

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

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

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

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

Sunday 31 March – EASTER DAY *N. B. British Summer Time begins*

6.30am	Easter Sunrise Service – Holy Cross Churchyard <i>Followed by bacon sandwiches</i>
9am	Early Easter Communion – St Paul's
10.45am	Family Easter Communion – Holy Cross <i>Followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i>

Sunday 7 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

9am	Morning Service – Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Holy Communion – St Paul's

Sunday 14 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9am	Morning Service – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Holy Communion – Holy Cross

Sunday 21 April – 4th Sunday of Easter

9am	Holy Communion – Holy Cross
10.45am	Family Service – St Paul's

Sunday 28 April – 5th Sunday of Easter

9am	Holy Communion – St Paul's
10.45am	Morning Service – Holy Cross

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH
St Paul's Parish Prayer

Almighty God, fill us with your love.

Jesus our Saviour, teach us to serve and care with generosity and joy, courage
and hope, humility and gentleness.

Holy Spirit, stir and inspire us. Strengthen and equip us to faithfully proclaim in
word and deed the all-embracing love of God.

Guide us and help us to be vibrant imitators of Christ
making him known in the world.

For the sake of the kingdom and in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

First reading for Easter Day
31 March

Acts chapter 10, verses 34 - 43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

The Gospel Reading for Easter Day
31 March

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
chapter 20 verses 1 - 18

Glory to you, O Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' ¹⁴ At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

¹⁷ Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

*Revd Sarah wishes you all a Happy Easter and restful break.
She would love you to try the Easter Trail, details on the attached posters. It runs
from Thursday 28 March to Monday 1 April inclusive. Join Dotty the donkey for
some Easter fun!*

HOLY CROSS

EASTER TRAIL

**Join Dotty the donkey on an Easter
discovery trail.**

Collect your stamp card from The Community Store.
follow the trail of banners
and
discover the Easter story!

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR COMPLETED CARD
AND PICK UP YOUR PRIZE!**

**Where to collect your stamp card
& prize**

**Thursday 28th March 8-5 - Village
Store**

Friday 29th 8-12. - Village Store

Saturday 30th 7-5 - Village Store

**Sunday 31st - Closed (easter egg hunt
after 10.45am service Holy Cross
Church, Sarratt. Please join us there)**

Monday 1st 8-12 - Village Store



Happy Easter from all at Holy Cross Church

EASTER TRAIL

Join Dotty the donkey on an Easter discovery trail.

Collect your stamp card from Blackwells Cafe.
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Happy Easter from all at St Paul's Church



NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St Paul's Church, Chipperfield.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church.
on the 15th day of April 2024.

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows –

To the Parochial Church Council 3 representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally.
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st of December preceding the meeting.
- (d) the annual fabric report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed (Rev) Sarah Collins

Incumbent

APCM – Holy Cross – Sunday 28 April 11.45am in church
Revision of the Church Electoral Roll will open on the 31 March and after revision a copy of the roll will be published and will be available in church on the 14 April.



PARISH OF HOLY CROSS SARRATT

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council*, beginning on SUNDAY the 31ST day of MARCH 2024 and ending on SUNDAY the 14TH day of APRIL 2024.

* The revision must be completed at least 15 days, but no more than 28 days, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council [method of publication to be specified here] for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is—

- (a) is baptised,
- (b) is aged 16 or over, and
- (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

At least 14 days notice must be given.

Dated this 21ST day of MARCH 2024

Signed Stanie
JOHN GUY Church Electoral Roll Officer Address Benefice Office,
Village Hall Sarratt.

Email (optional) holycrosssarratt@outlook.com



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Signed Rev'd SARAH COLLINS

Minister of the parish²

BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Benefice Office will close on Friday 29 March at 1pm and reopen on Wednesday 17 April. For any urgent matters which cannot wait until the 17 April please contact your churchwardens.

NO POWER IN ST PAUL'S – 2nd APRIL

Please note the electricity in St Paul's will be off on 2nd April for approx..thirty minutes between 1pm and 3pm.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK...

Will run between 12 and 18 May. If you wish to donate please use the link below. Thank you.

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week?gclid=CjwKCAjwte-vBhBFEiwAQsv_xQ2RZzn9_CmnELNaGUU7IOh38NxCztAa9PaJBedPp8fJJjl-E_D5LBoCuW4QAvD_BwE



SAVE THE DATE

Ann Soanes will be hosting her annual coffee morning to raise funds for MacMillan. Save the date – 21st September in the Parish Room.



PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS at ST PAUL's CHURCH, Chipperfield. In Church or outside Parish Room. They'll be collected nightly and put inside until delivered.

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:

- Jars of cooking sauces
- Tinned mackerel
- Teabags
- Tinned soup
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned peas/carrots
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned potatoes
- Instant mashed potato
- Long life milk
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Cereal bars

HOUSEHOLD AND HYGIENE ITEMS:

- Carrier bags
- Sanitary products
- Hand soap

Lots of new DENS events now on the link below

Events - DENS

The Bike Project provides opportunities for DENS clients to learn bike maintenance skills and build their confidence in a supportive environment. Under the supervision of our Bike Project manager, our clients learn to refurbish bikes that have been donated to us, which we then sell to help fund the project. Each participant gets to keep a bike they have worked on. The Bike Project also offers bike repairs and a wide range of bike servicing options.

CHURCH CONTACTS

The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

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St Paul's Director of Music:

Position vacant

Holy Cross Organist:

Position vacant

St Paul's Hall Bookings:

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