



St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

December 2020 Edition

*A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.'* Isaiah 11.v.1



Digging Deep and the Stump of Jesse

This time last year we were gearing up for a unique and amazing production of the Nativity; an event which drew on energy and creativity from across the community. Can you imagine today squashing into a box pew in a tightly packed church? During the interval drinking mulled wine, and as the story draws to a close singing a raucous final carol!

Twelve months later and that glorious witness may look like a distant stump, since then we have learnt that we cannot take close contact and freedom of movement for granted. The thick layer of physical comfort between ourselves and reality has been stripped away, perhaps even 'felled' to reveal the stark reality that life is fragile. Strip away the freedom to travel, to fly to warmer climes, to shop, to treat ourselves, remove access to the arts, sport, recreation, haircuts! All of these only accessed by those with disposable income, strip it away and what do we discover.....

Well, in Chaldon we discovered community, we discovered kindness, we discovered the privilege of the greenbelt and gardens, we discovered our neighbours, we discovered our churchyard, we discovered new ways of worshipping and we have risen to the challenges of online church and outdoor pop up church!

You will each have your own reflection on the effects of this pandemic in your life and the lives of those you know and love – their will have been huge sadness for some, bereavement, isolation, boredom, exhaustion. I know that every single one of you will have had to dig deep this past year.

As Christmas 2021 approaches, once again we remember that the roots of our faith are to be found in the reality of a vulnerable teenage girl in her 3rd trimester who had to dig deep to find an answer to God's call in her life. We remember Joseph who had to dig deep in his heart to stick with her and support her. A couple who had to dig deep when compelled to walk 70 miles to a town overwhelmed by travellers. Their story, their faith and resilience in facing the truth of God's call in their lives changed the lives of shepherds, innkeepers and scholars and revealed, in the Christ whom they protected and nurtured, a dreadful and awesome truth, that unless we care for the weakest in society, unless we reach out to the marginalised and turn our backs on power and privilege, we will not be the blessed.

During Advent we are building a record of those whose lives, rooted in faith, have changed our world, who have been witness to Christ, who have shone light in dark places, who have challenged the status quo, who have been our guiding stars. Their stories will come to you by email and will be displayed on our very own Jesse Tree in the churchyard. Take a look and you will soon see that the good news does not lie in power and privilege but in love and sacrifice, that the truly blessed have had to dig deep, and in the face of sometimes horrendous challenges they have responded with love.

Our church community has shown huge resilience these past 9 months. Lockdown has shown us that we can dig deep and find new and creative ways to meet and worship. I hope you are inspired by our Jesse Tree to look to the roots of your own faith. I also pray that from the stump of 2020 may grow strong new shoots to be a witness and a challenge to a world sorely in need of the light of Christ.

May you find your way to the manger this Christmas, may you see the guiding light of Christ in those around you, may you too shine a light in the darkness; and may our church, which is the living breathing body of Christ in the community shine light into the lives of all who encounter us this Christmas. Last but not least may I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and PLEASE if you are alone or isolated or despondent this Christmas contact me and let me know.

St Peter and St Paul's church is here to support you. *Rev Helen*

 St Lukes Whyteleafe & St Peter and St Paul's Chaldon

 @2vicars2church

Contact Rev. Helen Burnett on 01883 330057, email: vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk
or contact the Parish Administrator Alison Pannett email: pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk

December Services St Peter and St Paul Church

- Sun 6th** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)
10.30am Outdoor Eucharist(O)
- Thurs 10th** 10.30am Mid- week Eucharist (please book)
8pm
- Sun 13th** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)
10.30am Service of the Word with Advent
Carols (O)
- Thurs 17th** 10.30am Mid- week Eucharist (please book)
8pm
- Sun 20th** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)
10.30am Outdoor Eucharist
- Thurs 24th** 5pm Christingle (O)
11.30pm Midnight Service (O)
- Friday 25th** CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICES will be
held inside the church (please book & you will
receive a choice of times from us)
- Sun 27th** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)
- Sun 3rd Jan** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)
10.30am Outdoor Eucharist(O)

(O) indicates outdoor service please bring a chair

**Please book services email Alison
pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk**

Open Candlelit Church Thursday Evenings 10th & 17th Dec

Drop in anytime between
8pm – 9.30pm

Take some time out to
enjoy this peaceful space.
Night prayer will be
said at 8.45pm



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE on Zoom



**Friday 18th December
at 8pm**

A chance to sing carols and
celebrate Christmas with friends

The Zoom Link can be found on
our website

www.chaldonchurch.co.uk

ADVENT WINDOWS

Our Advent Windows series of 4 Zoom Sessions
based on our Advent Book 'Lighted Windows' by
Margaret Silf.

Please join Rev Annie and Rev Helen as they
consider their windows onto the world during
this very different 2020 Season of Advent.

