



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 2 December—Advent Sunday

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

Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16
1 Thess. 3. 9 -end
Luke 21. 25 - 36

Psalm 25. 1 - 9



Prayer for today

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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 3 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon 3 Advent series Mary's Yes, 7.30, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Tue 4 Lunch Club, 12.15, Loddon Junior School (book on Mon via church office)
- Tue 4 Time for Prayer & Space for Reflection, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 5 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 5 Home group, 2.30 Lodge Farm, Sisland
- Wed 5 Home group, 7.30, 9 Sycamore Close, Loddon
- Wed 5 Leading (or contributing to) worship, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Thur 6 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Fri 7 Open House with the Victorian Evening—stalls in Holy Trinity and St John's Loddon, 6pm onwards

Advance Dates

- 16 Dec Carol service in The White Horse, 7.30
- 17 Dec Monday Mardles Christmas Gathering, open to all, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for those who are struggling with the rush towards Christmas, with its commercial pressures. Let's pray that we might share the good news of Jesus amidst all the bustle. On a wider scale let's pray for all who work to bring the hope and love of Christ at this time of year.

Use the Prayer Shower

We have a 'prayer shower' for urgent prayer requests. Contact Val Fryer, email 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:	St John's, Loddon
Tues:	St Margaret's, Hardley
Wed & Sat:	All Saints, Chedgrave
Fri:	St Mary's, Sisland

News and Events



Lunch Club—Please come, and tell your friends too

You've got to eat lunch somewhere on Tuesday, so please could you eat it at the Junior School! We still urgently need a few people willing to chat to children aged 9-11 and to eat a good lunch for £2.80. You don't have to come every week, but please can you try it this week. Lunch is at 12.15 at the Junior School, finishing by 1.30pm. We can offer lifts for 2 people. Contact Alison Ball if you want to know more about it, or simply book in by phoning the church office on Monday (521179).

Unto us a child is born—Collage in Chedgrave Church

In Chedgrave church during Advent we are assembling a collage of mother & child pictures. Can you help by finding as many images as possible, from newspapers or magazines, charities or advertisements or from your own collection. (Put your name and phone number on the back if you want them returned.) They can be pictures from around the world as well as closer to home. Please leave them in the parish office, Chedgrave church, or with me. Thanks! Belinda (01508 520351).

Last Sunday Praise—diary dates

In December we will not be meeting for Last Sunday Praise. Instead we will be holding our January praise service on 6 January rather than on the last Sunday of the month. So in January it will be Epiphany Praise.



Open House—Make sure it's in your diary!

The Victorian Evening is on 7 Dec, with both Holy Trinity and St John's open and buzzing with charity stalls. On offer this year are games of skill and chance, craft items for sale and of course mulled wine or coffee and mince pies in Holy Trinity, and hot choc in St John's. There will also be Loddon Band heralding the Christmas season and singers from the Glee Club. Remember Open House is indoors, so it's a great place to be, even if it's raining!

Windows and Thoughts

There's a theme of Christmas bells running through Holy Trinity's window decorations this year, and a trail of things to think about involving bells and other noises. Everything will be in place for Open House and will stay until 6 January, so do go and have a look.

News about Ernie

People who rarely worship in Loddon may not know Ernie Bossé, the Methodist minister within the ecumenical partnership that is the Church in Loddon. Ernie has been asked to reorganise his responsibilities so that he will no longer be covering Loddon, although he will still be living and ministering in Beccles. In his place will be Louise Morrissey from Leiston.

Loddon—Welcomers Still Wanted

In Loddon we need more people willing to welcome people at the start of a service, and others to serve coffee at the end. We have fewer people on the current list, which means they are being called upon too often. If everyone who is physically able to help undertook one (or both) of these jobs occasionally they would be less stretched, and we could all share in the two best jobs in the church! Speak to Nina Owen if you think there's anything you can do.

Things to Note

Chedgrave Fair—thanks

Chedgrave PCC thanks all who supported (in so many different ways) the successful Autumn Fair on Saturday. The total sum raised stands at £529.77, but the success was much more wide-ranging, with many enjoying one another's company and also the various stalls, refreshments, and band-playing – a good community-building event.

Christingle Milestone

This year marks 50 years since The Children's Society adopted the Moravian church's tradition of Christingle. Since then countless people have enjoyed the beautiful service of candles and the good news of Jesus. The Children's Society benefits too, as most churches send them their Christingle collections. Could you send a donation to The Children's Society this Christmas? Cheques can be sent to The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery St, London WC1X 0JL or you can donate online at www.childrenssociety.org.uk

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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 & Fri 10am-4pm and Tues, Weds & Thur 10am-1pm .

Prayer Shower

For situations that need urgent prayer, or to pray for others, contact Val Fryer at valfryer@btconnect.com or 01508 520235

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?

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 david.chetvalley@gmail.com

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—9 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Hardley
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Chedgrave
10.45am	Morning Worship	Loddon (St J's)

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

Malachi 3. 1 - 4, Philippians 1. 3 - 11, Luke 3. 1 - 6, *Benedictus*

Tailpiece	Advent Sunday is the start of the Church's year. Why not make a new year resolution to spend more time with Jesus?
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