



# St Luke's Newsletter



August 2021

## St Luke's Churchyard Tidy *Rake and Cake*



**Saturday  
11<sup>th</sup> September  
10.30am to 1pm**

**"Earthy activities for  
children to enjoy too"**

**Please bring your own garden tools**

- gloves & kneeling mats
- hand tools, forks & trowels for weeding
- secateurs & loppers
- shears & garden forks
- green waste bags
- anything else you can think of

**Tea, Coffee and Delicious Cake will be provided  
Looking forward to seeing you**

## Services at St Luke's in August

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August

9.30 am Outdoor Family Service and Baptism followed by a Holy Communion in church

### Sundays 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am Holy Communion Service

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August

9.30 am Service of the Word



## RIDE & STRIDE 11<sup>th</sup> September

A group from St Luke's will be walking from local church to church to raise money for the Surrey Preservation Trust.

Half of the money raised goes to St Luke's and the other half goes to the Trust.

Surrey Churches Preservation Trust gives grants to Surrey churches for their restoration and repair. In the past we have received grants towards the restoration of the organ, replacement of water pipes and for our reordering project.

To sponsor our walkers please give on our Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stlukes-rideandstride2021>

**During August there will be  
no Evening & Night Prayer.**

**Evening Prayer restarts on September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Zoom at 6.30pm on Thursdays & Fridays**

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82053753781>

Please email [vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@chaldonchurch.co.uk) for password

## Space, words, silence, songs, creative prayer stations for the climate in Southwark Cathedral the Saturday before the COP26 Conference start

South Bank Churches invites people of all faiths for a time of prayer for the success of COP26, the international conference on climate change in Glasgow.

You are welcome to join us taking the train to Vauxhall Station and walking to the cathedral from there - details to follow but please note **you do need to book tickets below for the service.**

**Please note:** There is a limit of 300 tickets, but there is a hope to be able to release further tickets closer to the time. The event will also be livestreamed on the day to enable those who aren't able to join us at the Cathedral to pray and reflect with us.

**TO BOOK TICKETS**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-vigil-for-cop26-climate-conference-tickets-152732774841>

**VIGIL FOR  
COP26**

The Planet needs our prayers



# Letter from Revd Annie

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Hebrews 12 : 1-2**

At school, sport was to me as kryptonite is to Superman – the eternal thorn in my flesh. From the muddy misery of winter hockey, to the humiliation of competitive netball, running around and throwing things held no joy for me. I was either too small, too cold, too hesitant or too slow.

And yet for some reason, when the Summer of Sport comes around, I'm glued to the TV with the rest of the nation. The balletic grace of Federer at Wimbledon, the heart-stopping goodness of the England squad (even when they lose on penalties), the sheer overload of the Olympics – there's something so right about it all.

What is it that draws me in? What glimpses of heaven do I get from the arena?



Maybe it's the way sport lets us play with the physics God created. When Novak Djokovic, skidding madly sideways, hits a tennis ball with just the right speed and spin to drop it onto the tramline, utterly foxing his opponent, you go: 'WOW.' What goes on between his ears is so in tune with his muscles. It's beautiful – because it's God's perfectly-balanced physical machine working in harmony.

Or maybe it's the way sport creates community. Sitting in an Italian restaurant in Warlingham as England squelched Ukraine 4-0 the other week, after 16 months of isolation strangers became friends, united in our elation, joy was unconfined. Even the following Sunday's defeat brought with it a sense of corporate mourning.

And that community goes deeper at the Olympics. Where better to see 'every nation, tribe, people, and language' joined in peaceful celebration – except perhaps the church? I never thought I would be interested in BMX bicycle races, let alone trampolining...but there is something mesmerizing when a solo athlete is put in the spotlight and expected to perform to perfection – what pressure!



At its best, sport reflects the glory of God and reminds us of our common identity as his children. As we watch from the safety of the sofa this summer, may that reminder stay with us – and may we carry it with us onto our frontlines, living in a way which points others to Christ in turn.

## Caterham Church Together

### Wednesday Morning Prayer in August 8.30am

at The Garden, The Westway Centre,  
Chaldon Road, Caterham.

It will also be available on zoom

Meeting ID: 862 650 0054 Passcode: 6Pg8IQ

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8626500054?pwd=ajVhNk1JVVhmRG9nVEVHd0plVkJFuQT09>

## Blister Pack Recycling

To help to do our bit towards recycling - here's an idea!

Collect your blister packs

in which your pills are packaged and after you've finished your medication bring them to church so they can be recycled properly.

Please place your foil blister packs in the box in the porch.

**Thank you**

