

# WELCOME to the Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

Holy Cross Church, Sarratt, & St Paul's Church, Chipperfield

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Everyone is welcome to attend any of the services in our churches

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## Thursday 2 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY

6.30pm	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's with the washing of feet
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## Friday 3 April – GOOD FRIDAY

2pm	Stations of the Cross– St Paul's
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6pm	Stations of the Cross – 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## Sunday 12 April – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

9am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
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10.45am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
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**Sunday 19 April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Worship – Holy Cross</b>
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross</b>

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

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

## **Our bible readings for Easter Sunday**

**5 April**

### **Acts Chapter 10, Verses 34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

### **Chapter 28, verses 1-10**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## **LILIES FOR EASTER AT ST PAUL'S**

If you would like to make a donation for a lily in memory of a loved one please contact Jenny Laurie ([jennylaurie@icloud.com](mailto:jennylaurie@icloud.com) or 01923 275292), give the donation to our treasurer, Caroline in person or via the card machine in church. St. Paul's will be decorated and the lilies displayed from Easter Sunday.

## **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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# Inspire

## Women Inspiring Women



### Change of date!

In April we are meeting on  
Monday **13<sup>th</sup> 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

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For more info contact Fay on  
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