

# St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019 Edition



## Upcoming Events Please Save the Date

Saturday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride

Saturday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Pre Advent Quiet Day at Worth Abbey

Saturday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Requiem for Lost Species at 11am Chaldon Church

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play Chaldon

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

September marks new beginnings for our children and young people as the academic year gets under way. Young adults set off to university and schoolchildren settle into new classes. These changes bring challenges and we all know how much support can be needed to nurture our youngsters as they navigate new places and faces and lay the foundations of their learning; by this time next year they will have made new friends and learnt new things.

All of which makes me wonder how open we are, as adults, to change and to learning.....

When our parish pilgrims set off for Canterbury last May they were all accepting a challenge and trying something very new, by the end of the week we were all changed and we had formed friendships that were deeper than those based on weekly encounters over a coffee at the end of the Sunday service.

Jesus called his disciples to a very new way of living and to new friendships that would be formed out of intense experiences together. He did not instruct anyone to work in isolation, he called his followers to step out together, to share food together, to walk together and to learn new things together.

When we do this, we deepen our bonds as church, when we learn together, read together, pray together, eat together, learn new things together, we become a stronger more vibrant more deeply connected community and as such we can then reach out to our wider community more powerfully. People will look into our places of worship and see something alive and attractive that might in turn encourage them to try something new, to join in.....this is what discipleship can look like and we have so much on offer this autumn that can draw us together and help us reach out to others.

We start the month with a **BBQ for food and fun**.

Every **Wednesday** we meet to pray with our neighbouring churches -come along at **8.30am to Sacred Heart**.

In November we can be quiet together and learn new approaches to prayer when we spend a day at **Worth Abbey**.

On **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** we have the opportunity to learn how to deliver bible stories into our local schools through the **Open the Book** initiative.

Throughout the coming year we can study scripture together through our **'Make the Road by Walking'** sessions.

Learn more about foodbanks in our next **Churches Together Social** on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Some of this may involve stepping outside our comfort zones, just like the walkers did last May, but unless we do so, we cannot build the foundations that will lead to deeper relationships with each other, with our communities and ultimately with God.

So, while we focus on new school terms for our children, grandchildren and friends maybe we can consider what new steps we might dare to take this autumn, what new friendships we might forge, what new skills we might acquire.

A new term is exciting but it can also make us a little anxious – but when walk together with each other and with God alongside us at all times – then we can do it.....

*"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."* Ephesians 5:15-17

*Rev Helen*

**If you would like to join our 2019 joint parishes pilgrimage then save the following dates:  
May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Chaldon to Winchester.**

## Services During September

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
11.00am All Age Eucharist

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
11.00am Eucharist & Junior Church

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
11.00am Eucharist & Junior Church

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
11.00am Matins & **MOSSY Church**

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
11.00am Eucharist & Junior Church

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

### Refreshing Church St Bede's School, Redhill Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 4pm

Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference 2019

Tickets for only £10 can be ordered from Richard  
Goatcher email: [stlukeswhyteleafe@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeswhyteleafe@gmail.com)

### Open the Book'

Following a visit from Kerry Evans from Open The Book, we are keen to help to spread God's word into our local schools using the medium of story telling - and everyone can get involved!

Please take a look at the following website inc video

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book>

Our vision is for both of our churches, and others from the local community to form at least one team that can go into schools in our area and present the stories of the Bible in an interactive way. (The website explains it better!)

There is a training session booked at St Luke's on Monday 23rd September 10am - 2.30pm for anyone interested in joining in - no commitment necessary at this stage.

No experience necessary either!

Please let Rev Annie, Rev Helen or Rev Sara know if you would like to come on 23rd.

### Churches Together and Caterham Foodbank Oct 3rd 7.30 - 9.30pm

#### Sacred Heart Old Hall, Essendene Road

Churches Together & Caterham Foodbank, come along for an introduction to the work of the Caterham Foodbank with a presentation on the Trussell Trust  
Wine and Nibbles provided.

### 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.

### Caterham Churches Together MORNING PRAYER 8.30am

In September on Wednesday mornings they are meeting at the Sacred Heart, Caterham.

### Confirmation Candidates & Enquirers Class Hazell Room Chaldon

#### Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 5pm

Rev Helen is offering an afternoon of discussion and teaching for those wishing to go forward for confirmation or for those wishing to learn more about the meaning of the Eucharist within the context of our faith and worship.

#### Confirmation Service

#### Saturday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at Southwark Cathedral

Please contact Rev Helen for further details.

### Saturday September 28th 10 am till 1 pm

Come and help plan for the future mission of the church in Chaldon.

In an interactive session led by Deanery Mission Officer Rev James Ashton we will be discussing and planning for the next exciting 3 years of our church life.

All who worship at St Peter and St Paul's either occasionally or regularly are welcome to come and listen, learn and contribute.

We will finish with a shared lunch.

### Sept 22nd Car Free Sunday

We are all invited to try to get to church without driving - can you car share/walk/cycle on this day?

Rev Helen will be attempting to get to the 8 o'clock BCP without her car!

### FRIENDS OF CHALDON CHURCH EVENT

## QUIZ NIGHT



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Doors open at 7.30 for 8.00pm start**

St Peter and St Paul's School,  
93 Rook Lane, Chaldon, CR3 5BN

Teams of six to eight people, bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles

Tickets £5 in advance  
from Janet Payne 01883 330785 or email  
[paynejanet69@gmail.com](mailto:paynejanet69@gmail.com)

Book early to avoid disappointment!!

Proceeds will go towards the repair & maintenance of Chaldon Church