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 3 August - 7th Sunday after Trinity	
9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
Sunday 10 August - 8th Sunday after Trinity	
9am	Morning Worship with Baptism – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
Sunday 17 August - 8th Sunday after Trinity	
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
6.30pm	Compline (traditional evening prayer) – Holy Cross
Sunday 24 August - 9th Sunday after Trinity	
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MARGARET NEWMAN

Margaret's service will take place on Monday 18 August at noon, in Holy Cross Church. Refreshments will be held at The Cart & Horses after the service. All welcome. Please let Geoff Bryant know if you plan to attend as this will help with catering numbers. Tel 07970 519365. Thank you.

NEW BEREAVEMENT COURSE



Our bible readings for the 7th Sunday after Trinity 3 August

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 15 verses 1 - 15

Glory to you, O Lord

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

2 'Are you the king of the Jews?' asked Pilate.

'You have said so,' Jesus replied.

³ The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ So again Pilate asked him, 'Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.'

⁵ But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷ A man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸ The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹ 'Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?' asked Pilate, ¹⁰ knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to get Pilate to release Barabbas instead.

¹² 'What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked them.

¹³ 'Crucify him!' they shouted.

¹⁴ 'Why? What crime has he committed?' asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!'

¹⁵ Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

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

AND

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 15 verses 33 – 39, 42 - 46 Glory to you, O Lord

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *'Eloi, Eloi, Iema sabachthani?'* (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?').

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, 'Listen, he's calling Elijah.'

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down,' he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.
³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'

⁴² It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

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

AND

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 16 verses 6 - 7

Glory to you, O Lord

⁶ 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

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

A DATE FOR THE DIARY!

Holy Cross Church are inviting you to a

HARVEST SUPPER CELEBRATION

on 4th October 2025.

Location: Village Hall

Time: 6.30pm start, Food served at 7.00pm

We want as many people to join us, so we are suggesting a donation of £12.50 per ticket (children under 10 free).

We have guest chefs for the evening to prepare the feast!

Agnes - Quo Vadis - Soho

Daniella - The Ritz - Mayfair

Phoebe – River Café - Hammersmith

All produce sourced within a 10 mile radius

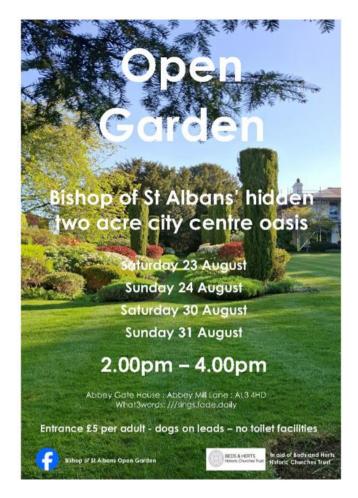
Look out for further details of how to book in the next few weeks or email colin.plummer@btinternet.com

BUT IN THE MEANTIME PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER HARVEST AT BOTH CHURCHES 9AM HOLY CROSS & 10.45AM ST PAUL'S WITH COMMUNION







The Bishop of St Albans Garden will be open over the last two weekends in August (23 and 24 August and 30 and 31 August) between 2pm and 4pm for people to come and look at the beautiful gardens and the summer display. Those who saw the snowdrops earlier in the year will have seen the potential that the garden had for the summer and will be delighted at the change a different season brings. The garden will be open regardless of the weather.

The two acres of garden is an oasis in central St Albans and visitors frequently comment on the fact that they did not know the garden was here or how extensive it is.

Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome.

All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD.

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