

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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Thursday 19 February

7pm	Sarratt Prayer Group – Holy Cross
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Sunday 22 February – 1st Sunday of Lent

9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
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10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
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Sunday 1 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
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10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
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Sunday 8 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
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10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
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Sunday 15 March – MOTHERING SUNDAY

9am Note time/venue	All Together Family Service – St Paul's
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10.45am Note time/venue	All Together Family Eucharist – Holy Cross
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6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross
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Sunday 22 March – 5th Sunday of Lent

9am	Morning Worship – St Paul’s
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
Sunday 29 March – PALM SUNDAY Holy Week begins. British Summer time begins	
9am	Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) – Holy Cross
10.45am	Type of service tbc – St Paul’s
Thursday 2 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY	
6.30pm	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul’s
Friday 3 April – GOOD FRIDAY	
2pm	Service for Good Friday – St Paul’s Type of service tbc
6pm	Service for Good Friday – Holy Cross Type of service tbc
Saturday 4 April – HOLY SATURDAY	
All day	Both churches open for reflection with prayer stations
Sunday 5 April – EASTER DAY – 1st Sunday of Easter	
5.30am	Easter Sunrise Service – Holy Cross Churchyard
9am	All Together Eucharist – St Paul’s
10.45am	All Together Eucharist – Holy Cross

Dear church family,

It is with a very sad and heavy heart that I write for all those who are yet to hear of the sad passing of Lesley Edwards last Sunday afternoon.

Lesley was such a kind and lovely lady who was a great friend to so many. I know you will all have so many lovely stories and memories to share as you comfort one another. Please hold her family in prayer at this sad time.

Our loss is heavens gain and as she now joins that great cloud of witnesses, I have no doubt that she will be cheering us on!

Lesley, may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Revd Sarah

Our bible readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent

22 February

Romans, chapter 5 verses 12 to 19

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew chapter 4 verses 1 – 11**

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written:

‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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

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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SAVE THE DATE

The next Benefice Lunch is on Sunday 12 April, sign up sheets are in church.

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 – hot drinks and biscuits included - could you please let Sonya know which if you can make **Friday 27 February at 11am.**

Sue Walker, Parish Safeguarding Officer

CONFIDENTIAL SHREDDING

Sonya has arranged for a collection of confidential shredding from the Parish Office on **26 February**. If you have any church related confidential waste that you would like to have securely shredded, please bring it to the office by 25 February.

GIFT BAGS

If you have any unwanted gift bags in good condition, please could you leave them in church and let the office know so we can collect them. Thank you.

