

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 12 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

9am

Morning Worship – St Paul's

10.45am

Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

Thursday 16 April

7pm

Sarratt Prayer Group

Sunday 19 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9am

Morning Worship – Holy Cross

10.45am

Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's

6.30pm

Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross

Sunday 26 April – 4th 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

Our bible readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

12 April

Acts Chapter 2, Verses 14a and 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your Holy One see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Chapter 20, verses 19-end

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND SARAH

Dear All,

I write to let you all know that from the beginning of May the benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield will be trialing a new service pattern.

It has been wonderful to see our churches growing in the past nearly three years and having met with the leadership team and the PCC's we will now trial a new pattern which we hope will benefit our church family across the benefice whilst allowing the space for creativity to engage younger families through new services which will be implemented.

Below is our new schedule from the 1st of May which we will review after 12 months to see what has worked well and what we need to revisit and adjust in 2027. My prayer is that you bear with me as we try new ways to reach those in our communities and welcome them into our churches whilst holding and honouring the traditions we currently have. Please do hold all these services in your prayers.

If you have any questions no matter how big or small, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With every blessing
Revd Sarah

1st Sunday in the month

- 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Cross church
- 3.30pm Forest Church St Paul's (coming soon)

2nd Sunday in the month

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Holy Cross Church
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Paul's Church

3rd Sunday in the month

- 9.30am Book of Common Prayer at St Paul's Church
- Coffee and croissants served between services
- 10.30am All Together Informal Worship at St Paul's Church
- 6.30pm Compline at Holy Cross Church

4th Sunday in the month

- 9.30am Morning Worship at St Paul's Church
- 10.30am Eucharist at Holy Cross Church
- 6.30pm Prayer and Praise service at St Paul's Church

5th Sunday in a month

- 9.30am Book of Common Prayer at Holy Cross Church
- 10.30am Informal Benefice Service which will alternate between the two churches

Inspire

Women Inspiring Women



Change of date!

In April we are meeting on
Monday **13th April**

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

April 13th we are meeting
“Under the Heavens” at
1-30 for a walk in the
bluebell woods

Your paragraph text

For more info contact Fay on
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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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