

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 Office: 01923 264377 · Benefice website www.hcsp.net

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

Sunday 12 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

9am

Morning Service – St Paul's Parish Room

Leader: Revd Paul Palmer

(Romans 5: 1 - 11; John 4: 5 - 42)

10.30am

Holy Communion – Holy Cross

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Paul Palmer

(as 9am)

Thursday 16 March

6.30pm

HCSP Youth Group – St Paul's Parish Room

Year 6 and above – finish time 8pm

Sunday 19 March – Mothering Sunday - 4th Sunday of Lent

10.30am

Family Service with Communion – Holy Cross

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Adrian Manning

(Colossians 3: 12 - 17; John 19: 25b - 27)

10.30am

Family Morning Service – St Paul's in Church

Leader: Phil Waine

(Colossians 3: 12 - 17; John 19: 25b - 27)

Thursday 30 March

6.30pm

HCSP Youth Group – St Paul's Parish Room

Year 6 and above – finish time 8pm

**NEXT CHURCH LUNCH
SUNDAY 2 APRIL ST PAUL'S PARISH ROOM**

Collect Prayer for 3rd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Psalm 95: v 1

COLIN DENLEY – FORMER SARRATT RESIDENT

Colin passed peacefully on Friday 3 March. He was born 10 June 1937 at Sarratt Bottom and had many happy childhood memories from his adventures along the Chess. Colin's family were farmers in the Sarratt and Chipperfield area, with him attending Sunday school, and he and his wife Kerris also kept close links with the village after his family moved to Chorleywood, attending the flower festivals and Colin and his wife Kerris continued to visit the village throughout their married life. Even though Colin moved away geographically through his RAF career and latterly to be near family in Scotland he continued to hold Sarratt in his heart as his home.

ADVANCE NOTICE - ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The APCMs for both churches will take place on Sunday, 26 March. St Paul's will start once the Morning Service has finished so approx.. 10am/10.15am and Holy Cross at 11am. Please put the date in your diary.

HELP NEEDED AT ST PAUL'S - SATURDAY 8 APRIL

We need helpers please on Saturday 8 April to decorate St Paul's for Easter. Meeting at church for 10am. Please let Jenny Laurie know if you can make it.

THE FIRST READING FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

12 March 2023

The First reading is from Romans chapter 5:

verses 1 - 11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

12 March 2023

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 4:
verses 5 - 42

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

¹³ Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

¹⁷ 'I have no husband,' she replied.

Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.'

¹⁹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

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²¹ ‘Woman,’ Jesus replied, ‘believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’

²⁵ The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you – I am he.’

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, ‘What do you want?’ or ‘Why are you talking with her?’

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ ‘Come, see a man who told me everything I’ve ever done. Could this be the Messiah?’ ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way towards him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’

³² But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you know nothing about.’

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, ‘Could someone have brought him food?’

³⁴ ‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, “It’s still four months until harvest”? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying “One sows and another reaps” is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.’

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I’ve ever done.’ ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

THE CHURCH

- For the the right person to apply for the role of rector in our parishes.
- For more people to feel moved by God to come to church of all ages.
- For more people to step forward and help support the church in the many ways that are needed to ensure that it is running smoothly with a great outreach.
- For all those involved in the appointment process for a new Rector.

THE WORLD

- For wisdom to combat climate change throughout the world and for leaders and governments to act with integrity.
- For peace to be achieved throughout the world and the cessation of injustices that take place especially for those in minorities.
- For all suffering from natural disasters including the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria.

OUR NATION

- For King Charles and the Queen Consort as they approach the coronation.
- For the Government and all in authority to show wisdom and fairness in their decision-making.
- For empathy, support and kindness to be shown towards all who are struggling at this time, including those struggling with mental health and loneliness.
- For asylum seekers to be treated with compassion and humanity and for the people traffickers to be caught and held to account.

OUR COMMUNITIES

- For all those unwell in body, mind or spirit including Pam Dawson and Anne Stickland.
- For all who mourn the loss of loved ones and are struggling with relationships.
- For people to always use opportunities to treat others with kindness and compassion.
- For all those on our church electoral rolls, including Anne Stickland of Chipperfield Parish & Muir and Margaret Stratford of Sarratt Parish.
- For all who live and work in our villages, including those in Flaunden Lane in Sarratt and Dunny Lane & Penmans Green in Chipperfield.

