



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

Church Services and Opening Times

Holy Cross is open each day 9am - 5pm and St Paul's 10am - 4pm

Benefice website www.hcsp.net

Our YouTube Channel link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/HCSP-Online>

Sunday 4 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

9am	Morning Service – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i> <i>(Romans 15: 4 - 13; Matthew 3: 1 - 12)</i>
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion – St Paul's <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Anne Lovegrove</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>

Thursday 8 December

6.30pm	HCSP Youth Group – St Paul's Parish Room <i>Year 6 and above – finish time 8pm – Christmas Surprise</i> <i>Last Youth meeting of the year! Look forward to seeing you all!</i> <i>Restart on 12th Jan, please look out for email with updated information.</i>
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Sunday 11 December 3rd Sunday of Advent

9am	Morning Service – St Paul's Parish Room – <i>Followed by tea and toast</i> <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i> <i>(James 5: 7 - 10; Matthew 11: 2 - 11)</i>
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion – Holy Cross <i>followed by Grand Christmas Draw (see page 8)</i> <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Charles Burch</i> <i>(as 9am)</i>
2.30pm	Carols on The Green – Sarratt Green – meet outside the village shop <i>(see page 6)</i>

Thursday 15 December

No Youth - restarting 12th January

Sunday 18 December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.00am	Benefice Holy Communion – Holy Cross <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Simon Cutmore (Rural Dean)</i> <i>(Romans 1: 1 - 7; Matthew 1: 18 to the end)</i>
10.30am	Family Service with Christingle – St Paul's <i>Leaders: Anne Stickland and Ian Chantrell</i>
6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols – Holy Cross <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i>
Tuesday 20 December	
7.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols – St Paul's <i>Leader: Phil Waine</i>

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Downing Street has announced, on the 24th November, that the Venerable Jane Mainwaring, our current Archdeacon, is to be the next Bishop of Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans early next year and we wish to offer our sincere congratulations to Jane on her appointment. We think she will make an excellent Bishop and look forward to working with her in the future. It could not have happened to a nicer person!

VERSE OF THE WEEK

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 13

THE GOSPEL READING FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 December 2022

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
chapter 3: verses 1 - 12

Glory to you, O Lord

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

This the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

OUR WORLD

- Lord, we give thanks for your wonderful creation. Turn us from being careless tenants to being faithful stewards of Your world.
- We pray for the many parts of the world where there is suffering from conflicts & wars and from natural disasters including, famine, drought and floods. Especially this week we pray for the people of Ukraine, Ethiopia, Indonesia and the Italian island of Ischia.
- We pray for Your peace between nations and within nations, for an end to persecution, oppression and prejudice of all kinds
- For all refugees fleeing from war and persecution in their homelands and those giving them shelter and support.

THE CHURCH

- For the church around the world. Increase our faith; strengthen our resolve to be kind and compassionate to the needs of others around us.
- For all Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Keep them safe.

OUR NATION

- For political leaders of this country to show, wisdom, and discernment.
- For those affected by the economic climate, those who are struggling and have concerns and worries about the future.
- For King Charles and the royal family, as they plan for the coronation.

OUR COMMUNITIES

- For our church and communities, especially those who are struggling in this time of change and uncertainty.
- For our Churchwardens and PCCs as they navigate the process of finding a new Rector.
- We pray for those struggling in this cost-of-living crisis. May they have the courage to reach out for help and others will see where help is needed.
- For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, including Irene Oulsnam, Ann Rees and Bridget Brook.
- For Ann Waive's sister Linda Price and her children Alex, Vicky, Charlotte and their families at the sad loss of Bill Price Husband, father and grandfather on Monday the 30 November as they grieve.
- For those who feel anxious or lonely. Help them to know Your presence and know that they are not alone, that You are with them always.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Vivian Oliver of Chipperfield Parish and Graham and Jenny Peiser of Sarratt Parish.
- For all who live and work in our villages, including those in Sarratt Road in Sarratt and Redhall Lane & White Shack Lane in Chipperfield.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM (WILL) HAROLD PRICE

A Thanksgiving Service will take place on Friday 16 December at 1.30pm in St Paul's Church Chipperfield. If you know you would like to attend please can you RSVP back to Sonya at holycrossstpauls@outlook.com

Donations in Will's memory may be made to the Bowra Foundation.

Barclays Bank sort code 20-11-43 account number 73973697.

Will, along with the Business Image Team, drove the development of the Bowra Bag.

[TheBowraBag \(bowra-foundation.org\)](http://TheBowraBag(bowra-foundation.org))

HOLY CROSS TRAVELLING CRIB

Can you offer Mary and Joseph a room for the night?

Holy Cross Travelling Crib is a lovely way to remember the meaning of Christmas by hosting the nativity characters for a night and helping them on their journey the next day. The Travelling Crib basket includes ornamental figures of Mary, Joseph and a donkey, a candle, prayer leaflet and The First Christmas Story booklet but it's not just for children and families. Anyone is welcome to have them in their home.

The Travelling Crib left **Messy Church** in **Sarratt Village Hall** on **Sunday 27 November** and will return to **Holy Cross** in time for the **Christmas Eve Crib Service at 3pm**. If you would like the Travelling Crib to visit your home one night in Advent, please contact Jeannie: alan.poulton@talktalk.net , 01923 260295 or 07939 539816. You will be contacted by the person before you on the list to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to receive the Crib. You will also be given the name, address and contact details of the next family on the list so that you can transport the Crib to them.

