross church, when you are attending a service at St Paul's, please use the gift aid envelopes which will be available in St Paul's church. The sidesperson will then sort this out.

Our bible readings for the Baptism of Christ are Isaiah 43: 1 - 7

But now, this is what the Lord says –
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;
I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you.

I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up!" and to the south, "Do not hold them back."

Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the earth -

7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

and

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 - 22 Glory to you, O Lord

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.'

²¹ When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **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

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



Inspire

When did you last take time out for yourself?
Time to be still & consider the things that allow you the space to be inspired & grow as the woman you are called to be?

A new group, especially for women of all ages and backgrounds will be starting in 2025

We invite you to join us for time away from your busy lives to share & enjoy conversation, talks & activities over tea, coffee and cake as we encourage each other to flourish and grow

> Meeting in St Paul's Church Parish Room on the first Monday of every month, starting on the 3rd February, beginning at 1.30pm and finishing at around 3pm

Please email Fay if you would like to know more fay.dent@live.co.uk



THANK YOU...

Just a very big thank you to everyone who came on Monday morning to clear St Paul's church of all the Christmas decorations and the tree. The community came together with around 16 people who made light work of it all.

Judy Olney - Churchwarden

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLOSURE FOR HEATING WORKS

A reminder Holy Cross is now closed for heating works, hopefully finishing around Friday 14 February.

Whilst 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.

REQUEST - 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 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 to register your interest.



Click here for their latest events and how to donate

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



A Church Near You is a free resource for Church of England churches that can help with a variety of needs.

Entries are often near the top of Google and Bing search results for churches in the area.

A Church Near You can be used as a church's main website.

As we move into the New Year we will be transferring our Benefice information, which is normally found at www.hcsp.net onto A Church Near You.

Each of our churches has its own page – see links below.

If you have time please take a look at what is on there. We will keep you updated as we progress through this change. Any quesitons please ask on either holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or 01923 264377

Holy Cross page

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7595/

St Paul's page

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7587/



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 ENOUIRIES or PROBLEMS

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

CHURCH CONTACTS

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St Paul's Director of Music:

Position vacant

Holy Cross Organist:

Position vacant

St Paul's Hall Bookings: 01923 263182