

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 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

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

16 August

1 Corinthians Chapter 15 Verses 1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

⁵ And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

⁶ After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

⁷ After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

⁸ And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

¹¹ Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Chapter 18 Verses 9-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

¹⁰ Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

¹² I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

¹³ And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-hertford-2026/>

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/giving-communications-assistant/>

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/property-and-trusts-adviser/>



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