



# St Luke's Newsletter



September 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 September

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.30 am Outdoor Family Service** followed by Holy Communion in church

**Sundays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.30am Holy Communion Service**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30 am Battle of Britain**

**Commemoration Service**



Open Air Service at the war graves in St Luke's Churchyard to remember those who gave their lives in the Battle of Britain 81 years ago and pray for peace in our time. Please bring your own chair!



## St Luke's HARVEST FESTIVAL 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**9.30am Harvest Service**

All are welcome to our  
Outdoor Harvest Service in the churchyard.

All donations of food will be donated to the Whyteleafe Hub. Ideal Donations are Teabags, Coffee, Biscuits, Canned Vegetables, Sugar, Tinned Fruit, Cereals. They currently have a good supply of soup, tomatoes and pasta!



## 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.

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

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

**Members of congregations across the deanery, including our own church will be meeting Rev Helen on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 11am at Vauxhall Station in the spirit of pilgrimage to walk to the cathedral please let Rev Helen know if you plan to join.**

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.

Please note you do need to book tickets below for the service. 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, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings.*

**HEBREWS 10:19–22**

I have just returned from a few weeks in Victoria, Canada where my son lives with his wife and 3 year old son Flynn. I have been so blessed to be able to see them again, having been denied that privilege during the pandemic. As you can imagine, Flynn's conversation has improved dramatically over the two years since I last saw him so communication is much easier now.



The best moments that happened while I was away were the times when Flynn would reach up and put his hand in mine while we were walking and ask me a question...so we could just chat together.

God makes it possible for us to communicate with him in prayer. We see that in him taking the initiative in stirring in us a desire to be with him. Just like my desire to see my son. We see it in the kind of relationship he brings about – father to daughter, father to son, grandmother to grandson, not taskmaster to slave.

The writer to the Hebrews confirms just how close God wants our relationship to be. God welcomes us into 'the Most Holy Place' – the place which speaks of full presence, of complete access, of being able to chat together.

On what basis? Our 'confidence' doesn't come through our godly lifestyle, church attendance, or social action, but because of Jesus, our 'great priest', the one who has opened up 'a new and living way'.

Perhaps another analogy will be helpful. There's an iconic photo of President John F. Kennedy's son playing in the Oval Office under his father's desk. This was the desk where, major decisions that steered the fate of nations were taken. Access to that room was tightly guarded, severely limited, with even high-profile leaders rendered speechless on entering.



But little boy Kennedy is not nervous. He has free access. Who else gets to play under the President's desk? And all this without having done anything to get there. He has none of the political status, accomplishments, or roles that would qualify him for access. Yet here he is, at the centre of it all.

As are we. Undeservedly we're brought into the very centre of it – 'the Most Holy Place' – because he has arranged for us to be there. If you belong to him, you have access, and can come as close you like.

We can take this confidence with us into our daily lives. The special access we experience in times of talking with God is available for those snatched moments before, during, and after that difficult meeting, that unexpected conversation, the coffee with that hurting friend. The 'full assurance that faith brings' is available for those moments, too.

Whatever God gives us to do this month, let's play under the desk – not because we lack respect or reverence, but because we belong there, intimately and securely as his redeemed children.

## **St Luke's and St Peter & St Paul's Churches**

When Revd Helen and I first took up our posts, we were keen to have a regular rhythm of swapping churches one Sunday each month. Due to Covid Revd Helen and myself have not felt it the safest thing to continue but we are keen to re-start this as soon as we can. There is a hectic schedule of events across both churches this Autumn and together with other clergy commitments this means that we have decided to put a plan in place that starts in January 2022. More details to follow..Revd Annie

## **Caterham Church Together Wednesday Morning Prayer in September 8.30am**

at St Mary's Church Caterham.

It will also be available on zoom  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82721415374?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82721415374?pwd=bU1kWWJRbXdtaHJkK3NyeWtTV3NKZz09#success)  
[pwd=bU1kWWJRbXdtaHJkK3NyeWtTV3NK](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82721415374?pwd=bU1kWWJRbXdtaHJkK3NyeWtTV3NKZz09#success)  
[Zz09#success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82721415374?pwd=bU1kWWJRbXdtaHJkK3NyeWtTV3NKZz09#success)

## **Evening Prayer in September**

**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