



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 12 May—4th Sunday of Easter

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

Acts 9.36-43
Revelation 7.9-17
John 10.22-30

Psalm 23



Prayer for today

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 13 First day of Archdeacon's Visitation to the Chet Valley Churches
- Mon 13 Monday Mardles, 10am-12noon, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon 13 Monday evening home group, 7.30pm, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Tue 14 Second day of Archdeacon's Visitation to the Chet Valley Churches
- Tue 14 Seniors' Lunch Club, 12.15, Loddon Junior School (book on Mon via church office)
- Tue 14 Time for Prayer & Space for Reflection, 7.30, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 15 Noah's Ark for children and parents, 9.15-12noon, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Wed 15 Home group, 2.30, Lodge Farm, Sisland
- Thur 16 Xtra! service, 3.45, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Sat 18 Coffee Morning at Tony & Sheila Tomkinson's house, Wherry Close, Loddon
- Sun 19 See back page for our services!

Advance Dates

- 27 May Pop-up Café for Bank Holiday, Holy Trinity, Loddon
- 30 May Ascension Day Service, 7.30pm, Chedgrave
- 22-23 Jun Playtime Old & New, 10am-5pm, Holy Trinity, Loddon

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for our group of churches in the Chet Valley, that we might increasingly work together to show the light of Christ in our communities. On a wider scale let's pray for the work of Christian Aid in their fight against poverty and sadness in so many places, and in particular for their work with pregnant mums in Africa.

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

New Bishop of Norwich

It has been announced that the next Bishop of Norwich will be Bishop Graham Usher, currently Bishop of Dudley. More information can be found on the diocesan website.

Archdeacon's Visitation

On 13 and 14 May Archdeacon Steven will be coming to the Chet Valley Churches to meet with clergy and churchwardens. If there is anything you think you would particularly like to mention to Steven, have a word with your churchwardens today.

Morning and evening services on Sunday 19 May

The Archdeacon will be preaching at the combined Communion service on 19 May at 10.30am in Holy Trinity. (Loddon congregation please note the time!) Do try to be at the service if at all possible, and make time to chat over coffee afterwards. Later in the day, at 5pm we have an Evening Prayer at Sisland, particularly geared for the Friends of St Mary's Church, but obviously open to all who would like to go along.

Christian Aid Week—18 May onwards

In all of our churches there are envelopes and information about this year's Christian Aid Week, which focuses particularly on safe care for pregnant mums. Barry Gibson is co-ordinating the envelopes, so if you have any questions or can't find the envelopes in your church, speak to Barry on 01508 520045.

Coffee Morning on Saturday

Come to 10 Wherry Close for your coffee between 10am and 12noon on Saturday 18 May (Tony & Sheila Tomkinson's house) and enjoy good company, coffee and chat.

Pop-up Cafe

Loddon's first Pop-up Café of the year will be on Bank Holiday Monday. Why not come along for a cream tea or coffee and something savoury or even a truly yummy piece of cake?

Chedgrave Fair—8 June

It's time to note the date of Chedgrave's Spring Fair with its usual stalls of plants, cakes, refreshments and much more. For families there will be face painting, bug hunting, bird watching, 'duck' fishing, and the chance to make flower decorations. The Eco-council from Loddon Junior School will also be leading a seed-planting activity for all to join in with and putting on an exhibition of their school environmental projects. Contributions for stalls can be left in the church porch or given to Jack Barwick, 2 Hardley Road, or brought on the day.

Afternoon Concert

In Chedgrave church on 9 June at 3pm there will be a concert by Tale Dolce Musica followed by afternoon tea. Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions) and are available from the Church Office or from Alison Ball on 528126, email ball880am@btinternet.com



Looking Ahead to June 22-23

Everyone has had a childhood, whether it was recent or years ago, and in June there will be a weekend event in Loddon church entitled Playtime Old and New. We're putting together an exhibition of toys and games (with some that you can play with and others for display only) and childhood photos of games, sports, school etc. So what can you offer? Please talk to Nina Owen (01508 522993, email theroamingfenlander@gmail.com) if you can offer items, photos or a chat about the games you played as a child. We're hoping for recent things as well as old ones, so whatever age you are, so please do get involved.

Things to Note

Use the News and the Office

If you know of any news or event taking place within the Chet Valley Churches, or something elsewhere that would be of general interest, please send it to the Weekly News, preferably by email, so it can be publicised. Please make sure you let the Church Office know too, so it can be entered in the diary and avoid clashing with anything else.

Information

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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.

Services and readings next week—19 May 5th Sunday of Easter

10.30am	Combined service of Holy Communion for the Archdeacon's Visitation to our churches	Loddon (Holy Trinity)
5.00pm	Evening Prayer with invitation to the Friends of St Mary's	Sisland

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

Acts 11.1-18, Revelation 21.1-6, John 13.31-35, Psalm 148*

Tailpiece	The good news starts at Christmas, is celebrated at Easter and lasts for ever. (This week is your last chance to see the trail in Holy Trinity Church)
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