



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 13 May—Seventh 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 1.15-17,21-26

1 John 5.9-13

John 17.6-19

Psalm 1



Prayer for today

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know 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.

- Mon 14 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre.
- Mon 14 No home group at Chedgrave Church Centre—see you at the White Horse quiz
- Tue 15 No Senior Citizens' Lunch Club this week
- Tue 15 Time for Prayer & Space for Reflection, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 16 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 16 Home group, 2.30, Lodge Farm, Sisland
- Wed 16 Home group, 7.30, 9 Sycamore Close, Loddon
- Thur 17 GraveTalk café, 10.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Thur 17 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Thur 17 Yare Valley Filling Station, 7pm, Green Pastures, Bergh Apton, with Jonathan and Paige Squirrell

Advance Dates

- Tues 22 Concert by Libricini, Chedgrave church
- Sat 26 Chedgrave Spring Fair, 10am, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Sun 27 First pop-up café & giant book sale of the year, 12noon onwards, Holy Trinity, Loddon
- 23-24June Loddon Open Gardens

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for people in our locality who might come to GraveTalk, and in particular for those who are afraid of death. On a wider scale, let's pray for the work of hospices both locally and nationally and for those who bring the Christian hope to people who are at the end of their lives.

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:	Holy Trinity, Loddon
Tues:	St Margaret's, Hardley
Wed & Sat:	All Saints, Chedgrave
Fri:	St Mary's, Sisland

News and Events

York Course on Monday Evenings

On Mondays 11 and 18 June and 9, 16 and 23 July at Chedgrave Church Centre, we will be running a York Course called 'Where is God?'. This is popular course addresses deep questions about God and the meaning of life. The course booklet is written by Canon John Young and participants on the accompanying audio are Archbishop Rowan Williams, Patricia Routledge and Joel Edwards. Dr Pauline Webb provides a thoughtful Closing Reflection at the end of each session. If you would like to join the group for this course please let Jen Hayden know, as she will be ordering the booklets (01508 528454 email jenhayden27@gmail.com)



GraveTalk—Come by yourself, or bring others

This is an event for church and non-church people alike, as it's a topic that affects all of us. We are familiar with the comment that there is nothing so sure in life as death and taxes, and while we often grumble about taxes, few people talk about death, dying or funerals. On 17 May (10.30-12noon), as part of the Dying Matters—Awareness Week there will be a GraveTalk Café in St John's (see diary). GraveTalk may not sound like fun, but people who have met it before have found it thought provoking and while it may lead to a few tears, it also generates smiles and laughter. It's a chance to talk about your thoughts (and maybe hopes and fears) with just a few people, in a relaxed way, over good refreshments. For details contact Alison Ball on 528126, email ball880am@btinternet.com.



Libricini—Singing a huge range of lovely music

On Tuesday 22 May there's a concert in Chedgrave church by Libricini, the choir of women who gave us such an excellent evening last year. Alison Ball is selling tickets—please buy yours in advance if you can. The proceeds are to be split between Chedgrave church and the Parkinson's charity.

Sisland—Communion for Pentecost

If you enjoy the language of the prayer book, come to Sisland! And next Sunday (20 May) there will be a Communion service at 5pm to celebrate Pentecost, instead of the usual Evening Prayer.

Lunch Club Urgently Needs Help

Do you drive, and are you around at lunch time on 5 or 12 June? The Seniors' Lunch Club is a lively and companionable lunch at the Junior School for which we offer lifts. Could you pick up two, or possibly three, people on either of those dates and take them to lunch for 12.15, then pick them up for a lift home at 1.30pm? Of course, if you're a Senior Citizen yourself, you could book in for lunch! Please speak to Alison Ball on 528126, email ball880am@btinternet.com



Chedgrave Spring Fair

Chedgrave church's Spring Fair is on 26 May, so it's time for you to start sorting out any books or potential tombola prizes, and potting up plants for the usual plant sale. Nearer the time cakes will be needed too. For details contact Anne Baker on 01508 520533.

Things to Note

Morning Prayer and Sunday Services in Loddon

We are now having our midweek Morning Prayer and our Sunday services in Holy Trinity, although some services such as Last Sunday Praise (which is a benefice service) stay in St John's. Keep an eye on the regular posters and the Weekly News.

Xtra! Support

Four people came to the Ascension Day service that was hosted by the Xtra! congregation. It was a different style of worship from our usual Sunday format, and a good chance to celebrate Christ's constant companionship with us, as well as his place at the right hand side of God the Father. And if you'd like to know why we were offered a helping of tiramisu, ask someone who was there (or look up the meaning of 'tiramisu'!)

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Church Office

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

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 or email address.

Newsletter By Email?

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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.

Services and readings next week—20 May Pentecost

9.30am	All Together Worship	Chedgrave
10.45am	Holy Communion	Loddon NB. We're now in Holy Trinity
5.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sisland

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

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Acts 2.1-21, John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15, *Psalms* 104.26-36, 37b*

Tailpiece	It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world, and moral courage so rare. (Mark Twain)
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