



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 10 February—4th before Lent

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 6. 1 - end
1 Corinthians 15. 1 - 11
Luke 5. 1 - 11

Psalms 138



Prayer for today

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through 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.

- Mon 11 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon 11 Singing rehearsal for World Day of Prayer service, 10.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Mon 11 Home group, 7.30pm, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Tue 12 Informal Communion with blessing, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 13 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.30-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 13 Home group, 2.30, Lodge Farm, Sisland
- Wed 13 Home group, 7.30, 9 Sycamore Close, Loddon (following the 'Discipleship' course)
- Wed 13 Tales of an Auctioneer, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon (see inside)
- Thur 14 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon

Advance Dates

- 23 Feb Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, Val and Alan Counter's house, Avocet, Norwich Road
- 1 March World Day of Prayer service 7pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- 8 March Quiz and Supper, Chedgrave Church Centre
- 11 March First meeting of Lent Course, 7.30pm, Chedgrave Church Centre (See inside)
- 12 March First Quiet and Compline for Lent, 7pm, Chedgrave church (See inside)

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for all who are thinking about joining church electoral rolls and making a commitment to their church. Let's pray especially for the Chet Valley Churches as we make decisions about the way forward. On a wider scale let's pray for the church worldwide as a beacon of faith and a channel of God's love.

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



Tales of an Auctioneer—This Week

On Weds 13 Feb Elizabeth Talbot from Bargain Hunt and Flog It will be in Loddon for an evening when she will be speaking about her career as an auctioneer. Buy you tickets (£6 each) from Val Counter (01508 520702, email valancounter@gmail.com) or from the Church Office.

World Day of Prayer 2019, and Song Practice

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be in St John's, Loddon at 7pm on Fri 1 March. It has been prepared by Christian women in Slovenia, with a theme of "Come—Everything is Ready!" We too need to be ready—so come and join in a singing rehearsal on Mon 11 Feb 10.30am at St John's. It's a chance to practise the songs that the Slovenian women have chosen so we can sing them in the service. Please come!

Lent Course on Mondays—Looking into Lent's Mirror

On 11, 18 & 25 March and 1 & 8 April we will be running a Lent Course at 7.30pm in Chedgrave Church Centre, led by Susanna Gunner, Bishop's Chaplain and Diocesan Advisor in Spirituality and Discipleship. Susanna wrote the popular Mapping... series which she developed when she was Lay Development Officer in the diocese. Using a range of resources, the course will look at some of the characters who feature in the last week of Jesus' life, with each evening ending with a short time of worship. Contact Jen Hayden on 01508 528454 or email jenhayden27@gmail.com if you would like to come. Please commit to all five weeks if possible.

Ash Wednesday is on 6 March... then it's Lent

We will be serving Lent lunches again this year starting on Wed 13 March in the Lecture Hall at St John's in Loddon. It's an event where we can welcome people from across the Chet Valley and to raise funds for the Bishop's Lent Project for this year. However, it is dependent on there being enough people willing to help as kitchen assistants or waiters. If you think you might be able to take part, please tell Belinda Barwick on 01508 520351.

Quiz Time in Chedgrave

The next Chedgrave Church Supper and Quiz is on Friday 8 March. Supper will be baked potatoes and fillings, followed by a choice of puddings. Tickets available now from Alison Ball on 01508 528126, email ball880am@btinternet.com

Quiet and Compline

Every Tuesday in Lent (starting on 12 March) we will have a chance for an hour's quiet at 7pm, ending with the short, beautiful service of Compline (Night Prayer). You may want to use the time to read or pray, or just to sit and appreciate the silence. This year Quiet and Compline will be in Chedgrave church.

Holy Land—Diocesan Pilgrimage

From 28 Feb to 2 March 2020 there will be a pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Bishop Jonathan (Bishop of Lynn) and the Very Revd Jane Hedges (Dean of the Cathedral). If you think you might be interested, contact Coralie Nichols at the diocesan office on 01603 629001, or (preferably) email coralie.nichols@dioceseofnorwich.org. Places are limited, so don't delay.

Things to Note

Church Electoral Roll—Important!

This year everyone needs to re-apply to be on the Church Electoral Rolls, even if you've been on the roll for years. The Electoral Roll Officers in each of our churches are Claire Webb (Loddon), Rowena Bryce (Sisland), Richard Ball (Chedgrave) and Eileen Knights (Hardley). Forms are available in all our churches, but if you can't find one ask your Electoral Roll Officer. If you are a regular attender and have never been on the Electoral Roll, do think about joining it now.

Hosts Wanted

HOST is a charity whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. HOST operates all year round and is keen to find more hosts to join the team. More information can be found at www.hostuk.org, email info@hostuk.org or phone 020 7739 6292.

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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—17 February 3 Before Lent

9.30am	All Together Worship	Chedgrave
10.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Sisland
10.45am	Holy Communion	Loddon (St J's)

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

Jeremiah 17. 5 - 10, 1 Corinthians 15. 12 - 20, Luke 6. 17 - 26, Psalm 1

Tailpiece	Did you know that one in every four frogs is a leap frog?
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