



St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter



October 2021

'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'

Ecclesiastes 3.v.1.

People are very fond of this passage which is often chosen for funerals and lists a series of contrasting actions that come within the seasons of our lives or maybe within the life of the world.

When I used this at a funeral recently one line jumped out: *'a time to keep silence, and a time to speak'*

Ecclesiastes 3 .v.7.

In this church season of Creationtide and this civic season of preparations for COP 26 it is time to speak.

Many of you reading this will already know how strongly I feel about the need for immediate action on climate change.

Question - What has that to do with Christianity?

Answer- Everything

Why? Because of Jesus words which give us this frighteningly simple instruction: *'Love your neighbour as yourself'*

Mark.12.v.31.

Our climate is altering in dangerous and life threatening ways as a result of the lifestyle of the minority world of which we are a part but it is our neighbours in the majority world which is sometimes referred to as the global south, that suffers most as a result of climate change.

So as Christians called to love our neighbour how are we living that out if our western lifestyles are harming our neighbour?

The answer is we are not - unless we are prepared to engage with issues of climate justice.

Going back to that civic season of preparing for COP 26 the 26th Conference of the Parties on Climate Change, unless we are in one of the delegations we feel pretty powerless.

BUT we have the Christian season of Creationtide within which we are equipped by prayer, reflection and worship.

We worship God authentically when we know him/her/them truly and treasure him/her/them duly. The word "worship" refers to that valuing, that inner valuing, and that inner valuing becomes visible in the world in two basic ways in the New Testament.

One is acts of the mouth: acts of praise and repentance in worship services or small group gatherings (that's us in church and churchyard).

The other is acts of love with the body and the hands and the feet: acts of love that show the supreme value of God by what we are willing to sacrifice for the good of others (that's us in our daily lives).

This was the theology of the first followers of Christ – they worshipped in home groups and did their acts of love in the world. Our worship should sustain us do works of love in the world.

Right now, the world needs all the love it can get – many refer to COP 26 as our 'last best chance' now is the time to act in love for our neighbours – a time to SPEAK.

Who needs to hear the message of love and repentance? Anyone you engage can with: your MP, your village council, your county council, your family, your friends, your Rotary Club, your Pilates class, your pub quiz group, parents at the school gate, colleagues.

This crisis needs that gospel message of justice and love more than any time before in your life

Now is the time to speak -so worship, come to the cathedral with me on Oct 23rd, read, research, write letters, make adjustments to your own lifestyle, if you have savings or pensions check where they are invested.

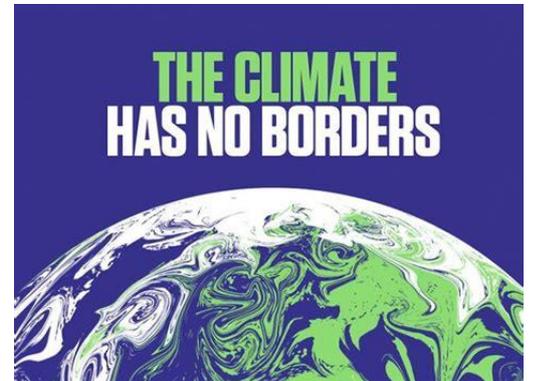
Our deeds affect our neighbours, our words and actions can open hearts, our world needs to turn.

Now is the season to speak because this is *the matter under heaven* for our time.

<https://faithfortheclimate.org.uk/>
<https://greenchristian.org.uk/>

<https://greenfaith.org/faiths4climatejustice/>
<https://laudatosimovement.org/>

Revd Helen



Churchyard Busy Bees



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

Oct 30th Weeding graves and clearing ivy from walls in the churchyard area with the shed.

Dec 11th Clearing leaves plus decorating the church.



Services at Chaldon Church in October

Sunday Services

8am BCP Service

10.30am Sunday Service

10th Oct Outdoor Pop Up Service of the Word

17th Oct Outdoor Pop Up Eucharist

24th Oct Eucharist in Church

31st Oct Matins in Church

3pm 31st October All Souls Memorial Service

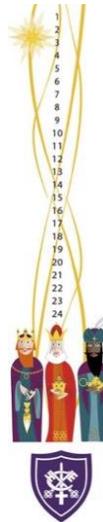
Thursday Service

10.30am Said Eucharist Service

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

All Souls Memorial Service

31st October 2021 at 3pm



Chaldon's All Souls Memorial Service will be held on **Sunday 31st October at 3pm**. During the service, we read out the names of those we wish to be remembered and you are invited to lay a flower in their memory.

If you have names you would like to be read out please contact Alison Pannett our Parish Administrator by e-mail (see details below), please note that names of the departed can be read out even if you cannot attend the service in person. Email: pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk

Caterham Church Together Wednesday Morning Prayer in October 8.30am

at St Paul's Church, Woldingham

Evening Prayer in October

Zoom at 6.30pm on Thursdays & Fridays

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

Please email vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk for password

Space, words, silence, songs, creative prayer stations for the climate in Southwark Cathedral the Saturday before the COP26 Conference start

Members of congregations across the deanery, including our own church will be meeting Rev Helen on Saturday 23rd October at 11am at Vauxhall Station in the spirit of pilgrimage to walk to the cathedral please let Rev Helen know if you plan to join.

Please note you do need to book tickets below for the service.

There is a limit of 300 tickets, but there is a hope to be able to release further tickets closer to the time.

The event will also be livestreamed on the day to enable those who aren't able to join us at the Cathedral to pray and reflect with us.

TO BOOK TICKETS

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-vigil-for-cop26-climate-conference-tickets-152732774841>

**VIGIL FOR
COP26**

The Planet needs our prayers

