

Chet Valley Benefice Weekly News Letter



Week Beginning Sunday 26th April Easter 3

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion B.C.P. Loddon St. Johns
9.30am Informal Worship Loddon St. Johns
930am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints followed by A.P.C.M.
10.30am Service Of the Word Hardley St. Margarets
10.45am Morning Worship Loddon St. Johns
2.30pm S.O.P. Davey Place
2.30pm Saxon House
3pm St. George's Parade Service, at Holy Trinity, with the Loddon Band.

Today's Readings

Acts 3 v 12-19; 1 John 3 v 1-7; Luke 24 v 36b-48;

A Prayer before the Service

God of all the prophets, you fulfilled your promise of old that your Christ would suffer and so rise to glory. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures and fill us with joyful wonder in the presence of the risen Christ, that we may be his witnesses to the farthest reaches of the earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. AMEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

All five house/cell groups in the Benefice.
That all young people in our area may hear Christ's teaching.
For those families and friends that have been 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.

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

Benefice Office Email: office@chetvalleychurches.org

Benefice Office Telephone: 521179

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 3rd May Easter 4

8am Holy Communion B.C.P. Sisland St Marys
9am Holy Communion Chedgrave All. Saints
10am-12noon Xpressions Café Chedgrave All Saints (Cakes to David Wyer please)
10.45am Holy Communion Loddon Holy Trinity

Dates for this Week

Tues. 28th April Assemblies at Loddon Infant and Loddon Junior Schools.
Tues. 28th April 5pm Langley A.P.C.M.
Wed. 29th April 10am Holy Communion All Saints Chedgrave
Wed. 29th April 7.45pm Cell Group,
Wed. 29th April 7.30pm Hardley A.P.C.M.
Thurs. 30th April 7.30pm Sisland A.P.C.M.
Sat. 2nd May 9.30am Small Leaders Breakfast at All Saints Chedgrave.

Future dates for your diary

27th-29th April Margaret McPhee's selection conference - please pray for her.
Tues.28th April 12.30pm Lunches at the Junior School will resume . We urgently need drivers to assist with transport. Please contact Audrey 528393
Sat. 2nd May, Sisland St. Mar's Coffee Morning with garage sale for church funds, 10-12noon, all welcome.
Sun. May 3rd. Back to Holy Trinity but Informal Worship will remain at St. Johns.
Tues. 5th May Loddon J.C.C.
Wed. 6th May 2pm Holy Trinity Church Watch meeting
Thurs. 7th May Chedgrave Standing Committee
10th May - 15th May Nigel on Arrow Residential in Sheffield
Sun. May 10th 'Meet 2 Pray' 6.30pm St. Johns - Praise and Prayer
Sun.17th May Benefice Rogation Service at Hardley

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

Sun. 31st May 10am Benefice Service for Pentecost at Holy Trinity

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/4th July African Weekend at All Saints Chedgrave

11th/12 July Scarecrow Weekend

10th-14th Aug. Holiday Club (info. A.Ball 528126 or e-mail ball880am@btinternet.com)

Sept. 22nd-27th Art Exhibition at Holy Trinity

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 "Showstoppers2, a S.U. production. Once again we are holding in 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 528126, or e-mail me on ball880am@btinternet.com Looking forward to hearing from you. Alison Ball.



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.

All Hallows New Day Care Number

Please note our new Day Care number is 01986 891999. Please could you pass this on to relatives and/or carers.

Easter Egg Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated eggs for our Easter egg hunt on Easter Saturday.

We had around 40 children hunting in the churchyard and around the church, each being awarded an egg on completion of the course. We had drawn in families from Noah's Ark, some of our Baptism families and some of our regular Xpressions families- it was great to see them all there. It was a lovely sunny morning and all the children seemed to enjoy themselves. Alison

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 521179

e-mail: office@chetvalleychurches.org

Contact: Janet Wyer (520354) day off Monday or Richard Seel (521938) day off Friday.

Monday Mardles

Our last meeting at 31 Hillside is 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 Mardles on Monday 4th or 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 29th April 12noon with your name on in case of any queries please.