FUNERAL DETAILS FOR MAGGIE PRESTWICH

Maggie, although a member of Chipperfield Baptist church congregation, often attended services at St Paul's and very much enjoyed attending our third Sunday lunches. Maggie recently passed away and her funeral will take place on at 12.30pm on Wednesday 15 March at St Paul's, followed by refreshments in the Parish Room. No flowers please, any donations are for the St Paul's church lunch fund. *Please RSVP to the Benefice Office if you wish to attend the funeral and refreshments.*

HOLY CROSS PCC SECRETARY

We are looking for someone in the wider church community of Holy Cross to take on this role. The position involves attending the Standing Committee to plan the PCC agenda, taking the minutes of the PCC meetings (5 meetings per year) and supporting the preparation of the APCM report. Rest assured that no previous experience is required and you will be helped for the first few months. Please email Linda Clough on dandlclough@btinternet.com who can give you more details.

ST PAUL'S

Several roles within the church are becoming vacant this year due to long service by the retirees. The key vacancy needing to be filled is that of **Churchwarden**. Ann Waine has served in this role on and off for over ten years and will be taking a well-earned rest. As you know, we are currently in a vacancy and the need for a second churchwarden to assist Philip Waine is vital at this time. If you are interested in taking on this role, Ann or Phil would be happy to talk to you about it.

HOLY CROSS DEANERY SYNOD VACANT POSITIONS

We would really like to hear from anyone who may be interested in volunteering for these positions. The below link gives some guidance, but please note the links for See Round sign-up no longer work and the Diocese are planning to update it all later this year.

[Guidance for Deanery Lay Chairs2014.pub \(anglican.org\)](#)

ST PAUL'S MISSION GIVING

St Paul's are pleased to confirm payment of their Mission Giving of 10% of all Church Giving for last year to the following chosen charities:

Young Minds	£2000
UNHCR Afghanistan refugee	£2000
Dens	£2000
Grass Roots Rwanda	£600



Holy Cross Church Sarratt

**Mothering Sunday
Morning Service**

**Sunday 19 March
10.30am**

Posies will be available for children
to give to their mother

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**St Paul's Church
Chipperfield**

**Mothering Sunday
All Age Service**

**Sunday 19 March
10.30am**



Why not come along to the Sarratt and Chipperfield Messy Church

A warm welcome awaits!

12noon to 1.30pm, including lunch

Sunday 26 March in Sarratt Village Hall

Learning about what happened to Jesus

CREATIVITY - craft/activities (dress for mess!)

Painting, making miniature Easter Gardens and more



HOSPITALITY – lunch is provided

CELEBRATION - worship

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

Please contact Sonya at holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or 01923 264377 to RSVP

Messy Church is for all ages – everyone welcome

**REMEMBER LOVED ONES AT
EASTER BY DONATING LILIES
TO DECORATE HOLY CROSS
CHURCH SARRATT**



Put £2.00 per lily in an envelope, please write on the front of the envelope the loved one's names and hand in to the Sarratt Post Office.

Names will be displayed in Holy cross Church.

Also: Why not come and join us and have fun decorating
our Church for Easter –
Saturday 8th April at 10am

REMEMBER LOVED ONES AT ST PAUL'S

If you would like to buy a lily in remembrance of a loved one they will be £3 each. Your help and donation will be appreciated to help celebrate Easter Day. Do please contact Jenny Laurie 275292 or jenny_laurie@hotmail.com



FOODBANK...

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters in recent weeks, we are now extremely well stocked, with enough provisions to meet the needs of our community for the coming months.

Therefore, we ask that if you are able to, please instead make a financial donation to help keep our vital service running by covering important staff and operational costs.

[Donate Money - DENS](#)

DENS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

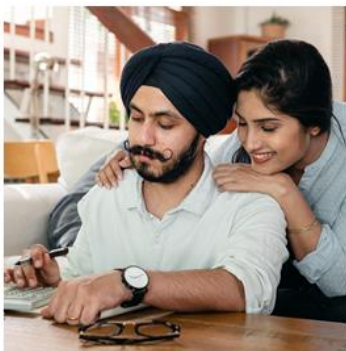
Click below to see the most up to date calendar of events.

[Events - DENS](#)

MAKE A WILL MONTH – Click on the below link to find out more

[Make A Will Month - DENS](#)

Make A Will Month



We're partnering with selected local solicitors during March, who are kindly offering their legal services and expertise in return for a donation to DENS.

Appointments are limited, so book yours today for a fantastic opportunity to make or update your Will at a considerably cheaper price than standard Will-writing fees.

FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS...

