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 10 August - 8th Sunday after Trinity		
9am	Morning Worship with Baptism – St Paul's	
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross	
Sunday 17 August - 9th Sunday after Trinity		
9am	Morning Worship - Holy Cross	
10.45am	All Together Benefice Eucharist - St Paul's Gathering at 10.30am for pastries and drinks before the service	
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross	
Thursday 21 August		
7.30pm	Sarratt Prayer Group – Holy Cross	
Sunday 24 August - 10th Sunday after Trinity		
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's	
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross	
Sunday 31 August - 11th Sunday after Trinity		
8am NB Start Time	Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) – Holy Cross	
10.45am	5th Sunday Service – Cafe Style – St Paul's	
Sunday 7 September - 12th Sunday after Trinity		

9am	Morning Worship - Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
	Sunday 14 September – HOLY CROSS DAY
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
	Sunday 21 September - 14th Sunday after Trinity
9am	Morning Worship - Holy Cross
10.45am	All Together Benefice Eucharist with Baptism - St Paul's Gathering at 10.30am for pastries and drinks before the service
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross
	Sunday 28 September - 15th Sunday after Trinity
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR IAN MARTIN

lan's service will take place on Wednesday 13 August at 11.15am, in St Paul's Church.

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.

SARRATT PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting to pray for Holy Cross and the wider community is on Thursday 21 August. We meet in Holy Cross from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. All Welcome.

Our bible readings for the 8th Sunday after Trinity
10 August

Philippians chapter 2, verses 8 - 11

- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!
- ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
- ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

And

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 24 verses 29 - 31

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁹ "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." ³⁰ "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

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

And

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 1 verses 31 - 33

Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

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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 <u>colin.plummer@btinternet.com</u>

BUT IN THE MEANTIME PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!





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SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER - 10.45AM

Please come along with friends and family to enjoy our Harvest Thanksgiving Food donations will be gathered for DENS The church will be decorated with

arrangements and displays

Have a question? Email holycrossstpauls@outlook.com or call 01923 264377

SAFEGUARDING POLICY DOCUMENTS

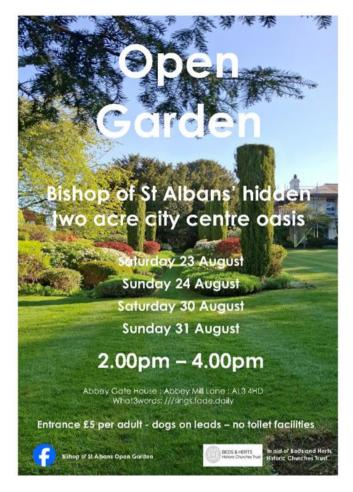
If you have any documents at home please see the below update from St Alban's Diocese.

The National Safeguarding Steering Group have agreed that the following documents are no longer to be used and have been removed from the national website:

Parish Safeguarding Handbook (PSH) Protecting all God's Children (2019) Promoting a Safe Church (2006)

Please could you ensure that you do not refer to these polices, especially the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, which has been our day-to-day reference and guidance.

Also, Promoting A Safer Church 2017 will be revised by the end of the year. More news when that happens.



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.



Anglican Giving Survey

The 2025 Anglican Giving Survey shows that just two simple things make all the difference to generosity.

Saying thank you – it was brilliant to discover that more people are being thanked for their giving. If people feel their giving is valued and important, they are more likely to want to continue to do it. It can also be good to include an indication of the difference Gift Aid made, to remind people to fill in those declarations.

Communicating Impact – people love to know where their money's going, and the difference it makes. While gas and insurance bills have to be paid, what really inspires people to dig deep is if they believe that their money will make a difference in more community projects. Pictures, quotes, case studies and progress reports all help encourage commitment.



Six reflections on generosity

The Everyday Faith app is hosting six days of generosity reflections during Generosity Week, and there's a pack available so that you can link to them on your church's social media accounts.

The speakers are:

- Lyndall Bywater (author of Prayer in the Making and Faith in the Making)
- Bryony Wood (priest and author of The Sound of Musings)
- · Fabian Wuyts (vicar in Bath & Wells diocese)
- Esther Prior (Bishop of Aston)
- Suse McBay (Tutor at Wycliffe Hall)
- Andre Adefope (Curate and author of Same Cross New Questions)

Each reflection can be completed in five minutes and is accompanied by a question and a short prayer.

Generosity Week News is produced by the Giving directorate at the National Church Institutions. If you'd like to get in touch please email us: giving@churchofengland.org Read our Generosity blog

Browse the Generosity Week resources

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Online service 28 September

The online Generosity Week service this year comes from the parish of Morpeth in Northumberland.

Sharon Williams, who is a Reader in the parish will be preaching on Cultivating a Fruit of Generosity, using Galatians 5.

She says:

"What's essential to understand is that these fruits are not handed to us at the moment of belief. They do not appear fully grown the instant we begin to follow Christ. Paul's metaphor of fruit invites us into a picture of growth, cultivation, and ongoing surrender."

There is also the chance to meet church members including one who runs a kickboxing class – with health and fitness being a great way of being generous to yourself.

Sign up here to view on the day.





Cheeky Pandas

New for this year, Cheeky Pandas* will explore the idea of 'Godly Generosity', looking at how children can use their Time, Talents and Treasure to grow the kingdom of God here on earth

Each of the three shows contains video teaching, hosted by Cbeebies presenters Joanna Adeyinka Burford and Ashley Joseph. There are also craft ideas, silly games and a new worship song, written and sung by Pete James.

Watch the video trailer here and make sure you're signed up for emails to be the first to hear when the final shows and song video are ready to share. On the Generosity Week web pages you'll find free activity and prayer resources to go with the themes of Time, Treasure and Talent, produced with Cheeky Pandas and Roots for Churches.

*Cheeky Pandas™ provide free cartoons, songs, music videos, and more to help children and families grow in their faith. A British-made series, it's freely available, Bible-based and fun.

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Exploring generosity in groups

Using the story of Martha and Mary, Jonathan de Bernhardt Wood explores the simple, powerful moment in which Mary displays the kind of astonishing generosity God Himseli pours out on us. With eight films and a full study guide, <u>Living</u> <u>Generously</u> can be used as a series or standalone.

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