



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News

11 February—Next before Lent

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

Proverbs 8.1,22-31
Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1-14

Psalm 104.26-37



Prayer for today

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
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 12 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon 12 No Dig Deeper at 4 Market Place this afternoon
- Mon 12 Confirmation service, 7pm, Chedgrave church (see inside)
- Tue 13 No Senior Citizens' Lunch Club as it's half term
- Tue 13 Time for Prayer & Space for Reflection, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 14 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 14 No Home group this week at Lodge Farm, Sisland
- Wed 14 Ash Wednesday service, 7pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 14 No Dig Deeper at 4 Market Place—come to the Ash Weds service instead
- Thur 15 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon

Advance Dates

- Tue 20 First Quiet & Compline of Lent, 7.30-8.30pm, St John's, Loddon (see inside)
- Wed 21 First Lent Lunch, 12noon-1.30pm, St John's Lecture Hall, Loddon (see inside)
- Fri 23 Holy Trinity Development group meeting Henry Freeland (architect) 3pm, 4 Market Place
- Sat 24 Coffee morning, 10am-12noon, Avocet, 4 Norwich Rd (Val and Alan Counter's house)
- Fri 2 Mar World Day of Prayer service 7pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon (see inside)
- Sat 3 Pudding Please! An evening to eat lots of puds, 7pm, St John's, Loddon (see inside)
- Sat 17 Chedgrave churchyard spring clean, 10am-12noon

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for all our local churches as we enter the thoughtful season of Lent. Let's pray that it may be a chance for us to deepen our faith and renew our trust in Christ. On a wider scale, let's pray for those who see the church as an irrelevance and yet seek the stability and security that faith in Jesus can bring.

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



Confirmation—Please pray, and be there

On Monday 12 Feb there will be a confirmation service in Chedgrave at 7.00pm. Please pray for Hugh, Jayne, Jamal, Jay and Margaret who are being confirmed, and do come and support them as they take this step on their Christian journey



How About a Coffee?

Val Counter is running a coffee morning on 24 Feb from 10am to 12 noon (Avocet, 4 Norwich Road). Cakes etc would be very welcome, as would your presence at the coffee morning. Val can be contacted on 520702, email valancounter@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer—2 March, but get ready now

This year's service for the Day of Prayer has been compiled by Christian women in Suriname, under the title of "All God's Creation is Very Good". In preparation for the service there's a practice session for the songs on Monday 12 February at 10.30am. Just come and join in.

Quiet and Compline in Lent

Each Tuesday evening in Lent there will be an hour's quiet at St John's Loddon, ending with the brief but beautiful service of Compline. It will start at 7.30 although you can come and go as you wish (but please do it quietly). We hope that lay members of our churches will lead Compline, so if you would like to do so get in touch with David Owen now (01508 522993).



Lent lunches Please help, please come to lunch

Are you here at lunch time on 21 or 28 Feb or 7 or 21 March? If so, is there any chance that you can do something to help with Lent lunches? Some people are on duty nearly every week so more help would be useful. While the lunches are in St John's Lecture Hall they are for all the churches in the group, so it would be good to have helpers from all congregations. Contact Belinda Barwick on 01508 520351, email belindabarwick@yahoo.co.uk And of course come to lunch—you've got to eat it somewhere so do it in Lent for a good cause!



Pudding Please! Now's the time...

Tickets for Pudding Please! on 3 March in St John's Lecture Hall are on sale so buy or book yours today. 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 or daintier desserts. Do say if you have particular dietary requirements—we'll cater for all as long as we're told! Tickets cost £5 (£15 family ticket) and are available from the church office or Nina Owen (522993, theroamingfenlander@gmail.com) The evening will include a raffle and fundraiser.

And there's a Pud Quiz to whet your appetite...

Have a go at a quiz about cakes, puddings and desserts. Quiz sheets are available at a cost of £1 from Nina or David Owen or from the church office. Winners will be announced at Pudding Please! although you can take part in the quiz even if you can't be there on 3 March.

Service for Bishop

On Friday 23 February at 5.30pm there will be a special Evensong at Norwich Cathedral to celebrate the 25 year anniversary of Bishop Graham's consecration. All are welcome to attend.

Things to Note

Palm Crosses

If you have a palm cross that you wish to be burned for the Ash Wednesday service please give it to David Owen, today if possible.

Dig Deeper—Dates info

Dig Deeper is skipping this week but will resume next Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening at 4 Market Place, Loddon. Do come along.

And finally, the loo problem

We understand that the public toilets in Church Plain, Loddon are to close imminently. Ideas for a sensible interim measure to allow day time and evening events to continue in Holy Trinity to David Owen please!

Information

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Rev. Jill Haylock 01508 520248
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Rev. Ernie Bossé 01502 470815
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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 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).

Services and readings next week—18 February (First in Lent)

9.30am	All Together Worship`	Chedgrave
10.45am	Holy communion	Loddon (St John's)
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Sisland

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

Genesis 9.8-17, 1 Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15, *Psalm 25.1-9*

Tailpiece Lent is traditionally a time for giving something up. But why not be positive instead, and take up something useful or helpful for Lent and maybe beyond?