

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 5 July - 5th after Trinity

1st Sunday of the month

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

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>

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.

ST THOMAS' FLOWER FESTIVAL, WEST HYDE

The St Thomas' West Hyde Flower Festival will be on 4th & 5th July 2026 and will also include St Thomas' Patronal Festival on Sunday 5th July.

The theme this year will be 'Occupations'.

Flowers should be put in St Thomas' Church on Friday 3rd July. If you would like to offer a display, please connect the Benefice Office for a form.

Our bible readings for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

5 July

Romans Chapter 7 Verses 15-25

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 11 Verses 16-19 and 25-end

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ “‘We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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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Or

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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!

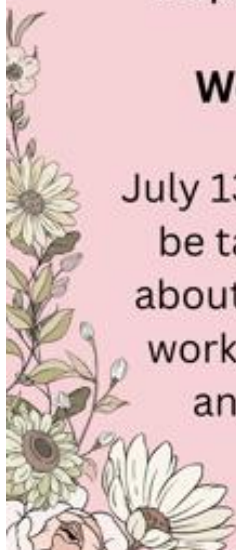
In July we are meeting in St Pauls
Parish Room 1.30-3pm on the
2nd Monday the **13th July**

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 4HQ

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



Bishop of St Albans Open Garden



St Thomas'

Flower Festival 2026

'Occupations'

Sat 4th & Sun 5th July
12noon - 5pm

including Patronal Festival
Eucharist Sun 5th, 9.30am



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