



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 20 September—Trinity 15

Welcome to the Chet Valley Churches. We hope you will find the service thoughtful, prayerful and a chance to meet with God. We are gradually getting back to holding services in our church buildings, but for the time being we are also offering a weekly service online. To find this go to the churches' website at www.chetvalleychurches.org In whatever way you are worshipping with us, you are very welcome.

Readings for today

Jonah 3. 10 - 4. end
Philippians 1. 21-end
Matthew 20. 1-16 *Psalm 145. 1-8*

Harvest readings:

Deuteronomy 8.1-18
2 Corinthians 9.6-15
Luke 17.11-19 *Psalm 65*



Prayer for today

Lord God,
defend your Church
from all false teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

- 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)
- This Sunday (20 September) there is a service of Holy Communion at 10.45am in Holy Trinity, Loddon, and a service of All Together Worship for harvest at 11.00am in Chedgrave, followed by a picnic lunch. Numbers of attendees must be limited by social distancing regulations.
- Details of next Sunday's services are on the back page.

Please note: Services are subject to social distancing of 2 metres and attendees must sit in the designated spaces. No congregational singing is allowed. Any 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. Face coverings are needed.

Prayers Please...

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

Especially let's pray for people we know who are facing huge challenges in getting back to 'normal'. Let's pray for health carers, and all frontline and key workers who are still dealing with the effects of Covid-19. On a wider scale let's pray for research scientists who are working 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 meet at St John's Chapel in Loddon for 'Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection', led by Jill Haylock. To sign up for Tuesday Prayers by email contact Jill at jillhaylock@aol.com

Morning Prayer, at home and in Church

Morning Prayer is now at 9am in Chedgrave church on Weds & Sat each week. Clergy are also continuing with Morning Prayer at 9am at home. You may like to join in. Use your own copy of Common Worship or the old prayer book, or you can find the service at <https://tinyurl.com/MornPray>. Scroll down and click on Morning and Evening Prayer.

News and Events

Service Online this Week

Alison Ball is leading our online service this week. We are continuing with full services online for the time being, which you can find on our website at www.chetvalleychurches.org Don't forget that you can catch up with hymns and songs and recent services by going to our YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/chetvalleychurchesyoutube>

We plough the fields and scatter....

We may not be able to sing along to the familiar hymns in church, or turn up with boxes of shiny apples and massive marrows, but we can celebrate harvest. It's always good to thank God for his provision through the natural world, and to be mindful of those who have a very small share in these resources. There are huge needs that we can help to alleviate by sending money—the Disasters Emergency Fund is a good outlet. There are also needs in our own area which we can help to meet by donating items to the Food Bank. You can do this at our services, or you can drop any items in to the Co-op in Loddon (just inside the door, to the right). Our local Food Banks have reported a considerable increase in demand over recent months, and with the current economic climate they don't expect this to drop. So please donate whatever you can.

Tuesday Prayers

We have re-started the prayer time on Tuesdays (7.30-8.30pm), in the Old Chapel at the far end of St John's. Entry is via the red door from the pavement. Social distancing and face coverings are required. Details from Jill Haylock on 01508 520248, email jillhaylock@aol.com

Xtra! Service

Xtra! (our mid-week service) has re-started on Thursdays at 3.30, and is taking place in Holy Trinity Church in Loddon. It is hoped that it will eventually move back to St John's, but in the meantime it is socially distanced in the chancel area. Do come if you want to.

Terracycle—Other Plastics

Ros Hoffmann has signed us up for the Terracycle Air, Home and Laundry Care Recycling Programme which covers a range of air, home and laundry care packaging such as bottle caps, which consist of a mix of different materials and are not covered by nationwide recycling schemes. There is a collecting box in the porch at Holy Trinity, where you will find more details of the items accepted. You can contact Ros on 01508 548200.

Looking ahead to Advent

Many of our usual Christmas events will not be possible this year, so why not do something different? We are thinking of having a 'Live Advent Calendar' with different households or businesses hosting a date in Advent when they will be opening their door (either their front door, or maybe a garden gate). You would choose what time your door could be opened – early evening might be best – and would choose what would be behind the door. It would need to be something from the nativity story. You might do some baking and give out Christmas star biscuits, you could play or sing a Christmas carol, you could read a Christmas poem or story, you could display a Christmas picture.... Endless possibilities! Alison Ball is setting up this new venture, which will only work if plenty of us are willing to take part. More details are on the slip included with the News, or as an extra attachment by email.

And further ahead, to Christmas

We're tired of no singing.... so if we are able to do so we're planning two lots of carol singing. We'll be singing round Loddon on 13 December and Chedgrave on 20 December.

Things to Note

Ride and Stride—Congratulations!

A big thank-you is due to all who took part in last weekend's Ride and Stride, raising money for the Historic Churches Trust and the Chet Valley Churches. For some it was a regular event, while for others it represented a major achievement. So congratulations all round, and thank-you to all who were able to sponsor. There's still time to add your sponsor money in recognition of the event, even if you didn't put your name down beforehand!

Remember to Use the News

With fewer opportunities to meet together, the News is one way to keep in touch. If you're planning or doing anything that might interest or involve others, do say so! Contact details on the back page.

Information

Licensed Clergy

Rev. David Owen 01508 522993
david.chetvalley@gmail.com (Not Thur)

Rev. Ros. Hoffmann 01508 548200
roshoffmann2011@gmail.com (Not Mon)

Rev. Alison Ball 01508 528126
ball880am@btinternet.com (Not Fri)

Rev. Jill Haylock 01508 520248
jillhaylock@aol.com (Not Mon)

Rev. Louise Morrissey 01502 717797
delilah.morrissey@googlemail.com (Methodist)

Church Office

The Church Office is just inside the door at St John's Chapel, Loddon. To contact the office email ohetvalley@btconnect.com. The office is currently not staffed, but email is regularly checked and post is collected on a weekly basis.

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 phone to 01508 522993, by Wednesday evening if possible. 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—27 September Trinity 16

The online service will be available to download from www.chetvalleychurches.org and the service outline will be sent to those who usually receive the Weekly News by email. In our church buildings there will be:

9.30am	Holy Communion	Chedgrave
10.45am	Morning Worship for harvest	Loddon (Holy Trinity)

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

Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-end, Philippians 2. 1-13, Matthew 21. 23-32, *Psalm* 25. 1-8
Harvest readings: Deuteronomy 8.1-18, 2 Cor. 9.6-15, Luke 17.11-19, *Psalm* 65

Tailpiece	One should never forget that whatever is wrong with you, someone will tell you it's because of your age. It doesn't seem to matter what your age actually is.
-----------	---