

## 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 19 April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

9am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
10.45am	All Together Family Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross

### Sunday 26 April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
12.15pm approx.	Sarratt Annual Parochial Church Meetings – Holy Cross

**New Pattern of Services from 1 May – please note changes of times**

### Sunday 3 May – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 1st Sunday of the month

10.30am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
3.30pm	<i>Forest Church coming soon, watch this space! – St Paul's</i>

**Sunday 10 May – 5th Sunday of Easter  
2nd Sunday of the month**

**9.30am Morning Worship – Holy Cross**

**10.30am Benefice Eucharist – St Paul’s**

**Thursday 14 May – ASCENSION DAY**

**7.30pm United Deanery Ascension Day Service – St Peter’s Mill End**

**Sunday 17 May – The Sunday after Ascension Day  
3rd Sunday of the month**

**9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – St Paul’s**  
*Coffee & croissants available between morning services*

**10.30am All Together Informal Worship – St Paul’s**  
*Followed by Chipperfield Annual Parochial Church Meetings*

**6.30pm Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross**

**Sunday 24 May – PENTECOST Whit Sunday  
4th Sunday of the month**

**9.30am Morning Worship – St Paul’s**

**10.30am Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross**

*6.30pm Prayer & Praise coming soon, watch this space! – St Paul’s*

**Sunday 31 May – TRINITY SUNDAY  
5th Sunday of the month**

**9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – Holy Cross**

**10.30am Informal Benefice Service – St Paul’s**  
*this service will alternate between the two churches*

## Our bible readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

19 April

### Acts Chapter 2, Verses 14a and 36-41

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

# The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

## Chapter 24, verses 13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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

## **REVISION OF ST PAUL'S ELECTORAL ROLL**

The revision of the **St Paul's** Electoral Roll will take place beginning on 11 April 2026. If your name is **not** currently on the roll and you would like to be added, please complete the form which can be found at the back of church. Please return the completed form by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Please note that if you live outside the Parish, in order to be added to, or to stay on, the Electoral Roll you must have 'habitually' attended public worship during the preceding six months or be able to give a reason why you were prevented from doing so. This is generally interpreted as at least once a month rather than occasional visits.

## **ST PAUL'S PARISH ROOM KITCHEN**

Please be advised that the kitchen will be out of use for a period of two weeks commencing on 4th May, due to refurbishment works.

During this time, there will be limited access to the hall in the evenings.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Judy or David.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **HOME GROUPS**

In May, we will be starting two new home groups. These will take place on Wednesdays, twice a month. There will be one evening group and one daytime group; times are yet to be confirmed. If there is significant interest, we will consider adding a second evening group.

If you are interested in joining a home group, or would like more information about what a home group is, please contact Yvonne Collette:

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Friends of Holy Cross

Walk through the Bluebells

Friday 1 May – 10 am to 12 noon

The Old Rectory Sarratt

Entry - £5, includes Coffee and Cake

Raffle

Parking Available

All proceeds go towards the cost of flowers to decorate the church for the  
Flower Festival

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