



# St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

September 2020 Edition



## Changing times and Creationtide

*"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature ... on Earth."*

Genesis 9:9-10

*"our primary reality.. the subtle & universal reservoir of all life, the wellspring of all possibility, and the source of all meaning."*

physicist David Bohm [1917–1992]

'Creationtide' or the 'Season of Creation' is the period in the annual church calendar dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The theme for the Season of Creation 2020 is Jubilee for the Earth. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from exploitation, and to restore ecosystems and people.

We are part of a single, wondrously complex web of life that is woven by God. Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family celebrates the good gift of creation. This global celebration began in 1989 with the Ecumenical Patriarchate's recognition of the day of prayer for creation and is now embraced by the wide ecumenical community

'Climate Sunday' will also be launched during the Season of Creation. In the year leading up to the UN global climate change talks in November 2021 (COP26), we'll be encouraging churches to hold a special Climate Sunday service or event, to make a commitment to tackle climate change, and to raise their voices to call on world leaders to do the same.

The 3 paragraphs that open this letter are excerpts from the Church of England website and explain better than I can the new season that has been added to the Church calendar. This will be the first year that St Peter and St Paul's and St Luke's have adopted the season although of course we have focused upon creation in many and varied ways in the past.

In Chaldon we have been made particularly aware of our natural surroundings recently because we have been literally sitting in the grass and among the insects as we worship!

I know that many of you have enjoyed the open-air services and I have been both surprised and deeply moved by the way in which you have embraced the changes in our gatherings brought about by Covid 19 regulations. I am so thrilled by the way people have stepped up to new roles and embraced new ideas as we have sought to find a way to gather safely.

The outdoor services will continue until at least October 11<sup>th</sup> and may well form a part of our regular calendar going forward. Please read down through this letter to get FULL DETAILS of all services both on line and offline.

Although I will be taking a break from parish ministry in order to lead an inter faith Earth Vigil and then to take holiday with my family you will remain in my prayers and I look forward to returning to lead you in our worship on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ZOOM PRAYERS

Throughout the past 6 months Evening Prayer and Night Prayer has been offered online via Zoom. This does not suit everyone but a small dedicated group have come to value the opportunity to worship together during the week.

In order to be able to continue to offer online prayers and to help others to access them the ministry team will be meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to put together a calendar of prayer for the Autumn and Winter.

**The first online prayers after 30<sup>th</sup> August will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm** prayers for week beginning Sept 27<sup>th</sup> tbc

A calendar for online prayers will be issued by the end of September.

*Rev Helen*

## Services at St Peter and St Paul's August 30<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	BCP fully booked (will be recorded)
	10.30am	Outdoor Pop Up Back to School Service celebrating education and learning.
	9.30pm	Zoom Night Prayer
<b>Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	BCP fully booked – no recording
	9.30am	Eucharist at St Luke's – space for all
	11am	Livestreamed from the cathedral (see below)
<b>Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	BCP fully booked – no recording
	9.30am	Eucharist at St Luke's – space for all
	11am	Livestreamed from the cathedral (see below)
<b>Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	BCP Eucharist (will be recorded)
	10.30am	Creationtide Pop Up Eucharist with baptism (outside)
<b>Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	BCP Eucharist – please book (will be recorded)
	10.30am	Creationtide Pop Up Service (outside)
<b>Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8 am	BCP Eucharist – please book (will be recorded)
	10.30am	Harvest Festival Eucharist (outside) followed by picnic and music
<b>Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Eucharist (inside or outside TBC)
<b>Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup></b>	8 am	BCP Eucharist – please book (will be recorded)
	10.30am	Climate Sunday Service (outside)

Cathedral Live Streaming

Sunday Eucharist at 11am, Morning Prayer daily at 9am and Evening Prayer daily at 8pm.

<https://www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/worship/streaming-and-videos/live-service-stream/>



### SEASON OF CREATION

For more information about Creationtide please see the link below

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>



Janet, Shelagh and friends are taking part in the 2020 Ride & Stride Corona Special on Saturday 12th September, organised by Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.

They will walk approximately twelve miles, visiting all of the churches in the Caterham Team. The event will raise money for both the Trust and for Chaldon's ancient church, with half the money that we raise going to each.

To donate please go to

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chaldons2020](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chaldons2020)

This year, with the church being closed for so long, your sponsorship is even more important. The church has lost income from services and fund-raising events and the building has deteriorated when not in use.

Thank you for your support.

### Friends of Chaldon Church

#### New Website

[www.friendsofchaldonchurch.co.uk](http://www.friendsofchaldonchurch.co.uk)

The website for the Friends of Chaldon Church has now been launched.

Please take a look at their new website and become a Friend.

### Caterham Churches Together

#### September's Wednesday Morning Prayer

8.30am at

St Paul's Church Woldingham



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



@2vicars2church

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