

Chet Valley Benefice Weekly News Letter



Week Beginning Sunday 10th May 2009 Easter 5

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion Hardley St. Margaret's
9.30am Holy Communion B.C.P. Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saint's
9.30am Informal Worship Loddon St. John's
10.45am Informal Worship Loddon Holy Trinity
6.30pm "Meet2Pray" Praise and Prayer Loddon St. John's

Today's Readings

Acts 8 v 26-end; 1 John 4 v 7-end; John 15 v 1-8.

A Prayer before the Service

O God, you graft us unto Christ, the true vine, and with tireless care, you nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence. Tend the vineyard of your church, that in Christ each branch may bring forth abundant fruits and faith and love. 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:-

Jenny Walker
Nigel on Arrow and Penny and the children
Those recently bereaved in our communities
Janet and Richard.



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 520 251; Robert 01502 584 809; Janet 520 354; Richard 521 938;

Sarah Woodger (Youth Worker) 07530 803 363.

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

Website, including events diary: www.chetvalleychurches.org

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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 17th May 2009 Easter 6

10am Benefice Rogation Service Holy Communion Hardley St. Margaret's.

Dates For this Week

Monday 11th May 10-12 noon ,Monday Mardles and book swap Church room Chedgrave

Mon. 11th May 7.30 pm Adams' Study Group, Homebred Lane,

Tues. 12th May 7.45 pm Broom Farm Group

Wed 13th May 7.45 pm Cell Group 64 Cannell road

Wed. 13th May 10 am Holy Communion at Chedgrave

Future dates for your diary

10th May - 15th May Nigel on Arrow Residential in Sheffield
Sun.17th May Benefice Rogation Service at Hardley.
Please note that there are no other services next



Tues. 19th May 7pm Archdeacon's Visitation for Church wardens at Raveningham.

Sun. 31st May 10am Benefice Service for Pentecost at Holy Trinity Please note that there will be no other services this week.

Sunday 31st May is the last Sunday before Nigel goes on Sabbatical the following day. It would be good to share food and fellowship after the service - please bring food to share.

20/21 June Exhibition of Photos, Drawings, Paintings inspired by the local landscape at St Mary's Sisland

26, 27, 28 June Flower Festival, Wedding Anniversaries, with Loddon Singers on the Friday at 7.30pm at St. Margaret's Hardley Church

3,4,5, July A little bit of Africa with dinner on 3rd; Exhibition & Fete on 4th and Xpressions Café on 5th at All Saint's Chedgrave

11, 12, July Scarecrows at Work Rest & Play, trips up tower, parachuting teddies etc at Holy Trinity, Loddon.

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 528 126 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.

Xpressions Café Loddon



COMING SOON
XPRESSIONS
CAFÉ
LODDON SEPT.20th

Xpressions Café

Hebra, Jacky and Bernard have written as follows - 'Thank you for being so welcome and helpful during our visit to your Café Church. We loved the way the theme ran through all parts in Xplore - Xpressions and all activities - such high quality. Hats off to you all!!!'

Norwich Prison

Stuart, Andrew, Matthew, Kieron, Ricky, Shane and Jake have asked to be baptised. Please remember them in your prayers as well as Toby, Ryan, Daniel, Aasim and Aaron who were baptised in the YOL last November. If you would like a copy of the Prayer Diary for Norwich Prison (issued every two months), please let me know.
Shirleyanne 521938

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 it 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 528 126, 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 521 179

e-mail: office@chetvalleychurches.org

Contact Janet Wyer (520 354) day off Monday or Richard Seel (521 938) 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 Mardle on 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 13th May 12 noon with your name on in case of any queries please.