

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

### Sunday 26 January – CONVERSION OF PAUL (Sunday nearest 25/1) St Paul's Patronal Festival

10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
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### Sunday 2 February – PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE - Candlemas

10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
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### Sunday 9 February – 4th Sunday before Lent

10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
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### Sunday 16 February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross IF HEATING WORKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
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10.45am	Altogether Service Benefice Eucharist with breakfast – St Paul's
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6.30pm	Compline (Traditional Night Prayer) – Holy Cross IF HEATING WORKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
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**Our bible readings for the Conversion of Paul  
are  
Acts chapter 9 verses 1 - 22**

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

<sup>5</sup> 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. <sup>6</sup> 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

<sup>7</sup> The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

<sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, 'Ananias!'

'Yes, Lord,' he answered.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.'

<sup>13</sup> 'Lord,' Ananias answered, 'I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.'

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, 'Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.'

<sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> All those who heard him were astonished and asked, 'Isn't he the man who caused havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?' <sup>22</sup> Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

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

*and*

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew, chapter 19 verses 27 to the end**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

27 Peter answered him, 'We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?'

28 Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

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

# 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](mailto:fay.dent@live.co.uk)



## **DISMANTLE OF THE CRIB STABLE AND OUTSIDE TREE – ST PAUL’S**

On Monday 3 February we aim to dismantle the crib and outside tree.  
Breakfast in Blackwells at 9am, 10am in the church.  
Please can you try and make it, even for a short while.  
Bring a Friend!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Next Benefice Lunch will be on Sunday 2 March.

## **ST PAUL’S OUTSIDE NOTICE BOARDS**

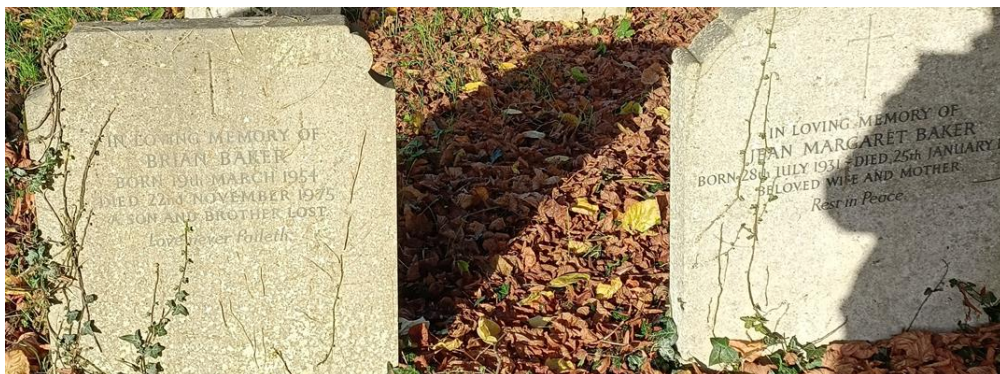
Has anyone seen a couple of A3 posters that were on the two outside notice boards before Christmas? They were part of the Jesus 'I am...' sayings. Please let Sonya or Anne King know if you know where they are. Many thanks.

## **SAVE THE DATE - VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

On the 8 May a variety of activities and events will be taking place in Sarratt from 5.30pm until 9pm to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Government is encouraging organisations and communities to celebrate this historic occasion.

## **DOES ANYONE HAVE...**

Any family contact details for these two 'Baker' graves in Holy Cross please. If so, contact Sonya in the Benefice Office.



Join our

# Ceilidh dance

with the fabulous

**BRIMSTONE BAND**

All the way from Chipping Norton

Saturday 8th March

7pm - 11pm, Sarratt Village Hall

Tables of ten available and  
no experience necessary!

Tickets are £25 - bring your own  
supper & full bar available

Please contact Sue Clark on:  
[sue@suemclark.com](mailto:sue@suemclark.com)

All proceeds going to friends of Holy Cross Charity



# SARRATT CARE

## FEBRUARY UPDATE

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

In the Village Hall on **Monday 17th February 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 5th and 19th February**

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 to the recent Winter Appeal

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

Winter Appeal - DENS

## ESSENTIAL

# FIRST AID

TRAINING PROVIDED BY  
COMPLETEFIRSTAID

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH PARISH  
ROOM CHIPPERFIELD**

**£30 PER PERSON**

**8TH MARCH 2025  
9.30AM TO APPROX 1PM**



**CONTACT SONYA FOR MORE INFO**



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The Bishop of St Albans'  
hidden two acre oasis

# Open Garden

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 February  
Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 February  
(subject to snowdrop conditions)

Abbey Gate House  
Abbey Mill Lane  
AL3 4HD

Entrance £5 per adult (children free) - Dogs on leads

In aid of Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust



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Historic Churches Trust

## 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