

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

YOU CAN FIND US ON 'A CHURCH NEAR YOU' achurchnearyou.com

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

Thursday 23 July

7.00pm

Sarratt Prayer Group – Holy Cross

Sunday 26 July - 8th after Trinity

4th Sunday of the month

9.30am

Morning Worship – St Paul's

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

6.30pm

Prayer & Praise – St Paul's – Coming soon, watch this space!

Sunday 2 August - 9th after Trinity

1st Sunday of the month

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross

3.30pm

Forest Church – St Paul's

Sunday 9 August - 10th after Trinity

2nd Sunday of the month

9.30am

Morning Worship – Holy Cross

10.30am

Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's

Sunday 16 August - 11th after Trinity 3 rd Sunday of the month	
9.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – St Paul's <i>Coffee & croissants available between morning services</i>
10.30am	All Together Informal Worship – St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer) – Holy Cross
Sunday 23 August - 12th after Trinity 4 th Sunday of the month	
9.30am	Morning Worship – St Paul's
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
6.30pm	<i>Prayer & Praise – St Paul's – Coming soon, watch this space!</i>
Sunday 30 August - 13th after Trinity 5 th Sunday of the month	
9.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – Holy Cross
10.30am	Benefice Café Church– St Paul's

ORGAN CONCERT – Saturday 25th July at St. Paul's

We have several organists from Enfield plus some of our own regulars coming to play a selection of more modern music. Informal, just drop in and stay as long as you wish starting at 2.30pm and ending about 6pm. Tea and biscuits available in the Parish Room, donations welcome.

We are hoping for a bit of fun, musicals, theme tunes, nobody quite knows because the organists are keeping their playlists a secret! It won't be hymns! More information to follow next week, Stephen Morrill

ST PAUL'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

If you are passing or have a spare 20 minutes, please can you tip a watering can or two on the hedging. Don't all start at the front edge but scatter your kindness where it looks driest! There is a hosepipe behind the dustbins.

With many thanks, Frances Onians

BENEFICE LUNCH

The next Benefice Lunch is on Sunday 26 July at 12.30pm. Sign-up sheets are at the back of both churches.

DENS APPEAL

Local homelessness charity urges community to fund ordinary items that will create an extraordinary impact. DENS has launched its More Than Appeal to help equip its new headquarters and support life-changing services for local people facing crisis.

Construction is progressing on the new DENS Centre. To help bring the space to life, DENS is asking supporters to fund everyday items such as mugs, laptops and chairs. While ordinary in themselves, these items will help create opportunities that enable people to move forward positively.

For example, for Amy, a mug of tea represents the moment she begins addressing rental arrears and keeping her family's home, during a conversation with the DENS team.

DENS is aiming to raise £20,000 to fund vital equipment. Thanks to match funding from a generous supporter, the first £5,000 donated will be doubled. Donors who contribute £1,000 or more will also have their name featured on a special Giving Tree at the DENS Centre.

The appeal has received support from DENS Patron, Adrian Scarborough – the award-winning actor known for The Chelsea Detective and Gavin & Stacey. In a message shared on social media, he said: "DENS is much more than a roof and a bed. So, please help us if you can."

To donate, please visit www.dens.org.uk/more-than

Our bible readings for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

26 July

Genesis Chapter 29 Verses 15-28

¹⁵Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' ¹⁹Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' ²⁶Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 13 Verses 31-33 and 44-52

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

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

INTRODUCING SOUL SPACE

Do you want some • stillness in your life? • time to reflect, think and contemplate amongst friends? • space to gather your thoughts and feelings, to make sense of both them and how the bible aids us in living as disciples of Christ?

From 1 September, we are starting new benefice home groups using the Soul Space material from the Church of England resource hub and looking at a weekly Lectionary reading.

If you would like to join one of the groups, please add your name to the sign-up sheets at the back of both churches and when would suit you best so we can accommodate as many as possible. If you would be interested in hosting a group, please have a chat with

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FOREST CHURCH

Book your places today

Do your children love being outdoors?
Being creative through nature? Discovering the world
around them through mud, sticks and leaves?

Forest Church has arrived in Chipperfield!

Why not join us for some den building, bug finding fun, in
our beautiful outdoors?

St Paul's church Chipperfield 1st Sunday of the month at 3.30pm
for more details contact
Revd Sarah 07525491496

suggested donation £2.50 per child to cover materials



Inspire

**7th September meeting
Parish Room 1.30-3pm**

Have time away from your busy lives and join us for activities, conversations and talks over tea, coffee and cake.

In September, Wendy Bathurst will be talking to us about the Wildlife in our Gardens.

Do come and join us.

For more info contact Fay on fay.dent@live.co.uk

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