MUSIC EXAMS IN ST PAUL'S PARISH ROOM AND CHURCH

Please note music exams will be taking place at St Paul's on these dates:

3 Dec - 9am to 17.05

5 Dec - 9am to 17.05

6 Dec – noon until 3.45pm

8 Dec - noon until 3.45pm

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Pat Smith has kindly offered to cook a Christmas Dinner (on Christmas Day of course!) for up to 10 people who will be alone on the big day. This will be held in the Parish Room. If you wish to come, please email Sonya, our administrator, who will pass your details on to Pat. Sonya can be contacted at: holycrossstpauls@outlook.com



CAROLS ON THE GREEN
SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER
2.30PM

**JOIN HOLY CROSS CHURCH AND
SARRATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
AND SING YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS**

**FOLLOWED BY MULLED WINE, HOT CHOCOLATE
AND MINCE PIES IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

MEET US OUTSIDE SARRATT POST OFFICE STORES

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



FAMILY SERVICE
BENEFICE CHRISTINGLE
SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER – 10.30AM
ST PAULS CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD



All are welcome from both Sarratt,
Chipperfield and nearby villages.

The tradition celebrating
Jesus, the Light of the World

We look forward to seeing you

Holy Cross Church, Sarratt



GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW



Holy Cross Church is raising vital funds.

The raffle will be drawn on 11 December 2022
11.30am after the morning service in church.

1st Prize: £100 National Book Token

2nd Prize: £30 Flamingo Paperie Voucher

3rd Prize: Pig Tour at Micklefield Hall Farm + joint of pork

Plus Many Other Exciting Prizes

Now on sale in the Sarratt Village Shop or from the
Churchwardens David and Linda Clough. Plus Nikki Clough,
and by contacting Sonya 07855487342.

Tickets £1 Each

Promoter: S Tolmie, c/o The Benefice Office, Sarratt Village Hall, Sarratt, WD3 6AS charity number X89760 Registered with
Three Rivers District Council under the Gambling Act 2005 Registration No. 21/00552/GALOTT Prices for multiple tickets
are still the same at £1 per ticket. You need to be 18 or over to buy a ticket.



This festive season, the cost of living crisis is hitting hard and putting many vulnerable people at risk of food poverty and homelessness. Local people are facing difficult choices, but DENS is here to help.

We help people like Chloe, whose life was in crisis. Her desperate situation was turned around after she received a food parcel to feed herself and her mother. We help people like Harry, whose life was saved once he worked with our Outreach team to find safe and warm accommodation to get him off the streets.



Chloe was forced to flee her home with her elderly mother in order to escape a violent ex-partner.

With finances stretched to the limit due to rocketing energy bills, Chloe turned to the Foodbank.

Chloe says thank you for saving her life “from being desperate to knowing there's somewhere that will take care of us.”

Harry was found asleep on a park bench, alone and vulnerable.

With expert advice from the Outreach team, Harry has now found accommodation, away from the cold and lonely streets.

Harry says thank you for saving his life by getting him off the streets and helping him access the vital support he needed.



FOODBANK...

They are well stocked but do have a High Needs List, click on [Donate Food & Household Items - DENS](#)

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:

- Christmas chocolates
- Selection boxes
- Nuts
- Savoury crackers
- Tinned ham
- Sponge puddings
- Custard
- Long life milk
- Long life juice

KITCHEN AND HYGIENE ITEMS:

- Men's toiletries gift sets
- Women's toiletries gift sets
- Roasting trays
- Tin foil
- Washing up liquid (small)
- Sellotape

DENS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Click below to see the most up to date calendar of events.

[Events - DENS](#)



Messy Church

Sarratt and Chipperfield Benefice

12noon to 1.30pm

Sunday 22nd January in St Paul's Parish Room

Sunday 26th March in Sarratt Village Hall

Messy Church helps people encounter Jesus: it is for all-ages, especially primary and nursery school-age children.

The session involves **CREATIVITY** - craft/activities, **HOSPITALITY** - food and **CELEBRATION** - worship.

Parents and carers will need to stay and join in with their children for the whole session.

Please contact Sonya Tolmie at holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or 01923 264377 to RSVP or get more information

CHURCH CONTACTS

The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Sarratt WD3 6HE

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Benefice website: www.hcsp.net

Benefice Administrator: Sonya Tolmie

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Benefice Office, Sarratt Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt, Herts WD3 6AS

Benefice Office Hours:

Please make contact by either emailing holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or telephoning 01923 264377.

Rector: Position vacant

Churchwardens:

Linda Clough (HC)	264884	dandlclough@btinternet.com
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Philip Waite (St P)	07771 712636	wainephilip50@gmail.com
Ann Waite (St P)	07557 303619	ann.waite@gmail.com

Readers:

Angela Coakley	264380	angelac3000@aol.com
Philip Waite	07771 712636	wainephilip50@gmail.com

St Paul's Director of Music

Position vacant

Holy Cross Organist

David Clough	264884	dandlclough@btinternet.com
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St Paul's Hall Bookings:	263182	Stephen Morrill
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