

St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

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Christingle by Jill Clark

50 years ago I was leading Junior Church at St Luke's, Whyteleafe and this was to be the first time that a Christingle service had been held in England.



I had to explain to the children what it was about and what we would do in the service. This is what I told them – in simple language:

The origin of the name is believed to be a combination of the words 'Christ – kind!', a German dialect expression meaning 'Christmas gift'. It was first developed in Europe in the 1700s, becoming very popular in Moravia (today part of the Czech Republic), from where it spread to the United Kingdom 50 years ago.

The Christingle is made from an orange – representing the world. A red ribbon is tied around its 'equator', representing the blood of our Saviour's sacrifice. A candle is placed in the top which, when lit, represents Jesus, the Light of the World. Various sweets and dried fruits are pressed into the orange (on four tooth-picks!). They represent all the good things which come from our God – the four sticks being the four seasons.

In the days before Christmas, parents and children decorate the oranges ready for the Christingle service, usually held on Christmas Eve. After the service, the Christingle is taken home and the candle lit again on Christmas Day to remind everyone of the importance of Jesus in our world. However, most of the sweets never seem to last until Christmas Day!

A collection is taken at the Christingle Service which is given to the Children's Society to further their valuable work. They have done much to popularise the service, right from its beginning in the UK. I am happy to say St Peter and St Paul's congregation have always been very generous and supportive to the work of this important charity – last year the Children's Society supported over 11,000 vulnerable children and young people throughout this country with a number of projects.

Over the years it has become a very popular service for children and adults at Chaldon. This year there will be two Christingle services, one at 4pm and another at 6pm.

Happy Christingle to all who will attend.

ALL AGE TOY SERVICE SUN 16th DECEMBER

An opportunity for the giving of gifts to Welcare for families in need. Donations of new developmental & activity toys, books and crafts for children aged 0 – 7, toys to remain unwrapped. Suitable gifts for teenagers and parents. Supermarket voucher in £5 denominations. Please no cuddly toys or electrical items.



Christmas at Chaldon

Sunday 2nd Dec Advent Sunday

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.15am Advent Antiphons

Sunday 16th Dec Advent 3

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.15am All Age Toy Service & Nativity
Collection for Welcare

Monday 24th Dec Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle service
6.00pm Christingle service
Collections for Children's Society
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
Collection for CRISIS

Tuesday 25th Dec Christmas Day

10.00am Family Eucharist
Collection for CRISIS

Sun 30th Dec 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.15am Eucharist

If you need to contact a member of clergy please telephone our Curate, Rev. Helen Burnett, on 01737 243606 or Email: stpeterandstpaulschurch@gmail.com

**Caterham Churches Together
MORNING PRAYER 8.30am**

In December on Wednesday mornings they are meeting at St Mary's, Caterham.

Date for your Diary: Wed 12th Dec

They will be wrapping presents and signing cards for the Churches Together Christmas Lunch after Morning Prayer on Wednesday 12th please come and along help - many hands make light work

**Advent Antiphons
Sunday Dec 2nd 11.15am**

This service of words and music is a powerful beginning for the Advent season.

Our musicians work long and hard to provide an extraordinary musical feast of a quality that belies their numbers and the size of our tiny church.

Please try to earmark this date and support them by joining us for our Annual Advent Antiphons.

**Forest Church at Chaldon
December 2nd at 11.15am**

Junior Church – Come along and enjoy our beautiful churchyard and see the glory of God in nature.

Please always come prepared for the great British weather.

**Advent Meditations at 12 noon
Tuesday 11 & 18th December**

At St Peter and St Paul's 12 noon - 12.30pm. Open to everyone, they will offer an opportunity for silent contemplation, to step outside the Christmas rush and focus on the miracle of new birth.

The Hazell Room will be available afterwards for sharing lunch, tea, coffee and chat.

Services During December

Sunday 2nd Dec Advent 1

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.15am Antiphons and Mossy Church

Sunday 9th Dec Advent 2

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.15am Eucharist & Junior Church

Sunday 16th Dec Advent 3

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.15am All Age Toy Service & Nativity

Sunday 23rd Dec Advent 4

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.15am Matins & Junior Church

Monday 24th Dec Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle
6.00pm Christingle
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th Dec Christmas Day

10.00am Eucharist

Sunday 30th Dec 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00am BCP Eucharist
11.15am Eucharist

On Thursday mornings all are welcome to our
10.30am Eucharist
No services on 27th Dec or 3rd Jan.

FRIENDS OF CHALDON CHURCH
St Peter & St Paul's Church
Chaldon, CR3 5AL



Organ Recital

**Sat 12th January 2019
at 2.00pm**

by Mr Jeffrey Gray

Tea and cakes will be available
Tickets £5 per person at the church door
All proceeds will go towards the church fabric repair fund

READERS ROTA

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2nd December		
Antiphons -Advent 1		
9th December		
Advent 2	Angela Charlton	Janet Simon
16th December		
Advent 3	Peter Taylor	Rosalie Taylor
23rd December		
Advent 4	Ted Howard	Debbie Chamberlayne
30th December		
1 st Sunday of Christmas	Lorraine Elliott	Mark Oswald

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our Zimbabwe Link Parish, St Matthew's, Gweru
The sick: Pete Adkins, Pat Johnson and those who care for them,
The bereaved and the departed.

Prayer Group

June Barber is looking for people to join her in holding in private prayer those in our community who would like to be prayed for on a regular basis. If you feel you could join her in this vital part of our ministry in Chaldon please contact June or Rev Helen.