

Chet Valley Benefice Weekly News Letter



Happy Mothering Sunday

Week Beginning Sunday 22nd March. 2009

Today's Services 4th in Lent Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion B.C.P. Loddon St. Johns
9.30am Informal Worship, Loddon St. Johns
9.30am Holy Communion, Chedgrave All Saints
10.30am Morning Worship, Hardley St Margarets
10.45am Morning Worship, Loddon St. Johns

Today's Readings

1 Sam. 1 v 20-end; 2 Cor. 1 v 3-7; Luke 2 v 33-35.

A Prayer before the Service

O God, rich in mercy, you so loved the world that when we were dead in our sins, you sent your only Son for our deliverance. Lifted up from the earth, he is light and life; exalted upon the cross, he is truth and salvation. Raise us up with Christ and make us rich in good works, that we may walk as children of light towards the paschal feast of heaven. We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. AMEN.

Sybil and Geoff Reeve
Bob and Annie Rainbow
Xpressions Café planning at Loddon
Those who are bereaved.



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 520251; Robert 01502 584809; Janet 520354; Richard 521938;
Sarah Woodger (Youth Worker) 07530 803363.

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, 29th March 2009, 5th in Lent

10am Benefice Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints
2.30pm Saxon House

Dates for this Week

All week: Spring Cleaning at Holy Trinity
Mon. 23rd March 10-12noon, 31 Hillside, Monday Mardles
Mon. 23rd March. 7.30pm Alpha at Chedgrave
Mon. 23rd March 7.30pm Adams' Study group, Homebred Lane.
Tues. 24th March School Assemblies at Infant and Junior Schools
Tues. 24th March. 12noon Lent Lunch St John's followed by Lent Study Group
Tues. 24th March. Lunch Club at Loddon Junior School
Tues. 24th March 4pm Loddon Town Estates Meeting
Tues. 24th March 7.45pm Broom Farm House Group.
Wed. 25th March 10 am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints.
Wed. 25th March 7.45pm Cell/Lent Group 64, Cannell Rd.
Thurs. 26th March 7.45pm Benefice Council at Chedgrave
Sat. 28th March Hardley Quiz and Chips at Langley with Hardley Village Hall.
Sun. 29th March 10am Benefice Service Holy Communion at Chedgrave.

Benefice Service next Sunday 29th March 10am at Chedgrave

Please note there are no Sunday services next Sunday. Please do join us for worship together.

The week beginning 23rd Mar. Please come to church, choose a job you wish to do, from the list and when completed please tick off list. This will make Holy Trinity beautiful for Easter.

Thank you so much for your help.
Audrey Cox.



Maundy Thursday 9th April 11am

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

Maundy Thursday 7 pm at St. Johns

We will once more 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.

Easter Services

Holy Week - pm Sun. 5th, Mon. 6th, Tues 7th, and Wed. 8th April, Labyrinth in St. Johns.
Maundy Thurs. April 9th - Last Supper and Foot washing at St. Johns as above.
Good Fri. 10th April - 10am Following in the Footsteps. Holy Trinity,
Good Fri. 10th April - 12 noon Walk of Witness start at Holy Trinity
Good Fri. 10th April - 2pm Final Hour at Chedgrave.
Easter Sunday 12th April - 8am Holy Communion Hardley St. Margarets
Easter Sunday 12th April - 9am Holy Communion Sisland St. Marys
Easter Sunday 12th April - 1 9.39am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints
Easter Sunday 12th April - 10.45am Holy Communion Loddon Holy Trinity
Easter Sunday 12th April - 2.30pm Saxon House.

Arrow Leadership Training Course - Nigel

I am pleased to be able to let you know that I have been accepted on the Arrow Leadership Training Course run by CPAS (a Church of England Mission Organisation). The training is for church leaders under 40 yrs. (I have just squeezed in!) and lasts for 18 months. It involves 4 week long residentials - in May and October this year and March and June 2010, and various projects. I am grateful to the support of the church councils of the Benefice in supporting my application. If you want to know more please speak to me.

Future dates for your diary

Tues 31st Mar. 12 noon - 1.30pm Lent Lunches followed by Lent Group
Sun. 26th April 2.30pm Davey Place Songs of Praise.
Sat. 28th Mar. 7pm Hardley Quiz and Chips. At village hall. Team of 4 £6.50 per person incl. fish and chips. Please book at the Benefice Office.
Sat. April 11th 6.30pm Easter Vigil at Norwich Cathedral including Georgina Evan's Confirmation; all welcome
10th-14th Aug. Holiday Club (info. A.Ball 528126 or e-mail ball880am@btinternet.com)

Sunday May 10th 'Meet 2 Pray' 6.30pm St. Johns - Praise and Prayer
(We are not meeting in April as second Sunday is Easter Day)

Nappies!!

Please don't forget; Freecycle next Wednesday. (If you can donate nappies we would be very grateful.) They can be left in the Benefice Office. Many thanks. Alison.

Benefice Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Sunday 19th 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 3rd Sunday of every month beginning, we hope, on 20th 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.

Chedgrave African Weekend.

There will be a planning meeting on Tue. 24th Mar. at 3.30pm at 31, Hillside to start to plan the African weekend at All Saints on 3rd/4th July. Everyone welcome and as many ideas as possible please. Many thanks. Shirleyanne

Holy Week 2009

This year we are transforming the St. John's Chapel into a meditative prayer Labyrinth from Palm Sunday April 5th (12 noon) until Wed. evening April 8th. 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 25th April. Enjoy a day with this well known musician and hymn writer. Cost £8 per person if booked by 31st March. or £10 thereafter. Booking forms from 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 25th March. 12noon with your name on in case of any queries please.