

St Luke's Newsletter

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inspirational preaching
great fellowship
shared teamwork



There has been a lot of talk in St Luke's, Whyteleafe and St Peter & St Paul's, Chaldon 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

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY **Saturday 7th July 10am onwards**

Help is required to keep our churchyard looking well cared for. At this time of year the Memorial Gardens needs a collective effort from us all to remove the weeds and smarten up the surrounding areas.

All you need to bring is a kneeling mat, some hand tools and some good weather. Look forward to seeing you.

PARISH REGISTER

Interment of Ashes

12th June Gerald Rees Davies
Helen Margaret Davies
Derek Walter Rees Davies
25th June Patricia Madeleine Reeves

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

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 on Wednesday mornings they are meeting at Caterham United Reform Church led by Methodist Minister Kathy Flynn

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

Heard of Forest School and Messy 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 & 16th
10.30am to lunchtime.

Contact Rev Helen for more details.



The Corner House Cafe in the Transept, St Luke's

**Tuesday 31st July
2.30 - 4.30pm**

Singing along with Luke's Larks.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

meets at 8 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Hall of St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill. We have speakers and entertainments, outings and visits to the theatre and restaurants.

Visitors and those who can only come occasionally pay just £2 for the evening.

For further information contact Diane 020 8660 5341.

DATE	Speaker
July 11 th	Summer Dining (no meeting in hall)
July 25 th	Elizabeth Lanyon, 'Edward the Caresser' : the Rackety Life of Victoria's son and heir, Edward VII.

Services During July

Sunday 1st July 5th Sunday After Trinity

8.00am BCP Eucharist

9.30am All Age Eucharist

Sunday 8th July 6th Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings

Sunday 15th July 7th Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings

Sunday 22nd July 8th Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings

Sunday 29th July 9th Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings

Sunday 5th August 10th Sunday After Trinity

8.00am BCP Eucharist

9.30am All Age Eucharist

During the Summer, Tuesday Evening Conversation will be taking a break. The last Tuesday being the 12th June restarting again in September.

Watering

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



Surrey churches preservation trust 2018 RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 8 September

This annual event run by Surrey Churches Preservation Trust raises funds for the Trust and for St Luke's. Bike riders and walkers are sponsored to visit as many participating churches as possible in one day and the money raised is split between the Trust and St Luke's.

The Trust gives grants for the restoration and repair of buildings for Christian worship. St Luke's has benefited in the past from generous grants towards the refurbishment of the organ and replacement of water pipes and more recently for the re-ordering.

If you would like to take part either as a walker or as a cyclist please contact Diane on 020 8660 5341 or e-mail andrewthorpe5341@btinternet.com for sponsorship forms and details of participating

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.