

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

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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

4pm 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

PHILIP HOWARD

The funeral service for Philip Howard will take place on Tuesday 10 February, 2pm, at Holy Cross Church.

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

Our bible readings for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

1 February

Malachi, chapter 3 verses 1 - 5

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. **5** “Then I will draw near to you for judgement. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke chapter 2 verses 22 - 40**

Glory to you, O Lord

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons”. **25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **27** And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, **28** he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation

31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

33 And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. **34** And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed **35** (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, **37** and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. **38** And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. **40** And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

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



Inspire

Women Inspiring Women

Join us on the 1st Monday of every
Month in St Pauls Parish Room,
Chipperfield at 1.30 to 3pm.

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

February 2nd we will be
having a tombola and cake
sale to raise funds for
“Charis Tiwala” the
local charity we support.



For more info contact Fay on
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Join us on a Journey This Lent

Rediscover the gift of silence,
solitude and spirituality in a
busy, noisy world
through the wisdom of the
Desert Fathers & Mothers



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NEW CHURCH EMAIL FOR JUDY OLNEY

If you wish to contact Judy, in respect to her Churchwarden role and anything church related, please use the new email address below.

judy.stpaulscw@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Sonya will run a **Basic Safeguarding Training** session for anyone who would like to know more about safeguarding in our churches (approx 90 minutes which gives time for Q & A's). It will be held in the Benefice Office, Sarratt Village Hall. Rev'd Sarah would like every volunteer to have done this course. For some volunteer roles it is mandatory, but for many it is not and is just for your own interest and safety. If you would like to come along - decent coffee and biscuits included - could you please let Sonya know which of the following dates you can make - Monday 23 February at either 9.30am or 1pm, or Friday 27 February, same timings.

Sue Walker, Parish Safeguarding Officer

