



## NEWS FROM THE BENEFICE

The Church of The Holy Cross, Sarratt  
and St Paul's Church, Chipperfield

### OUR SERVICES & PRIVATE PRAYER

Whenever possible, online services are screened on our Benefice YouTube channel from 9am on Sundays. Our YouTube Channel link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/HCSP-Online>

#### THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021

**Online**  
**10.30am**

**Morning Service - Holy Cross**  
*Leader: Revd Michele du Saire*  
*(Mark 1: 4 - 11)*

#### The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021

**Online**  
**10.30am**

**Morning Service**  
*Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Michele du Saire*  
*(John 1: 43 - end)*

**Holy Cross and St Paul's private prayer opening times**  
**\*\*\*NOTE NEW TIMES\*\*\***

	<b>Holy Cross Sarratt</b>	<b>St Paul's Chipperfield</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	2pm till 4pm	11am till 12 noon
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am till 12 noon	2pm till 3pm

## **VERSE OF THE WEEK**

And a voice came from heaven:  
'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'  
*Mark 1: 11*

### ***Collect Prayer for The Baptism of Christ***

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### ***Post Communion Prayer for The Baptism of Christ***

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# PRAYER POINTS

...since we have a great priest over the house of God,  
let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...  
*Hebrews 10:21-22*

## Pray for:

### The Church and the World

- Purity in the body of Christ
- The power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to be His witnesses
- Many to respond to Jesus' invitation to come to Him

### Our Nation

- Our Government as they make very difficult decisions
- Hospitals under huge pressure due to COVID-19
- Good administration of the vaccination programme
- Teachers, parents, children and young people adjusting to on-line learning and home schooling
- People who are lonely or fearful
- Those who have major financial worries
- Smooth implementation of the new trade agreement with the EU

### Our Communities

- Good support for all who need help during lockdown
- All who are sick in body, mind or spirit, including Andrew Gain and Phil's brother David who is receiving treatment for cancer.
- All who grieve the loss of loved ones, in particular the families of Konrad Wiringer, remembering his son Barry; and Sylvia Oliver, remembering her children Martin, Kathy, Susie and Rosemary.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Barbara and Michael Clements of Chipperfield parish, and June and Michael Clark of Sarratt parish.
- For all who live and work in our villages, including the residents of Flaunden Lane in Sarratt and Moor Lane in Sarratt and Forge Close & The Street in Chipperfield.

**THE GOSPEL READING FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday 10 January 2021**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, chapter 1 verses 4 - 11

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> 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**

# MESSAGES FROM REVD MICHELE AND YOUR CHURCHWARDENS

## Public Worship and Private Prayer

The Churchwardens and I, along with the PCCs of both Holy Cross, Sarratt and St Paul's, Chipperfield met on Zoom in the 6 January to consider what is best for each community in light of the virulence of the new strain of COVID 19 and the spike in cases both nationally and locally. We are conscious that we are all living in a period of uncertainty, in an atmosphere of anxiety and fear caused by the heightened threat of infection. For these reasons the Churchwardens and I, in conjunction with both PCCs, have taken decisions to curtail worship in church until the end of February at Holy Cross and January at St Paul's. Each church will be keeping the matter under separate review with formal reviews towards the end of January.

We will be continuing with our on-line services.  
January services will be as follows.

10 January - 10.30 from Holy Cross

17 January - 10.30 Morning Service

24 January - 10.30 Morning Service via Zoom (please register your interest to join with Sonya, so she can send invite details back to you)

31 January – tba

## Private Prayer

Both churches will continue to be open for private prayer as follows:

	<b>Holy Cross, Sarratt</b>	<b>St Paul's Chipperfield</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	2pm till 4pm	11am till 12pm noon
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am till 12 noon	2pm till 3pm

We will be keeping this under review and will let you know of any changes. For each other's safety please continue to follow the protocols already in place, by wearing a face covering at all times, sanitise your hands on entering and leaving church and use only the spaces that have been made available. Please continue to pray for the health our nation and each other.

## **SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE - CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS**

As we have moved into lockdown, the January edition of Spotlight has not been printed for delivery to each household as originally planned. Thanks to Michael Edmund, some printed copies have been left in Sarratt Post Office Stores and in the porch of Holy Cross for individuals to collect. And, of course, January Spotlight is available to view online at [sarrattvillage.co.uk](http://sarrattvillage.co.uk)

## **ANOTHER *LOCKDOWN*, ANOTHER CHANCE TO COMPLETE *SAFEGUARDING TRAINING***

It is important for all of us to think about safeguarding. We are pleased that some of you completed the online training during the previous lockdown. If you are a verger, welcomer, refreshment helper, home group leader, sidesperson, PCC member, churchwarden, bell ringer, then the Diocese recommends this is for you. Our PCCs have given an undertaking that our Benefice will follow the Diocese's guidelines.

Please take a look at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org> Many of you may have already done this course, or a more advanced one, and, if so, you can choose whether or not to repeat it as a 'refresher' for you. Once you have completed it, please can you let Sonya know in order for her to update her training spreadsheet. If you wish just to double-check the training you have already done please contact Sonya on 07855487342 or [holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com) Many thanks Sue Walker.

