## 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 **Thursday 13 November** 9am Morning Prayer Service - St Paul's Sunday 16 November - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent 9am Morning Worship - Holy Cross All Together Benefice Eucharist - St Paul's 10.45am Gathering at 10.30am for pastries and drinks before the service 6.30pm Compline (traditional night prayer) - Holy Cross **Thursday 20 November** 9am Morning Prayer Service - St Paul's Sarratt Prayer Group - Holy Cross 7pm To pray for Holy Cross and the wider community. All Welcome. Sunday 23 November – CHRIST THE KING (Sunday next before Advent) 9am Morning Worship - St Paul's 10.45am Benefice Eucharist - Holy Cross 12.30pm Benefice Lunch - St Paul's Parish Room Thursday 27 November 9am Morning Prayer Service - St Paul's Sunday 30 November – ADVENT SUNDAY (1st Sunday of Advent)

8am Eucharist Book of Common Prayer – St Paul's

10.45am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Service – Holy Cross
Monday 1 December	
1.30pm	Inspire – Women Inspiring Women – St Paul's Parish Room
Thursday 4 December	
9am	Morning Prayer Service – St Paul's
Sunday 7 December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	
9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
Thursday 11 December	
9am	Morning Prayer Service – 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
Thursday 18 December	
9am	Morning Prayer Service – St Paul's
Sunday 21 December – 4th Sunday of Advent	
10.45am	All Together Benefice Eucharist - St Paul's Gathering at 10.30am for pastries and drinks before the service

4pm	Christingle – St Paul's
6.30pm	Advent Lessons and Carols – Holy Cross 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

#### **Next Benefice Lunch is 23 November 12.30pm**

We will be having shepherd's/cottage pies and are asking for six people to please make a dish for six people. We would also appreciate the usual donations of desserts.

If you are willing to make either a shepherd's pie or a dessert please indicate on the sign-up sheets at the back of both churches. The sheets will be available from tomorrow afternoon.

#### Our bible readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent 16 November

#### Malachi, chapter 4 verses 1 – 2a

<u>1</u>"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <u>2</u>But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

and

## The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 21 verses 5 - 19

#### Glory to you, O Lord

**<u>5</u>**Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, **<u>6</u>**"As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

<u>7</u>"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

<u>8</u>He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. <u>9</u>When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." <u>10</u>Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <u>11</u>There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

12"But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. 13And so you will bear testimony to me. 14But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. 15For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17Everyone will hate you because of me. 18But not a hair of your head will perish. 19Stand firm, and you will win life.

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

#### A BIG THANK YOU...

To everyone who helped with the recent St Paul's churchyard tidy up, greatly appreciated. Here are a couple of churchyard frogs who became visible after the lime tree was trimmed back! They were safely transferred to a different thicket.



Please share the vacancy details with anyone you feel may be interested in applying.

#### Vacancy: Benefice Administrator - Sarratt and Chipperfield

The Benefice of Holy Cross, Sarratt and St. Paul's, Chipperfield is seeking an enthusiastic, motivated, and highly organised person to join the team as a part-time **Benefice Administrator.** 

The role sits at the heart of parish life and offers a unique opportunity to play a key part in supporting both parish missions and day-to-day operations serving the local community.

The role involves providing comprehensive support to the Rector and Churchwardens in all administrative matters within the parishes, including secretarial and office management duties. Some previous secretarial or administrative experience is therefore essential. Honesty and the ability to maintain confidentiality are essential.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate strong administrative skills, efficiency and excellent interpersonal abilities along with a good IT proficiency. A good working knowledge of Word, Excel, and Outlook is essential. They must have a willingness to understand and support the vision and objectives of the Christian Church and Church of England.

Hours of work: 16 per week, flexible over 3 days (Monday to Friday)

Salary: £14 - £16 per hour, depending on experience.

The post will be subject to a basic DBS check and will report to the Rector and PCC's.

References will be taken up after interview. Please indicate clearly if anyone may not be approached at this stage.

If you would like to apply for this position, please email your CV to rectorchipperfieldsarratt@outlook.com by the closing date of 8th December 2025.

