

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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New Pattern of Services – please note changes of times

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
<i>6.30pm</i>	<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

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

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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9 August

1 Kings Chapter 19 Verses 9-18

⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 14 Verses 22-33

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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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