

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 – please note changes of times

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 followed by training meeting for Holy Cross sidespeople
<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
Sunday 6 September - 14th after Trinity 1 st Sunday of the month	
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
3.30pm	Forest Church– St Paul's
Sunday 13 September - 15th after Trinity Sunday nearest Holy Cross Day (14 September) 2 nd Sunday of the month	
9.30am	Morning Worship for Holy Cross Day – Holy Cross
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist – St Paul's

ST PAUL'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Very many thanks to all of you who have been putting water on the St Paul's Memorial Garden bushes. Please continue to do so if you have time and energy BUT now we have a hosepipe ban so it's only by using buckets and watering cans.

Please don't all start at the front edge but scatter your kindness where it looks driest!

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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

23 August

Romans Chapter 12 Verses 1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 16 Verses 13-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

DIOCESAN OFFICE VACANCIES

The Diocese is currently advertising the following roles. Please circulate details to anyone you think may be interested in applying.

- PA to the Archdeacon of Hertford – Part Time (based in Hertingfordbury)
- Giving Communications Assistant – Part Time (would suit uni/college leaver)
- Property and Trust Adviser – Full Time

Further details on the links below:

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/>

BENEFICE LUNCH

The next Benefice Lunch will be on Sunday 27 September. Sign up sheets are in the back of church for those who would like to attend. It will be a “Bring & Share” Harvest Lunch. For the safety of anyone with allergies, please can you list the ingredients which have been used in your dish and bring it along with you on the day.

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER


Global Week
of 24-7 Prayer
6 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

**Join the
Global Week
of Prayer**

**6-13
September**

St Paul's Church, Chipperfield are joining with 24/7 Prayer Movement for
The Global Week of Prayer

The Upper Room, St Paul's, The Common, Chipperfield
will be the prayer space for the week. From 6am until 9pm

Please sign up for an hour or two by contacting
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