

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 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 ***with Communion*** – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
12.30pm	Benefice Lunch – St Paul's Parish Room 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.

Thursday 27 November

9am	Morning Prayer Service – St Paul's
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Sunday 30 November – ADVENT SUNDAY (1st Sunday of Advent)

8am	Eucharist Book of Common Prayer – St Paul's
10.45am	5th Sunday Service – Holy Cross

Monday 1 December

1.30pm	Inspire – Women Inspiring Women – St Paul's Parish Room
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Sunday 7 December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
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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	
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

**Our bible readings CHRIST THE KING (Sunday next before Advent)
23 November**

Colossians, chapter 1 verses 11 - 20

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power according to God's glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and give joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke chapter 23 verses 33 - 43**

Glory to you, O Lord

33When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37and said, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”

38There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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



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
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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



The background of the poster is a deep blue night sky filled with small white stars. A large, bright yellow star with long, thin rays is positioned in the upper right quadrant. In the lower right, there is a silhouette of a nativity scene. It includes a stable with a thatched roof, a donkey standing to the left, and figures of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger. To the left of the stable, there are silhouettes of church buildings, including a tower and a dome. The text is overlaid on this background.

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

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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.

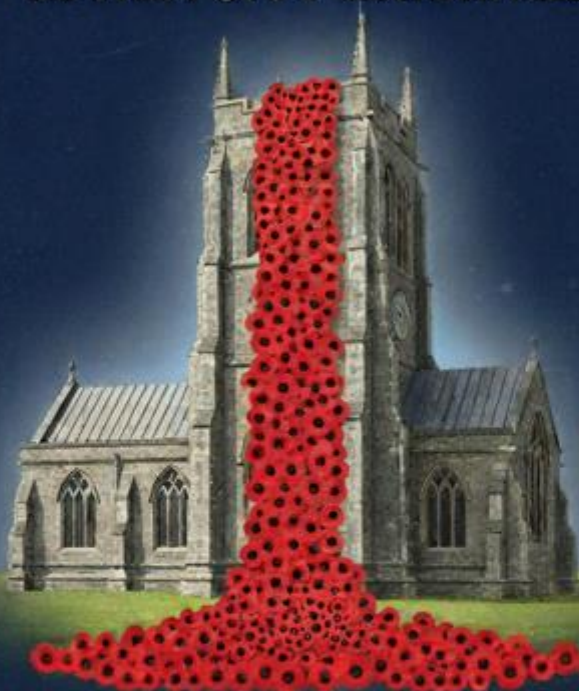
The tradition celebrating
Jesus, the Light of the World

We look forward to seeing you

STILL TIME TO GUESS...

If you haven't guessed the amount of poppies in the waterfall yet there is still time! Entry forms are in Blackwells, Sarratt Community Store and at Sunday morning services.

GUESS THE AMOUNT OF POPPIES IN THE POPPY WATERFALL



Knatty Knitters have been joined by many other members of our communities to create the amazing display at St Paul's church Chipperfield

To support the work of The Royal British Legion this year we are holding a competition to guess the number of poppies

Entry £1

Entry forms can be collected from Blackwells, Sarratt Community Store or at a Sunday service.

Winner to be announced on Sunday 30th November at our Cafe church service

DENS CHRISTMAS CARDS
SUE NOW HAS THE CARDS
01923 261847 / 07541 553659
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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"



Snowdrop Garden Open Days — Possibly for the Last Time — in Support of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust

We are pleased to share that the **Bishop of St Albans' Garden** will open to visitors this February, offering a much-loved chance to enjoy God's creation in its early spring beauty. This year's openings may be **the last time**, the garden is made accessible to the public, making the occasion especially meaningful.

Thousands of snowdrops and other early bulbs will be in bloom, creating a peaceful, uplifting place to wander and reflect. All proceeds will go directly to the **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust**, which helps fund essential repairs to historic churches across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Bishop Richard, Acting Bishop of St Albans, writes:

"This is a lovely way to enjoy the first signs of spring while supporting an important cause. We're proud to contribute to preserving the unique heritage of our local churches."

Open Garden Dates - Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD

- Saturday 14 February
- Sunday 15 February
- Saturday 21 February
- Sunday 22 February

Time: 2pm–4pm

Entry: £5 per adult (all proceeds to the Trust)

All are warmly invited to visit the garden—perhaps for the final time as we are not sure if the new Bishop will continue to allow the garden to be opened to the public—enjoy its seasonal beauty and support the preservation of our cherished church buildings.

For more information, please contact **Jane Smith**, PA to the Bishop of St Albans
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Position vacant

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Position vacant

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