

# Chet Valley Benefice Weekly News Letter



## Week Beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

### Today's Services - Palm Sunday.

8am Holy Communion B.C.P. Sisland St. Marys.

9am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints.

10am-12n00n Xpressions Café Chedgrave All Saints. David thanks you for your cakes.

10.45am Holy Communion Beginning at Holy Trinity please bring greenery.

### Today's Readings

Isa. 50 v 4-9a; Philipp. 2 v 5-11; Mark. 15 v 1-39.

### A Prayer before the Service

O God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus your servant to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen. Keep before our eyes the splendour of the paschal mystery of Christ, and, by sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation. We ask this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. AMEN.



Bob and Annie  
Joan Evans  
Families on holiday  
Our farmers



### Welcome to all Newcomers and Visitors

Be sure to introduce yourself to our minister.

If you would prefer a private conversation you may ring

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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, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Easter

#### Sunday

8am Holy Communion Hardley St. Margarets

9am Holy Communion Sisland St. Marys.

9.30am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints

10.45am Holy Communion Loddon

2,30pm Saxon House



### Holy Week / Easter Services (April 5<sup>th</sup>-April 12<sup>th</sup>)

Holy Week - Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> 2pm-9pm; Mon. 6<sup>th</sup>, Tues 7<sup>th</sup>, and Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> April 9am - 9pm  
**Labyrinth in St. Johns. Trails for all ages. Do participate**

Maundy Thurs. April 9<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Last Supper and Foot washing at St. Johns (as below.)

Good Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> April - 10am Following in the Footsteps. Holy Trinity,

Good Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> April - 12 noon Walk of Witness start at Holy Trinity

Good Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> April - 2pm Final Hour at Chedgrave.

Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 8am Holy Communion Hardley St. Margarets

Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 9am Holy Communion Sisland St. Marys

Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 9.30am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints

Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 10.45am Holy Communion Loddon Holy Trinity

Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 2.30pm Saxon House.

### Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 11am

All are welcome at Norwich Cathedral for the Chrism Eucharist and renewal of ordination vows for clergy.

### Maunday Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at St. Johns

We will once again be sharing in a commemoration of the Last Supper. Please would you sign the sheets at the back of the churches to indicate whether you will be attending to assist us with catering? If you can assist with the provision of food for the meal please indicate on the sheet.

### Dates for this Week

Maundy Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2pm Help to set up table at St. Johns

### Future dates for your diary

Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Easter Vigil at Norwich Cathedral including Georgina Evan's Confirmation; all welcome

19<sup>th</sup> April 5pm Memorial Service Holy Trinity, Loddon

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm Davey Place Songs of Praise.

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April 26<sup>th</sup> Chedgrave A.P.C.M. following the service. Nominations please for wardens, P.C.P. and deanery Synod.

Thurs.28<sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm Lunches at the Junior School will resume . We urgently need drivers to assist with transport. Please contact Audrey 528393

May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Back to Holy Trinity but Informal Worship will remain at St. Johns.

Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> 'Meet 2 Pray' 6.30pm St. Johns - Praise and Prayer

(We are not meeting in April as second Sunday is Easter Day)

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> July African Weekend at All Saints Chedgrave

11<sup>th</sup>/12 July Scarecrow Weekend

10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Aug. Holiday Club (info. A.Ball 528126 or e-mail [ball880am@btinternet.com](mailto:ball880am@btinternet.com))



### Easter Egg Request

Once again we are holding an Easter Egg Hunt for children in Holy Trinity Church and churchyard on Easter Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. We would be grateful if people would donate small eggs (cream egg size) to give to the children when they have completed the hunt. If you would like to donate eggs, please leave them in the Benefice Office for collection by me. Many thanks. Alison Ball.

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

Holiday club this year runs from Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> with a service on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>. We are going to use "Showstoppers2, 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](mailto:ball880am@btinternet.com) Looking forward to hearing from you. Alison Ball.

### Baptisms in St John's Chapel

Last Friday, there were three baptisms in St John's Chapel. Three of the classes in Loddon Infant School have been learning about baptism and asked if we could help them out. Each class came to the chapel where they were part of the story of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan. They were then shown what happens in a baptism in our church nowadays. A name was chosen for the doll that was being baptised and the children took the part of parents and Godparents, each signing a cross on the doll's forehead. The font was examined by everyone and then filled before the baptism. We sang songs and lit a baptism candle before having refreshment of Christening cake and squash. And then questions. One child asked if it was the same drink as they had had before and was firmly told by another child that, "no it wasn't - last time it was red because it was like Jesus' blood!" That must have been from early December when they tasted grape juice as part of their 5 senses poetry day. The children all seemed to have enjoyed themselves and learnt something too.

### Benefice Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 6pm

All are invited to this service where we remember those who have meant much to us in our lives. Please specifically invite those known to you who have been recently bereaved.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month beginning, we hope, on 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

### Holy Week 2009

This year we are transforming the St. John's Chapel into a meditative prayer Labyrinth from Palm Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> (12 noon) until Wed. evening April 8<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers who are prepared to look after the Labyrinth to sign up on the sheets.

### Join Graham Kendrick for a Music Day.



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Enjoy a day with this well known musician and hymn writer. Cost £8 per person if booked by 31<sup>st</sup> March. or £10 thereafter. Booking forms from [www.norwich.anglian.org/calendar/e1002](http://www.norwich.anglian.org/calendar/e1002) or phone 01603 729818.

### Methodist Easter Offering envelopes

The Easter Offering envelopes for the Methodist Church World Mission are available today. Even if you can only give a small amount, it will be gratefully received. Please return your gift along with the offertory on any Sunday up to and including Easter Day. Thank you. Anne Adams 01508 528987

Items for inclusion in next week's letter to be at the Benefice Office by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 12noon with your name on in case of any queries please.