**WELCOME** to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield Holy Cross Church, Sarratt, & St Paul's Church, Chipperfield - Benefice Office: 01923 264377 -Everyone is welcome to attend any of the services in our churches YOU CAN FIND US ON 'A CHURCH NEAR YOU' achurchnearyou.com Sunday 30 November – ADVENT SUNDAY (1st Sunday of Advent) 8am **Eucharist Book of Common Prayer - St Paul's NR Time** 10.45am 5th Sunday Service - Holy Cross - see note on page 2 **Monday 1 December** 1.30pm Inspire - Women Inspiring Women - St Paul's Parish Room Sunday 7 December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 9am Morning Worship - Holy Cross 10.45am Benefice Eucharist - St Paul's Sunday 14 December - 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Morning Worship - St Paul's 10.45am Benefice Eucharist - Holy Cross 6.30pm Advent Lessons and Carols - St Paul's Sunday 21 December – 4th Sunday of Advent N.B. No 9am service this morning All Together Benefice Eucharist - St Paul's 10.45am Gathering at 10.30am for pastries and drinks before the service

4pm Christingle - St Paul's **Advent Lessons and Carols – Holy Cross** 6.30pm followed by refreshments at The Cock Inn

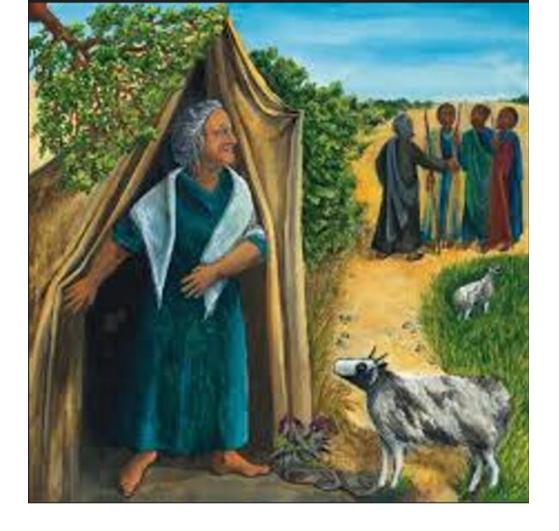
Wednesday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE	
2pm	Crib Service – St Paul's
4pm	Crib Service – Holy Cross
11.30pm	Midnight Mass (1 <sup>st</sup> Communion of Christmas) – St Paul's
Thursday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY	
9.30am NB time	Family Eucharist for Christmas Day – Holy Cross
10.45am	Family Eucharist for Christmas Day – St Paul's
Sunday 28 December – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas	
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Service at Holy Cross

Join us for the start of our Advent Sermon Series where we will be exploring the stories of the Women of Advent based on the book by Paula Gooder.

On the 30th November we will be reflecting on the story of Sarah

Do please join us for coffee and croissants from 10.30am ready to start our reflections at 10.45am



#### HELP NEEDED PLEASE AT ST PAUL'S

Your help is needed to decorate our Church for Christmas. it would be good to see as many people as possible, even for a short while. Why not bring a friend or family? Our finish times are approximate!

# **Monday 1st December**

9.00–10.00 am — meet @ Church car park: Pick up Christmas trees.

10.30 am – 12.00 noon — Put up the inside tree; hang lights and baubles.

# **Tuesday 2nd December**

**9.00am - 5pm -** Decorate the church with Ian and Bethan, refreshments available.

# **Monday 8th December**

9.00-10.00 am — Breakfast at Blackwells.

**10.00 am – 1.00 pm** — Build the outside stable, also put up and decorate the outside tree.

### **BENEFICE OFFICE**

The office will close on Friday 19 December at 1.30pm and reopen on Monday 5 January 2026 at 9.15am.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE AT HOLY CROSS**

Holy Cross are looking for additional sidespeople, intercessors and coffee servers please. If you are able to help let John Guy know.



Parish Room, Chipperfield 1:30 – 3:00 First Monday of Every Month.

Take a well-deserved break and join us for an afternoon of activities, engaging talks, and conversations — all served with tea, coffee, and delicious cakes.

We would love you to join us



For more info please contact fay.dent@live.co.uk





# BENEFICE CHRISTINGLE SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER – 4PM ST PAULS CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD



All are welcome from both Sarratt, Chipperfield and nearby villages.

The tradition celebrating Jesus, the Light of the World

We look forward to seeing you

# CRIB SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE 2PM ST PAULS CHURCH, CHIPPERFIELD

# FOLLOWED BY HOT REFRESHMENTS AND DELICIOUS TREATS



All are welcome to join <u>our</u>

Crib Service

We look forward to seeing you

If you can, please come dressed as a crib story character. Shepherds, angels, kings, even sheep and donkeys!

Please note we are unfortunately <u>not</u> providing the clothes or outfits for the children to wear, so do let the them come in items they have chosen to wear themselves.

# HOLY CROSS CRIB SERVICE 4pm Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December

Calling all shepherds, angels, wise men (& women), donkeys, sheep, etc, etc!!

Holy Cross Church would like to invite you to our wonderful Christmas Eve 'Crib Service'

Children, please come dressed up ready to join in with our Nativity and bring along your favourite adults with you...

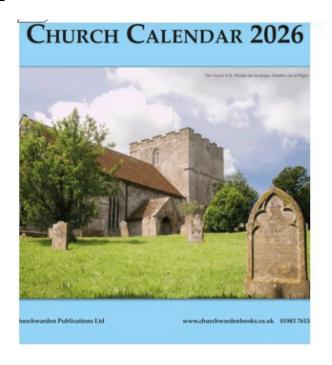
No costume? No worries; we have a few at church if you would like to join in the fun!

If you feel now is the year to make your stage debut as Joseph or an Inn Keeper... please contact Revd Sarah on 07525491496



#### NEW CHURCH CALENDAR AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Churchwarden Publications Ltd are delighted to say that the brand new **2026 Church Calendar** is now available to order. The calendars can be ordered here



# 2026 Church Calendar

SKU: CAL-2026-215

£12.50

# Stock due in week commencing 24th November, orders will be despatched then.

215mm x 215mm wall/desk calendar, to be hung on wall or stood on desk. One month per page, liturgical colours for each day, all Principal Feasts, Holy Days and Festivals, Bank Holidays and other key dates. Space for notes and reminders. Perfect for use by churchwardens, PCC members and the congregation at large. Please note: images are a digital representation and not the printed product.

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Position vacant

**Holy Cross Organist:** 

Position vacant

St Paul's Hall Bookings: 01923 263182