



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 6 January—Epiphany

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

Isaiah 60. 1 - 6
Ephesians 3. 1 - 12
Matthew 2. 1 - 12

*Psalm 72**



Prayer for today

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
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.

- Sun 6 Epiphany Praise, 6.30 for 7pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Mon 7 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon 7 Xpressions Café planning, 7.30, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Tue 8 Time for Prayer & Space for Reflection, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 9 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 9 Home group, 2.30, Lodge Farm, Sisland
- Wed 9 Home group, 7.30, 9 Sycamore Close, Loddon (following the 'Discipleship' course)
- Thur 10 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon

Advance Dates

- 2 Feb Just Desserts—an evening of puddings, 7pm, St John's Lecture Hall, Loddon (see inside)
- 16 Feb Tales of an Auctioneer, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon (see inside)

A personal thank-you.... David & Nina Owen want to say thank-you to all who popped a Christmas card through their door, and to wish you every blessing for 2019.

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for those who face financial difficulties following the Christmas season. Let's pray for organisations such as the CAB who offer help. On a wider scale let's pray for nations of the world where poverty is the expectation of most people and hunger is rife.

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

Epiphany Praise

Today (Sun 6 Jan) we're holding Epiphany Praise at 6.30 for 7pm, following the format we usually have on the last Sunday of the month. It's a one-off change in schedule, in that we won't be meeting on the last Sunday of January, but will have our next Last Sunday Praise on 24 February. So... do come to today's service. If you'd like to be there but don't fancy walking down to St John's in the dark, have a word with David or Nina Owen.

Mon 7 Jan—all ideas welcome

Once a month the Monday home group that meets at Chedgrave skips a week in order to give time for planning the themes and activities for the next Xpressions Café. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to chip in with some ideas—and there is no pressure on you to take on responsibility if you'd rather not!

Crib Service—What a lot of People

We said thank-you at the end of the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, but it's good to say it in writing too. A huge amount of work and commitment goes into putting on the dramatisation that forms the Crib Service, both by those taking part on stage (and their parents) and by the musicians, technicians, practical helpers and front of house team. The scripting and producing were by Val Fryer and Alison Ball—goodness knows how many hours they put into it between them! This is a chance to say how much it was all appreciated—and who knows how many people went home thinking more deeply about the gift of Christ at Christmas?

Decorations Coming Down

We've reached the time when we put away the decorations and take the Christmas tree to be composted. In all of our churches it's a chance to say thank-you to all who helped to make them festive and welcoming for the Christmas season. Please, if you put something up, can you take it down and either put it away or take it away. Many thanks.

Collage in Chedgrave Church

A big thank-you goes to everyone who contributed to the advent collage in Chedgrave church. Like the decorations, it's now time to take down the collage, so if you have images or items to collect, please see Belinda.

Mardling On

The Monday Mardlers are never deterred by the time of the year or the state of the weather. If you fancy a good mardle on Monday mornings, go along to Chedgrave Church Centre between 10am and 12 noon where coffee, tea and a chat will be going on.

Friends and Neighbours

There's no meeting of Friends and Neighbours in January—the next is on the first Thursday of Feb. If you know someone who has lost their life partner, do encourage them to come along.



Just Desserts—Brighten up your February

The chilly season is always made better by eating pud! Just Desserts is an evening where you have a starter, a lot of puddings and a chance for some fun.

It's a few weeks ahead, so by then you'll have forgotten about the Christmas mince pies and will be ready for something indulgent and yummy. Tickets cost £7 (Family ticket £20) from the Church Office or from Nina Owen (01508 522993, email theroamingfenlander@gmail.com).



Tales of an Auctioneer

On Wednesday 13 February Elizabeth Talbot from the Antiques Roadshow will be with us in Loddon for an evening when she will be speaking about her career as an auctioneer. Tickets cost £6 and are available from the Church Office or from Val Counter (01508 520702, email valancounter@gmail.com)

Things to Note

Everything's Re-starting

This week all our regular activities are re-starting, so see the What's On diary for times and places. Please pass on the details to others who might not have received a copy of the Weekly News.

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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—13 January Baptism of Christ

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

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

Isaiah 43. 1 - 7, Acts 8. 14 - 17, Luke 3. 15 - 17, 21 - 22, Psalm 29

Tailpiece The advantages of really easy origami are undeniably two-fold.
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