



St Peter & St Paul's Chaldon Newsletter

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This newsletter will span the 3 church seasons of

December/January 2024

Advent - Christmas - Epiphany

What a surfeit of riches we have in store to see us through the dark cold days of midwinter and what temptations lie ahead, temptations that will, if we don't take care, find us spiralling into busier and busier days trying to do everything and please everyone....

This newsletter stands as a reminder to you that the Church calendar calls us to a different way, to march to a different drum.

The seven newly confirmed members of our church community are all busy parents with jobs and homes, family and children to juggle.

How will they find time to remember God?

How do any of us put God at the centre of all we do instead of being an 'add on' when there is no other distraction, when we can make it to church, when the going gets tough?

Most of all perhaps, how can we say 'no' to the pressure to conform to the all-consuming pattern of buying and busy-ness.

If you have read this far you have already taken a little time out of the from your daily round, can you think of other ways to step back, step aside and cast your eyes heavenward?

Perhaps there is a piece of music, a particular short walk, a car journey, a view, a simple chore that allows your heart and mind to connect with God.

This is a time of watching and wakefulness, tempting though it is to be dormant at this time of year, our broken world needs us to watch with open hearts, to act with generosity, to pray fervently.

This does not mean a lack of joy, the watching, acting generously and praying bring a joy all of their own.

The season of Advent is designed for us to prepare our hearts for God:

At Advent we should try the key to our heart's door

It may have gathered rust.

If so, this is the time to oil it,

*In order that the heart's door may open more easily
when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas time!*

Lord, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors

That they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming

Amen

I hope you find time to oil the hinges of your heart this Advent so that when the moment comes to remember the coming of Christ into the world you can respond with joy and generosity to the call that comes in the midst of our brokenness to open our doors both real and metaphorical to welcome the stranger and follow the star as the wise ones of the Feast of Epiphany show us what it means to seek the truth in the strangest of places and then return home to proclaim that truth in our own community.



**Congratulations to our Confirmation
Candidates. 25th Nov 2023**

Contact Rev. Helen Burnett email: vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk
or contact the Treasurer & Parish Administrator Alison Pannett email: pa@chaldonchurch.co.uk



Services at Chaldon Church in December/January

Sunday Weekly 8am BCP Service

10.30am Sunday Service

10 th December	Outdoor Pop-Up Nativity	7 th January	Indoor Epiphany Eucharist & Butterflies
17 th December	Indoor Advent Service & Butterflies	14 th January	Indoor Service
24 th December	Only 8am, 4pm and 11.30pm Services	21 st January	Outdoor Eucharist
31 st December	Indoor Eucharist & Butterflies	28 th January	Matins & 'Mossy Church'

Thursday Service 10.30am Said Eucharist Service

(There will be no Thursday Service on 28th Dec, 4th & 11th Jan and will start again on 18th Jan)

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES

14 th December	7.30pm – 9pm Advent Contemplative Time
24 th December	4pm Outdoor Christmas Eve Christingle Service
24 th December	11.30pm Midnight Christmas Eve Eucharist
25 th December	10am Family Christmas Day Service



ECO CHURCH IDEA!

For some fun sustainable Christmas ideas for presents, food, decorations and more.

Let's try something new this Christmas!

see <https://www.wwf.org.uk/top-tips-sustainable-christmas>



Caterham Group Advent Lectio Divina

Embracing the Darkness

Tuesday 7.30pm till 9pm



Advent Meditations

Tues 12th Dec "Learning in the Dark" at Chaldon Church

Tues 19th Dec "Seeing in the Dark" St John's Church, Caterham

Chaldon Church

Advent Contemplative Time

Thurs December 14th

7.30pm - 9pm

Just drop in when you can or stay for the whole time. Concludes with Night Prayer at 8.50pm.



Carols at Glebe House

Dec 14th at 4pm

All are welcome to come and to sing to the residents of Glebe House



CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS LOVELINESS

Wed 13th December
at 5pm and 8pm
at Chaldon Church

An evening of words and music
for Christmas on St Lucy's Eve

Tickets available at Eventbrite: Chaldon Church

5pm
Performance



8pm
Performance



£10 Adults & Children Free

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Please Sponsor a Christmas Lunch



This year Caterham Churches Together and the Westway Community Hub are trying to raise money to provide a Christmas Day Lunch to those in the Caterham Area either isolated or unable to fund a celebratory meal.

Donations may be given online at <https://the-westway-community-and-wellbeing-centre.sumupstore.com/product/caterham-churches-together-supporting-the-christmas-lunch-at-the-westway-centre>

EVENTS AT CHALDON CHURCH

Caterham Churches Together Morning Prayer Wednesday 8.30am

At St Mary's Church during December and at St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe during January

Online Evening Prayer for Autumn and Winter Thursdays at 6.30 pm

Evening Prayer will take a break from 15th Dec until 17th Jan

Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88685317538?pwd=eUtHLzFiMzk3Z2lON0tpREZrdEVjdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 8531 7538 Passcode: PRAYER

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December 10th WILDINGS Children's Choir will meet at 12 noon for 90 minutes £8 per child Email philippa@thewildchoir.com to book or message 07929050373 to book.

Children's Outdoor Nativity Service December 10th and church decoration

Candlelit Christmas Loveliness Wednesday December 13th at 5pm and 8pm

Eventbrite Links:

5pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/candlelit-christmas-loveliness-5pm-tickets-758901473737?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

8pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/candlelit-christmas-loveliness-8pm-tickets-758924342137?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Glebe House Carol Singing 14th December at 4pm All are welcome to come and sing

Advent Contemplative Time Thursday December 14th 7.30pm - 9pm

Craftivism Thursday Mornings in January 11.00am – 1pm.

For more details and a start date please speak to Revd Helen

Save the Date

Your invitation to join a Climate Pilgrimage in Lent 2024

Bishop Martin invites you to step out in Lent 2024 and walk for our world.

As Lead Bishop for the Environment, Bishop Martin will be undertaking a pilgrimage over six separate days during Lent to shine a spotlight on the climate and ecological crisis and to encourage personal and systemic change.

The walks will take place in different parts of the Diocese on different days finishing at Southwark Cathedral ahead of the Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist where we will be met by Bishop Christopher:

Reigate and Tandridge — Saturday 17 February

Kingston and Merton — Saturday 24 February

Charlton and Deptford — Friday 1 March

Tooting and North Lambeth — Friday 8 March

Schools and young people — Wednesday 20 March

Battersea to Southwark Cathedral — Thursday 28 March

Each walk will begin at 10am and finish around 4.30pm. Walks will be 5-7 miles in length with easy access to public transport at both start and finish. We will stop at a local church for lunch where non-walkers can also join us. Each walk will have a theme and there will be prayers, reflections, and a chance to connect with local and global stories. Nearer the time, you will be able to register for the walks online, at which point you will get more detailed information.