

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 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

9.30am NOTE CHANGE OF TIME	Service for Ash Wednesday – Holy Cross with imposition of ashes and David Heath playing
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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
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
Sunday 1 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent	
9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
Sunday 8 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent	
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
Sunday 15 March – MOTHERING SUNDAY	
9am	All Together Family Service – St Paul's
10.45am	All Together Family Eucharist – Holy Cross
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross
Sunday 22 March – 5th Sunday of Lent	
9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
Sunday 29 March – PALM SUNDAY <i>Holy Week begins British Summer time begins</i>	
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
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Friday 3 April – GOOD FRIDAY

2pm	Type of service tbc – St Paul’s
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6pm	Type of service tbc – Holy Cross
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Saturday 4 April – HOLY SATURDAY

All day	Both churches open for reflection with prayer stations
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Sunday 5 April – EASTER DAY – 1st Sunday of Easter

5.30am	Easter Sunrise Service – Holy Cross Churchyard
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9am	All Together Eucharist – St Paul’s
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10.45am	All Together Eucharist – Holy Cross
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SARRATT PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting to pray for Holy Cross and the wider community is on the 19 February. We meet in Holy Cross at 7pm. All Welcome.

PHILIP HOWARD

No longer going ahead on the 10th February.

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 2nd Sunday before Lent

8 February

Romans, chapter 8 verses 18 - 25

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew chapter 6 verses 25 to the end**

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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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HOLY CROSS HEATING

The system for operating the overhead Halo Heaters is working well. However, we have had occasions when someone has adjusted the thermostat for the radiators. If the church feels cold for a service, whether Sunday or midweek, the solution is not to alter the background heating. Once the Halos are on the heating cuts out so it is pointless.

The background temperature is set at 12C to ensure the building is kept aired and protected. We have recently found the controls set as high as 20C, which is not necessary and unfortunately hugely expensive . Please therefore do not change the settings on the controls.

LONE WORKING IN CHURCH AS A VOLUNTEER

For your own safety if you are working in the church on your own, perhaps flower arranging, cleaning, brass cleaning, could you please read the *Lone worker policy* which you will find in the Policy Folder in church. Thank you. *Sue Walker, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

NEW CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS FOR JUDY OLNEY

If you wish to contact Judy, in respect of 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 – 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

SAVED FROM LANDFILL!

We have some bags of leather offcuts. If anyone can make use of them please call Sonya on 07855487342. Thanks.



The perfect opportunity to make or update your Will

Local homelessness charity, DENS, has confirmed the return of its popular Make A Will Month initiative this March.

Berkhamsted solicitor firms, Harrowell & Atkins and Machins, are generously volunteering their time for free to write or update a Will in return for a donation to DENS.

The charity provides a range of integrated services to help local people experiencing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion. Last year saw unprecedented demand for their support, including 3,379 stays at their emergency accommodation and 127,923 meals provided by their Foodbank

Lauren Parker, Supporter Relationships Manager at DENS, said:

“Over half of UK adults don’t have a valid Will in place, but it’s such an important document. This is the perfect opportunity to get that job done, while supporting the life-changing work of DENS.”

Verity, a DENS supporter who previously took part in the initiative, added: “The process was very simple. Not only did it prompt me to get my Will sorted, but it was also a charity I was very happy to support. I love my community and love that DENS are so much a part of it.”

Limited DENS Make A Will Month appointments are available. To find out more and secure your slot, visit www.dens.org.uk/mawm.

