



# Chet Valley Churches

## Weekly News

14 January—Epiphany 2

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

1 Samuel 3.1-20  
Revelation 5.1-10  
John 1.43-51

*Psalm 139.1-5,12-18\**



### Prayer for today

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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 15 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon 15 First pre-confirmation session, 7.30, Chedgrave church centre
- Tue 16 Senior Citizens' Lunch Club, 12.15, Loddon Junior School (book by Fri via church office)
- Tue 16 Informal Communion with blessing, 7.30pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 17 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 17 Home group, 2.30, Lodge Farm, Sisland
- Wed 17 Home group, 7.30, 9 Sycamore Close, Loddon
- Thur 18 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon

## Advance Dates

- Mon 22 New afternoon series of Dig Deeper, 2.30, 4 Market Place (see inside)
- Wed 24 New evening series of Dig Deeper, 7.30, 4 Market Place
- Thur 1 Feb Friends & Neighbours, 2pm, St John's Lecture Hall, for Afternoon Tea
- Fri 9 Feb Quiz and supper, 7.00pm, Chedgrave Church Centre (see inside)
- Sat 24 Feb Coffee morning, 10am-12noon, Avocet, Norwich Rd (Val and Alan Counter's house)
- Sat 3 Mar Pudding Please! An evening to eat lots of puds, 7pm, St John's, Loddon (see inside)

## Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for those who are taking steps to deepen their faith, either by being confirmed or by joining a discussion/study group. On a wider scale, let's pray for teachers and encouragers within the church both here and nationwide and for those who work to foster the Christian faith in the education sector.

### Use the Prayer Shower

We have a 'prayer shower' for urgent prayer requests. Contact Val Fryer, email [valfryer@btconnect.com](mailto: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



## 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 as soon as possible. (01508 522993, [david.chetvalley@gmail.com](mailto:david.chetvalley@gmail.com)) If you would like to consider being confirmed but can't be there on 12 Feb, don't let that put you off!

## Join in now....

The first pre-confirmation session is on 15 January at Chedgrave Church Centre, starting at 7.30pm with refreshments and finishing at approx 9pm. Again, if you're interested in confirmation but can't manage Mondays, do say so.



## Dig Deeper—more details

For those who asked for another series of Dig Deeper meetings (and anyone else who'd like to come along) David Owen is planning to start a new series on Monday 22 January in the afternoon and Wednesday 24 January in the evening. The sessions will be each week, with a bit of juggling when we get to Ash Wednesday. Each one is a stand-alone session, looking at the creeds of the church. If you can't make it to the first one, just join in later, although it would be helpful if you could let David know if you're hoping to be there. (01508 522993, email [david.chetvalley@gmail.com](mailto:david.chetvalley@gmail.com))

## Quiz Time

It's time to get your brain in gear for the new year with a light-hearted quiz at Chedgrave Church Centre on Friday 9 Feb starting at 7pm. There will be a supper of baked potatoes and fillings followed by some delicious Parravani puddings, and a prize for the winning table (a box of Rev Richard's chocolates). Tickets are priced £8, £6.50 concessions, £25 family, and are available from Alison Ball on 01508 528126, email ball880am@btinternet.com

## Lifts Wanted

The Seniors' Lunch Club that takes place at the Junior School on Tuesdays needs drivers. We like to make it possible for any senior citizen to come along to Lunch Club if they want to, and in order to do this we need drivers who can offer lifts on a rota basis. Some of those who have been helping for some time now need to drop out, so we're asking if you can help. There is no requirement to stay for lunch, but you may stay if you wish to (booking essential). For more details or to offer help contact Alison Ball 01508 528126, email ball880am@btinternet.com

## How About a Coffee?

Val Counter is getting ahead with plans for 2018, and will be running a coffee morning on 24 Feb from 10am to 12 noon (Avocet, 4 Norwich Road). So do put the date in your diary and be there if you can.

## Pudding Please!

By the time we reach the beginning of March, the post-Christmas diet will be well behind us. So put 3 March in your diary now for a pudding evening in St John's Lecture Hall, Loddon. There will be soup first (just so we can truthfully say we didn't eat pud all evening) then a choice of lots of puddings. Don't be put off if you have particular dietary requirements—we'll cater for all! More details from Nina Owen (01508 522993, theroamingfenlander@gmail.com)

# Things to Note

## Loddon JCC's Away Day

David will be getting in touch with JCC members to re-schedule the Away Day that had to be postponed.

## Lent 2018

Ash Wednesday is on 14 February this year. There will be the usual Ash Wednesday service, and during Lent we will be offering an opportunity for Quiet and Compline in St John's. Details are yet to be fixed.

# Information

## Clergy

Rev. David Owen 01508 522993  
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Rev. Richard Seel 01508 521938  
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Rev. Ros. Hoffmann 01508 548200  
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Rev. Alison Ball 01508 528126  
ball880am@btinternet.com (Not Fri)

Rev. Jill Haylock 01508 520248  
jillhaylock@aol.com (Not Mon)

Rev. Ernie Bossé 01502 470815  
ernestbosse250@gmail.com (Not Mon, Methodist)

## 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 b.y 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).

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## Services and readings next week—21 January (Epiphany 3)

10.45am	Holy Communion	Loddon (St John's)
11.00am	All Together Worship	Chedgrave followed by bring & share lunch
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Sisland

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

Genesis 14.17-20, Revelation 19.6-10, John 2.1-11, *Psalm 128*

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