



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 27 September—Trinity 16

Welcome to the Chet Valley Churches. We hope you will find the service thoughtful, prayerful and a chance to meet with God. We are gradually getting back to holding services in our church buildings, but for the time being we are also offering a weekly service online. To find this go to the churches' website at www.chetvalleychurches.org In whatever way you are worshipping with us, you are very welcome.

Readings for today

Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-end
Philippians 2. 1-13
Matthew 21. 23-32 *Psalm 25. 1-8*

Harvest readings:

Deuteronomy 8.1-18
2 Corinthians 9.6-15
Luke 17.11-19 *Psalm 65*



Prayer for today

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace
at our lives' end,
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.

- Each Sunday for the time being there will continue to be a full service available online, as clergy are aware that not everyone is willing or able to come to a corporate service of worship. (See inside for details)
- This Sunday (27 September) there is a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am in Chedgrave, a service of Morning Worship at 10.30am in Hardley and Morning Worship for Harvest at 10.45am in Holy Trinity, Loddon. Numbers of attendees must be limited by social distancing regulations.
- Details of next Sunday's services are on the back page.

Please note: Services are subject to social distancing of 2 metres and attendees must sit in the designated spaces. No congregational singing is allowed. Any books that are used for the service must not be shared, and if they are not possible to clean, must not be used again for at least 3 days. Face coverings are needed.

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for people we know who are facing huge challenges in getting back to 'normal'. Let's pray for health carers, and all frontline and key workers who are still dealing with the effects of Covid-19. On a wider scale let's pray for research scientists who are working 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 meet at St John's Chapel in Loddon for 'Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection', led by Jill Haylock. To sign up for Tuesday Prayers by email contact Jill at jillhaylock@aol.com

Morning Prayer, at home and in Church

Morning Prayer is now at 9am in Chedgrave church on Weds & Sat each week. Clergy are also continuing with Morning Prayer at 9am at home. 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 and Evening Prayer.

News and Events

Service Online this Week

David Owen is leading our online service this week, and as it the last Sunday of the month there is also a PDF version of Last Sunday Praise for which Jen Hayden has written a reflection. We are continuing with full services online for the time being, which you can find on our website at www.chetvalleychurches.org Don't forget that you can catch up with hymns and songs and recent services by going to our YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/chetvalleychurchesyoutube>

Threes are allowed—Let's Pray!

Prayer triplets are when three people commit to meet for prayer on a regular basis. They are a great way of weaving prayer into the daily fabric of our lives, and offer a way of praying with each other that is meaningful and relevant to our everyday. But why triplets? Firstly it's not too many people to get together regularly and is within Covid rules. Secondly a group of three enables a good level of accountability and trust. An important part of meeting for prayer is that we grow, both in our awareness of God, and how others and ourselves relate to him, and in living in his purposes for our lives. Sometimes this means being open to being challenged. A group of three is a better place to do this than a group of two or four as the third person acts as an accountable partner or 'balance' to the other two. We would like to establish prayer triplets across the benefice in the coming weeks and months. If you are interested in being involved, please get in touch with Jen Hayden at jenhayden27@gmail.com or on 01508 528454.

Tuesday Prayers

We have re-started the prayer time on Tuesdays (7.30-8.30pm), in the Old Chapel at the far end of St John's. Entry is via the red door from the pavement. Social distancing and face coverings are required. Details from Jill Haylock on 01508 520248, email jillhaylock@aol.com. Jill is also continuing to send out the much appreciated 'Tuesday Prayers' email. If you haven't signed up for this and would like to do so, send Jill an email and she will add you to the list.

Isn't God Good?

Janet Johns writes: "As some of you may know, I caught Covid just as lockdown started. It has led to a long period of recovery, particularly for my lungs, and six months later, I still have occasional difficulty with coughing and breathing. In early September we went on holiday to Yorkshire, not sure if I would be able to climb any hills or do our usual walks. Amazingly, I was able to walk miles of hills in the fresh Yorkshire air! I was very surprised and extremely grateful for my renewed health. Thank you to those who have prayed for me. God brings healing in his own time and has frequently given me peace on difficult days. Please keep praying for those who have had Covid and continue to suffer long term."

Bullrush Babies

As support groups for new mums are still allowed, Alison Ball is running Bullrush Babies (an offshoot from Noah's Ark) for new mums. The group will meet on Wednesdays in Chedgrave church centre and any interested mums must contact Alison in advance. There will be a maximum of 6 mums in the group—if more are interested the session will run twice. Currently it is not possible to run Noah's Ark, but that doesn't mean we have shelved our ministry to children and families.

Things to Note

Ride and Stride—Congratulations!

A big thank-you is due to all who took part in the Ride and Stride, raising money for the Historic Churches Trust and the Chet Valley Churches. For some it was a regular event, while for others it represented a major achievement. So congratulations all round, and thank-you to all who were able to sponsor. There's still time to add your sponsor money in recognition of the event, even if you didn't put your name down beforehand!

Service for Maureen Caston

The funeral service for Maureen Caston will take place on Wednesday. Many people would want to be there, but Covid regulations mean that only those who have been given a specific attendance card will be able to come into the church. It is intended that the service will be audible at a distance, but please respect the current rules about gatherings and social distancing.

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Church Office

The Church Office is just inside the door at St John's Chapel, Loddon. To contact the office email ohetvalley@btconnect.com. The office is currently not staffed, but email is regularly checked and post is collected on a weekly basis.

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 phone to 01508 522993, by Wednesday evening if possible. 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 when the churches are closed, put them in the collecting box at the Co-op in Loddon.

Services and readings next week—4 October Trinity 17

The online service will be available to download from www.chetvalleychurches.org and the service outline will be sent to those who usually receive the Weekly News by email. In our church buildings there will be:

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| 9.00am | Informal Communion | Chedgrave |
| 10.45am | Holy Communion | Loddon (Holy Trinity) |

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

Isaiah 5. 1-7, Philippians 3. 4b-14, Matthew 21. 33-end, *Psalm 19*

Tailpiece I have more than the average number of arms!
Most people in the world have 2, but some have 1 or none.
Very few have 3 arms. The average is therefore a little under 2.