

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': www.achurchnearyou.com

New Pattern of Services – please note changes of times

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
Sunday 20 September - 16th after Trinity 3 rd Sunday of the month	
9.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – St Paul's
10.30am	All Together Service – St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline – Holy Cross
Sunday 27 September - 17th after Trinity 4 th Sunday of the month	
9.30am	Morning Worship – Holy Cross (note change of time)
10.30am	Chipperfield Harvest Festival Eucharist – Harvest – St Paul's (note change of time) <i>followed by Benefice Lunch (see page 6)</i>
<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Prayer & Praise – St Paul's – Coming soon, watch this space!</i>
Sunday 4 October - 18th after Trinity 1 st Sunday of the month	
10.30am	Benefice Eucharist – Holy Cross
3.30pm	Forest Church – St Paul's

Our bible readings for Holy Cross Sunday

13 September

Philippians Chapter 2 Verses 6-11

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own
advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Chapter 3 Verses 13-17

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Our bible readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

13 September

Romans Chapter 14 Verses 1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord,
'every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.'”

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 18 Verses 21-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**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?

We have started 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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will take place on Saturday 26 September from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Parish Room at St Paul's Church, Chipperfield.

This year's fun competition is **"A commemorative mug, or cup and saucer, with a label, if it is not obvious from the item itself"**. This will be judged by Stephen Morrill, as always, with a prize for the winner.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle or tombola, please let Ann Soanes know on 01923 262756.



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 link 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.

CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE HALL AGM

Chipperfield Village Hall AGM will be held this year on Tuesday 29 September at 7.00pm in the Hall. An agenda will be available shortly.



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

Join the Global Week of Prayer

6-13 September

**The Benefice of St Paul's and Holy Cross 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
Revd Sarah : 07525491496 or Elaine Dean e-dean@hotmail.co.uk**



Inspire

Women Inspiring Women

Join us on the 1st Monday of every Month in St Pauls Parish Room, Chipperfield from 1.30 to 3pm.

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

We would love you to join us

On Monday 5th October

Viktoria will be talking to us about her experiences when she was forced to flee her home in Ukraine to come to England when the war started.

For more info contact Fay on
fay.dent@live.co.uk

DENS HARVEST APPEAL

Harvest is a time to give thanks for what we have and to share our blessings with others. At DENS, we see first-hand the difference that kindness and generosity can make to those facing poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity in our community.

We are currently experiencing unprecedented demand for emergency food support. More individuals and families are turning to our Foodbank for help, while donations have significantly decreased. As a result, our shelves are running low on many essential items. That's why we need your support this Harvest.

Every donation, no matter how small, helps provide essential food and household items to local individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table.

Please see the **Harvest High Needs List** below, highlighting the items most urgently needed.

Donations can be dropped off at DENS Foodbank, Dacre House, 19 Hillfield Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4AA - Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm. Alternatively, if you need to arrange a collection, please contact our Foodbank team directly on foodbank@dens.org.uk or call 01442 250969.



FOODBANK HIGH NEEDS LIST



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