

# St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

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## Easter Reflection

As we move into April we will be still in Lent and moving towards Holy Week.

If you took away a Lent in a Bag last month you will have been able to take a rock out and hold it in prayer as you reflect upon the rocks in your own life that may need to be transformed, here in her poem 'Good Friday' Christina Rossetti uses the same image of a rock as she appeals to God to seek her out like a lost sheep and open up her heart to the anguish of the cross:

### Good Friday by Christina Rossetti

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,  
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,  
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,  
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved  
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;  
Not so fallen Peter, weeping bitterly;  
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon  
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,  
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –  
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,  
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;  
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more  
And smite a rock.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> we will have the joy of Easter and the massive rock that was sealing the tomb will have been smitten and rolled away and the light of the Risen Lord will burst upon us. Lent requires us to work at the boulders, stones, rocks in our lives but at Easter we are reminded that we are not alone, that we do not have to roll away the stone on our own. I hope you still have a candle from your Lent Bag, if so why not take it out and light it on Easter Sunday and read this second poem:

### The Angel by Ruth Fainlight

Sometimes the boulder is rolled away,  
but I cannot move it when  
I want to. An angel must. Shall  
I ever see the angel's face,  
or will there always only be  
that molten glow outlining every  
separate hair and feathered quill,  
the sudden wind and odour, sunlight,  
music, the pain of my bruised shoulders.

Most important of all come and join us at St Peter and St Paul's for our service on Easter Morning when we can celebrate the new dawn together. **Rev Helen Burnett**

## Chaldon Services: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

### Maundy Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

We will strip the altar, leaving the church stark and bleak and in an act of deep humility and tenderness our service gives us the opportunity to wash each other's feet.

**Good Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> 12 pm – 3pm** A series of meditations on the Passion of Christ will commence at 12 noon and during this three hour period there will be music, words and periods of silence. Please feel free to come and go as you wish, on the hour and half hour, so as not to disturb the thoughts and prayers of those others who are present. Many would regard this as the most important day in the church calendar, please try to set aside time to join with us in contemplating what it is to wait and watch at the foot of the cross.

**Easter Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>** after the long vigil come and celebrate the resurrection with Easter Fire at 7.30 am followed by said Eucharist. At 11.15am there will be our Easter Eucharist including bonnets. Home made Easter bonnets are part of the Chaldon tradition - the more over the top the better!

If you need to contact a member of clergy please telephone our Curate, Rev. Helen Burnett,  
on 01737 243606 or Email: [stpeterandstpaulschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterandstpaulschurch@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 12.30pm**

**St Peter & St Paul's  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting`**

**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY**



**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April  
at 9.00am**



Children are particularly welcome this year as we need lots of help to build our very own 'Bug Hotel'

Come along and find out all about encouraging insects to live in our churchyard.

**CHALDON CHURCH SUNDAY TEAS**

**3.00pm to 4.30pm**



Every Sunday from 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Caterham Churches Together  
MORNING PRAYER 8.30am**

In April on Wednesday mornings they are meeting at Caterham United Reformed Church led by Rev Kathy Flynn Methodist Minister for Caterham

**Could you wash the feet of those prepared to give  
up their time and energy to save our beautiful  
planet?**

Help is needed to support Climate Activists in a deeply humble act of love as we wash the feet of the young and old who will be on the streets of London on April 18<sup>th</sup>/Maundy Thursday campaigning for recognition of our climate emergency. Contact Rev Helen for more details.



**NEW EDITOR REQUIRED**

Unfortunately, after more than ten years producing the Parish News a number of new commitments have found me in a position where I need to look for a replacement editor to take over.

I use Adobe InDesign to produce it and am more than happy to hand any files I have over to the new editor if it is helpful, obviously they would be under no obligation to keep the format as it is. I also organise the printing and could still do this if required.

Currently the magazine is published once a month. As well as the commitment to design the newsletter, I send out a reminder email to regular contributors about a week before I intend to start work on the layout and chase when regular items are missing. I would suggest the time commitment is approximately a day a month in total although if I continue to organise the printing this would be slightly less.

If you think you have the skills to take this on or would like more information please feel free to contact me at:

[chaldonnews2@gmail.com](mailto:chaldonnews2@gmail.com)

*Sally Cooke*

**LENT COURSE  
Wednesday 7.30pm**

The Lent course continues to run in April on a Wednesday in Chaldon at St Peter & St Pauls School and on a Tuesday evening at St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe both courses start at 7.30pm.

*Week 4 The passionate disciple & best friend  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> April & Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April*

*Week 5 The rebel who escapes death  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April & Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April*

**FRIDAY REFLECTIONS IN LENT**

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
at St Peter and St Paul's Church**

*30 minute silent meditation beginning &  
ending with music*

**Services During April**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
11.15am Eucharist & Junior Church

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April PALM SUNDAY**

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
11.15am Eucharist & **MOSSY** Church  
procession at 10.45am with pony  
meet at the Green in Leazes Ave

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY**

12pm – 3pm Good Friday Meditation

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY**

7.30am Easter BCP Eucharist  
with Easter Fire  
11.15am Easter Eucharist

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
11.15am Matins & **MOSSY** Church

**On Thursday mornings  
all are welcome to our  
10.30am Eucharist**

Please remember **Mossy Church**  
for children on 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Our Zimbabwe Link Parish, St Matthew's, Gweru  
The sick: Pete Adkins, Pat Johnson and those who  
care for them,  
The bereaved and the departed.