



# Chet Valley Churches

## Weekly News 14 April—Palm 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

Zechariah 9.9-12

Luke 19. 28-40

Psalms 118.1-2,19-24\*



### Prayer for today

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

## 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 15 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon 15 Sisland Annual Meeting, 7pm
- Mon 15 No home group at Chedgrave Church Centre
- Tue 16 Home Communion at Beauchamp House, 2.30
- Tue 16 Quiet and Compline 7pm, Chedgrave church
- Wed 17 No Noah's Ark for children and parents as it's school holidays
- Wed 17 Home Communion at Saxon House, 2.30
- Wed 17 No home group at Lodge Farm, Sisland until 1 May
- Wed 17 Home group, 7.30, 82 Oak Avenue
- Thur 18 Chrism Eucharist, 11am, Norwich Cathedral
- Thur 18 Maundy Thursday Seder meal and Communion, 7pm, St John's Chapel, Loddon

### At the Cathedral:

Mon 15, Tue 16, Wed 17 Communion and lecture by Revd Dr Malcolm Guite

## Advance Dates

- 27 April Drama 'To War with God', 7.30, St John's Lecture Hall, Loddon
- 28 April Chedgrave Annual Meeting, 11am
- 13-14 May Archdeacon's Visitation to this group of churches

## **Prayers Please...**

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

Especially let's pray for the local churches as we go through the season of Lent and focus on giving something up or taking up something new. Let's pray for generosity for the Lent Project and for other causes that we support. On a wider scale let's pray for those facing disaster in other parts of the world and for the relief agencies.

### **Use the Prayer Shower**

We have a 'prayer shower' for urgent prayer requests. Contact Ros Hoffmann email roshoffmann2011@gmail.com tel 01508 548200. Also contact Ros 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**

## **Maundy Thursday—do come to St John's**

This week it is Maundy Thursday (18 April), and for the last few years we have marked this day with a service reflecting the Passover, leading on to Communion. We also eat a meal together as part of the evening. Under the Jewish name of Seder, it links the Old Testament and all that went before Christ's birth with the solemn events leading to his death on the cross and resurrection at Easter. There's no charge for the meal, but if we're a huge crowd donations will be appreciated to cover costs. Please sign the list in church or tell Nina or David Owen if you're coming and if you have dietary issues.

## **Quiet and Compline—Last One**

Each Tuesday in Lent we have been offering an hour's quiet at 7pm in Chedgrave church, ending with the short, beautiful service of Compline (Night Prayer) at 7.45. Why not come to the last one, and take time to read, pray, or just to sit and appreciate the silence.

## **Soup in Lent.... Finished now, but donations still welcome**

Alongside the good soup at our Lent lunches has been an chance to donate to the Bishop's Lent Project, and also to bring items for the Food Bank and for Loving by Giving (the charity that supports people leaving prison). If you have not been able to come to the lunches, why not pop a donation in an envelope and drop it in to the Church Office, labelled Lent Lunch.

## **To War with God**

On Sat 27 April at 7.30 in St John's Lecture Hall, we are hosting To War with God—a moving account of how the First World War affected the faith of Anglican chaplain Edward Montmorency "Monty" Guilford'. Based on a book by Monty's grandson, this two man drama by Artless Theatre Company draws on first-hand material, including diaries, photos, and letters, tracing his journey from his days on the Somme through the mud and terror of Cambrai to Belgium and the Army of Occupation. Along the way, Monty won the MC but lost his faith. But the story doesn't end there... Tickets cost £8 from the Church Office (521179) or Nina Owen (522993)

## **Loddon's Easter Service**

In Loddon we are invited to join the Roman Catholic congregation for coffee at 10.15 approx, for coffee following their Easter service and before ours starts. Our service will start in St John's. After the sermon we will process to Holy Trinity (on foot if possible, by car if you find walking difficult), mirroring Good Friday's Walk of Witness, where we will then celebrate Communion.

## **Easter Cards—Still Available**

Easter cards are now on sale in Loddon and Chedgrave churches during the run-up to Easter, and at Lent lunches. All sales release a donation, either to the churches or to the Lent project.

## **Prayer Shower**

Sadly Val Fryer has needed to relinquish her role as co-ordinator of the Prayer Shower but the good news is that Ros Hoffmann is taking over this task. If you, or someone you know needs prayer (either named or anonymously) send a request to Ros and she will pass it round to those who have agreed to pray. Could you join the Shower and pray (at home, in your own time) for any requests that are sent in? To find out more, contact Ros on 01508 548200, email roshoffmann2011@gmail.com

# **Things to Note**

## **Methodist Easter Offering**

Now is the time to contribute to the Methodist Church's Easter offering for world mission. If you would like to make a donation, please use an envelope (available in St John's) and gift aid it if possible. Then return it to Hazel Catchpole (4 Proctor Avenue, Chedgrave).

## **Easter Flowers**

To donate to Easter flowers and to submit names for Loddon's book of remembrance please leave details at the church office. Don't forget to include your own name and contact details too.

## **Easter Services**

See back page for details of all our Easter services

# Information

## Licensed Clergy

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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 Ros Hoffmann: 01508 520235, roshoffmann2011@gmail.com

## 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.

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## Services and readings next week—Easter

### 18 April Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Seder meal, Loddon (see above)

### 19 April Good Friday

10.00am Children's Reflection, Chedgrave  
12noon Walk of Witness Holy Trinity, Loddon  
2.00pm At the foot of the cross, Chedgrave

### 21 April Easter Sunday

6.00am Sunrise Communion, Hardley  
9.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Sisland  
9.30am All Together Communion, Chedgrave  
10.15 for Holy Communion Start at St John's,  
10.45am Loddon

**NB Please note the timing of Loddon's service. We are invited to share coffee with the Roman Catholic congregation after their service, and before ours.**

Tailpiece	Adrian Plass's definition of 'Pray and Display': a special car park designed for use by modern Pharisees
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