



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 3 December – Advent Sunday

Welcome to this church. We hope you will find the service thoughtful, prayerful and a chance to meet with God. If you are new to the church, or are a visitor, do introduce yourself to the person taking the service or to someone near you. The churches in our group have different facilities. The person handing out books can tell you such things as if there is a hearing loop, and if the building has a toilet.

Readings for today

Isaiah 64.1-9

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

Psalms 80.1-8, 18-20*



Prayer for today

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Dates for your diary

This section is only useful if you tell us what's on! The contact details for this newsletter are on the back page.

- Mon 4 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon 4 Dig Deeper, 2pm, 4 Market Place, Loddon
- Mon 4 Xplore group, 7.30pm, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Tue 5 Seniors' Lunch Club, 12.15, Loddon Junior School (book in advance at church office)
- Tue 5 Time for Prayer & Space for Reflection, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 6 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 6 Home group, 2.30, Lodge Farm, Sisland
- Wed 6 The Weds evening home group is joining Dig Deeper (below)
- Wed 6 Dig Deeper, 7.30pm, 4 Market Place, Loddon
- Thur 7 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Fri 8 Dec Open House in Holy Trinity & St John's, 6-8.30pm (See inside)

Advance Dates

For dates of Carol Services see inside. Next week we will be detailing our Christmas services. Meanwhile, the team producing this year's Crib Service are working hard.

Prayers Please...

Please pray for people and situations in the locality and beyond...

Especially let's pray for those we know who are facing medical treatment and for the families and friends who support them. On a wider scale, let's pray for those charities and volunteers whose role is to act as back-up and respite help, and for hospital workers both locally and nationwide.

Use the Prayer Shower

We have a 'prayer shower' for urgent prayer requests. Contact Val Fryer, email valfryer@btconnect.com tel 01508 521154. Also contact Val if you would like to pray for urgent needs as part of the shower.

Time for Prayer

On Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30pm we meet at St John's Chapel in Loddon for 'Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection'. On the third Tuesday of the month this takes the form of an informal communion service with blessing. Just turn up or contact Jill Haylock on 01508 520248.

Morning Prayer in Church

You are welcome to come to Morning Prayer at 9am as follows:

Mon & Thurs:	St John's, Loddon
Tues:	St Margaret's, Hardley
Wed & Sat:	All Saints, Chedgrave
Fri:	St Mary's, Sisland

News and Events



Open House 8 Dec

The weather forecast for next Friday doesn't look too good, but there will be plenty of indoor stalls in Holy Trinity and St John's when the Church in Loddon hosts Open House for community groups or charity fundraisers. It's a chance to bless the local community through hospitality and to pave the way for funds to be raised for many good causes. So do try to come along—there will be mulled wine and coffee in Holy Trinity and hot choc in St John's as well as games, sales stalls and publicity for local groups.



Choir rehearsals for Chedgrave Carol Service

If you're joining the choir for Chedgrave's carol service (17 Dec at 5pm) don't forget that rehearsals are on Sat 9 and Sat 16 Dec, 2-4pm, and Sun 17, 3-4pm with a tea break before the service. For details contact Alison Ball (528126, email ball880am@btinternet.com)

Christmas Cards for locals

If you would rather give a charity donation than send cards to people you see every day (in particular members of the congregation) you might want to hang a card on the big Christmas tree in Holy Trinity, or the cut-out tree that will be available at services, and pop a donation in the post to your favourite charity in lieu of the money you would have spent on cards. Of course, as it's the season of giving, you might just send a donation anyway!

Just £2 for a Christmas Present...

Don't forget that at Chedgrave Church there's a chance to give a £2 present through Embrace, one of the charities we support, who work in the Middle East. We have purchased 24 presents, including vitamins, medicine, eye test, art supplies, peanut butter, school dinner, and toothbrush & paste. If you would like one of these to be from you, please give £2 and put a label on our gift tree. Donations can be made at the church office (in an envelope marked Embrace, addressed to Rev Alison) or at Chedgrave's services when you can hang your own label on the tree.

Confirmation, 2018

On Monday 12 February there will be a confirmation service in Chedgrave at 7.00pm. Some people have already registered their interest—if you would like to join them please get in touch with David Owen. (01508 522993, david.chetvalley@gmail.com) If you would like to consider being confirmed but cannot be there on 12 Feb, don't let that put you off!

Dig Deeper— the final week of this series

On Monday 3 and Wednesday 6 Dec it will be the final session of this series of Dig Deeper.

Home group at the White Horse quiz

On 18 December the Monday evening home group will be in the White Horse for the Christmas quiz evening and a cheeky pint or two—see you there?

Advent—Your Christmas Journey

As we begin Advent you might want to follow the series of thoughts and reflections in the booklet #God With Us: Your Christmas Journey. It can be found at #God With Us and <https://tinyurl.com/ya8lvuu5>.... or you can get a hard copy from David Owen. It offers a moment of 'time out' for each week of Advent, then daily from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day. Highly recommended!

Things to Note

Carol Services in the Chet Valley

10 December

10.30am	St Margaret's, Hardley
7.30pm	White Horse pub, Chedgrave

17 December

3.00pm	St Mary's, Sisland
5.00pm	All Saints, Chedgrave
6.30pm	Holy Trinity, Loddon

Information

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Church Office

To contact the Church Office call 01508 521179 or email office@chetvalleychurches.org or . The Church Office is just inside the door at St John's Chapel, Loddon. It opens Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri 10am-4pm and 10am-1pm on Weds.

Prayer Shower

For situations that need urgent prayer, or to pray for others, contact Val Fryer at valfryer@btconnect.com or 01508 521154

Newsletter Editor

Send items for the Weekly News to news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com (preferred) or on paper to the Church Office or by phone to the Office on 521179, by Wednesday mid day. Please include your name and phone number in case we need to contact you.

Newsletter By Email?

Would you like to receive your Weekly News by email, making sure you get the news even if you can't be in church on Sunday? If so, send an email to news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com

Website, including events diary

(www.chetvalleychurches.org)
To submit information for the website, email website@chetvalleychurches.org

Food Bank Contributions

To donate items to the Norwich Food Bank put them in the collecting boxes in Chedgrave church or St John's Chapel, Loddon (open 10am – 4pm week days).

Services and readings next week—10 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Chedgrave
10.30am	Carol service	Hardley
10.45am	Morning Worship	Loddon (St John's)
7.30pm	Carol service	White Horse, Chedgrave

You might take time to look at next week's readings:

Isaiah 40.1-11, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8, Psalm 85.1-2,8-13*

Tailpiece	Prayer does not begin, or end, with words. It starts in stillness and finds its fullest expression in silence. (from #God with Us—Your Christmas Journey
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