

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 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

Tuesday 27 January

7pm for
90 mins

Bible Study Group – St Paul's Parish Room

Sunday 1 February – PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE Candlemas Sunday nearest 2 February

9am

Morning Worship – Holy Cross

10.45am

Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's

Sunday 8 February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

9am

Morning Worship – St Paul's

10.45am

Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

12.30pm

Benefice Lunch – St Paul's Parish Room

Tuesday 10 February

7pm for 90 minutes	Bible Study Group – St Paul’s Parish Room
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Sunday 15 February – Sunday next before Lent

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

**Wednesday 18 February – ASH WEDNESDAY
1st Day of Lent**

6.30pm	Service for Ash Wednesday – Holy Cross with imposition of ashes
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Sunday 22 February – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

VALERIE AND TONY BRISELDEN

It is with sadness that we announce the deaths of Valerie and Tony Briselden. Valerie and Tony lived and were very much involved in village life for many years and will be sadly missed by both their family and so many friends.

A memorial service will be held at St Paul's church Chipperfield on Monday 23rd February at 12 noon to which all are warmly welcome to join the family at both the church and afterwards at the Two Brewers.

The family have requested donations to either The Hospice of St Francis or The British Heart foundation in lieu of flowers.

If you would like to attend would you kindly drop a line to Valerie and Tony's son for catering purposes at guy.briselden@me.com

NEW BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Sarah and the Churchwardens are pleased to announce that Anita Ayrey has accepted the offer to become our next Benefice Administrator. Anita lives in Chipperfield and some may know her as a past Clerk to the Governors at St Paul's School. She will start on Tuesday 10 February and will work alongside Sonya for a couple of weeks to learn the ropes. We warmly welcome Anita and trust that her time as our BA will be as productive as Sonya's. Please do pop into the parish office to introduce yourself and say hello.

A BIG THANK YOU...

To all those who turned up and supported packing away the decorations, wreaths and lights on Tuesday. Many thanks and every blessing
Ian Chantrell.

NEW CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS HANDBOOK AND GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

St Albans Diocese have recently updated their regulations. Details can be found on the below link.

[St Albans Churchyard Regulations 2025 and The Churchyards Handbook - The Diocese of St Albans](#)

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We will be looking at 3 different passages in the Bible from the Old and New Testament, leading into a Lent course starting on 17 Feb.

Tuesday 13 Jan. 7-8:30pm St Paul's Parish room

Tuesday 27 Jan. 7-8:30pm St Paul's Parish room

Tuesday 10 Feb. 4-5:30pm St Paul's Parish room

*****note change of time for this session*****

Everyone welcome.

For more information and to confirm if you would like to attend, please contact Yvonne Collette on 07542787353 or email yvonne.collette@sky.com

**Our bible readings for the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
18 January**

Isaiah, chapter 49 verses 1 - 7

Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
before I was born the Lord called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
³ He said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.'
⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due to me is in the Lord's hand,
and my reward is with my God.'
⁵ And now the Lord says –
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord
and my God has been my strength –
⁶ he says:
'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'
⁷ This is what the Lord says –
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel –
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,
to the servant of rulers:
'Kings will see you and stand up,
princes will see and bow down,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John chapter 1 verses 29 - 42**

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁹ The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.'

³² Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.'

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

³⁹ 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

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

Raising Funds for Our Churches

Are you looking to renew your home insurance?

Would you like to raise funds to support the work of your local churches in the community?

Ecclesiastical Insurance are established, trustworthy and currently running a program called Trust130, which offers to donate £130 to an Anglican church or cathedral of the customer's choice when they take out a new home insurance policy until December 31st 2026

- The offer is for new home insurance policies purchased directly from Ecclesiastical, who have very competitive offers. Customers typically need to request a quote by phone or online using a specific promotion code, such as "Trust130", and nominate their chosen Anglican church or cathedral.
- The scheme has raised over £460,000 for more than 2,500 churches since its inception.

For more information go to www.ecclesiastical.com

Revd Sarah

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 7 March, start time to be confirmed but likely around 6pm. Further details will follow next month. Free organ recital by Enfield Organists Association. Open to the people from Chipperfield and the Benefice.

LINK TO MOST UP TO DATE SPOTLIGHT MAGAZINE

View Spotlight online at

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7595/news/notice-sheet/grid/>

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.

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