



# Chet Valley Churches

## Weekly News 12 Aug—11th Sunday after Trinity

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 Kings 19. 4 - 8  
Ephesians 4. 25 - 5. 2  
John 6. 35, 41 - 51

*Psalm 34. 1 - 8*



### Prayer for today

God of glory, the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Dates for your diary

**Tell us what's on!** Many of our regular activities are on holiday for August, but September's coming soon..... The contact details for this newsletter are on the back page.

- Sun 12 Second Sisland afternoon tea, 3-5pm, Sisland church
- Mon 13 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Sun 19 Third Sisland afternoon tea, 3-5pm, Sisland church
- Tue 21 Informal Communion with blessing, 7.30pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon

## Advance Dates

- 31 Aug Concert of Nat King Cole songs, 7.30pm, Holy Trinity Church
- 8 Sept Ride and Stride (see inside)
- 8 Sept Ceilidh, 7.30, Hardley with Langley Village Hall (See inside)
- 19 Oct Evening with Adrian and Bridget Plass (See inside)

## New Bishop—Comments Wanted

**Please give your comments and suggestions about a new Bishop of Norwich to David as soon as possible. Then use this prayer as the diocese works towards choosing a new bishop:**

Eternal God, our shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of truth. So may your Church grow and be built up, and by your grace accomplish more than we can imagine, for the glory of your name, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Prayers Please...**

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

Especially let's pray for those who have been involved with this year's Holiday Club, both children and leaders/helpers. Let's pray that what they have learned will lead them to Jesus. On a wider scale, let's pray for all who will be sharing the good news of Jesus this summer, both in this country and worldwide.

### **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 520235. 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**

## **Too Late for Dieting—Sisland's teas are here**

On each Sunday in August Sisland church are hosting afternoon teas with delicious tea and cake in beautiful surroundings. The teas run from 3pm to 5pm, so there's time for you to walk there if you wish. There is now more parking space at the church if you prefer to drive.

## **Nat King Cole Concert**

On Friday 31 August there will be a Nat King Cole tribute concert in Holy Trinity Church at 7.30pm. The evening will include the usual interval refreshments. Tickets are available from Val Counter on 502702 or from the church office.

## **Pop-up Café on Bank Holiday Monday**

Whatever else is going on around Loddon on Bank Holiday weekend there is one place you'll want to be! We'll be serving cream teas and delicious cakes in Holy Trinity in the afternoon—so if you're out and about in the morning make sure you're back in time for your cuppa and cake!

## **Monday Evenings in September**

At 7.30 on Monday evenings from 10 September there will be another York Course running in Chedgrave Church Centre. It's open to all and is entitled Live your Faith. Details to follow, but you can contact Jen Hayden on 528454, email [jenhayden27@gmail.com](mailto:jenhayden27@gmail.com)



## **Bit of a Knees-up in aid of Sisland Church**

If you enjoy a ceilidh book your tickets now and come to Langley with Hardley Village Hall at 7.30 on 8 September. There will be a ploughman's supper, bar and raffle, and music by the local band Zaramo. Buy your tickets (by 1 Sept for catering reasons) from Jill Haylock on 520248, email [jillhaylock@aol.com](mailto:jillhaylock@aol.com)



## **Ride & Stride—Could you walk or ride to 2 or more churches?**

The Historic Churches Ride and Stride event is on 8 Sept, and it's an easy way to fundraise for your church. All you have to do is go for a walk, bike ride or even a drive around two or more churches—not necessarily starting at your home church. (Last year Nina had an interesting walk round some of the Norwich churches.) Get your friends and family to sponsor you and raise a bit of cash! Half of what you raise goes to the Historic Churches Trust and half to your chosen church. Sponsor forms will be in the churches, or you can contact Brian Webb on 528996. The Ride and Stride website is at [www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/norfolk](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/norfolk) where you can find more information.

## **Looking Ahead to October—Note this Date**

Many things will take place before October, but here's one to note in your diary now and to bring your friends and family. We have an evening with Adrian and Bridget Plass here in Loddon on 19 October. If you've come across Adrian before you'll know he has a slightly sideways look at the church, which is both honest and wonderfully humorous. It promises to be a breath of fresh air and will be a chance for a faith lift for us here in the Chet Valley Churches. If you'd like to try some of Adrian's books, you could start with his Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass aged 37 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, then maybe have a go at some more of his Sacred Diaries. And do try *An Alien* at St Wilfred's, which I won't spoil by telling you about the characters, but it changed my view of the Nunc Dimittis for ever! (The books are available by order from bookshops, or from Amazon or website [www.adrianplass.com/books](http://www.adrianplass.com/books))

# **Things to Note**

## **Holiday Club Display**

There are some big banners in Holy Trinity church together with a colourful display about this year's Holiday Club. Do go and see it, and please continue to pray for the children and families who were involved. The last day of Holiday Club was at Xpressions Café on 5 August. The next Café will be on 2 September—if you've never been, or haven't been for a long time, do come along. You can stay for as little or as much time as you like, have a free coffee and cake and sit and chat or read the newspapers. If you wish you can join in with crafts or a short discussion, and maybe stay for Xplore Together at the end of the morning.

# Information

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## Church Office

To contact the Church Office call 01508 521179 or email [office@chetvalleychurches.org](mailto: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

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## Newsletter Editor

Send items for the Weekly News to [news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com](mailto: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?

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](mailto:news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com)

## Website, including events diary

([www.chetvalleychurches.org](http://www.chetvalleychurches.org))

To submit information for the website, email [website@chetvalleychurches.org](mailto: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.

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## Services and readings next week—19 August Trinity 12

9.30am	All Together Worship	Chedgrave
10.45am	Holy Communion	Loddon (HT)
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Sisland

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

Proverbs 9. 1 - 6, Ephesians 5. 15 - 20, John 6. 51 - 58, *Psalm* 34. 9 - 14

Tailpiece	Jesus said 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no-one comes to the Father but through Me.' (John 14 verse 6)
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