

# Chet Valley Benefice Weekly News Letter



**Week Beginning Sunday 29<sup>TH</sup> March 2009.**

**Today's Services 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent Passion Sunday.**

10am Benefice Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saint's.  
2.30pm Saxon House.

**Today's Readings**

Jer. 31 v 31-34; Heb. 5 v 5-10; John. 12 v 20-23.

**A Prayer before the Service**

In our hearts, O God, you have written a covenant of grace, sealed by the obedience of Jesus your Son. Rise up with Christ, the grain fallen to earth that yields a harvest of everlasting life. Bring us to glorify your name by following faithfully where he has led. 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.

Bob and Annie Rainbow

Joan Evans

Schools as they break up for Easter

Noah's Ark

For Oliver Russell on his anniversary of Baptism 23.03.08



**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.

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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, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Palm Sunday**

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

9am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints

10am - 12 noon Xpressions Café. Chedgrave, Cakes or biscuits to David Wyer please.

10.45am Holy Communion St. John's Loddon

**Dates for this Week**

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> March 10-12 31 Hillside, Monday Mardles.

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Alpha at Chedgrave.

Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> March School Assemblies at Infant and Junior School

Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> March 12noon 1.30pm Last Lent Lunche Followed by Lent Group.

Tues. 31<sup>st</sup>.March Lunch Club at Loddon Junior School.

Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 7.30pm Baptism meeting Chedgrave

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup>April 10am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.45pm Ministry Leadership Team Chedgrave

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> April Wedding at All Saints of Geoff Begg and Jo Cooper

**Palm Sunday**

In Loddon our service will begin at Holy Trinity. Please bring greenery to use in the procession.

**Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 11am**

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

**Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 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 2pm-9pm, Mon. 6<sup>th</sup>, Tues 7<sup>th</sup>, and Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> April 9am - 9pm

Labyrinth in St. Johns. Trails for all ages.

Do participate

Maundy Thurs. April 9<sup>th</sup> - Last Supper and Foot washing at St. Johns as above.

Good Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> April - 10am Following in the Footsteps. Holy Trinity,

Good Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> April - 12 noon Walk of Witness start at Holy Trinity  
 Good Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> April - 2pm Final Hour at Chedgrave.  
 Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 8am Holy Communion Hardley St. Margarets  
 Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 9am Holy Communion Sisland St. Marys  
 Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 9.30am Holy Communion Chedgrave All Saints  
 Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 10.45am Holy Communion Loddon Holy Trinity  
 Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 2.30pm Saxon House.

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

**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. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 12 noon - 1.30pm Lent Lunches followed by Lewnt Group  
 Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm Davey Place Songs of Praise.  
 Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Easter Vigil at Norwich Cathedral including Georgina Evan's Confirmation; all welcome  
 19<sup>th</sup> April 5pm Memorial Service Holy Trinity, Loddon  
 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> July African Weekend at All Saints Chedgrave  
 11<sup>th</sup>/12 July Scarecrow Weekend  
 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Aug. Holiday Club (info. A.Ball 528126 or e-mail [ball880am@btinternet.com](mailto:ball880am@btinternet.com))



**Easter Egg Request**

Once again we are holding an Easter Egg Hunt for children in Holy Trinity Church and churchyard on Easter Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. We would be grateful if people would donate small eggs (cream egg size) to give to the children when they have completed the hunt. If you would like to donate eggs, please leave them in the Benefice Office for collection by me.  
 Many thanks. Alison Ball.

**Holiday Club - is this an event you could help with?**

Holiday club this year runs from Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> with a service on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 asoon 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](mailto:ball880am@btinternet.com) Looking forward to hearing from you. Alison Ball.

**Benefice Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month beginning, we hope, on 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holy Week 2009**

This year we are transforming the St. John's Chapel into a meditative prayer Labyrinth from Palm Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> (12 noon) until Wed. evening April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup> April. Enjoy a day with this well known musician and hymn writer. Cost £8 per person if booked by 31<sup>st</sup> March. or £10 thereafter. Booking forms from [www.norwich.anglian.org/calendar/e1002](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> April 12noon with your name on in case of any queries please.**