



# St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

July and August 2022



## Letter from Revd Helen - Summer Spirals

I confess to loving a labyrinth - the sort you walk slowly and prayerfully not the sort you get stuck in with a minotaur! And a spiral labyrinth is the image conjured for a certain approach to doing theology; funnily enough referred to as the 'Doing Theology Spiral'. I find this model a useful reminder of how to keep a balance between reflection and action. The months of July and August traditionally are seen as times of fun and relaxation, the weather may be on our side and for some there will be time off work. Whatever the summer brings for you and wherever you find yourself you will still be walking your Christian journey, taking your faith with you and maybe giving it a bit of regen by having a change of pace and routine. Sadly the never-ending news cycle and moral issues raised by what we see will not disappear even if we do for a while step back.

There is so much going on in the world at home and abroad and I know this is challenging and troubling many of you so, as people of faith I offer you this thread that might help you find your way out of the labyrinthine Kafkaesque experience of being human in the UK in 2022 and provide a way of avoiding a downward spiral. Use these prompts as a means to walk slowly in, and think prayerfully about our world this summer:



### Experience:

*What do I know of this issue? What have I experienced of this?*

*Who are affected most by this and how? How has the issue arisen?*

*We start from our own experience in order to be able to move on from there, sharing our own understanding and knowledge of a particular issue. This gives us a foundation on which to build and plenty of opportunities to discuss concerns and learn from other people's experience.*

### Analysis:

*Why is this happening? Who gains from this situation? Who loses out? Why does this situation continue?*

*Human beings are not creatures who live independently of other members of the human community and the natural world. We need to understand the role we play in the structures which order human society, the links between our lives and the lives of the poor with whom we wish to be in solidarity. Thorough analysis needs to form the basis of our work, so that we will be able to identify instances where we may be participating in the oppression unconsciously facing marginalized peoples and the ways in which we can most effectively challenge that oppression.*

### Theological (Faith) Reflection:

*What particular insight/view does our faith, church teaching, scriptures etc give us on this issue?*

*This is a very grand title for trying to discern what our faith has to say about the realities we face. Our work is concerned with putting faith into action, in participating in building God's Kingdom. We need to listen to the word of God, reflect on scripture, particularly through the eyes of the poor and marginalized. It is wise to remember that God's place is in everything we are trying to achieve and not just in a particular place on the agenda.*

### Action:

*What needs to be done to resolve this situation? What can I/we/my parish do?*

*How will your action change those involved? How can you tell if it is successful?*



I hope this helps but most important of all is to remember that prayer and reflection happen in the strangest of places and sometimes don't happen at all, and that's ok, but if you feel completely lost in the labyrinth than come and find someone at church and talk it through – do not struggle on alone – we are called to bear things together.

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## Sunday Services at Chaldon Church in July & August 2022

### Sunday Services

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

8am BCP Eucharist  
10.30am Pop Up Service of the Word and Baptism

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July

8am BCP Eucharist  
10.30am Pop Up Eucharist, Baptism & First Communion

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

8am BCP Eucharist  
10.30am Matins

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

8am BCP Eucharist  
10.30am Pop Up Eucharist

### Thursday Service

10.30am Short said Eucharist  
No Thursday Service in August begins again Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

8am BCP Eucharist  
10.30am Eucharist

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

8am BCP Eucharist  
10.30am Pop Up Service of the Word

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August

8am BCP Eucharist  
10.30am Pop Up Eucharist

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August

No 8am Service  
10.30am Matins

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

8am BCP Eucharist  
10.30am Pop Up Back to School Service

### Caterham Churches Together

Wednesday Morning Prayer at 8.30am

In July at St Luke's Whyteleafe

In August has a break and resumes  
in September at the Westway Hub

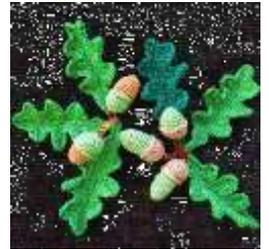
Zoom Link on [www.chaldonchurch.co.uk](http://www.chaldonchurch.co.uk)

### Chaldon Church Coffee & Craftivism

Wednesdays 11.30am till 1pm

Weekly until the end of July,  
starts again Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

Our aim is to learn together and  
make together in all sorts of  
ways but always with a purpose  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



### The Gatton Passion Play Parish trip on July 20<sup>th</sup>

Book a ticket your own ticket on the link below  
<https://www.gattontheatre.org.uk/current-production/>

Contact Fiona Tarrant or Revd Helen for more  
details

### Churchyard Busy Bees Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> August

Please come and help at our churchyard working  
parties



9.30am – 12.30pm

Date for your Diary:  
Church yard Working Party 1<sup>st</sup> October

### Time to Shine

9.30am – 11.00am  
BREAKS FOR SUMMER  
AFTER 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY



A space for families to play and have fun  
Held in the Hazell Room at Chaldon Church  
See separate sheet for summer details.

### Date for the Diary

Joint Parish Bible Study Group  
in transept at St Luke's, Whyteleafe

Taking a break over the summer and  
Starting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm

Evening Prayer on Zoom  
in July and August will be taking a  
summer break.

6.30pm Wednesday and Thursdays

Will resume again on September 7th.



St Peter and St Paul's  
Church Chaldon  
Mossy Church  
& Time to Shine  
family fun for all ages  
16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August  
9.30am – 11.30am