



# EPIPHANY

## Chet Valley Benefice News Letter

### Week beginning Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 Epiphany 3

#### 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

- 9.30am Holy Communion, Chedgrave All Saints
- 9.30am Informal Worship, Loddon St. Johns
- 10.30am Morning Worship, Hardley St. Margarets
- 10.45am Morning Worship, Loddon St. Johns

#### Readings for today.

Gen. 14. 17-20; Rev. 19-6-10; John 2.1-11



#### A Prayer before the Service

Your sovereign rule, O God, draws near to us in the person of Jesus your Son. Your word summons us to faith and your power transforms our lives. Free us to follow in Christ's footsteps, so that neither human loyalty nor earthly attachment may hold us back from answering your call. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. AMEN

#### Please Pray for

Thanks for Dorothy Wright's recovery and returning home.  
Alison Ball on residential training at Ditchingham 27-29 Jan  
Richard McPhee residential as staff mentor for Lay Readers' training also at Ditchingham 27-29 Jan.  
Shirleyanne for healing for her leg.  
For our Bishop and our own team of clergy.



#### Morning Prayer please note 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.*

#### Dates

- Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 10-12noon Monday Mardles, Chedgrave Church Centre
- Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 7.45pm Cell Group at 31, Hillside, Chedgrave.
- Wed. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm Cell Group at 9, Sycamore Close.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 at 7.30 - 9pm **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** 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

#### Services for next week January 29<sup>th</sup>

- 10. 45am Benefice Covenant Service, Loddon St. Johns

#### A request for prayer from our Roman Catholic Friends.

The Diocese of East Anglia now awaits the appointment of a new bishop. Please will you pray for the Diocese, those charged with its care during the period without a bishop, for those involved in the choice of a new bishop, and that the Holy Spirit will guide us all to know the Father's will. Thank you.

### Monthly prayer sheet

We are starting to produce a monthly prayer sheet so that as many as possible can be aware of praying daily for the various happenings around the Benefice. We really want to know that what we do here is birthed and surrounded by prayer. By having a monthly prayer sheet it means anyone can pray at any time, either at home or if you are out for a walk. It will also create a greater awareness of what is happening around the Benefice. If you have anything happening in the Benefice that you would wish others to pray for, please e-mail it or phone it into the office. Please note this will be different from the prayer chain which is more personal and often needed in emergencies.

### Welcome Team

At the end of this month the Ministry Leadership team will be meeting, and part of their brief will be to look at producing a welcome leaflet which can be used throughout the benefice to give to visitors/new residents. Over this next couple of months I want to further encourage the development of welcome teams where appropriate within the various worship centres across the Benefice. If you are willing to be a part of this vital area of welcome at our various services, please let me know so that this can get up and running as soon as possible.

### Intercession and Reading on Sundays

If you have been playing a part in the Sunday services by leading intercessions or by reading, then thank you for taking part in this important role. I would love to see this extended. If you feel that you would like to read in Church on Sunday, or help lead the prayers. Then please get in touch with myself, Richard Seel, Ros Hoffmann, or Barry Rodwell who compiles the rota. (The more we get, should only mean that you do this once every two or three months)

If you have any Benefice event for our monthly prayer sheet please e-mail it or phone it through to the office by 24th January.

#### Information

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

Willi Stewart Saturday; Robert Soanes Monday, Richard Seel Friday;  
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**Bishop's Day of Prayer**  
Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.45am-3.30pm  
At Norwich Cathedral



Equipping and encouraging in the practice of prayer.  
It's for all who want to pray. Speaker Bishop Martin - a sparkling speaker and various workshops will give tasters of a whole host of different ways of prayer.

Open to all and free to attend.

Please book in advance with Caspar James 01603 729815 or  
[caspar.james@norwich.anglican.org](mailto:caspar.james@norwich.anglican.org)

### Monthly Prayer Sheet

Any items for the 'Weekly News Sheet' should be sent to the Benefice Office [beneficewnl@btconnect.com](mailto: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 25. 01. 12  
Thank you for your help. Gillian