



# Chet Valley Churches

## Weekly News 24 May—7th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to the Chet Valley Churches. Just now we are making connections with one another by phone and online, and we can also share updates via the Weekly News. Please let the News have any good news stories/items of encouragement that we can share. All our services can now be found on the churches' website at [www.chetvalleychurches.org](http://www.chetvalleychurches.org)

### Readings for today

Ezekiel 36. 24-28

Acts 1. 6-15

John 17. 1-11

*Psalms 68. 1-10*



### Prayer for today

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
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.**

There are no meetings or services at the moment, but there are some dates and events that can go in your diary.

- Each Sunday service will be available by email, so we can join in worship even if we can't meet together. (See inside for details)
- Each evening at 7pm we are encouraged by the Archbishop to light a candle and pray for those who are affected by the Coronavirus in whatever way. That includes people who are ill, those who are fearful and those who care for others. It also includes people who are struggling financially. And of course it includes all who are trying to co-ordinate the way forward and those whose research may lead to overcoming the virus.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

## **Prayers Please...**

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

Especially let's pray for people we know who are fearful about Covid-19 or who are ill. Let's also pray for health carers, those who have to issue guidelines and those who organise their implementation. On a wider scale let's pray for research scientists who continually work to develop vaccines to combat so many diseases.

### **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 usually meet at St John's Chapel in Loddon for 'Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection', led by Jill Haylock. During the time when we cannot meet together, could you take time to light a candle and pray at home? If you wish, you can let Jill know (01508 520248)

### **Morning Prayer, but not in Church**

Clergy are continuing with Morning Prayer at 9am in their own homes. You may like to join in. Use your own copy of Common Worship or the old prayer book, or you can find the service at <https://tinyurl.com/MornPray>. Scroll down and click on Morning Prayer in Easter season.

# **News and Events**

## **Service Online this Week**

This week Ros Hoffmann is leading a service of Holy Communion. It can be found at [www.chetvalleychurches.org](http://www.chetvalleychurches.org) If you receive the News by email, you will also receive the service outline by email. Others will be delivered as paper copies where possible.

## **For the Record?**

If you have a camera or smart phone on which you can record a video you might like to do a reading for one of our online services. If so, get in touch with David Owen (01508 522993). Alternatively, if you're happy to be recorded outside by someone else, that would be useful too.

## **Ascension Day**

If you don't receive the News by email but have access to our YouTube channel you might like to catch up with our service for Ascension Day. Go to <https://youtu.be/wxGEavcZ80g>

## **Thy Kingdom Come**

Since 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have backed a prayer initiative between Ascension Day and Pentecost under the heading of Thy Kingdom Come. There are resources for prayer and much more on the website [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) including an app that can be downloaded.

## Happiness is a garden...

The plant stalls in Hillside, Chedgrave and at Avocet, Norwich Road are doing brisk business, but with the weather set to warm up it's time to drop by and buy a few plants. Both stalls welcome any plants you can donate, so please take them along. If you have plants you can donate but aren't able to take them to a stall, contact Nina Owen in the first instance to arrange collection. (01508 522993, or email [news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com](mailto:news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com))

## Good News stories

We invited you to share any good news you may have had recently. Mine is that our fruit and veg gardening has never been so good! On a more serious note, Ros Hoffmann has had the good news that her recent scan has shown that her cancer continues to be under control and that she won't need another scan until January next year. Genny Godber has sent a photo of the garage belonging to her son and family. They're painting a big mural of a rainbow on the garage wall. (It looks better in colour.)



## A Costly Few Weeks

Please remember that the church has had very little revenue over the past few weeks but still needs to pay its bills. Treasurers love generous givers!

## Things to Note

### Contact & Chet News Online

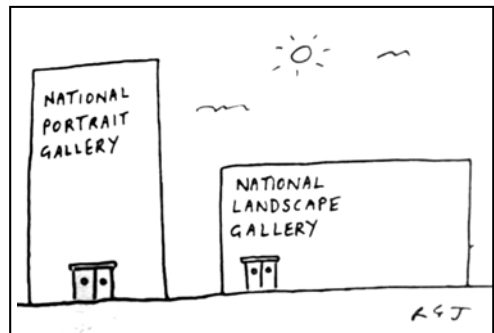
Both Contact magazine and Chet News are on the Chet Valley Churches website. Do take a look.

### News on paper

If you get the News as a paper copy but could do so by email contact Nina Owen:

## Smile of the Week

Those who have been recording services, readings etc will know that they need to be in landscape format ....



# 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 548200, 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 while the churches are closed, put them in the collecting box at the Co-op in Loddon.

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## Services and readings next week—31 May Pentecost

The service is available by email and will be sent automatically to those who usually receive the Weekly News by email. It is also available to download from [www.chetvalleychurches.org](http://www.chetvalleychurches.org)

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

Numbers 11. 24-30, Acts 2. 1-21, John 20. 19-23, *Psalm 104. 26-end*

Tailpiece	Some people are worried about cold callers. If someone rings you up and sneezes, just put the phone down.
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