



# Chet Valley Churches

## Weekly News 29 November—Advent 1

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](http://www.chetvalleychurches.org) In whatever way you are worshipping with us, you are very welcome.

### Readings for today

Isaiah 64. 1-9  
1 Corinthians 1. 3-9  
Mark 13. 24-end

*Psalms 80. 1-8*



### Prayer for today

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## Dates for your diary

There are no meetings or services during November as a result of lockdown, but there are some dates and events that can go in your diary. See inside for details.

- Each Sunday a service will continue to be available online, so we can join in worship even if we can't meet together. (See inside for details)
- We are encouraged by the Archbishops to pray for those who are affected by Covid in whatever way. That includes people who are ill or are fearful and those who care for others. It also includes people who are struggling financially or whose businesses and way of life are affected. And of course it includes all who are trying to co-ordinate the way forward and those whose research may lead to overcoming the virus.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

## **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**

## **Services Online this Week**

David Owen is leading our online service this week, which is a Communion to mark the first Sunday of Advent. Also online is a PDF version of Last Sunday Praise, with links to hymns and songs and a reflection also provided by David. We are continuing with full services online for the time being, which are on our website at [www.chetvalleychurches.org](http://www.chetvalleychurches.org) You can also catch up with hymns and songs and recent services by going to our YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/chetvalleychurchesyoutube>

## **Live Advent Calendar—Will you come to our door?**

Last week if you get the News by email, you should have received a copy of the addresses for our Advent Doors. They are also available on paper in shops and churches. As you'll see, the first door is All Saints Chedgrave, which is open this Sunday afternoon. Then on Monday you'll be welcome to come and ring the doorbell at 4 Market Place in Loddon between 6 and 8pm. (Go past the library and keep walking round the corner. It's on the right). But what will be behind the doors? Will there be a small gift to take away? You have to come along to find out!

## **Communion at Home—book for December**

If you would like to attend Communion during the run-up to Christmas but feel unhappy about coming to a service in church, maybe you would like Communion at home. If lockdown regulations permit, we will be able to offer Communion at home during December, so please get in touch with David Owen on 01508 522993, email [david.chetvalley@gmail.com](mailto:david.chetvalley@gmail.com).

## **Sisland Fundraiser**

Some months ago Sisland church was hoping to hold a pamper day using 'Tropic' body, skincare and make up products, but sadly lockdown intervened. Jill Haylock now has brochures from Tropic, from which any sales will generate a donation to Sisland—so why not pamper yourself or buy Christmas gifts whilst also benefitting the church! The products are natural, sustainable, carbon neutral and cruelty free. You can see them online at [tropicskincare.com/katieyarham](https://tropicskincare.com/katieyarham) or you can contact Jill for a brochure. To order products, please phone Jill on 01508 520248 or email [jillhaylock@aol.com](mailto:jillhaylock@aol.com)

## **Autumn Fair in Chedgrave—5 December—Be there!**

Chedgrave's socially distanced Autumn Fair has been moved to 5 December. Do come along. As usual, cakes, other baked goods, jams, jellies and chutneys will be gratefully received. Also needed are gifts for the raffle and bottles/cans for the tombola. If you can help, please contact Roger Outlaw on 01508 528710, email [rogeroutlaw@hotmail.com](mailto:rogeroutlaw@hotmail.com)

## **Trees for Holy Trinity**

Genny Godber and others who arrange flowers would like to put some Christmas cheer to shine out of the windows of Holy Trinity church, but they need suitable Christmas trees to decorate. If you have a tree you can lend for the Christmas season, please contact Genny on 01508 528843, email [ggnorfolk18@gmail.com](mailto:ggnorfolk18@gmail.com)

## **Community Carol Singing**

If you want to sing carols around the community (it's allowed!) on 13 Dec in Chedgrave and 20 Dec in Loddon, please tell Alison Ball as soon as possible.

# Things to Note

## **Food Bank Publicity**

We have discovered that not all the local agencies and councils are aware that we provide a distribution and collection point for the Food Bank. If you know people on any local committees please can you make sure they are aware. For people who need help there is a national phone number 0300 365 1123 which is directed straight to the local Food Bank. We may then be asked to deliver to that person or family.

## **About Contact Magazine**

Happily we now have someone who has volunteered to take on handling the adverts for Contact. This is the role that enables the magazine to exist, so we are very grateful to Rebecca Rust for picking up the task.

# Information

## Licensed Clergy

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## 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 when the churches are closed, put them in the collecting box at the Co-op in Loddon.

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## Services and readings next week—6 December Advent 2

The online service will be available to download from [www.chetvalleychurches.org](http://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 (informal)	Chedgrave
10.45am	Holy Communion	Loddon (St John's)

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

Isaiah 40.1-11, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8, *Psalms* 85.8-end

Tailpiece	There are two ways of spreading light. One is to be the candle. The other is to be the mirror that reflects it.
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