



# St Peter & St Paul's

## Chaldon Newsletter

### October 2020 Edition



*Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—  
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,  
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;  
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn  
Among the river swallows, borne aloft  
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;  
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;  
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft  
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;  
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.*

Ode to Autumn, v.3. Keats

*To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven*  
Ecclesiastes.3.v.1



As the writer of Ecclesiastes and as John Keats relate in their different ways – the seasons have a pattern and each brings their own challenge.

You may well be wondering what this season will bring, what the next few months will bring.... what can we be sure of ? The world feels very uncertain right now, as I sit trying to imagine new ways for us to gather for worship through the winter months, but one thing is quite clear, the seasons will come and go and the church calendar will unfold as always. We will celebrate 'All Saints' and 'All Souls', we will mark the season of Advent, and one way or another we will celebrate Christmas, so maybe I need to lose less sleep, hold tight to God and learn that although I am at the mercy of the weather, that I cannot know where the wind and rain will blow, that somehow by the grace of God 'all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well'

Like all good gardeners and farmers we must of course do the work required to ensure the flourishing of the land or gifts that we have at our disposal and make good preparations for the changing seasons. Even though we cannot control the vagaries of the weather, the impact of Covid, the American election, mass unemployment, the behaviour of our government, we can still make reasonable plans and then step out in hope and hold fast to God. Our faith teaches that God's love endures through all of time, in the great scheme of things our current adversity is a blip.

*I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.* Ecclesiastes.3.v.14

Holding fast to go is easier in community, so together we will walk through the coming months; whether we laugh together, pray together, weep together, get cold and wet together we will stay in our place and support our parish even if we can't all fit into our building !

Recent research has told us what we already knew – that to experience wonder and awe is good for our well being- so I hope that you can find the awesome in the small things, the robin, the seasonal changes. That sense of awe comes from God and stretches our minds to contemplate the presence of God in our world.....read Keats, read Ecclesiastes, watch the flight of the swallows, gather for worship in our church yard, look out for the robin on the tombstones.

The robin and swallow at the top of this newsletter are a reminder that the robin's place is to stay and the swallows place is to leave. For this season most of us will be like the robin staying and surviving the winter, sure in the knowledge that the song of spring **will** return, and I hope that together we will discern God's purpose for ourselves and our church in these challenging times.

*Rev Helen*

## Evening Prayer on Zoom Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 6.30pm

From Tuesday 6th October at 6.30pm  
Evening Prayer with music will be offered on Zoom on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week for 30 mins & will be hosted Rev Helen, Rev Sara or Leslie, our Lay Reader

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82053753781?>  
The password is unchanged but if you require it please email [vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk) or [pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk)

## Churchyard tidy up!

**Sunday 15th November  
from 12 - 3pm**



Come and join us.  
Bring your own refreshments & tools if you wish.



## Well Done £750 raised Fantastic Result



On a bright and sunny Saturday morning in September, ten people gathered at Chaldon church to join in the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust Ride and Stride event. We planned a route of twelve miles, visiting all of the team churches.

We ate our distanced picnic lunch in the peaceful graveyard at St Agatha's in Woldingham. Later we rewarded ourselves with a rest stop beside the deer park at Worlds End, to enjoy the peaceful sound of Martin's recorder. Despite the strenuous hilly route, everybody made it to the end and enjoyed the beautiful countryside along the way.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors for their generous support.



### October Services at St Peter and St Paul Church

- Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** 8am BCP Communion (please book)  
10.30am Harvest Festival inc Eucharist (O)
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>** 10.30 am Mid Week Eucharist (please book)
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30 am Climate Sunday Service (O)
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am mid-week Eucharist (please book)
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30 am Pop Up Eucharist (O)
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10.30 am mid-week Eucharist (please book)
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** Clocks change  
8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30am Pop Up Service of the Word (O)
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>** 10.30 mid- week Eucharist (please book)
- Sun Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist (please book)  
10.30 am Pop Up All Saints Eucharist (O)  
3.30pm Pop UP All Souls Service (O)

(O) indicates outdoor service please bring a chair  
**Please book services email Alison  
[pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk)**

### Friends of Chaldon Church & the Chaldon History Group

**Chaldon Church Bells  
a seven century illustrated history  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm**

For more details  
please see Friends website

[www.friendsofchaldonchurch.org](http://www.friendsofchaldonchurch.org)

### All Souls Service 2020 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 3.30pm

In order to be able to accommodate anyone who would like to come, our All Soul's Service it will take place in the Churchyard. To adapt to the setting it will be slightly shorter and we will use recorded music. Letters will be going out in the first weeks of October inviting you to submit the names of those you would like to hear read out.

### Caterham Churches Together

**October's Wednesday Morning Prayer  
8.30am at St Mary's, Caterham**

Contact Rev. Helen Burnett on 01883 330057, email: [vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk)  
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