



St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

November 2021

As many of you know Rev Helen has been taking part in the Camino to COP26 pilgrimage over the last couple of months. She has now arrived safely in Glasgow for COP26.

The Guardian newspaper picked up her story as part of the COP26 story here is an excerpt of her story along with a link to the whole article.

The Rev Helen Burnett, vicar of St Peter and St Paul's Church in Chaldon, Surrey, helped organise the pilgrimage. As a Christian, she says she believes she must act now to fulfil her calling to "love thy neighbour" and care for vulnerable people. Inadvertently channelling Forrest Gump, Burnett led a Sunday service at her parish and then just kept walking. She was able to join the pilgrims for about half the time, yo-yoing up and down so she could spend the other half fulfilling duties in her parish.

She was moved to walk because she believes more and more people are discovering God is in nature, not a building: "So many people, when you ask when they feel most connected to God will say 'on top of a mountain' or 'when I'm in a garden', and I think that's really powerful. That was part of the Celtic tradition and the history of the church is we've sort of domesticated God and popped him inside a nice, sanitised box, but people find God in the outside world." A few of her parishioners joined her on the walk.



Photograph:
Yaz Ashmawi/Camino to Cop26

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Communities the group passed through were surprised and delighted to see them, and some people applauded them as they passed, she says. "I've been thanked by construction workers, people at the school gates. They've just thanked us. Ordinary people walking has a sort of resonance."

For the 62-year-old, walking also means praying. "We now have doctors and science but we still find we resolve things by walking and praying," she says, "it still seems to resonate, for people of faith and no faith, because you are stripping away the accretions of normal life ... and only carrying what you need with you."



Photograph Helena Smith/Camino to Cop26

She recently did a mini pilgrimage from Vauxhall station to Southwark Cathedral in south London. She says wandering without solely focusing on getting to the destination meant she saw more, such as the River Thames, marine mammal rescue teams, the Covid memorial wall. She believes that by walking towards a sacred place you are creating change within yourself – and it is important not to be busy when you do it.

For her, the climate and ecological emergency will mean we need to get rid of a lot of "stuff", and the changes will be greater than any other change her parishioners have undergone. "They know in their heart of hearts that something is up but it's so huge they don't know what to do. And they've got to carry on their lives, and life is busy anyway."

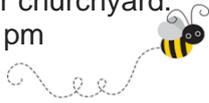
Burnett feels as a religious leader she has to speak out: "Politicians want to get back into power, but speaking out as religious leaders we have less to lose." She has previously been arrested for failing to move off Lambeth Bridge during a climate crisis protest in the capital.

Full Article:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/oct/31/they-would-walk-500-miles-meet-the-cop26-pilgrims-who-got-to-glasgow-on-foot-aoe>

Churchyard Busy Bees

Come and help in our churchyard.
9.30am – 1pm



Dec 11th Clearing leaves plus decorating
the church.



Services at Chaldon Church in November

Sunday Services

8am BCP Service

10.30am Sunday Service

7th Nov Eucharist In Church

14th Nov Remembrance Day Service of the Word

21st Nov Pop Up Outdoor Eucharist

28th Nov Advent Readings and Carols (Antiphons) in Church

Thursday Service

10.30am Said Eucharist Service

Evening Prayer in November

Postponed until 18th Nov

Zoom at 6.30pm on Thursdays & Fridays

Zoom :

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

Please email vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk
for password

Caterham Church Together

Wednesday Morning Prayer

in November 8.30am

at Caterham Community Church,
Caterham, CR3 5NF



Friends of Chaldon Church Quiz Night Friday 26th November

Doors open 7.30 for 8.00 pm start
Chaldon Village Hall, 95 Rook Lane, CR3 5BN

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

Limited tables available due to spacing

Tickets £5 in advance from
Janet Payne 07967 343329 paynejanet69@gmail.com

*The room will be well ventilated so please dress appropriately.
Please bring a face covering for when you are not sat at your table*



With Christmas approaching please sign up and use **easyfundraising**.

It's easy to use and you can raise money for Chaldon Church every time you shop online with over 4400 shops and sites and it won't cost you a penny extra.

Sites include all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, Waterstones, Just Eat and many more!

Just open the link below and sign up today

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterstpaulchurchchaldon>

We already have 55 supporters but would love to have some more.

ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S SCHOOL PTA NEWS

ADVENT CANDLES

The PTA are currently selling Christmas Advent Candles. They are beautifully decorated and will make the countdown to Christmas even more personal.

All profits will go directly back to the school to help enhance the lives of the children that attend.

You can buy your candle via the school's website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterstpaul

TESCO BLUE TOKENS

The PTA are delighted to announce that our application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme has been successful.

Voting will commence in store from 1st October and continue to 31st December 2021.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Remember to ask for your tokens & checkout!

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting.
CATERHAM, WHYTELEAFE, REDHILL and EDENBRIDGE

