



# St Peter & St Paul's

## Chaldon Newsletter

November 2020 Edition



### Gathering and Remembering and Honouring

I've spent time these past weeks trying to capture on my phone the colours of Autumn – the shiny conkers we laid on the outdoor altar, the leaves brushed away from outside the Hazell Room to make space for the choir, the colours of some very poisonous looking fungi! Storing up treasure for the months ahead...And I found myself wondering.....

What were the colours that surrounded Jesus of Nazareth growing up in Nazareth and walking the byways of Galilee?

What images did Jesus absorb and store up for times of need?

Perhaps it is more powerful still, to imagine the images Mary carried with her away from the foot of the cross and back to Nazareth.

We have no account from Mary, some things are carried in the heart as a constant wound and lament; but the apostles experienced the resurrection and remembered Jesus ministry. As they learnt to live the risen life part of their honouring of that shared experience and that risen life was in recording it in their 4 distinct gospels. Their memorial for all time was Good News.

What memories do refugees hold tight as they make the treacherous crossings of continents, seas and deserts and to find safety? What memories sustain the homeless as they bed down in a doorway?

What memories are being built for the young of today, for the families struggling to keep body and soul together on a universal credit payment that barely covers rent and heating.

So November, a month for remembrance brings challenges and opportunities:

At *All Souls* we will remember loved ones who have died. On *November 8<sup>th</sup>* we will be remembering those who died as a result of 2 world wars and other armed conflicts. On *November 15<sup>th</sup>* we will focus on what has been lost through the effects of the pandemic. We will also create during this month prayer flags to highlight extinct or endangered species of plants and animals.

How we memorialise and honour past people, and past events tells us, and future generations something about our times and our priorities.

So, in this month of remembering can we broaden our traditions, expand our memories and process our losses in ways that honour all losses both visible and invisible both large and small?

From refugees drowned in the English Channel to the millions murdered in concentration camps. We must remember them.

Closer to home, how do we mark the loss of a cuddle with a grandchild, the nursing homes closed to visitors, the cancelled wedding or baptism, the missed holiday.....?

Should we mark and remember species eradicated through human activity?

When we gather to remember Jesus in the bread and the wine, a meal he asked us to share in remembrance of him, we are restoring the body of Christ and rebuilding a Christ centred community for our time. Weekly we honour the message brought to the world 2,000 years ago and share the stories stored up from those times.

As, in Chaldon we gather up, remember, and squirrel away for the winter months – can we honour those without a safe place to gather and remember, either because their minds are too numb or their surroundings too fragile?

May our prayers and our giving this month honour those on the periphery of our vision, and may our acts of worship give space at the centre for those pushed to the edges by structures devoid of compassion. Throughout this month of remembrance may our little church and our humble lives shine the light of the gospel, which is a light of love and compassion, and is Good News for the world. *Rev Helen*



## November Services at St Peter and St Paul Church

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30am Pop Up All Saints Eucharist(O)  
3pm Pop Up All Souls Service (O) with an opportunity for prayer inside the church.
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Mid- week Eucharist (please book)
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30am Remembrance Service( O)
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Mid- week Eucharist (please book)
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30am Service of Lament and Loss in a time of Covid with Holy Communion in the churchyard (O)
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Mid- week Eucharist (please book)
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30am Pop Up Service Christ the King (O)
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Mid- week Eucharist (please book)
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30am Advent Service of Readings and Music (please book)  
11.30am Advent Service of Readings and Music (please book)
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** 10.30am Mid- week Eucharist (please book)  
(O) indicates outdoor service please bring a chair  
**Please book services email Alison**  
**pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk**

## Remembrance Day for Lost Species

<https://www.lostspeciesday.org/>

Last year we held a requiem for Lost Species and built a Cairn for Lost Species this year you are invited to make a prayer flag for a lost species which will be used to create a larger piece that will hang in our church and elsewhere to mark our grief at the loss of biodiversity. The prayer flag is simply a piece of material with words and pictures drawn or sewn – this is not a competition, it is simply an opportunity to research and remember species that have been diminished or threatened with extinction because of human activity and to make visible our concern for the loss of biodiversity both locally and globally. Simply make your flag and leave it at the church or hand it to me at a service.



Food for the Caterham Foodbank and Nightwatch (tins of soup) may be left in a box in the porch of the church.

## Churchyard tidy up!

**Sunday 15th November**  
**from 12 - 3pm**



Come and join us.

Bring your own refreshments & tools if you wish.

## Friends of Chaldon Church & the Chaldon History Group

**Chaldon Church Bells**  
**a seven century illustrated history**  
**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm**

For more details  
please see Friends website

[www.friendsofchaldonchurch.org](http://www.friendsofchaldonchurch.org)

## Knitted Nativity



Chaldon Church is hoping to knit 2 sets of figures for a nativity scene – one for us and one for Southwark Cathedral!

The set consists of 8 adult figures, 3 animals and baby Jesus. They are made with size 10 (3 ¼ mm) needles and double knitting yarn.

The shop on Caterham High Street has a good range of colours in an inexpensive yarn, ideal for knitting 'toys'.

If you can help with this project, please contact Angela: 01883 345809 or [angelacharlton1943@gmail.com](mailto:angelacharlton1943@gmail.com)

## Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6.30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Evening Prayer with music will be offered on Zoom on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week for 30 mins & will be hosted Rev Helen, Rev Sara or Leslie, our Lay Reader.

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

The password is unchanged but if you require it please email: [vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk)

## Caterham Churches Together

**November's Wednesday Morning Prayer**  
8.30am at United Reform Church, Caterham

Contact Rev. Helen Burnett on 01883 330057, email: [vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk)  
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