Have a number of events planned over the coming months, click on the link below to find out more:

[Friends of Holy cross - Events](#)

World Glaucoma Week **March 12-18, 2023**

“World Glaucoma Week is a unique initiative that puts a spotlight on glaucoma as the leading cause of preventable irreversible blindness worldwide. The prompt diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma can prevent needless vision impairment, however, so many are unaware they have the disease or may not have access to much-needed care. As the numbers are expected to increase exponentially, it is a growing public health concern that needs more attention and effective eye health systems. The active coming together of the international community with colleagues and key stakeholders through events to stimulate awareness and dialogue is a show of our shared commitment to improving glaucoma care for patients around the world.”

Neeru Gupta MD PhD MBA

President, World Glaucoma Association

World Glaucoma Week

SAVE THE DATES



Following on from the hugely successful Chipperfield village Jubilee celebrations last year, we intend to have a variation on the theme the King's coronation. Taking our cue from King Charles III, who has asked the celebrations be pared down from last year, we are following his suggested outline, see draft itinerary below:

Friday 5th May

Comedy Night in the Village Hall featuring A list comedians.

Saturday 6th

Murder Mystery in the Village Hall, run by CTP.

Sunday activities

Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Church

Bring your own picnic to the common, plus we plan to have food vendors present.

Sunday evening

Musical event in St Paul's church - details to follow.

Monday 8th

The King has asked that the country hold a Volunteering Day and we are therefore planning to get many of you involved in a 'Smarten Up Your Village Project'; helping neighbours to tidy gardens, clear litter and generally spruce up our beautiful village.

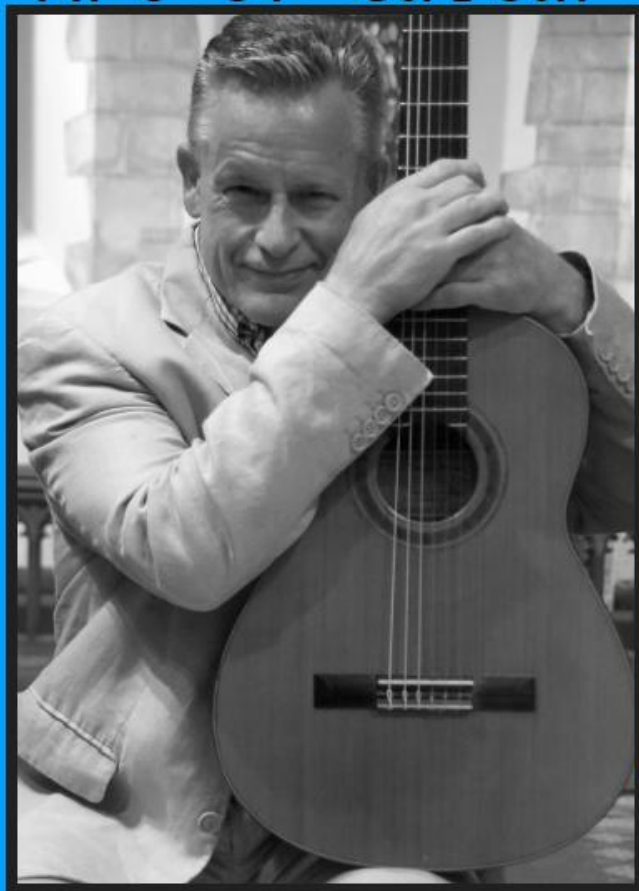
Other things may be added, but this is the basic plan so far.

We need helpers to do all of this so please contact me if you can help in any way at all - it would be good to match the fantastic turn out of volunteers we had in 2022.

Phil Waine & Luke Hinton
Chipperfield Events CIC
077 7171 2636

SAVE THE DATE – MUSIC EVENT AT ST PAUL'S
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH THE BENEFICE OFFICE IF
YOU KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

Art of Guitar



An Evening of Virtuoso Classics

Bach
Albeniz
Tarrega
Villa-Lobos
Barrios
Rodrigo

9th September 2023 – 6pm

St Paul's Church
Chipperfield
Kings Langley
WD4 9BS

Tickets £20 on the door,
on 01923 264377, or
holycrossstpauls@outlook.com
(Refreshments available)

markjenningsmusic.com

CHURCH CONTACTS

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Rector: Position vacant

Churchwardens:

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Philip Waine (St P)	07771 712636	wainephilip50@gmail.com
Ann Waine (St P)	07557 303619	ann.waine@gmail.com

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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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