



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News

15 April—Third Sunday of Easter

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

Acts 3.12-19
1 John 3.1-7
Luke 24.36b-48

Psalm 4



Prayer for today

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

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.

- Sun 15 Loddon's Annual Meeting, following the 10.45 service (St John's)
- Mon 16 Monday Mardles Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre (see inside)
- Mon 16 No home group this week at Chedgrave church centre
- Tue 17 Senior Citizens' Lunch Club, 12.15, Loddon Junior School (book via church office)
- Tue 17 Informal Communion with blessing, 7.30pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 18 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 18 Home group, 2.30, 9 Hawthorn Close, Loddon
- Wed 18 Stewardship Evening with Rob Culyer, 7.30pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Thur 19 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Thur 19 Filling Station, 7 for 7.30, Green Pastures, Bergh Apton (see inside)
- Sat 21 Focus on Prayer, 10am-4pm, Chedgrave Church
- Sun 22 Chedgrave's Annual Meeting, following the 9.30 service

Advance Dates

- Mon 23 Hardley's Annual Meeting, 7pm, Hardley church
- Tues 24 Sisland's Annual Meeting, 7pm, Sisland church
- Sat 5 May Gift Day, 11am-4pm, Chedgrave Church
- Tues 22 Concert by Libricini, Chedgrave church

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for those whom we meet regularly in our churches. Let's pray for their needs and thank God for their faith and friendship. On a wider scale, let's pray for churches everywhere in this season of Annual Meetings, when people take the chance to review their commitment.

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

Annual Meetings—WHY ME?

The date of your church's Annual Meeting was set last year, so do turn up for it! Being at the meeting doesn't mean you have to join a committee, but it does demonstrate that you are interested in the work of your bit of the Chet Valley Churches and are grateful to those who contribute their thoughts, ideas and practical abilities. Let's not forget that 'church' is something that we ARE, not something that someone else provides for us. So please think about how you can help make the church in your place be a vibrant and functioning expression of the body of Christ. If you want to have a chat about this, contact David Owen on 522993, email david.chetvalley@gmail.com. He won't just sign you up for a committee!

Coffee for a Good Cause

On Monday 16 April the Monday Mardlers invite you to their annual cake and coffee morning in aid of the breast cancer unit at the Norfolk & Norwich hospital. Come to Chedgrave church centre between 10am and 12noon for coffee, delicious cakes and all sorts of bric-a-brac.... and a chance for a good mardle too!

Gift Day and More—5 May

In both Contact and Chet News recently you may have read about Chedgrave church's Gift Day (5 May, 11am-4pm). It's an opportunity to donate money to help ensure that the church can continue to serve its community in the years to come. It's also a day to celebrate 50 years of Chet News, edited by Jack Barwick. Now that's a lot of News!

Stewardship Evening

This Wednesday (18 April) the Diocesan Stewardship Adviser, Rob Culyer will be here to speak to us about what stewardship means and why it is important. PCC/JCC members are strongly encouraged to be there, but the meeting is open to all who are interested or would like to find out more. (7.30pm at St John's, lifts available)

We're all in it together....

If you were in church last Sunday you will have been given a Time and Talents sheet. Please fill it in, or get someone to help you, then hand it in this week with your Offering. It's a way for us all to consider how we contribute our abilities and enthusiasms to church—including things we'd like to do less of, as well as things we might do more of! This is part of a process of thinking about our place within the Chet Valley Churches, so please, please join in—extra sheets are available .

Help with Prayer

Would you like to know more about praying? Do you wonder if you are 'doing it right'? On 21 April, Chedgrave church will be providing resources for prayer and reflection or just a chance for a quiet wander round our lovely building. Drop in at a time to suit you, for as long as you like, and make use of the resources to aid prayer and reflection. Members of the church will be there to talk and pray with you, if you wish. This event is for everyone—those who rarely pray and those who are confident in prayer. The church is usually open during daylight hours, but this event offers additional resources and people to enhance your experience. For details contact: Jen Hayden, Churchwarden at jenhayden27@gmail.com or phone 528454.

Easter Egg Hunt at Sisland—Last Chance

This Sunday (15 April) is your last chance to have a go at an Easter Egg Hunt with a difference at Sisland church. The church is open between 10am and 4pm so why not take a walk and see how many you can find?

Next Filling Station

Have you ever been to the Filling Station Meeting at Green pastures Bergh Apton? On 19 April (7 for 7.30pm) Simon Pinchbeck is the main speaker. He was an ex police officer, ex convict who discovered that Jesus Christ was the answer to his chaotic life. It should be a great evening and a chance to invite non Christian friends along (especially men).

Things to Note

Thank-you for Giving

This year as a result of individual giving we have been able to contribute £76 to the Methodist Church's Easter offering for world mission (a significant increase on last year). Nearly £600 was raised towards the Bishop's Lent Appeal via the Lent Lunches. Thank-you to all.

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 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—22 April Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Holy Communion	Chedgrave followed by Annual Meeting
10.30am	Morning worship	Hardley
10.45am	Morning worship	Loddon (St John's)

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

Acts 4.5-12, 1 John 3.16-24, John 10.11-18, *Psalm 23*

Tailpiece	Church is relational—it's not so much about what I do or you do, but about what WE do. Faith, however, is more about what I believe and where I place my trust.
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