

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

Sunday 12 July - 6th after Trinity

2nd Sunday of the month

9.30am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's

Sunday 19 July - 7th after Trinity

3rd 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 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	<i>Prayer & Praise – St Paul's – Coming soon, watch this space!</i>

Sunday 2 August - 9th after Trinity

1st Sunday of the month

10.30am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's
3.30pm	Forest Church – St Paul's

Sunday 9 August - 10th after Trinity 2 nd 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	Book of Common Prayer – Holy Cross
10.30am	Benefice Café Church– St Paul's

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.

Our bible readings for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

12 July

Genesis Chapter 25 Verses 19-end

¹⁹ This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

²³ The Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you will be separated;
one people will be stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger."

²⁴ When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. ²⁵ The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

²⁷ The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. ³⁰ He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom)

³¹ Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

³² "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

³³ But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 13 Verses 1-9 and 18-23

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

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?

This summer 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

Women Inspiring Women

Change of date!

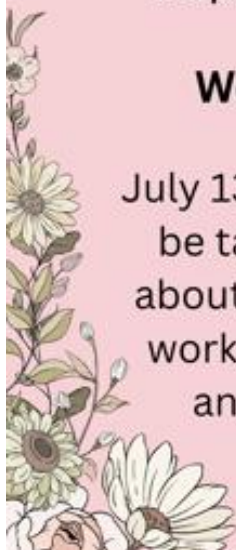
In July we are meeting in St Pauls
Parish Room 1.30-3pm on the
2nd Monday the **13th July**

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

We would love you to join us

July 13th Jackie will
be talking to us
about her various
work with Mums
and babies.

For more info contact Fay on
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Open Garden

Bishop of St Albans' hidden
two acre city centre oasis

Sunday 28 June

Sunday 4 July

Sunday 12 July

Sunday 19 July

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Abbey Gate House - Abbey Mill Lane - AL3 4HD

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Entrance £5 per adult - dogs on leads - no toilet facilities



Bishop of St Albans Open Garden



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