

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 11 January – The Baptism of Christ (Sunday nearest 12 January)

9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

Thursday 15 January

7pm	Sarratt Prayer Group – Holy Cross – All Welcome
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Sunday 18 January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany (second Sunday after 6 January)

10.45am	JOINT All Together Benefice Eucharist - St Paul's Gathering at 10.30am for pastries and drinks before the service and farewell to Sonya at the end of the service.
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross

Sunday 25 January – Conversion of Paul – St Paul's Patronal Festival

9am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's ***note change to include Eucharist in the service ***
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

Sunday 1 February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's

SAVE THE DATE

Next Benefice Lunch will be on Sunday 8 February.

**Our bible readings for The Baptism of Christ
11 January**

Isaiah, chapter 42 verses 1 - 9

'Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.'

⁵ This is what God the Lord says –
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ 'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

⁸ 'I am the Lord; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you.'

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

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew chapter 3 verses 13 to the end**

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?'

¹⁵ Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

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

SARRATT PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting to pray for Holy Cross and the wider community is on Thursday 15 January. We meet in Holy Cross from 7pm. All Welcome.

THANK YOU...

Just a very big thank you to everyone who helped to clear St Paul's church of all the Christmas decorations and the tree. Revd Sarah and David & Judy *Churchwardens*

Inspire
Women Inspiring Women
Parish Room, Chipperfield 1:30-3.00
Change of date! 2nd Monday – 12th January

Have time away
from your busy lives
with activities,
conversations and
inspiring talks
over tea, coffee
& cake



Join our
Ceilidh dance
with the fabulous
BRIMSTONE BAND
All the way from Chipping Norton

Saturday 7th March
7pm - 11pm, Sarratt Village Hall

Tables often available and
no experience necessary!*

Tickets are £25 - bring your own
supper and full bar available

Please contact Sue Clark on:
sue@suemclark.com

All proceeds go to Friends of Holy Cross charity

*individual tickets also available

FIRST AID COURSE

So far, after heavy advertising, we only have three people signed up for the first aid course and we need ten for it to run. Therefore, if you are thinking about doing it please can you let Sonya know asap and spread the word with any contacts/groups. We will have to decide, on the 15 January, if it gets cancelled. Many thanks.

ESSENTIAL

FIRST AID

**TRAINING PROVIDED BY
COMPLETEFIRSTAID**

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH PARISH
ROOM CHIPPERFIELD**

**MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY
9.30AM TO APPROX 1PM**

THIS IS A CERTIFIED COURSE

**£39 PER PERSON INCLUDING
REFRESHMENTS**



CONTACT US TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR ASK A QUESTION:



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Winter Warmer Lunch



DATE Fri Jan 16th & 30th

TIME 12.00 – 1.30pm

VENUE Sarratt Village Hall

EVENT Community Lunch

MENU Soup with Crusty Bread

Cake Tea/Coffee

PRICE £3

**Come and join us for a chat with friends.
All from the Parish of Sarratt welcome.**

To book call Jacky Creed 01923 519975

THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH – 23 to 25 JANUARY



Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

To register click the link below

https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?mac=bwmith0230&utm_source=google&utm_medium=ppc&utm_campaign=bgbw-2026&utm_content=ppc&gclid=aw.ds&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23350271479&gbraid=0AAAAAADLmW3hgi1koDrFqd07PhF0FL77yb&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIX6q_iubJkQMVe52DBx2_eAM-EAAYASAAEgLjAfD_BwE

URGENT APPEAL from Chipperfield News

If Chipperfield News is to continue for the remainder of 2026 and beyond, it is a matter of urgency that a volunteer is found to take over the finance manager role from Peter Corbett who has now completed his term. We are immensely grateful to Peter for his valuable contribution over the years; however, this is an essential role for the paper and, without a successor coming forward very soon, Chipperfield News will cease as we cannot operate effectively without a new finance manager. It would be a shame to lose Chipperfield News, which is such a valuable village asset. Specific experience is not essential, other than numeracy and the ability to engage with people. This voluntary role is part of a small, friendly team of volunteers who produce Chipperfield News 10 times a year. As Peter has recently moved us onto Quickbooks, which automates the majority of the work, activities shouldn't take more than a few hours per month at most. Support and a handover would, of course, be provided. If you or someone you know might be interested in the role or in learning more about it, please contact one of the following team members as soon as possible. Thank you.

- Peter Corbett (Finance Manager): 01923 267066
- Chris Pinney (Chair): 01923 269604

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Holy Cross Organist:

Position vacant

St Paul's Hall Bookings: 01923 263182