

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 – 2nd Sunday before Advent****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 20 November****9am****Morning Prayer Service – St Paul's****7pm****Sarratt Prayer Group – Holy Cross**
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 th 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 – 2nd 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 st 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 – 1st 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 2nd Sunday before Advent
16 November**

Malachi, chapter 4 verses 1 – 2a

1“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. **2**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

5Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, **6**“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.”

7“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

8He 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. **9**When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

10Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. **11**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. **13**And so you will bear testimony to me. **14**But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. **15**For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. **16**You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. **17**Everyone will hate you because of me. **18**But not a hair of your head will perish. **19**Stand 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.



Inspire

Women Inspiring Women

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

FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS

Christmas Fair

Christmas Shopping • Local Crafters • Live Music
Food & Drink • Raffle • Gifts

MICKLEFIELD HALL, SARRATT, WD3 6AQ

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2025

5PM - 8PM

Music by
Blue
in
Green

Pre-sale tickets
£7

Tickets can be purchased on the
evening for £10 per ticket

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:

[TICKETS.MP/FOHC](https://tickets.mp/fohc)

and at Sarratt Village Stores



St Paul's Chipperfield

Village Festival of Lessons and Carols

A Service by Candlelight

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

6.30PM

ALL WELCOME



Parish of
St Paul's, Chipperfield
Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield



Advent Lessons and Carols

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SARRATT

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine in
The Cock Inn, opposite church.

AT 6.30PM

21

DECEMBER

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME - HAVE A QUESTION, CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE ON 01923 264377**

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 www.thestreetlink.org.uk.



CHURCH CONTACTS

The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Sarratt WD3 6HE
St Paul's Church, The Common, Chipperfield WD4 9BS

Benefice website: www.hcsp.net

Rector: Revd Sarah Miles
07525 491496 or 01923 981458

rectorchipperfieldsarratt@outlook.com

Benefice Administrator: Sonya Tolmie
01923 264377

holycrossstpauls@outlook.com

Postal Address:

Benefice Office, Sarratt Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt, Herts WD3 6AS

Churchwardens:

Neil Altman (HC)

neiljaltman@aol.co.uk

David Collette (St P) 07740 319008

david.stpaulscw@gmail.com

Judy Olney (St P) 07958 377622

juditholney57@gmail.com

Readers:

Angela Coakley (HC)

07584 240661

angelac3000@aol.com

Philip Waine (St P) 07771 712636

wainephilip50@gmail.com

St Paul's Director of Music:

Position vacant

Holy Cross Organist:

Position vacant

St Paul's Hall Bookings: 01923 263182