

Chet Valley Benefice Weekly News Letter



Week Beginning Sunday 3rd May 2009 Easter 4

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion B.C.P. Sisland St. Marys
9am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints
10am-12noon Xpressions Café, Chedgrave. Thank you for cakes sent.
10.45am Holy Communion Loddon Holy Trinity

Today's Readings

Acts 4 v 5-12; 1 John 3 v 16-end; John 10 v 11-18.

A Prayer before the Service

God of lasting love, fulfil your plan of salvation to gather into one fold the people of the whole world. Let every one on earth recognize your Christ as the Good Shepherd, who freely lays down his life for all to take it up again in power. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. AMEN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Bob and Annie Rainbow
Jill Goodfellow
Cliff and Pat Pike
Our youth, childrens' and families work.



Welcome to all Newcomers and Visitors

Be sure to introduce yourself to our minister.

If you would prefer a private conversation you may ring
Nigel 520251; Robert 01502 584809; Janet 520354; Richard 521938;
Sarah Woodger (Youth Worker) 07530 803363.

Please note days that clergy are unavailable, so that you can phone one that is on duty for your needs. Nigel Evans Friday; Richard Seel Friday; Janet Wyer Monday

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The Benefice Office in St. Johns Chapel for all Enquiries, Baptisms and Weddings.
Open Monday - Friday 9am -12noon and 1-4pm

Morning Prayer

Everyone welcome to Daily Services
Monday 9am St. Johns, Loddon
Tuesday 9am All Saints, Chedgrave
Wednesday 9am St. Margarets, Hardley
Thursday 9am St. Marys, Sisland
Friday 9am St. Johns, Loddon

Normally someone leads these services, when no-one is there, please come into the church and enjoy peace with God.

Services for Next Sunday 10th May 2009 Easter 5

8am Holy Communion Hardley St. Margarets
9.30am Holy Communion B.C.P. Chedgrave All Saints
9.30am Informal Worship Loddon St. Johns
10.45am Morning Worship Loddon Holy Trinity
6.30pm "Meet to Pray" Praise and Prayer Loddon St. Johns

Dates For this Week

Sun. May 3rd. Back to Holy Trinity, but Informal Worship will remain at St. Johns.
Tues. 5th May 7.30pm Loddon J.C.C.
Wed. 6th May 10am Holy Communion at Chedgrave
Wed. 6th May 2pm Holy Trinity Church Watch meeting
Wed. 6th May 7.30pm Deanery Standing Committee at St. Johns
Wed 6th May 7.45pm Cell Group 64, Cannel Road.
Thurs. 7th May 7.45pm All Saints Chedgrave Standing Committee

Thank You

Thanks are given to those who kindly contributed to the Methodist Church Easter Offering. The sum of £53.50 goes towards the work of the sixty-one Methodist partner Churches overseas. Anne Adams.

Future dates for your diary

10th May - 15th May Nigel on Arrow Residential in Sheffield
Sun. 17th May Benefice Rogation Service at Hardley



Tues. 19th May 7pm Archdeacon's Visitation for Church wardens at Raveningham.
Sun. 31st May 10am Benefice Service for Pentecost at Holy Trinity

Sun. 31st May Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral 6.30pm
Global Day of Prayer- a wonderful event.
Mon. 1st June Nigel begins Sabbatical
Tues. 1st Sept. Nigel returns from Sabbatical
3rd-5th July African Weekend at All Saints Chedgrave



11th/12 July Scarecrow Festival Weekend
10th-14th Aug. Holiday Club (info. A.Ball 528126 or
e-mail ball880am@btinternet.com
Sept. 22nd-27th Art Exhibition at Holy Trinity

Scarecrow Festival

We still require people to help with the stalls on Saturday - if anyone from the Church in Loddon can help please speak to Karen ASAP. In Nigel's absence, Karen along with the social committee, have taken on the burden of organising this event - to help ease it please do consider how you might help.



COMING SOON
XPRESSIONS
CAFÉ
LODDON SEPT.20th

Xpressions Café at Loddon

At the Church in Loddon Annual Meeting, it was agreed unanimously that Xpressions Café would open in St. Johns on the 3rd Sunday of every month beginning, we hope, on 20th September. This is a real opportunity to expand our outreach to people in our communities and a very exciting development.

If you would like to be a part of the planning for this and are interested in joining one of the teams please speak to any of the clergy and sign up at the back of church. We need three teams - people who are willing to serve in the Café; people willing to assist with the children and families work; people who would be interested in taking a role in developing and leading Xplore.

Produce and Preserves Stall

Please do not forget to look at the Sales Table at the back of Holy Trinity church. If you have too much produce or preserves for your own use, would you please consider donating them for sale to help boost funds for the church.

Thank you. Marion Hiseman

Bosnian Coffee Morning 27th May

A Coffee Morning will be at 9, Sycamore Close, Loddon, Wed., 27th May from 10-12 noon. When our youngest son Matthew was in the Army in Bosnia and Kosovo for five years, we heard about the plight of the children. The army were billeted in a bombed out school and a sad little group of children used to come and talk to them, they wanted their school rebuilt but the soldiers couldn't do that, only play the occasional game of football with them. I got to hear of Novi-Most International a few years ago who work with groups of children in Bosnia in Mostar and other areas and provide them with activities and meeting places throughout the year and also summer camps. Young people from this country go out there to help. They provide fun, food, sports, a place to meet and hear the gospel. It's a place for Muslim and Christian children to meet together. Do come for a tea/coffee and all donations will help this worthy cause.

Daphne Gibson 520045

Holiday Club - is this an event you could help with?

Holiday club this year runs from Aug. 10th to Aug. 14th with a service on Aug. 16th. We are going to use "Showstoppers", a S.U. production. Once again we are holding in in the Junior School. I am putting the team together now and would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved again, or anyone who hasn't been on the team before but would like to be there this year. There are a whole variety of jobs to be filled including leaders of groups, helpers with groups, music, refreshments, props....It involves one or two planning meetings and then the week itself - mornings only - plus the Sunday service. It is a lot of fun! Please let me know as soon as possible as we need to start planning soon. You can leave a message in the Benefice office or phone me on 528126, or e-mail me on ball880am@btinternet.com Looking forward to hearing from you. Alison Ball.

Sabbatical Arrangements 1st June - 31st August

Nigel has now arranged most of his visits while on Sabbatical. He will spend some time in the South and South West visiting churches and Fresh Expressions Leaders and in the North of England doing the same. He is also hoping to meet with Rt. Revd. Graham Cray, the National Director of Fresh Expressions.

While he is away he will not be answering his phone or e-mail. For all enquiries please call in at the Benefice office or ring; 01508 521179

e-mail: office@chetvalleychurches.org

Contact: Janet Wyer (520354) day off Monday or Richard Seel (521938) day off Friday.

Monday Mardles

Our last meeting at 31 Hillside was on Monday 27th April and after that we're going back to the Church Rooms at Chedgrave from Monday 11th May. There will be no Mardles on Monday 4th or Monday 25th May. We have a time of friendship with coffee and biscuits from 10-12 noon and everyone is welcome. We swap books on the second Monday of every month and the next book swap is on 11th May.

Many thanks, Shirleyanne

Items for inclusion in next week's letter to be at the Benefice Office by Wednesday 6th May 12noon with your name on in case of any queries please.