

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 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 – St Paul's (note change of time) <i>followed by Benefice Lunch (see page 8)</i>
6.30pm	<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
2.30pm	Forest Church – St Paul's (note earlier time)
Sunday 11 October - 19th after Trinity 2 nd Sunday of the month	
9.30am	Morning Worship – St Paul's (note change of time)
10.30am	Sarratt Harvest Festival Eucharist – Holy Cross (note change of time)
Sunday 18 October - 20th after Trinity 3 rd Sunday of the month	
9.30am	Book of Common Prayer – St Paul's
10.30am	All Together Worship – St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline (traditional evening prayer) – Holy Cross

Our bible readings for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

27 September

Exodus Chapter 17 Verses 1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 21 Verses 23-32

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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

Our bible readings for Harvest Festival

27 September

Deuteronomy Chapter 8 Verses 7-18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Chapter 17 Verses 11-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

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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



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.



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
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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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