



A PEACEFUL ADVENT AND A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Chet Valley Benefice News Letter

Week beginning Sun. 19th December 2010 (4th in Advent)

Christmas Services and
Sun. 26th December 2010 (Christmas 1)

Services

Sun. 19th Dec. 9.30am Reflective service All Saints Chedgrave
10. 45am Holy Communion St Johns Loddon
11am Carol Service, St. Margarets Hardley
3.30pm Carol Service, St Marys Sisland
5pm Carol Service, All Saints Chedgrave
6.30pm Carol service, Holy Trinity, Loddon

Fri. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service Holy Trinity Loddon
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Loddon

Sat. 25th Dec. Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion Sisland St Marys
10am Holy Communion, Chedgrave All Saints

Sun. 26th Dec. 10am Benefice Holy Communion, Chedgrave All Saints

Readings

Dec. 19th Readings Isa. 7 v 10-16; Rom. 1 v 1-7; Matthew 1 v 1-18.

Dec. 24th Isa. 52 v 7-10; Heb. 1 v 1-4; John 1 v 1-14

Dec. 25th Isa. 9 v 2-7; Titus 2 v 11-14; Luke 2 v 1-14

Dec. 26th Readings Isa. 63 v 7-9; Heb. V 10-end; Matthew 2 v 13-end.

A Prayer before the service

Eternal God, in the psalms of David, in the word of the prophets, in the dream of Joseph your promise is spoken. At last in the womb of the Virgin Mary, your word takes flesh. Teach us to welcome Jesus the promised Emmanuel, and to preach the good news of his coming, that every age may know him as the source of redemption and grace. 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

Shirleyanne and Richard
Cliff and Pat Pike
Alan Shearing and Heather
Chris Crease
May Alexander



Welcome to all new comers and Visitors

Be sure to introduce yourself to our minister. Robert 01502 584809; Richard 521938; Julie Oddy-Bates 01502 715898 Sarah Woodger (youth Worker) 01508 528832/ e-mail woodger4family@aol.com

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

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Morning Prayer

Everyone welcome to Daily Services

Monday 9am Holy Trinity, Loddon

Tuesday 9am All Saints, Chedgrave

Wednesday 9am St. Margaret's, Hardley

Thursday 9am St. Marys, Sisland

Friday 9am Holy Trinity, Loddon

Saturday 9am All Saints, Chedgrave

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

Services for 2nd. January Epiphany Sunday

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

9am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints
9.30am - 12noon Xpressions Cafe Chedgrave All Saint's (cakes for Sandra to Chedgrave Centre Sat/Sun thank you.)
10.45am Holy Communion Loddon St Johns

St. John's Lecture Hall Windows

For some months difficulties have been experienced with the curtains continually coming off the tracks. A quote has been obtained for the supply and fitting of blinds to all the windows, of the same colour and type as in the Chapel. These will cost £1,200 and we have promises of donations totalling £800. Donations towards the remaining £400 would be appreciated. Please contact Geoff. Bush on 01508 520862

A Prayer for the Interregnum Period

God our Father, in this time of vacancy, we ask You to send your Holy Spirit to fill us with vision, energy and prayer. Help us to be faithful to You in our work in our churches and our community. We ask for guidance and discernment for all involved in selecting our new priest. We ask you to prepare that person for our shared task of Your work, in our Benefice.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Please can we continue to pray for those involved in appointing a new Vicar?
Specifically can we pray for Bishop Alan as he initiates the appointment?



The ' Souper ' Lunch team would like to thank everyone who joined us for lunch this year, and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please join us for another Souper Lunch on Jan. 15th 2011 at St John's Lecture Hall at 12-1.30ish. If you have not been to a Souper Lunch before, please come along and enjoy good food and friendly company. Transport can be arranged - just call me on 01508 528640

Christmas wishes, from Peggy Boyes

Peggy wishes you all a very Happy Christmas, especially Loddon friends. She cannot write at the moment as she has hurt her shoulder when she had a fall and is waiting to go to hospital.

Hungate Church, Beccles

Invite you on Sunday January 9th after morning Worship at 12.30pm for a Hot Lunch, (Pre-booking with Brenda on 711473 or Jo 470815) And/or 2pm - 3.45pm Bible Study. Rev. Graham Thompson will be leading on the theme of Disipleship - "On the way" All most Welcome.



Drivers urgently required for lunch club



We urgently need some more drivers , For the New Year, to enable us to continue with lunch club. If we have 6 drivers, each would only need to drive about once every half term. Please contact Audrey Cox on 528393 (even if you think she already has your name) if you can help. Audrey says there are more people who would like to come if she can get drivers together but at the moment she is doing it all herself. It is a valuable service to some of our community and the children love helping them too.

We would like to wish everyone in all our churches a very happy and blessed Christmas. We are grateful to everyone for holding us in your prayers during what has been a stressful time for us and especially to those of you who have cooked for us during Shirleyanne's radiotherapy, which has been such an enormous help.

We wish everyone a really happy and fulfilling new year and pray that we will all be able to draw closer to one another and to the Lord as we work together for His kingdom here in the Chet Valley.

God bless, Richard & Shirleyanne.



We wish you a happy Christmas

PLEASE NOTE

During the Interregnum if there is anything you feel should be in the 'weekly news letter' please either e-mail to Gillian on beneficewnl@btconnect.com, leave a note in the Benefice Office or phone the office on 521179, by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday, with your name and phone number on it please, in case of any queries. Next date is 22nd Dec. thank you for your help. Gillian.