

St Peter & St Paul's, Chaldon Newsletter

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There has been a lot of talk in St Peter & St Paul's, Chaldon and St Luke's, Whyteleafe about the future of the two parishes and the future of the Caterham Team, indeed we have been invited by the powers that be, to use the vacancy as a time for reflection on how we envision the future in this place. There are many layers to this discussion and many different opinions but what is clear is that the majority of people like to feel they belong to a parish and that parishes like to have their own priest!

On May 6th we celebrated Rogation Sunday and blessed the land outside our churches, we planted seeds in a spirit of hope for the future both locally and globally and then two weeks later we celebrated Pentecost and the sending out of the disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are now in a period of 'ordinary time' in the church calendar with no big festivals it is a time when we focus

on the short period of Jesus ministry on earth, a ministry that was deeply embedded in place. Jesus worked in a setting that he knew well, he knew the history of his community, he knew the geography of the place, and he knew the background to the faith of the people of Galilee and the tensions between them. He walked everywhere and his teaching happened in ordinary places with ordinary people. We know from the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters they wrote that some of the women and men who were filled with the spirit at Pentecost formed new communities in new places and we hear in their accounts some of the tensions and dilemmas they encountered. In spite of the difficulties, the basis of their ministry was always in their locality and was always informed by their lived experiences, their impact continued to be in their encounters with others. It is the same for us, in our local communities, in our ancient parishes, this is where our immediate effect will be as we walk the streets of Whyteleafe and Chaldon, travel on the bus or on the train, shop in the supermarket, wait at the school gate, sit on the committee meeting, wait in the doctor's surgery, walk the dog, weed the churchyard, serve the coffee, sing the hymns.....wherever we find ourselves we can live out the enduring message left to us in the gospel that we are to love our neighbour as ourselves. Yes, we have our limits but we know our people, our places and our spaces and we know them best in the ordinary things, in the ordinary places, in the day to day encounters. Within our congregations and communities, we each have a ministry to live out, some ministry is more invisible than visible but wherever our words and actions bring change for the better, wherever they affect lives and places for the good of the one and the many, then we are walking in the footsteps of Jesus, and in a time of change we do that by putting one foot in front of the other and keeping on with the walking!

That is what I will be doing over the coming months of the vacancy and I feel hugely privileged to be doing my walking with all of you wonderful people in the wonderful parishes of Whyteleafe and Chaldon.

God Bless You All,

Rev Helen

Watering

If you are around the church yard please check our wildflower patch and please water if it is looking dry.



PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

16th June Edison Jackson

Funeral

15th June Patricia Anne Crothers May

Wedding

30th June Natalie Gill & Jamie Holland

Pilgrimage 2019

Following an ancient tradition and an ancient pilgrim path, members of the congregation are invited to join in walking all or some of the way from Chaldon to Canterbury.

Further details will be in the August Newsletter but meanwhile save the dates: Departing after church on Sunday May 12th, arriving in Canterbury Friday May 17th.

Further details from Rev Helen or Lorraine Elliott

MORNING PRAYER 8.30am

At 8.30am on Wednesday Morning all members of Caterham Churches are welcome to join the Caterham Churches Together Morning Prayer.

In July they are meeting at Caterham United Reform Church led by Methodist Minister Kathy Flynn and in August at Chaldon Church.

Greenbelt Aug 24th -27th from Rev Helen

This is a 4 day festival of faith, music, art and peace and justice. I have had to miss the festival for the last 3 years but will be back in my tent this year. It is a place where I find food for my soul and there is fun for all the family. If you think you might like to give it a try it is perfect for all ages and families, just grab me for a chat and I'll fill you in or look online at: www.greenbelt.org.uk

MOSSY CHURCH

For two Thursdays in August we will be offering **Mossy Church** - Chaldon's very own 'Forest Church'

Come along and join us for our weekday mid-morning eucharist followed by outdoor activities and a picnic lunch.

Where: St Peter and St Paul's Chaldon

When: Thursday August 9th
Thursday August 16th
10.30am to lunchtime.

Contact Rev Helen for more details.

Services During July

Sunday 1st July PATRONAL FESTIVAL

8.00am Matins

11.15am All Age Eucharist

Sunday 8th July 6th Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Matins

11.15am Eucharist

Sunday 15th July 7th Sunday After Trinity

8.00am BCP Eucharist

11.15am Eucharist

Sunday 22nd July 8th Sunday After Trinity

8.00am BCP Eucharist

11.15am Matins

Sunday 29th July 9th Sunday After Trinity

8.00am BCP Eucharist

11.15am Eucharist

Please note that there will be no mid week communion during July BUT the Thursday 10.30am Eucharist will run through August with extra activities for children on August 9th and 16th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

1. Christopher, Bishop of Southwark and Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon.
2. The Caterham Team Ministry and all its clergy.
3. Our Zimbabwe Link Parish, St Matthew's, Gweru
4. The sick: Colin and Denise Le Geyt, Pete Adkins, Michael Gill, Ruth Main
Also for those who care for them, and the bereaved.
5. The departed: :Remembering Patricia May, Maija Bergs and Marie Webb



READERS ROTA

	Gospel	New/Old Testament
1st July 2018	Matthew 16 v 13 – 19	
PATRONAL FESTIVAL	Joe/Billy	
8 th July 2018	Mark 6, 1-13	2 Corinthians 12, 2-10
6 th Sunday of Trinity	Lorraine Elliott	Vivienne Sterry
15 th July 2018	Mark 6, 14-29	Ephesians 1, 3-14
7 th Sunday of Trinity	Pat Johnson	June Milliams
22 nd July 2018	Mark 6, 30-34, 53-end	Ephesians 2, 11-end
8 th Sunday of Trinity	Angela Charlton	Janet Simon
29 th July 2018	John 6, 1-21	Ephesians 3, 14-end
9 th Sunday of Trinity	Lorraine Elliott	John Gilbert

Chaldon Church GDPR

At the back of Church there are envelopes relating to GDPR please can everyone take one and return ASAP. There should be a named envelope for all if you do not find an envelope for yourself please speak to the churchwardens.

St Mary's Caterham Summer Holiday Club

The club is for children of primary school age and will run during the first week of August, children are expected to attend the whole week from Monday July 30th to Friday August 3rd Booking forms are now available from St Marys Parish Office tel: 01883 348751 . Book early to avoid disappointment.