WELCOME to the 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
Benefice Office: 01923 264377

YOU CAN FIND US ON 'A CHURCH NEAR YOU' achurchnearyou.com

Sunday 18 May – 4th Sunday after Easter Day		
9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross	
10.45am	Gathering at 10.30am for pastries and drinks before the service. All Together Benefice Eucharist - St Paul's	
11.45am	St Paul's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	
6.30pm	Compline (Traditional Night Prayer) - Holy Cross	
Tuesday 20 May		
N.B Time 7.30pm	Holy Cross APCM in church	
Thursday 22 May		
7.30pm	Sarratt Prayer Group – Holy Cross	
Sunday 25 May – 5th Sunday after Easter Day		
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's	
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross	
Thursday 29 May – ASCENSION DAY		
7.30pm	United Deanery Ascension Day Service – St Paul's Followed by refreshments	
Sunday 1 June – Sunday after Ascension Day		
9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross	

10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
Sunday 8 June – PENTECOST - Whit Sunday	
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross followed by grand raffle draw
12.30pm	Benefice Lunch – St Paul's Parish Room

What did Jesus do after the Resurrection?

We are running 3 sessions focusing on the time between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

We'll be looking at who Jesus spoke to, what happened on Ascension Day and Pentecost.

Come and join us for a time together to explore these amazing events, looking at what it meant to people and what it means to us today.

When:

Tuesday 20 May & Tuesday 27 May 7pm - 8:30pm St Paul's Church Parish room.

Tuesday 3 June 7pm - 8:30pm St Paul's Church. Pentecost

To sign up there is a sheet at the back of both churches or contact Yvonne, Tel: 07542787353 email: yvonne.collette@sky.com



Our bible readings for the 4th Sunday after Easter Day 18 May

Acts chapter 11 verses 1 – 18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

⁸ 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

⁹ 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

¹⁵ 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

and

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 13 verses 31 - 35

Glory to you, O Lord

- ³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.
- ³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.
- ³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

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



Open Garden at Great Sarratt Hall

Friday 16th May between 10am and 12 noon

The Friends of Holy Cross Church invite you to a coffee morning, with an opportunity to admire the fabulous garden and grounds at Great Sarratt Hall, by kind permission of Cecilia Neal

Please join us - entry cost £5 which includes coffee and cake

All funds raised will go towards the cost of decorating the Church at the Annual Flower Festival, 27th-29th June 2025

Great Sarratt Hall, Sarratt, WD3 4PD

https://www.friendsofholycross.co.uk

BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED

The office will close on Thursday 22 May 2pm and reopen on Tuesday 3 June at 9.15am.

BENEFICE GRAND RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for our Benefice Grand Draw. All proceeds will be split 50/50 between Holy Cross and St Paul's. Our 1st prize is a £150 gift card https://www.one4all.com/

which can be spent at a large selection of places. If you would like tickets for yourself, or are happy to sell more to family and friends, please contact Sonya at holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or 07855487342. Thanks for your support. You can also buy tickets in person from Revd Sarah, Ann Waine, Sue Walker, Colin Plummer, Judy Olney, Sue Clark, Linda and Nikki Clough, Caroline Hargrove and Adele Mynard.



FRIDAY 3.30PM FESTIVAL OPENS

SARRATT SCHOOL CHOIR SINGS FOR YOU

Flower preview, tea & cakes

3.30PM - 5.30PM

Children's activities & ice creams

JAZZ FESTIVAL

4.45PM

BBQ, pizzas & bar

6.30PM

Free live open air JAZZ,
SWING & BLUES from Lou's Sextet

A special thanks to our sponsors this year: JAF Property Services, Adams Nurseries, KIA, Robsons, Biggerstaffs Garage, VDBM, Motorvation & Chapman's Native Beef

SATURDAY

10.00AM - 5.00PM

Flower arrangements in the church Produce, plant & bric-a-brac stalls

SUNDAY

9.30AM

Festival Church Service

10.30AM - 2.30PM

Market & craft stalls

Festival closes 4.00pm

Throughout the weekend we're serving coffee, tea, cakes, BBQ, bar and free live music from Blue & Green and Jolly Jazzers.

Look out for JENKS vintage bus rides from the Green

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SARRATT, WD3 6HE

All proceeds go to FOHC charity. Charity number 1018991





SATURDAY 21ST JUNE BERKHAMSTED CASTLE

All proceeds help local people facing crisis



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Registered charity number: 1097185







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Position vacant

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Position vacant

St Paul's Hall Bookings: 01923 263182