## **SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ON DVDs**

All our online services remain available to view on our Benefice YouTube Channel. There is also a DVD lending library of most of the online services. We are licensed to share the DVDs, so long as they are returned after having been watched. If you would like to borrow a DVD, please contact Sonya, our Benefice Administrator.

# SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH WITH YOUR IDEAS, YOUR TIME, FINANCIALLY

## HELP WITH OUR ON-LINE SERVICES

During the pandemic, a small technical team has worked tirelessly to enable the churches of Holy Cross, Sarratt and St Paul's Chipperfield to have an on-line presence. Services have either been live streamed or pre-recorded. We would like to extend the team in 2021, so if you have been involved in filming or sound recording and have the time to give us some of your valuable skills, **it would be much appreciated. If you can help us**, please contact our Parish Administrator, Sonya Tolmie on 01923 264377 or email, [holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com)

*Rector and Churchwardens of Holy Cross and St Paul's.*

## HOLY CROSS, SARRATT – HELP FOR OUR TREASURER

We are looking for someone to shadow and assist Colin, our treasurer. The role of a treasurer is very important to the control and recording of our finances. Colin has been capably looking after our finances for many years but we feel that the role could be spread a little to reduce his workload. In due course, the assistant could be promoted to treasurer, although this is not imminent. If you feel that you could help in this way and would like more details, please contact Colin on 01923 263123

*Linda Clough - Churchwarden*

## SUPPORTING OUR CHURCHES FINANCIALLY

During these difficult times, please contribute to the running of Holy Cross and St Paul's, if you are able to do so. Thank you.

**Holy Cross:** The Donate Button on the Benefice Website

<https://www.hcsp.net/Groups/334320/Donate.aspx>

Bank details are: Sarratt PCC Holy Cross, sort code 40-52-40, account number 00019785 or cheques payable to "Sarratt PCC Holy Cross" can be posted to or put through the door of Colin Plummer (Hon.Treasurer), Greenhill Cottage, Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6AR.

**St Paul's:** The Donate Button on the Benefice Website

<https://www.hcsp.net/Groups/334320/Donate.aspx>

Bank details are: sort code 40-52-40, account number 00032404, account name: PCC St Paul's Chipperfield or cheques payable to "PCC St Paul's Chipperfield" can be posted to or put through the door of Fay Dent (Hon.Treasurer), 'Anderlea', Croft Lane, Chipperfield, WD4 9DX.

# SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY

## FOIL AND STAMPS

Ann Soanes has been collecting foil and stamps for the RSPB for many years but, sadly, the RSPB has stopped the collection. DENS are delighted to step in and so PLEASE continue to leave your donations by the St Paul's Parish door along with any foodstuffs and they will be picked up every day.

*Sue Walker*

## SPOTLIGHT - TWO VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Spotlight Editorial Committee needs two people to join it. We are a church publication that needs a new Editor and new Advertising Manager.

**Spotlight Editor:** you need is an interest in the Church, the village, its people and the activities of its clubs, groups and societies. And, of course, you will need to know a bit about using a computer keyboard, but we will help you every step of the way if you're not too sure about fonts, jpegs and pdfs. Put it another way – if you have an interest in turning text and picture into interesting articles, this could be for you.

**Advertising Manager:** we need someone with an easygoing telephone manner to talk to local businesses about how going into everyone's homes once a month in a much-loved magazine could do wonders for their business. There's no hard sell involved and we often have a waiting list for advertising. It would help here too if you knew the difference between a jpeg and tiff, but again don't worry if you don't – you too will be helped all the way.

The editorial team is knowledgeable, helpful and friendly and we thrive on co-operation. We meet once a month to discuss the next issue and so there is regular support as well. Please email us at [sarrattsplight@googlemail.com](mailto:sarrattsplight@googlemail.com) if you might be interested – or indeed if you know someone who might. Or you can approach either Michael Edmund or Michael Lench for an informal chat about the roles.

On behalf of Chipperfield Village Hall.

The Hall will be holding a delayed **2020 AGM** by Zoom on Monday **18th January 2021**. This meeting is open to all village residents. You are invited to join the meeting on Zoom. The agenda is below, including instructions on how to notify your wish to attend.

## **CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

### **36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for 2020**

**On Zoom, Postponed due to Covid**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm**

## **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of previous AGM Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**
3. **Chairs' Report – Janet Newman, James Bush**
4. **Treasurer's Report – Judith Saunders**
5. **Adoption of 2019/2020 Accounts**
6. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**
7. **Election of Trustees**
8. **Committee Members and Officers**
9. **Register of Pecuniary Interests**
10. **Any Other Business**

## **TO PROSPECTIVE ATTENDEES**

### **(OTHER THAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS)**

To join this meeting please send your email address to Peter Corbett at [drumcotp@btinternet.com](mailto:drumcotp@btinternet.com) ,by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to be able to receive documentation for the meeting. Notification of attendance or apologies will be accepted up to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January but no documentation will be sent out in this case.

## CHURCH CONTACTS

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### *Church Office hours:*

With current lockdown restrictions in place and schools closed the hours Sonya will work over the coming 6 weeks will vary from day to day. Therefore for the time being please make contact by either emailing [holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com) or telephoning 07855 487 342.

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