

St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter



MARCH 2020 Edition



No Car : No Sermon

Introducing your new double act
Preach Free Priest and Revless Reverend

During Lent 2020 your 2 vicars have chosen very different Lenten disciplines!

Since each person's wilderness is different, we have ended up with very different challenges. Through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit; you may think that your 2 vicars have been very wildly led! Both of us will doubtless encounter unexpected challenges and arid places as well as hopefully angels and revelations. In our gospel accounts the Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle and in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. How will giving up preaching shape and form Annie, how will giving up the car shape and form me?

In giving up preaching Annie is cutting off a precious limb in her ministry in order to allow others to find their voices; this will be a huge sacrifice for her as she 'lets go' the power and outreach that she has through her preaching. What unexpected challenges will stepping back from the lectern bring for Annie? What sorts of angels will she encounter as she nurtures others and hears their stories?

For myself the challenge would appear more physical than spiritual as I 'let go' the dependency on my car, although even in anticipation I am surprised how much the challenge is affecting my inner life. I suspect that unlike Annie I will not feel I have lost a limb. Instead I will become acutely aware of them as I toil around the parish on foot, bike and bus! What unexpected kindness will I encounter on my travels, what exposures will I feel?

Where will we each find the sacred?

In the vulnerability of letting go the sermon and the car we expose ourselves to new challenges. People rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember **who we are** and **whose we are**. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love.

This Lent, with our wild challenges we encourage each of you to join in a 40 Day journey. As you travel through Lent can you 'let go' something precious and seemingly vital to your life?

Our Lent Course, our special services, our special events are all designed to guide us on this journey, it is a journey we must all make in the next 10 years as we learn to live differently on this precious planet. The material we will study will help us see how changing our priorities in life and living more lightly on our planet may in fact bring us through the wilderness of climate breakdown to a kingdom based on love and interdependence instead of fear and isolation.

Without her preaching Rev Annie may grow closer to those whose voices she amplifies and gain a greater understanding of how her preaching informs her life.

Without my car I may grow closer to the natural environment and gain a greater understanding of my fossil fuel dependency. *Rev Helen*

For more information to help you consider actions for Lent go to:

www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livlent-care-gods-creation
and

www.rebellion.earth/2020/02/19/extinction-rebellion-faith-communities-launch-40-days-of-action-on-ash-wednesday-enough-earth-destruction

40 days of restraint and journeying into a simpler more fulfilling life lived with others.

40 days of prayer for the planet.

40 days of reaching into communities, developing relationships and mutual understanding.

40 days of solidarity with those already devastated by the climate and ecological emergency.

Follow our 40 days wilderness struggles on social media



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



@2vicars2church

Services During March

Sunday 1st March 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.00am All Age Service

Sunday 8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.00am Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

Sunday 15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.00am Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

Sunday 22nd March All Age Mothering Sunday

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.00am **ALL AGE MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Sunday 29th March 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.00am **PASSIONTIDE SERVICE**
& **MOSSY CHURCH**

On Thursday mornings all are welcome to our 10.30am Eucharist.

Caterham Churches Together MORNING PRAYER 8.30am

In March on Wednesday mornings Churches Together are meeting at United Reformed Church, Caterham.

Lent Course starting Tuesday 3rd March 2020

The Lent course for Whyteleafe, Chaldon and St Mary's will be run on Tuesdays.

At St Luke's, Whyteleafe in the transept at 12 noon & St Peter & St Paul's Church, Chaldon on March 3rd at 7.30pm and all following Tuesdays at 7.30pm at St Peter & St Pauls Infant School, Chaldon

Community Lunch Thursday March 26th Hazell Room, Chaldon

All are welcome to this new monthly event at St Peter & St Paul's which will follow on from our Thursday morning service Please see Rev Helen or Churchwardens for further details

Emmaus Group

The Emmaus group will be meeting at June Barber's house on 18th March at 8pm.

If you would like to join us please contact Pat Johnson on 01737 642450



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 6th

**United Reformed Church, Caterham
Caterham and District Churches Together**
*A Global ecumenical movement celebrating the
host country of Zimbabwe in 2020*

12.30 - 2.00pm Soup Lunch
2.00pm - 2.45pm Talk about Zimbabwe
7.30pm Ecumenical Church Evening Service

Wrigglies and Wrinklies' at Glebe House

March 20th

Contact Mandy Clayton for more details.

Chaldon History Group Saturday 14th March at 2pm at Chaldon Church

**The Roane family of Tollsworth
and their connection with Greenwich**

Ian Brown will explore the 17th century family and the probable connection to the Roan schools in Greenwich.
£5 entry. Teas and cakes on sale after the talk.
Proceeds to the maintenance of the church building.

Joint event with Friends of Chaldon Church

FRIENDS OF CHALDON CHURCH

**Saturday 28th March
at 2pm Chaldon Church**

**Tea and entertainment
With the FOUREFFECT QUARTET**

£5 entry. Teas and cakes on sale.
Proceeds to the maintenance of the church building.

There is a 24/7 Prayer for the Planet Vigil in Parliament Square throughout Lent, if you are in London please do go and support those who are taking part.
For more info contact Rev Helen.



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