



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 5 July—Trinity 4

Welcome to the Chet Valley Churches. Just now we are making connections with one another by phone and online, and we can also share updates via the Weekly News. Please let the News have any good news stories/items of encouragement that we can share. All our services can now be found on the churches' website at www.chetvalleychurches.org

Readings for today

Zechariah 9. 9-12
Romans 7. 15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19,25-end

Psalms 145. 8-15



Prayer for today

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Dates for your diary

This section is only useful if you tell us what's on! The contact details for this newsletter are on the back page.

We are beginning to work towards holding services in our church buildings. This Sunday (5 July) there will be the informal Communion at Chedgrave that usually precedes Xpressions Café. (Of course cafe isn't running.) See below for regulations.

- Each Sunday for the time being there will continue to be a full service available online, as clergy are aware that not everyone is willing or able to come to a corporate service of worship. (See inside for details)
- Next Sunday (12 July) there will be a service in Holy Trinity, Loddon. There is room for a maximum of 38 individual people.

Please note: Services are subject to social distancing of 2 metres and attendees must sit in the designated spaces. No singing is allowed. Books that are used for the service must not be shared, and if they are not possible to clean, must not be used again for at least 3 days. Please bear in mind that all this means that numbers will be severely restricted.

Prayers Please...

Please pray for people and situations in the locality and beyond...

Especially let's pray for people we know who are fearful about Covid-19 or who are ill. Let's also pray for health carers, those who have to issue guidelines and those who organise their implementation. On a wider scale let's pray for research scientists who continually work to develop vaccines to combat so many diseases.

Use the Prayer Shower

We have a 'prayer shower' for urgent prayer requests. Contact Ros Hoffmann email roshoffmann2011@gmail.com tel 01508

548200. Also contact Ros if you would like to pray for urgent needs as part of the shower.

Time for Prayer

On Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30pm we usually meet at St John's Chapel in Loddon for 'Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection', led by Jill Haylock. During the time when we cannot meet together, could you take time to light a candle and pray at home? If you wish, you can let Jill know (01508 520248)

Morning Prayer, but not in Church

Clergy are continuing with Morning Prayer at 9am in their own homes. You may like to join in. Use your own copy of Common Worship or the

News and Events

Service Online this Week

David Owen is leading our online Communion service this week. To find it go to our website at www.chetvalleychurches.org

PCC News

All PCC members should have received a copy of PCC News which is sent out by the Diocesan Communications Department. Don't bin it—it's well worth reading, especially the finance items!

Walk, Ride or Drive

On 12 September it's the annual Historic Churches event when you can be sponsored to walk, ride or drive to churches anywhere. We can't do get-together fundraising, but we can do this on an individual, family or small group basis. Half the money you raise goes to the Norfolk Churches Trust, and half to the church of your choice, If you're very young or very old you might get sponsored to go to one church. If you're fit or adventurous you might visit dozens! Posters are now on our church notice boards, and you can download information from <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/taking-part>

Please share...It's both fun and a fundraiser

To go direct to the tour of Loddon Open Gardens, go to <https://tinyurl.com/loddongardens>. Take a virtual tour of gardens in the sunshine—then share the link as widely as you can!

Hair today, Cash tomorrow

How much have you saved by not going to the hairdresser during lockdown? All our churches are seriously short of cash, so why not pay your money to them instead? And if you're a taxpayer, do tell your treasurer that you'll GiftAid it and make your gift grow bigger at no cost.

Church Buildings

Holy Trinity in Loddon and All Saints in Chedgrave are open on most days for private prayer. If you call in, please use the hand sanitisers provided and don't touch anything that you don't have to! To date, Hardley and Sisland have not reopened, due both to their size and to issues around cleaning.

Please respond....SO FAR ONLY A FEW PEOPLE HAVE DONE SO

It has been an interesting few months for churches, with the result that some people are longing to put things back exactly as they were before, while others are feeling that they have been released from events or activities that have become a treadmill and therefore are keen for changes to happen. We have gained many contacts through our services online, including people who are either unable or unwilling to come to a church based service, yet we can't continue to deliver everything new and everything old as well. We have held meetings by Zoom that have freed up time and been very focussed, but not everyone has been willing or able to take part. (In some cases we have wondered if some meetings are unnecessary and might usefully be dropped.) One thing is certain... It's a chance to think about where we go from here. If you want to have your say, contact David Owen (522993, david.chetvalley@gmail.com) who is planning a way forward for the Chet Valley Churches as part of the diocese as a whole.

Things to Note

Contact & Chet News Online

Both Contact magazine and Chet News are on the Chet Valley Churches website. Do take a look.

Tour of our Churches and Loddon Open Gardens

These are on our website too... Find them at www.chetvalleychurches.org

Smile of the Week

Another gem from the Church Times.... Some people seem to have seriously missed the joys of church buildings



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Church Office

To contact the Church Office call 01508 521179 or email office@chetvalleychurches.org
The Church Office is just inside the door at St John's Chapel, Loddon. It opens Mon & Fri 10am-4pm and Tues, Weds & Thur 10am-1pm .

Prayer Shower

For situations that need urgent prayer, or to pray for others, contact Ros Hoffmann: 01508 548200, roshoffmann2011@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

Send items for the Weekly News to news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com (preferred) or on paper to the Church Office or by phone to the Office on 521179, by Wednesday mid day. Please include your name and phone number or email address.

Newsletter By Email?

Would you like to receive your Weekly News by email, making sure you get the news even if you can't be in church on Sunday? If so, send an email to news.chetvalleychurches@gmail.com

Website, including events diary

(www.chetvalleychurches.org)
To submit information for the website, email david.chetvalley@gmail.com

Food Bank Contributions

To donate items to the Norwich Food Bank while the churches are closed, put them in the collecting box at the Co-op in Loddon.

Services and readings next week—12 July Trinity 5

The service is available by email and will be sent automatically to those who usually receive the Weekly News by email. It is also available to download from www.chetvalleychurches.org

You might take time to look at next week's readings:

Isaiah 55. 10-13, Romans 8. 1-11, Matthew 13. 1-9,18-23, *Psalm 65*

Tailpiece	I bought a pair of shoes online that came from Holland. Their inflatable soles were great until I walked through a lot of gorse and popped my clogs.
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