



## ***A PEACEFUL ADVENT***

Chet Valley Benefice News Letter

Week beginning Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> December (4<sup>th</sup> in Advent).

### **Welcome to all New Comers and Visitors**

We are delighted you have taken the time to join with us today! Hopefully someone has welcomed you. Do also make yourself known to whoever is leading the service, and of course we would love you to come again.

### **Today's Services**

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9.30am Reflective Service Chedgrave All Saints,  
10.30am Carol Service Hardley St Margarets  
10.45am Holy Communion Loddon St Johns  
3.30pm Carol Service Sisland St Marys  
5pm Carol Service Chedgrave All Saints  
6pm Carol Service Loddon **Holy Trinity**  
7.30pm Carol Service White Horse Chedgrave

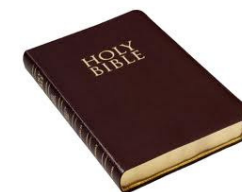


### **Christmas Services**

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11am Carols at Chedgrave Shops  
Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4pm Crib Service **Holy Trinity** Loddon  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion, **Holy Trinity** Loddon  
Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Holy Communion Sisland St Marys  
Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9am Holy Communion Hardley St Margarets  
Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints  
Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11am Christmas Service/Holy Communion Loddon St Johns

### **Readings for today**

2 Sam. 7. 1-11,16; Rom. 16. 25-27; Luke 1.26-38.



### **A Prayer before the Service**

Here in our midst, O God of mystery, you disclose the secret hidden for countless ages. For you we wait; for you we listen. Upon hearing your voice may we, like Mary, embrace your will and become a dwelling fit for your Word. Grant this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. AMEN.

### **Please Pray for**

Joan Hemmant ill at home.  
Dorothy Wright in hospital after her bad fall  
Molly Rose with thanks for her recovery so far.  
Alan Shearing ( now recovering at home)  
Heather Potter with her painful hip



### **A MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE.**

Ruth and I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year. We will of course not be able to send you all a card, however we are delighted with our new home area, and grateful for your love and kindness in these past 6 months.

### **Morning Prayer please note**

No formal morning prayers the week after Christmas. They will resume again on Tuesday 3rd January.

### **Everyone welcome to Daily Services**

Monday 9am Loddon St Johns  
Tuesday 9am All Saints, Chedgrave  
Wednesday 9am Hardley St Margarets  
Thursday 9am Sisland St Marys  
Friday 9am Loddon St Johns  
Saturday 9am Chedgrave All Saints

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

### **Peggy Boys**

Peggy phoned to wish all her friends from Chedgrave and Loddon a very Happy Christmas. It was very good to hear from her and to know she is well.

### LATVIA

Most of us have heard of Robert and Jeanette's working visit to the Hope Centre in Straupe, Latvia. The Centre still needs £3,000 to make it weatherproof for this winter. If anyone feels they can donate, please put it in a named envelope and place in the normal collection plate. Very many thanks.

### Dates

Please note there will be no Monday Mardles, Home group at Hillside and Cell Group at Sycamore Close until the week of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 2012

### A BIG THANK YOU

To all the organizers, stall holders, decorators, and visitors who made this such a happy community occasion and so successful for many local organizations. It was well appreciated.



### Midmonthly Wells

Sometimes you may have had the desire to continue to respond to something you feel God has stirred up in your life. How do you go about it?

Well in response to a number of requests I am going to host a monthly gathering which we will call Midmonthly Wells, (or eventually maybe just Wells.) The idea is to create a time for those who wish to come together to take part in some worship, share some things we may feel God has been doing with us, explore the scriptures together, and continue to learn to pray for one another for healing and other things. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday 18th January, at St John's Church, from 7.30-9pm

By calling it Wells it is to acknowledge that sense of provision, and a thirst being quenched. So we will also have some liquid refreshments!!  
If you can make it on any month you are very welcome. W. S.

### Christmas Greetings

At this very special time of the year, Richard and Shirleyanne would like to wish you a joyful Christmas and hoping 2012 will bring you peace and a closer walk with our God. We have decided this year that we won't be sending Christmas cards, but making a donation to All Saints Centre in Norwich. They offer free food and drink to homeless people as well as a cafe which we can enjoy.

### St John's Garden - thank you

A big thank you to those who have donated or offered sand and cobbles for the garden. We still need more if you haven't had a look yet. We can collect or you can drop round the side of the church. Tel 521895 or catch me when you can  
Rosemary Barry

## parenting children course

Is it time to begin investing in your family? Are you a parent or carer of one or more children aged 0 -11 years old? Are you expecting your first child? Would you like your family life to be the best it can be?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this course is for you! It covers every type of parenting situation, including parenting on your own, step parenting and parenting as a couple. Whatever your situation it can help improve and strengthen your family life, and is based on Christian principles, but designed for parents and carers with or without a Christian faith.

Starting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30 - 9pm at St. Johns Chapel, cost £10. and will be run by Willi and Ruth Stewart. To book a place phone the Benefice office on 01508521179

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Please note days that clergy are unavailable, so that you can phone one that is on duty for your needs.

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Thank you for your help. Gillian