



Weekly What's-On

for the Chet Valley Churches 14 December 2024

Diary Dates

- Sun 15 10.45 Holy Communion, Loddon, St John's
3 pm Carol Service, Sisland
7.30 pm Carol Service at the White Horse,
Chedgrave
- Mon 16 9 am, Morning Prayer, Loddon, St John's
10 am-12 noon, Monday Mardles, Chedgrave
Harnser Study Group – taking a break until New Year
- Tue 17 9 am, Morning Prayer, Hardley
- Wed 18 9 am, Morning Prayer, Chedgrave
Noah's Ark – taking a break until New Year
2.30 pm Study Group, St John's Chapel, Loddon
- Thu 19 9 am, Morning Prayer, Loddon, St John's
Xtra! – 3.15 pm St John's Chapel, Loddon (last one
until new school term)
7.00 pm Carol Service, St Margaret's, Hardley
- Fri 20 9 am, Morning Prayer, Sisland
- Sat 21 9 am, Morning Prayer, Chedgrave
10.00 – 12 noon Community Choir rehearsal,
Chedgrave

Advance dates

- Sun 5 Jan – Xpressions Café, Chedgrave. 10.00-12 noon
Mon 20 Jan – Xpressions Team meeting, 7.15 Langley Road
Sun 26 Jan – Last Sunday Praise, Loddon, St John's

Prayers for this week

Pray for the Carol Service at the White Horse on Sunday evening. Pray that it will be a real outreach and blessing to all those who attend and will show what Christmas is really all about..

Urgent Prayers - To ask for urgent prayer either for yourself or for someone else, contact Ros Hoffmann on 01508 548200, email roshoffmann2011@gmail.com

Readings, Prayers and Services

Readings for today

Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 7-18
Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2-6

Prayer for today – Advent 3

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare
the way of your Son: give us courage
to speak the truth, to hunger for
justice, and to suffer for the cause of
right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services for Sunday, 22nd December

10.45 am Holy Communion, Loddon,
St Johns
5.00 pm Carol Service with
Community Choir, Chedgrave
6.30 pm Carol Service, Loddon, Holy
Trinity

Readings for next week

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45
Magnificat

News and Events

Special Announcement

This announcement was issued on Sunday, 8 December and sent to all recipients of the What's On. However, it is repeated here in case you missed it.

'Bishop Ian, Bishop of Thetford has sent the following message:

Following recent interviews we are very pleased to say that The Revd Miriam Fife, currently Team Rector of the Launditch and Upper Nar Team Ministry in our Diocese, has accepted the offer to become our next Rector, subject to the relevant checks.

Details of Miriam's institution and induction will follow in due course.

HELP!

Thursday, 19 December, Holy Trinity Church, Loddon, 1.15 pm – 3.00 pm. Please could Rev'd Alison have a team of 6 adults to help the children make 210 Christingles. It is a mostly standing up job. Bring a pair of scissors (to cut red tape) and a serrated knife (for cutting a small cross at the top of every orange. Dress warmly; it's not going to be warm in the Church. Please let Rev'd Alison know if you are able to help: ball880am@btinternet.com.

Margaret Shearmur

Margaret's funeral will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Loddon, on Friday, 10 January at 11.00 am. All friends are invited to the service. The burial in the churchyard after the service will be a private family occasion.

About the Weekly What's-On

The What's-On seeks to serve and inform people across the Chet Valley churches. Send your contributions to news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com or phone 01508 528912 and speak to Margaret Whittaker (Editor). To receive the What's-On each week by email send an email to the above address.

Loddon Bell Ringers

The bells will be ringing for all the festive events and services leading up to Christmas. The bell ringers plan to ring in the New Year with a peal on 1 January. We are extremely fortunate to have such a talented group of bell ringers.

A New Youth Venture

A new youth group has been proposed in Loddon to be funded by monies that Rev'd Martin has for Mission. It is hoped that it will start in the new Year, possibly on Fridays during term time from 4 pm. We are hoping that this group will be a natural progression for the youngsters that come to Xtra! 2-3 adult helpers will be needed. Please let Rev'd Alison or Genny Godber know if you think this might be an opportunity you would like to take up. (ball880am@btinternet.com)

Used Postage Stamps

The Church is still collecting used postage stamps. If you would like to donate these then please put them in an envelope and put them through my letter box at 12 Filbert Road, Loddon. I will get them delivered to the collection point.

Christmas Charity Donations

This year one of the charities we will be collecting for is 'Embrace the Middle East' – This is a Christian Development Charity which tackles poverty and injustice in the Middle East. If you wish to find out more about this Charity and their work they have an extensive and informative website.