**Please note**: Applicants must have current permission to work in the UK and be able to provide proof of eligibility.

Our recruitment process will comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. You can request to know how your personal data will be used.



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

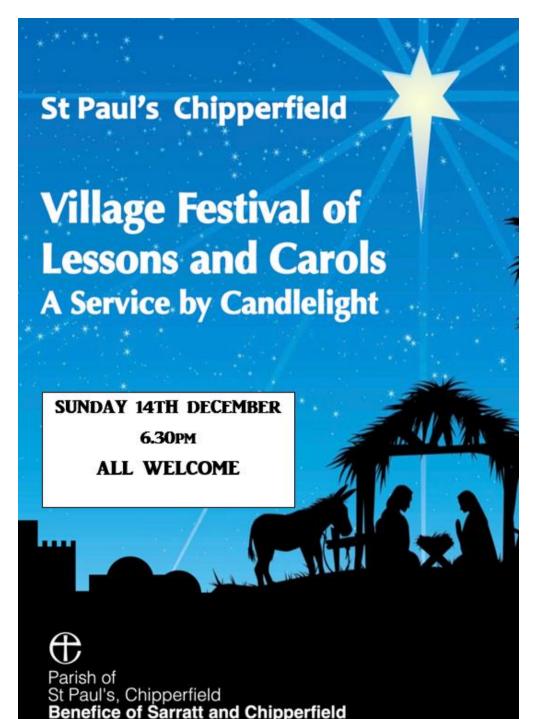
Take a well-deserved break and join us for an afternoon of activities, engaging talks, and conversations — all served with tea, coffee, and delicious cakes.

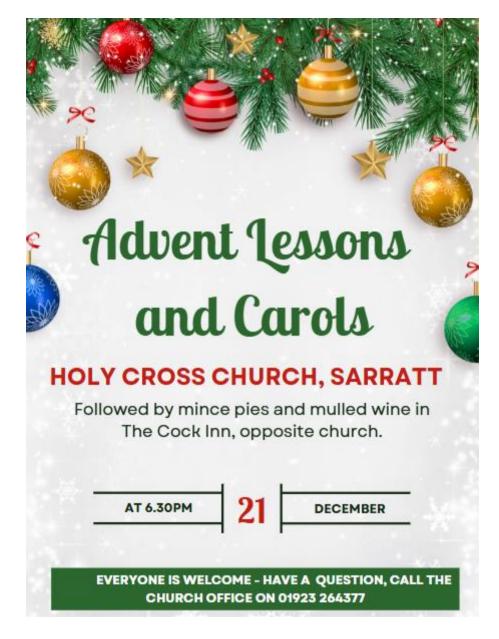
We would love you to join us



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

#### DENS CHRISTMAS CARDS SUE NOW HAS THE CARDS 01923 261847 / 07541 553659 m.sue.walker100@gmail.com

DENS Christmas Cards are back with 5 fabulous designs - each pack of 10 costs £5 which supports local people facing crisis.

Loving Madonna & Majestic Kings - message inside reads "Wishing you Peace and Joy this Christmas"

Dogs in Hats, Holly and Ivy Wreath, Deer and Robins - message inside reads "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

## Help rescue people facing homelessness from fear and isolation this Christmas

With freezing nights ahead, local homelessness charity, DENS, has launched its Winter Appeal.

Amy's story shows how quickly life can unravel. Once employed and housed, rising costs left her with nowhere to turn. Alone on the streets with her dog, Ted, she slept in doorways and car parks – places no one should ever have to sleep. Constantly moving to stay safe, Amy lived in fear.

Then Amy found DENS. At their pet-friendly hostel, she and Ted received a warm bed, a hot meal and expert support. Today, Amy is working, housed and rebuilding her life – with Ted still by her side.

Homelessness is rising, and DENS urgently needs your help to ensure no one is turned away this winter. Your gift this Christmas can provide safety, warmth and hope for someone like Amy.

Donate today at www.dens.org.uk/winter-appeal-25.

Concerned about a rough sleeper? Please call DENS on 01442 800131 or visit <a href="https://www.thestreetlink.org.uk">www.thestreetlink.org.uk</a>.



#### **CHURCH CONTACTS**

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Position vacant

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Position vacant

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