



St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

February 2023



Letter from Revd Helen

*When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.*

*The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.*

Luke.2.39 -40

These are the final lines of our Candlemas Reading and set a course for us as well; as Jesus disappears into obscurity for thirty years and re-emerges on the banks of the Jordan we turn ourselves from **Crib to Cross** and the journey through Lent to Jerusalem.

February seems to represent both a turning time and an emerging time, we are gifted occasional glimpses of spring, and we have 3 quiet weeks before we change into penitential purple and turn our minds to Lent.

In this Newsletter you will find details of all that will be on offer across our parish to help *you* grow in *strength and in wisdom*.

So, now is a good time to consider how you might mark Lent in your life.

Forty days of focus - keep it simple, make it achievable, not a rod for your back but a guide and a balm for your soul.

In the past Christians fasted - no meat on Fridays.

What could you do to alter your habits for a while? – Can you think of something that might help you to take that journey with Jesus and the disciples. Some ideas are below.

- read a Psalm a day
- read through Mark's gospel
- find a place outside to be still for 5 minutes
- listen to the bible read on audio
- choose a daily podcast
- sing a hymn a day

In Advent we lay aside time for the journey to Bethlehem, now an equally important journey beckons and this time we are bound for Jerusalem.

Services at Chaldon Church in February

Sunday Services

8am BCP Service

10.30am Sunday Service

5th Feb Indoor Eucharist and Diddy Disciples
inc. commissioning of Churchwardens and PCC

12th Feb Outdoor Service of the Word

19th Feb Outdoor Eucharist

26th Feb Matins and Mossy Church

Thursday Service 10.30am Said Eucharist Service

Ash Wednesday Service 22nd February at 7pm

Coffee & Craftivism

Thursday 11.15am to 1pm
at Chaldon Church
Begins again February 23rd

Create a little landscape tapestry
on a little frame loom over 4 weeks.

All Welcome



2023 Pilgrimage St Cuthbert's Way

12th - 21st May

Plans are well under way for our 2023 pilgrimage, we will be walking from Melrose to Lindisfarne, walking between 7 and 12 miles a day.

In aid of Christian Aid Week

Ending with 48 hours on Lindisfarne.

If you have not already registered and would like to join the pilgrimage please contact Revd Helen.

Evening Prayer on Zoom In February

Wednesday and Thursdays on Zoom at 6.30pm
Zoom link on website

There will be no evening prayer on Thursday 16th
February and Wednesday 22nd February

Trees in the Churchyard

You may have seen the hazard tape around the beautiful sycamore tree in the churchyard.



Unfortunately, certain branches need removing as they are unsafe.

We also have an ash tree in the corner of the churchyard which has ash die back.

Therefore, tree surgeons will be active in the churchyard in the next 2 months.

Caterham Churches Together Wednesday 8.30am Morning Prayer

In February is at Chaldon Church

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82775480323?pwd=M2lVdUZzOFdyRGdISWE1MkZ6dzJ6Zz09>

Lent Course

Wednesday at 8pm – 9pm

Starting 1st March

1st March - The Devil Quotes Scripture

8th March - Meditating on the Law

15th March - A Great Crowd of Witnesses

22nd March - Arguing with God

29th March - Stories that Anger or Upset Us

Based on the book 'How To Eat Bread'
by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes

Locations to be confirmed

See website for more detail at the end of Feb

www.chaldonchurch.co.uk

Soup Exchange

Do you live alone or cook for an army?

Ever made too much soup or wondered what to eat...



We are using our small freezer in the Hazell Room as a swap shop for soup.

Simply freeze your soup in single portions and label with ingredients and pop in freezer. Please feel free to help yourself to a portion of soup.

This is a new idea to help each other and avoiding food waste.

Caterham Churches Together Christmas Lunch Sponsorship



This was hugely successful Thank You to all those who donated so generously for this community project.

The crowdfunding site and donations raised just over £1995 for the lunches.

Quiet Days

We are delighted to be able to offer you two Quiet Days to 'top and tail' your 40 days of Lent .

Saturday February 25th
Saturday April 1st

Both days will run from 10am till 4pm at Worth Abbey. Car shares & lifts can be organised once we have our final numbers.

We will have the use of the ground floor of Compass House which has indoor and outdoor seating areas, a dining area and kitchen plus access to the Abbey Church, Quiet Garden and local walks.
See <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/>

The ministry team will provide you with material to guide you in your reflections but the main purpose is to offer an opportunity to step away from our normal toil and routines and be still.

You may wish to read, to walk, to make, to pray, to sleep!

There will be time for silence and time to share a simple lunch.

The cost for each day will be between £10 and £15 depending upon numbers but please do not let the price become a hindrance, simply mention this to one of the ministry team and we will waive the cost.

If you would like to book either day or both days please email Alison Pannett at pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk