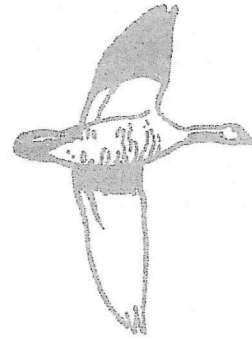


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of Chedgrave, Hardley and Langley

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The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings were closed because of the Covid 19 pandemic, from March 24th. Our worship of God and our care for each other and for the wider community continues, but we had the strange experience of Easter without our well-loved buildings. In the Chet Valley services can be found on the Churches' website, www.chetvalleychurches.org.

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation,
But the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
And all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen.

One of the aspects of this strange time that many have remarked on is how communities are pulling together, with neighbours looking out for each other, collecting prescriptions, getting shopping or phoning to check on the well being of those they haven't seen for a while. This is true of our own communities too, but if you feel that you need help do call one of the clergy listed above, or the **Early Help Hub: 01508 533933. Email EarlyHelpHubSouth@S-Norfolk.gov.uk.**



Plant Stall

Chedgrave Church won't be able to have our usual Spring Fair and Plant Sale, but do have a look at the plant stall on Hillside, Chedgrave- lots of plants (perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetables) will be available throughout May, sold in aid of church funds. This is already a very popular stall, so if you have some plants to donate as well, they would be very welcome!

A very big thank you to all our local shops and businesses who are helping us through the lockdown, with home deliveries and cheerful service!

Ministerial Musings

As I write this, we are at the start of the third week of social isolation. I suspect that we will still be in the same state when this magazine is produced. I wonder how you are all doing?

I have spoken with people who are used to being on their own so whilst it is a bit of a rum situation, they are finding things not too difficult; people are being very kind and bringing them what they need. Others speak of being bewildered at the world of which they find themselves a part. Others still are anxious and fearful. We are all having to get on with it as best we can, supporting each other in so many different ways, and looking forward to the time when we are able to be together again.

How do we cope when things seem so unpredictable and up in the air?

Where do we find stability in our lives, something to ground us?

As Christians, in our Bibles, we can find many instances when people are in difficulty. Many of their emotions are expressed in the words of the psalms: here songs of praise and thanksgiving sit amongst laments – great outpourings of sorrow and anguish as people wonder where God is. I find them helpful at the moment. Here also are to be found words of certainty and I offer some of these to you now taken from Psalm 46, verse 1:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

In a world that seems to be changing, God is constant. We can call out to God, and ask for all our fears to be held. When we are sorrowful, we can find comfort. When we feel we are falling, God can be our solid ground.

Maybe you would like to be able to believe this and to experience God's strength and love at this time. If so, why don't you make time to stop and ask God to be with you in a very present way, to make time to be with God and ask for help as you wrestle with the difficult things we face?

May God be with you.

Rev Alison

Michael Redrup

Margaret, Joy and Peter would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and flowers and cards in respect of 'Mikey', who died in Harrow on March 16th. 'Mikey' was a much-loved son and brother to us, although living in care. He was lovingly looked after by so many caring staff, enjoying holidays at Disneyland Paris and Majorca over the years. He will be much missed. Thank you all once more. Margaret Redrup.

Chet Valley Medical Practice

Firstly, we would like to thank all our patients for their support and understanding during these unprecedented and challenging times. Please be mindful of the following:-

The Practice is currently offering telephone consultations only with the exception of face-to-face consultations at the request of a G.P.

Medication Requests -please do not order your repeat medication more than 7 days in advance.

We will notify by text or telephone call when your medication is ready for collection. Please do not attend the Practice to collect beforehand. In accordance with NHS England we are unable to prescribe more than 28 days medication.

Please remember to follow the Government guidelines regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19), self-isolation and social distancing.

Eco Church

All Saints PCC recently completed an Eco Church online survey, to assess our environmental credentials, and to see the areas in which we need to improve. As you may know, we have been trying to bring our concerns about the environment to the fore, not just through our worship and teaching, but also through community involvement, with the 'green' theme to last year's Spring Fair and linking up with B-lines. Alas, this year it will not be possible to hold the Fair, but our work continues to promote 'green' concerns.

We are trying to reduce our carbon footprint in our energy use and to use renewable resources where possible. You may be aware too that we have been working to make the churchyard more bee/bird/bat friendly and have planted patches of native flowers in some of the grave surrounds. We are keen to increase community involvement, so do get in touch if you are an enthusiast or have links with other environmental groups.

The survey, by the way, showed that we are at 'Bronze' level- so we are pleased to have started, but there's plenty of room for improvement!

Chet Valley Probus Club

All meetings are regrettably cancelled until further notice owing to the current health crisis.

Undaunted, and despite being a non-profit organisation with limited funds, the Club has decided to contribute £500 to the Cambridge University Covid-19 Research Programme-

<https://shar.es/aHqXxZ>. This is in addition to its usual more modest donations to local charities each year.

The Club always welcomes new members to its friendly group. When meetings resume they will find good company, a fascinating programme of speakers covering a huge range of topics, and good food! Contact John McCormack secretary, Loddon 01508 521899.

(The secretary of the Chet Staithe Probus Club is Peter Warren, 01508 494620. Ed.)

For the first time in the history of the Chet News we have been unable to go into print! We are grateful for the opportunity to provide an online edition and our thanks go to the Chet Valley Churches and Chedgrave Parish Council for providing a link on their sites.

Chedgrave Parish Council

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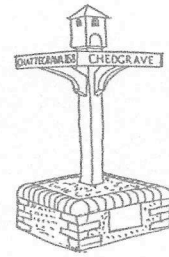
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Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for 2nd April were cancelled. Further meetings are under review but it is hoped that a meeting will take place on 7th May as planned, albeit via video-link. Please check the parish noticeboard and website for details on how to dial in if applicable.

Despite there being no meeting, some key decisions were required in order for basic parish business to continue. These are summarised below and will be formally ratified at a future meeting:

1. **To agree a temporary standing order granting delegated authority to the Clerk to carry out essential tasks in the absence of a meeting.**
2. **To approve payments.**
3. **To agree refunds of paid but unused Brian Clarke room booking fees cancelled due to Coronavirus, regardless of notice period, total: £705.00.**
4. **To approve the Financial Regulations (needed for audit purposes).**
5. **Planning Matters:**
2020/0506: Applicant: Mr John Ingram, Location: Land North East of Chedgrave Manor Norwich Road Chedgrave Norfolk, Proposal: Reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following Outline planning permission 2019/0027 for erection of 4 dwellings. Application Type: Reserved Matters.

Play Areas (The Pits and Grebe Drive): Currently closed as per government guidance.

Brian Clarke Rooms: Currently closed.

Allotments: Open, with adherence to government guidance on social distancing.

Easter Egg Hunt: Cancelled.

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The Parish Council wishes everyone well at this time.

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