Zoom Link can be found on

www.chaldonchurch.co.uk

Caterham Churches Together

December's Wednesday Morning Prayer

8.30am at on Zoom led by Rev Helen
Zoom Link on

www.chaldonchurch.co.uk



Doll's House Auction "Lockdown Lodge"

From Monday 7th December
to Wednesday 16th December

you all have the opportunity to bid on this dolls house made by
one of our parishioners.

The materials used to make this cost in excess of £100.00. So,
a starting bid should be around £50.00 all the proceeds from
this auction will be going to The Children's Society.

Bids should be e mailed to Alison Pannett the Parish
Administrator of St Peter & St Paul's Church, Chaldon.
pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk

The highest bid will be updated on the website every evening
and bidding will end on the 16th December 2020. The
successful bidder will be emailed and may then collect
Lockdown Lodge from an address in Chaldon shortly thereafter
with enough time to wrap it up for Christmas. See attached for
the full marketing details.

Glebe House Meals

Glebe House are offering free Christmas dinner between the
14th – 18th December if you would like a meal or know of
anyone who would like one please see attached.

Christmas Day Lunch

If you or know of anyone who would need/like a Christmas lunch
delivered by Caterham Churches Together to let us know asap?
Please email vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk

Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6.30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays Night Prayer on Zoom at 9.30pm Fridays & Sundays

Evening and Night Prayer with music will be offered
on Zoom on each week for 30 mins & will be hosted
Rev Helen, Rev Sara or Leslie, our Lay Reader.
Please see website for details for services after 23rd
Dec.

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82053753781>

The password is unchanged but if you require it
please email: vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk



LOCKDOWN LODGE Doll's House Auction



This is a unique opportunity to bid for the freehold of a four roomed Dolls House known as Lockdown Lodge.

The lodge has recently been assembled by an elderly Chaldon resident, to keep him sane during this second lockdown.

Overview

The dimensions of the property are 60cm wide by 30 cm deep by 60 cm high. Constructed of ply board with Ramin mouldings all from renewable resources. It is built to a scale of 1/12th so this must be remembered when furnishing the dwelling.

The shaky hands and poor eyesight of the builder have resulted in Lockdown Lodge achieving a certain quirky character with chimneys slightly askew but as currently there are no fireplaces this is not thought to be a problem but perhaps it would not suit an absolute perfectionist.

Outside the walls have been decorated with stone effect paint thus achieving a rugged appearance.

Accommodation

Inside the four rooms have been exquisitely decorated. The sitting room has "Strawberry Thief" wallpaper designed by William Morris, and a fawn coloured carpet. The master bedroom accessed by an open plan staircase is decorated with a "Wild Tulip" design wallpaper a blue carpet and will probably have spectacular views from the windows wherever the house is finally situated. Also, on the first floor is a superb bathroom with Delft Tile pattern wall covering and a square tiled floor. Finally, on the ground floor the kitchen has been snazzily papered throughout with a tile effect pattern and the floor has a hard wearing covering which completes the utilitarian look in what will be no doubt a heavily used room.

Services

The property is not connected to any utility supply. Electricity and gas are not considered necessary as imagination can provide all the light and heat in this adorable Dolls House. Water of course can normally be found outside.

Rateable Value

Nil. The local council where the house eventually is situated will advise no doubt in due course.

Building Guarantee

None whatsoever. Even though this is a new build the normal 10-year warranty does not apply as once it leaves the constructors shaky hands how can he know what rough treatment Lockdown Lodge will receive.

Estimated Value

The material used to make this flight of fancy cost in excess of £100.00. So, a starting bid should be around £50.00 as all the proceeds from this auction will be going to **The Children's Society**.

www.childrenssociety.org.uk *This Christmas help keep hope alive.*



@childrensociety

Bids

To obtain this fantastic once in a pandemic Dolls House bids should be e mailed to Alison Pannett the Parish Administrator of St Peter & St Paul's Church, Chaldon. pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk

The highest bid will be shown on the web site on a regular basis and bidding will end on the 16th December 2020 the successful bidder will be emailed and may then collect Lockdown Lodge from an address in Chaldon shortly thereafter with enough time to wrap it up for Christmas.



GLEBE HOUSE



2020 has been an unprecedented year around the world and at Glebe House we want to help make the festive season that bit brighter for our community.

From Tuesday 14th December – Friday 18th December we would like to provide a home cooked Christmas dinner for individuals or families who are shielding, isolated, living alone, or just need a helping hand. Our amazing Chef Steve will make these fresh from our kitchen at Glebe House and we will do a festive delivery to each home following all COVID 19 protocols over the four days.

If you could provide us with the following information we will send you out a conformation and the date your meal will be delivered.

Please get back to us no later than **Friday 11th December.**

Please email on activities@glebe-house.com attention Brigid or call us directly on 01883 344434.

We are stronger together

Name of individual or family:

Number of Members in household:

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

Any special dietary requirements: