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Ministerial Musings

Corpus Christi

Dear friends,

I am writing this just after the feast day of Corpus Christi and it seems to me that this year is particularly poignant for celebrating the Eucharist as the body of Christ, in its double meaning of bread and wine and also as the church.

Often when we exchange the peace we might use the bidding “We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body” (based on I Corinthians 12:13). Over these months of pandemic and lockdown, many of us have grappled with deep questions about what it is to be church when we couldn’t meet together and couldn’t share communion. Even now the “new normal” is not the same as before. Still we can’t hug or shake hands or sing (although we long and pray for a day not too far off when we hope those things will be possible again).

Perhaps our Eucharistic practice has changed too. In Methodism we tend to use “real” bread rather than wafers and in normal times I liked the thought of using something close at hand and ordinary in the way Jesus took what was near and made it holy and special. But infection control and Covid security make breaking and distributing real bread very difficult without touching hands and needing to sanitise between every person receiving. So since we have been allowed to be in church again, it has become my practice to make tiny communion “parcels” at home with a wafer dotted with wine from a pipette in a little tinfoil packet while wearing mask and gloves. In some of our chapels these are distributed URC style with stewards distributing to people in their seats. This minimises human movement around the building and means that each wafer is untouched by any hand except for the one who receives it and unwraps it. Receiving “in both kinds” with wafers and wine together is common practice in healthcare settings but I never thought I would have to give such close attention to infection control in a church setting. Some bigger churches use commercially prepared tiny communion cups with individually packaged wafer on top but I quite enjoy doing the preparation myself and it minimises plastic waste (although my method is more chapel sized than cathedral sized!)

So we are the Body of Christ in a changing world. In all the sorrow and pain of the pandemic, perhaps it has given us a few tiny gifts too. We have learned that the church as the Body of Christ is not limited to our church buildings but the Spirit of God moves across oceans and continents, times and ages, virtually and in person in a way which can liberate us. May we be brave enough to accept the challenge of Corpus Christi:

“WE are the Body of Christ. In the one spirit we were all baptised into one body.”

With love,

Louise

From the Editor

Writing this in early June before my deadline is a bit of a lottery this month, for me but also for so many of you.

Will we take “the next step” on 21 June or may the newly emerging variant affect that and perhaps other things?

Certainly at this point in time, many of our local societies and informal groups are planning on restarting and I am receiving emails, etc., providing new entries for their individual activities, so lets hope that will be the case. It means that for the first time in a while a number of the regular entries are being updated. So be sure to check carefully for the things that interest you.

There are also a range of events popping up through the summer so look out for them too.

Meanwhile, get the sun tan lotion on and get out and simply enjoy the change—at last—to warmth and sunshine.

It’s wonderful to suddenly see nature itself taking off with flowers of every kind, both garden and wild, bursting into bloom. Perhaps now the rain of recent weeks is hopefully past we can be thankful for it and the fuel it has given to plant life everywhere. I don’t remember seeing so many different kinds of bees before!

Roger



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Services of **Morning Worship** are held in Loddon and Hardley.

XPRESSIONS CAFÉ is on the first Sunday every month at All Saints, Chedgrave. This is a relaxed and contemporary way of 'doing church'. Open between 10:00am and 12 noon, you can come and go as you please for coffee, cake, discussion, crafts, games, stories, reflection and much more.

All Together Worship is on the third Sunday every month, starting at 11:00am at All Saints, Chedgrave (January, March, June and September are followed by shared lunch).

All Together Worship is designed to be as inclusive as possible: a mixture of formality and informality; traditional and modern; activity and stillness. In short, we will attempt to provide a service which will have points of connection for children and adults—indeed people of all ages and all backgrounds.

Last Sunday Praise is held on the last Sunday of the month at St John's: a chance to sing old and new Christian songs and worship together.

XTRA! is an exciting, informal service every Thursday after school in St John's Church. Refreshments from 3:15pm, service starts at about 3:45pm. Open to all; particularly suited to children and young people.

In Loddon and Chedgrave there is an opportunity to enjoy a chat over refreshments after the service, Covid restriction permitting.

There are toilets and baby-changing facilities at All Saints, Chedgrave and St John's, Loddon.

Families are welcome at all of our services but are particularly catered for on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in Chedgrave.

Home Communion: If you would like home communion, because you are unable for any reason to get to a Sunday service, please contact the clergy or the Church Office and we will arrange for someone to bring communion to you.

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They are an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the new life we have in Jesus and to welcome a child into God's family, the Church.

Please contact Rev Alison Ball on 01508 528126

ball880am@btinternet.com or the Church Office on 01508 521179

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Friends and Neighbours

If you've been widowed or have lost your life partner come and join us at St John's Lecture Hall on the **first Thursday of the month**. Make new friends, enjoy tea or lunch together.



Next Meeting:

Members of Friends and Neighbours will gather again once the current restrictions are lifted.

If you are interested in joining the group ring Jill on 01508 520248.

Small Groups

Some of us like to meet during the week in small groups where we can enjoy each others'



company, study the Bible together and pray for one another and for others.

Those who attend find their small group a real help and support.

If you would like to join one, or just to know more, please contact David Owen or the Church Office.

Monday Mardles

If you like a relaxed and informal chat with others or are looking to meet some new friends, join us at a Monday Mardles for refreshments and to swap books at Chedgrave Church Rooms.



Mardles are held every **Monday 10:00am-12 noon**. Come and go as you choose. On average there are about 12 people who come to Mardles, and there's room for more! You will be made very welcome.

('Mardle'—in Norfolk it means a good old natter!)

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From the Parish Registers

Baptisms and Thanksgivings

Harry Peter Oldham on 16th May 2021 in All Saints, Chedgrave

Elliot Lucas Bell on 16th May 2021 in All Saints, Chedgrave

*Heavenly Father, we praise you for these children.
Surround them with your blessing that they may know your love,
be protected from evil, and know your goodness all their days.*

Common Worship

Funerals

Mary Elizabeth Lucy who died on 22nd May 2021

Funeral: 28th May 2021 at Holy Trinity, Loddon

Below is a correction to a previous announcement

Stephen Robert Burrage who died on 14th April 2021

Funeral: 17th May 2021 at All Saints, Chedgrave

Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. So we will be with the Lord for ever.

I Thessalonians 4. 14, 17b

Holiday Club

You may have seen the advert for **COME & Celebrate** our holiday club for 2021. I have already had a few enquiries asking what it is all about so...

Holiday Club runs every morning, 9:30am-12:00noon, from 26th-30th July. This year it is being held at All Saints Church and church centre in Chedgrave. Your child has already to have been in primary school (YR-Y6) to be able to come. You don't have to stay with them. The morning has times of being in a larger group (songs, Bible storytelling, jokes...) and times of being on mixed age-group tables (where we think about the story of the day, do activities such as craft, cooking...). We try to put a mix of children together and the older ones often help the younger ones. There are refreshments mid-morning and we hope to go into The Pits playground for games or else in the churchyard dependent on the game. Children often know or recognise some of the holiday club leaders, and usually know many of the other children there. We usually invite families to picnic with us altogether on Friday lunchtime. All of the children say that it is a lot of fun!

Application forms are available at the infant and junior schools in Loddon or from me (Rev Alison: ball880am@btinternet.com). Why not book your child for the week? They could bring a friend too. Closing date is Friday 16th July.

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We'd also like to invite everyone to join us for a coffee/tea at the Terrace on **Saturday 26 June** between **1030 – 1130am**, where you'll be able to find out more about ChetChat. Please pop along if you'd like to find out more about volunteering, or if you might want to access our help. You'll be very welcome; many thanks to Robin at The Terrace for offering free drinks.

If you know anyone over-60 who might like a regular visit or phonecall, or just some help, please tell them about us - **07876050110**.

I was really grateful for the support in the recent County Council elections, and delighted to see that our area had one of the highest voter turn-outs in Norfolk. Congratulations again to Councillor Mason-Billig, who I know will be a good councillor for our area.



I'm carrying on exploring, also looking at whether it could be possible to establish a community bank in Loddon, with High Street banks sharing the running costs. I'll keep you all updated via this column – I've been in touch with three banks so far.

My regular surgeries will start up again later this Summer, by which time it should be safe to hold them again. In the meantime, please ring me anytime on **07733323581** if I can help you.

It's a great privilege to be able to serve our fantastic community, Thank you.

Councillor Jeremy Rowe

Holy Trinity Bell Ringers

Holy Trinity's bells are beginning to be heard again as we emerge from lockdown.

We are managing to ring six bells following government guidelines on a Sunday morning for service, starting on 23rd May. We rang that afternoon following the service to dedicate the war memorial on the 100th anniversary of being installed following the Great War. We have been ringing at other churches, following the rules, Ditchingham, Woodton, Carlton Rode, Redgrave and St Peter Mancroft.

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Loddon War Memorial Event: Thank you from Loddon Parish Council to everybody who participated in or attended the short outdoor church service for the Re-dedication of the War Memorial on Sunday 23rd May at Church Plain. Grateful thanks also go to Mr Michael Cadge for unveiling our new war memorial information board, Reverend David Owen for orchestrating the service and to the Holy Trinity Church bell ringers for rounding everything off in style. A memorable and fitting marking of 100 years of Loddon history.

Growing Season: Please could householders try to keep their frontage tidy, including weeds on the pavement and overgrowing hedges.

Notice Boards: The Parish Council are exceptionally grateful to Gary Allard for completing the renovation of one of the Parishes wooden notice boards. Gary also kindly installed it in its new position on Church Plain Car Park, and it houses the new War Memorial poster.

Meetings: Residents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7pm in the Library Annexe Rear Hall. The Minutes of the meetings are available on the website; www.loddonpc.org.uk.

Tennis Courts: Available to book at: www.loddonpc.org.uk/tennis-courts.

Neighbourhood Plan: Loddon and Chedgrave are considering producing a Neighbourhood Plan and are looking for interested people who would like to play a part in shaping the future development in the community. Please contact Loddon or Chedgrave Parish Council if you would like to volunteer.

Streetlights: Loddon Parish Council has formally adopted thirty streetlights from South Norfolk Council on Drury Lane, The Walks and Lemn Grove. Please visit www.loddonpc.org.uk to report any issues.

Allotments: There is a waiting list for the Allotments. If you live in Chedgrave or Loddon and wish to be added to the Allotment waiting list email; info@loddonpc.org.uk.

Future Meetings of Loddon Parish Council: The Agenda will be displayed on the notice board on Church Plain, and on the Council's website at least three working days before the meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at the Library Annexe on Wednesday the 14 July 2021 at 7pm. Parishioners may attend in person.

Contact Loddon Parish Council: The office is open between 9:00am-12:00noon on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A face mask will need to be worn as it is a public building. Should you wish to contact the Council, please email: info@loddonpc.org.

If there is a genuine Parish emergency, please call: 01508 486 128, at any other time, please use 01508 522 020. The new website: www.loddonpc.org.uk and Facebook page www.facebook.com/LoddonPC are regularly updated

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*They are returning, flying high and silent now,
if they are here, Summer is not far away.*

*As the weeks pass, families form and now
screaming and squealing carries through the air.*

*Always moving, darting, diving,
often in line ahead as they cross the sky above.*

*In the heat of a summer's day they feed lower,
around the village houses, screaming along the street,
passing me on my bicycle at eye level before flicking up
over the roadside cottages.*

*Then, suddenly it is an August evening and looking up
again there is only one visible on high.*

*It may not even be one of ours but, perhaps, a passer-
by, heading south after his fellows.*

*Off for a long winter far away, hopefully to be followed
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*Then they will prelude another Summer,
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Chedgrave-Parish-Council>
Chedgrave Parish Council held its meeting on 3rd June 2021.



Coronavirus: For urgent help contact South Norfolk Help Hub on **01508 533933** or earlyhelphubsouth@s-norfolk.gov.uk.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the community of Chedgrave, the parish council wishes to thank Jacqueline Bircham for over 14 years' service to the parish council and community. Jackie has delivered many projects and will be a great loss to the council.

Grebe Drive Play Area: Councillors approved the purchase of a new bench which will be installed soon.

Brian Clarke Room: The room has re-opened in a Covid-secure way. Booking enquiries should be made to Georgina Buckle via brianclarkeroom@gmail.com or 07981 856270.

Council Vacancies: There are two parish council vacancies. If you are interested in your local community and would like to be part of the friendly team which makes decisions about your village, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Norfolk Fostering: There is a call from Norfolk Fostering for people to consider fostering a child. Please see norfolk.gov.uk/fostering or call 01603 306649.

Planning Matters: One planning application was considered:

2021/0969 – 8 Beauchamp Close - Approve, no comment

It was noted that the following planning matters had been approved by SNC/Broads Authority:

BA/2021/0097/FUL – Boat shed, 21C Church Close – approval with conditions.

2021/0622 - Works to TPO trees, 9 Rectory Lane - approval with conditions.

2021/0522 – Extension & alterations, 28 Proctor Road – approval with conditions.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the Brian Clarke Room on Thursday 1st July. Room capacity will be limited but members of the public are still welcome. Anyone wishing to attend are kindly asked to contact the Clerk.

Highways issues such as potholes, footpaths or public rights of way, road safety, flooding and overgrown trees and verges should be reported to Norfolk County Council on 0344 800 8020 or online at www.norfolk.gov.uk. Criminal & illegal activities, public disorder & nuisance, anti-social behaviour, speeding, uncontrolled dogs, should all be reported to the Police on 999 or 101 (non-emergency) and can be reported online at www.norfolk.police.uk.

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Notes from your Councillor Kay Mason Billig



Loddon, George Lane and A146 junction roundabout:

As many of you will know, this is a project I have worked to deliver in my role as a District Councillor, for over 2 years. I am pleased to say that having brought the District, County, Local Developer and other interested parties together, the work has finally started. I'm told it should take approximately 22 weeks, provided we have no problems, like bad weather. I ask that local residents bear with the inevitable delays and increase in traffic during this time. It will be worth it.

Covid Update:

I am pleased to report that the latest figures for Coronavirus infections in South Norfolk are now down to 4 per 100,000 people, that's a reduction of 33% from the previous week. This data was accurate as at 30/05/2021.

Empty Homes:

South Norfolk is adopting a new policy aimed at bringing empty homes back into use. This includes those that appear to have been abandoned or are seriously neglected. Money has now been set aside which can be used either in conjunction with the owner, as a loan to tidy up the property or as a last result, for compulsory purchase. If you know of a property which may fall into this category, please let me know.

Website:

The new website for both South Norfolk and Broadland councils has now gone live. It can be viewed at www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

As your new County Councillor, issues already brought to my attention include:

- The poor road surface in many areas
- Ongoing water main works on the A146 with the knock-on effect of traffic delays and the inevitable rat running that occurs as a result
- Speeding through the villages, often caused by local people and also school buses
- The increase in delivery vehicles in recent times adding to the traffic and blockages on the highway

If you have any issues of a similar nature, I would like to hear about them, You can contact me at kay.masonbillig@norfolk.gov.uk

Hardley Mill

Now Open. Ring 01508 520542 for more information.

On Saturday 1st August we welcome the Loddon and Chedgrave District Society who will be walking from Hardley Staithe to the mill for refreshments. Saturday 21st August we open for Music at the Mill, an evening of music, a barbecue and drinks. You can walk from the Staithe, arrive by boat, remember the moorings are not all that long, catch a minibus from Hardley Road, near the Village Hall. Finally we receive the Norwich Walkers on Sunday 29th August, this group usually walk at least seven miles before arriving at the mill for well earned refreshment.

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Notes from Sisland

Hopefully summer has finally arrived, and we are all looking forward to many of the events which we missed last year as they were cancelled due to the pandemic. In Sisland we are busy planning for the main fund raiser of the year, Sunday Afternoon Teas. We have been running this event for a number of years and it is always lovely to see friends, old and new, from across the county who make the visit on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake in the beautiful surroundings.



We will obviously be waiting to see how many adaptations we will need to make to be compliant, but the plans are to offer our traditional fare, with plenty of outside, distanced space. If necessary, we can provide a covered external space for those who want to enjoy the location without the inclement nature of the British summer. This year there are five Sundays in August so there will be an extra weekend to enjoy your tea and cake. We will be open from 3pm-5pm on each Sunday. Any updates will be available through the weekly news sheet.

As already noted, this event is the main fundraising focus for Sisland each year, but it is an important part of the fabric of the village. Many people from the village, and beyond, contribute to the provision of cakes each week, and, as such, it brings many of us together with the opportunity to catch-up. I would expect this year to be particularly important in that respect. The maintenance work required on the window, which should be complete by then, and then the work required to repair the louvres on the tower. Any visitor cannot fail to notice the latter, although the inside remains dry.

I spoke last month of the Churches Count on Nature and the important to Sisland as an active promotor of conservation and wildlife in its churchyard. The churchyard is left to until the start of August to allow for the wildflowers to seed and provide the stunning display that we are treated to each year. The cutting and preparation of it is another indication of the important contribution that various friends and locals make to the support of the church.

We look forward to seeing friends, old and new, over the summer.

Rowena Bryce (Churchwarden, St Mary's, Sisland)

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If you'd like to display something about what you did during Lockdown please bring it to Holy Trinity church, Loddon. We will be setting up the display for Lockdown Unlocked on Fri 2 July between 10am and 4pm. It would be helpful if you can let Nina Owen know what you plan to bring (see below).

Craft sellers can set up on Fri 2 (10am-4pm) or on Sat 3 from 9am. You must book your space, as we can't accommodate sellers who haven't booked in.

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Sunday 4 July

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Café, exhibition & stalls 12.30-4.30pm

Details from Nina Owen, 01508 522993, email: theroamingfenlander@gmail.com

Plant Stall

The Church in Loddon has a plant stall in aid of church funds at Avocet, Norwich Road in Chedgrave. They would be pleased to receive empty pots for filling as well as to sell you some plants. Please drop them off at Avocet, or leave them in the church porch. Many thanks.



Holy Trinity Church, Loddon - Urgent Repairs Needed

We have been advised by our architect that two of the buttresses of the stair turret require urgent re-pointing and that there is a danger of some heavy masonry material falling down. The cost of this work is £10-11,000. I am writing this article to ask you to consider helping in one of two ways.:



Firstly, we have the 'Friends of Holy Trinity Church.' This group was set up about eight years ago to support the upkeep of the building and all other matters relating to conserving and improving Holy Trinity Church. The Friends Group will contribute some £4,000 towards these repairs.

Would you consider becoming a 'Friend' of Holy Trinity Church? You can do this on an annual basis at a cost of £10 per year for a single person or £15 for joint membership. Alternatively, you can become a life member for a one-off payment of £150 single or £200 for joint membership.

Pick up a leaflet and application form in Holy Trinity Church or contact me via the Church Office email: chetvalley@btconnect.com

Alternatively, if you feel this church has played an important part in significant events in your family, you might make a one-off donation to help with the work. To do this, please send your cheque payable to 'The Church in Loddon' to the Church Office, St John's Church, George Lane, Loddon, NR 14 6UY.

This is clearly a substantial sum the church has to find and any assistance you can give will be much appreciated.

Paul Mizen, Administrator, Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Loddon

If you have any queries, please speak to our Rector, Rev'd. David Owen on 01508 522993.

Revelation 2:19

I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

Church Activities

Church Services during the Covid-19 pandemic

Our churches are open for worship. We believe all services will go ahead as advertised. Please look at our website for up-to-date information.

Our services are available on our YouTube channel: Chet Valley Churches.

The URL for each service and a pdf are on the church website (www.chetvalleychurches.org).

If you would like a paper copy of the Sunday service, please contact one of the clergy.

Private Prayer

Our churches are open as follows:

All week All Saints, Chedgrave; St Margaret, Hardley;
Holy Trinity, Loddon;

Wednesday and Sunday St Mary, Sisland.

Please adhere to government and Church of England guidelines about maintaining social distancing, use of hand sanitisers etc in the buildings. Please be mindful of instructions if you visit one of our churches.

Bullrush Babies

Bullrush Babies is a group for first-time parents and their babies. It is a place to meet others for support and encouragement. We meet on a Wednesday morning at All Saints Church Centre, Chedgrave.



Since Easter, we can have up to a maximum of 15 parents and their babies in the group. We re-opened on 14th April, and our meetings will be outdoors for the time being, from 10:00am-11:45am.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Rev Alison:

01508 528126 or ball880am@btinternet.com

Chedgrave Church Centre Hire

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Church Services

4th July		
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Mary, Sisland
9:30am	Informal Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:00-12 noon	XPRESSIONS CAFÉ (see page 40)	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Loddon
11th July		
8:00am	Holy Communion	St Margaret, Hardley
9:30am	BCP Holy Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Loddon
18th July		
10:45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Loddon
11:00am	All Together Worship	All Saints, Chedgrave
5:00pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St Mary, Sisland
25th July		
9:30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:30am	Morning Worship	St Margaret, Hardley
10:45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Loddon
7:00pm	Last Sunday Praise *	St John's, Loddon

***if congregational singing allowed**

Open again!

Our churches are open for Sunday worship. If you have enjoyed joining us on-line but haven't been to face-to-face church before, why don't you come and join us at one of our services in church? You will see some familiar faces. All welcome.

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please let one of the clergy know and they will be included in the daily prayers that we make.

Church Services

1st August		
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Mary, Sisland
9:30am	Informal Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
10—12 noon	XPRESSIONS CAFÉ (see page 40)	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Loddon
8th August		
8:00am	Holy Communion	St Margaret, Hardley
9:30am	BCP Holy Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Loddon
15th August		
10:45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Loddon
11:00am	All Together Worship	All Saints, Chedgrave
5:00pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St Mary, Sisland
22nd August		
9:30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:30am	Morning Worship	St Margaret, Hardley
10:45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Loddon
29th August		
10.30am	Combined Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
7:00pm	Last Sunday Praise*	St John's, Loddon

*** if congregational singing allowed**

Church Services

Other Services in Chet Valley Churches

<p style="text-align: center;">*Every Saturday 6:00pm</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Roman Catholic Mass</h3>													
<p style="text-align: center;">**Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Come and Pray</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">If you would you like to spend some time in prayer with a small group of people you are welcome to come along to</p> <p style="margin: 0;">‘Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection’</p> <p style="margin: 0;">3rd Tuesday Midweek Communion with Blessing</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>All are welcome</i></p>													
<p style="text-align: center;">+Thursdays during school term</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">XTRA!</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Join us for an exciting, informal service. Refreshments from 3:15pm; Service starts 3:45pm More from Rev David 01508 522993 or Rev Alison 01508 528126</p>													
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*Please contact Father Pdraig (office@east-angliadiocese.org.uk) to confirm details of Catholic services.

**Please contact Rev Jill (jillhaylock@aol.com) about current arrangements for Tuesday Prayer and Reflection, or if you would like to receive this electronically.

+Please contact Rev Alison (ball880am@btinternet.com) about current arrangements for XTRA!

Community Groups, News and Events

News from Local Branches of the Women's Institute



Loddon and District Women's Institute

The wheels are turning again and things are tentatively approaching something like normality!

In June, some of our members enjoyed an afternoon outdoor meeting at the White Horse, Chedgrave. Our thanks to Simon for his hospitality. On 10th July we will be having a stall at the Cannells Summer Food, Drink & Craft Fayre, where a variety of goodies will be on sale and we hope to see you there! Plans have been made for the remainder of the year, and in September we hope to start holding our evening meetings again at our usual venue in St John's Chapel. Speakers have been booked for September and October, the AGM will be held in November, and we are in the process of deciding how to celebrate at our December meeting.

Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. at St. John's Chapel, George Lane. New members are always welcome, and if you are interested in joining us, please contact us through our Facebook page or via LoddonWI@gmail.com or just come to a meeting - you would be welcome!

Chedgrave & District Women's Institute

All being well, we are planning to have our WI meeting on **Tuesday** 27th July, and look forward to welcoming you all back at 2:00pm at the All Saints Church Rooms. For further information please contact Angela Dance 521120.

Langley with Hardley Women's Institute

The group meets on the third **Tuesday** of every month, starting at 7:30pm at Langley with Hardley Village Hall. Further details from: Secretary Gillian Ball 01508 528182 or President Judy Wilson 01508 522051.

Loddon Flower Club

Contact Tricia Godfrey on 01508 480522 or tricia646@aol.com or take a look at our new website at www.loddonflowerclub.co.uk We are available to arrange flowers for family occasions.

Loddon & Chedgrave Ladies 8 O'clock Club

Sadly, not operating at present due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We are a friendly group meeting each month for a talk from a guest speaker and refreshments. Usual time 8:00pm at the Brian Clarke Meeting Rooms, Mallard Close, Chedgrave. For more information contact Hillary 01508 520457 or June 01508 528853.



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Facebook: Loddon Men's Football Club.



Jubilee Short Mat Bowls Club

Unfortunately, we are not currently running sessions on **Tuesday** afternoons. But watch this space, as we hope to restart as soon as possible.

For more information call Sara on 01508 521958.



Short Tennis Club

Come and join our friendly non-competitive club on **Tuesdays** 11:30am-1:00pm at the Jubilee Hall. All welcome. For more information call 01508 520589.



Hales & Loddon Cricket Club

With the Summer fast approaching, as we come out from lockdown, why not get involved with cricket at Hales and Loddon Cricket Club. We run two adult sides on a **Saturday**, as well as youth cricket for five years upwards on a **Monday** night from the end of April until the end in July in both softball and hardball. We also run sides at U10/11 and 13, so there really is cricket for all at Hales and Loddon. For more details email: Pete.dye@canaries.co.uk. All coaches are ECB qualified and have attended safeguarding courses.



Ashby St Mary Cricket Club

The season is now six weeks old ,although the weather has been very cold ,most matches have been completed with some very encouraging results . Captain, Rob Beaumont and brother Aaron have been in fine form with the bat , there have been several notable performances. The team has now many youngsters finding their way in adult Sunday cricket ,this bodes well for the future.

For more information, please contact Paul on 01508 218078.





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Loddon Community Gym

As I write this we do not yet know whether the government will recommend further relaxing of the lockdown rules planned for 21st June and how this will apply to the Gym. However, every effort will continue to be made to keep members safe in the Gym and these measures will stay in place as long as they are necessary. Once you get used to them, the new arrangements are fairly simple and straightforward and hopefully are sufficient to reassure everyone and encourage members to return to their fitness regimes.



We are now ready to welcome new members. If you are interested, have a look at our Facebook page and on the website

www.loddoncommunitygym.com, call in during open hours or contact Louise our personal trainer (07534946143). Louise will discuss your aims and prepare an individual programme appropriate for your fitness level. The system of GP referrals is also back on track so if your GP thinks you might benefit from an exercise programme you will be made very welcome.

The pre-booking of Gym sessions will continue for the time being (but not for ever!). <https://www.picktime.com/easternriverscommunitygym>

Cashless payment on arrival for your session has also been introduced. Again, for more information keep an eye on the website.

Gym opening hours in the Jubilee Hall, George Street, Loddon as follows:

Mondays: 1:30pm-6:00pm,

Tuesdays: 4:30pm-8:30pm,

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Chet Staithe Probus Club

Have you recently retired or just moved to the area? Are you missing male company, on your own, or just want to get out and meet new people? Why not visit the Chet Staithe Probus Club which is held on the first and third **Tuesday** of the month at the White Horse, Chedgrave. Meetings start at 10:00am and finish around midday with the option of staying for lunch. We are a friendly informal club, jackets and ties not required. Members range in age from 60 to almost 100.

We are hoping to recommence meetings on Tuesday, 6th July. Please could members advise me if they intend to attend; if the number is sufficient then we'll book a speaker. Otherwise, we can have a good mardle; there'll be loads to catch up on. During lockdown our treasurer has moved away from the area. Be assured it had nothing to do with me! Please remain mindful that we will need a new

Chet Valley Probus Club

13th July Speaker Sally Dearman; "**Women Can Fly (7 Miles a Minute)**"

27th July Speaker Adrian O'Dell: "**19th Century Industrial Activity in Norfolk**"

Chet Valley Probus Club is a group of retired business people who meet at the White Horse Chedgrave on the second and fourth **Tuesday** of each month commencing at 10:30am. We are a friendly welcoming group who enjoy interesting talks, good company, good food and just meeting others of a like mind.

For further details and an application form please contact the Secretary, John McCormack: 5a Norton Road, Loddon, NR146JN; Tel: 01508 521899.

Chet Valley Photography Club

We are continuing our monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. Our speaker on **Monday** 12th July is Malcolm Hupman with "An Australasian Adventure and its Wildlife". Landscape and wildlife images from a 10,000km Australian road trip and New Zealand cruise. Malcolm is an enthusiastic amateur wildlife photographer based in Corby, Northamptonshire, interested in wildlife photography since 1976. Malcolm's website is www.hupman.info



Details for Monday 9th August meeting will be on our website when they are available.

Contact Jackie Franklin, email: secretary@chetvalleyphotography.org.uk or have a look at our website www.chetvalleyphotography.org.uk for more information, or if you are interested in joining the club. Open to all regardless of their experience.

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Loddon Community Cinema

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Parkinsons

Would you like to meet other Parkinsons sufferers? We will normally meet on the first Monday of the month at the Chedgrave White Horse at 12:15pm. Partners are also welcome. For further details please ring Michael Osborne on 01508 522034.

Davy Place Social Club

The social club is unable to operate as normal due to current Covid-19 restrictions. Please contact Janet on 01508 522115 with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Loddon and District Horticultural Society

For information contact:

Secretary Hazel on 07765 098345 or happyhaze50@gmail.com

Chairman Jean on 01502 710024 or jeancope52@gmail.com

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Loddon WEA

We now know for certain that we shall not be able to offer a face-to-face course of lectures for the moment. The spread of the Covid virus is too unpredictable to make firm arrangements which might have to be cancelled at the last moment. However, the WEA does offer a wealth of courses 'virtually'.

Full details can be found on line if you go to either: eastern@wea.org.uk or www.wea.org.uk. We are very sorry to have to announce this and we shall miss our weekly meetings with friends.



Royal British Legion—Loddon & District Branch

Still nothing definite yet about the resumption of branch meetings but, pending government guidelines, we have pencilled in a date of Tuesday 20th July, 7:00pm (NB the time), in the garden of the King's Head. Things could change at short notice but, as usual, our secretary Christine Hartley (01508 521136) can advise.

Wreaths were laid to mark Anniversaries for D Day (6th June), Battle of the Somme (1st July) and VJ Day (15th August), to join those already laid to mark the Centenary of the formation of the Royal British Legion nationally and Loddon War Memorial's 100 Years Re-dedication.

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Loddon & Chedgrave District Society.

Hi everybody, at last it looks as though we have light at the end of the tunnel so I have arranged a few things to enable a bit of social contact.

I have some very sad news for those that may not have heard. Barry Porter our treasurer passed away after a short illness, also 'Jack' Tuddenam, our President passed away about a week later. Both Barry and Jack will be very much missed, both were stalwarts of the Society and committee members. Barry and Jack both contributed a lot to the Society, leading walks and arranging pub lunches etc. Prior to that we also lost Brian Read after a long illness. Our thoughts and condolences are with their families. John Green has kindly agreed to be our new Treasurer but we will need to find a new President. Also we would welcome anybody interested to become committee members, we normally meet up about three or four times a year to discuss arrangements for any events that we may have.

Sunday 11th July **Walking Treasure Hunt** around Loddon.

Meet at Church Plain Car Park at 10:30am. Bring a picnic/seats/blanket for afterwards, in Betty Potter's field. Contact Sara on 521958 for further details by 4th July.

Sunday 1st August **Walk to Hardley Mill**

Meet at Hardley Staithe at 2:00pm for a gentle walk to the mill where you can indulge in tea and cakes.

The listed events have been tentatively made, please contact me for confirmation about a week before the event.

Contact June Strickland by 21st July on 528853.

Plant Stall

All Saints, Chedgrave has a plant stall in aid of church funds at 24 Hillside in Chedgrave. A constantly changing range of plants for sale, it is worth a regular trip to see what is available. If you've cuttings, or have split plants, or too many seedlings, we would be delighted to receive these for the stall, Please drop them off at 24 Hillside, or leave them in the church porch. It would help if you could label what they are just in case it is not obvious. Many thanks.



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The Day Centre will be re-opening on Tuesday 22nd June, subject to the government roadmap. Initially we will only be accepting our existing members, but would love to see new members from September – so, if you'd like to get out from your four walls to meet others to chat, play games and have a hot meal, please give Bev a ring on 07826 299290. We'd love to see you.



Call for Volunteers

Loddon Cooperative Day Centre needs you!

Would you be able to give us a morning a week to help with the day centre? You will work with our organiser, Bev, to support our members to play games and to serve a meal and refreshments. We meet on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** at the Brian Clarke room in Chedgrave.

If you can help, please give Bev a call on 07826 299290.

What's going on in the churchyard at All Saints, Chedgrave?

In 2018 the church council decided to make the churchyard a haven for wildlife and to maintain it in an environmentally friendly way. Each year, we will leave much of it unmown until the autumn but make paths through the long grass to allow access to graves. We have planted wild flowers and bulbs. We have created insect hotels, log piles for hedgehogs, bird boxes and a bee bank. We have become part of the Chet Valley B-line joining up areas of pollinators for bees from the start of the River Chet all the way to Chedgrave Common. We have responded to the call from Wild East to set aside 20% of the churchyard as wild land. We are using the churchyard for worship and education, as a place for rest and community action. This Spring we were delighted to find some meadow saxifrage. This is a species in national decline for which churchyards are important habitats. Our species list this year already has 46 species of flowering plant on it.

Our work in the churchyard supports other 'green' initiatives including: our use of FairTrade goods; our charitable giving; and using a green electricity producer. We still have a long way to go but we hope our small steps are leading towards a better, kinder environment for all living things including us and those who follow.

We are aware that not everyone likes the look of the churchyard though many are very happy with it. Any requests to trim particular graves should be made to the clergy or churchwarden whose contact details are in the church porch.

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We've made some changes to our opening hours*

Monday: 10am – 2pm; Thursday: 10am – 6pm; Saturday: 1pm – 4pm.

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* subject to change , please check in advance

Reading Challenge is starting in July and the theme is World Wildlife Heroes – in partnership with the Reading Agency and the World Wildlife Fund. Pop into the library to pick up your pack (for ages 5-11) and get engaged with nature and reading! Activity sheets will be available in libraries. Pop in to sign up!

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Loddon and District Local History Group

The weather has improved and I hope that means the plan to update some of the local graveyard surveys has made a successful start. It had a positive response in my History Group Newsletter with enough people volunteering to be able to continue.

The first two are Hardley & Heckingham. The results should be available at the Holy Trinity Open Day in July. If you would like to join in for a pleasant afternoon in July or August, let me know at elvie.herd@uwclub.net No previous experience necessary.

While preparing for Hardley I was reminded of the Goddard and Hayward families who for many years lived in Hardley and the nearby parishes. In 1871 we find young Edward Walter Hayward born in Loddon farming 300 acres in Hardley. The next farm entry on the census sheet is for the family of Edward and Sarah Goddard living at Hardley Hall. Edward Goddard was farming 400 acres. Their daughter Clementia is a few miles away at Hellington acting as Housekeeper for her brother Samuel who was living there while farming 210 acres.

Edward Walter Hayward and Clementia Eliza Goddard married in 1875, and they moved into Hardley Hall. They had at least six children: two sons and four daughters. One son Edward died very young, but the other children grew to adulthood. Educating the girls seems to have been a priority as in 1891 the two elder girls, Marion and Ellen, are in Richmond at a school where Lucy Hayward from Bungay was a mistress. Marion had to take over running the house when her mother died in 1892 while Ada married Arthur Sadd from Loddon in 1907. Sadly Ellen died in 1914. Jessica the youngest daughter, born in 1883 did not marry, instead she trained as a nurse at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. In 1911 she was working in the Ipswich Workhouse & Infirmary. During WWI she was as a nurse in Military Hospitals, later she returned to Suffolk and worked as a District Nurse for many years.

Jessica wrote a diary describing her wartime journey on the Transylvania and subsequent rescue. Elizabeth Walne in 2014 wrote an account of her research into Jessica's life after reading this diary. This account can be found in the Archive for 2014 at <https://elizabethwalne.co.uk/>, or a copy of the diary and Elizabeth's blog is in our Archive.

We read in the EDP of July 1884 that Edward has taken over Mr Thomas Elliot's Model Dairy in Great Yarmouth, and is to supply milk and cream from his own dairy Farms in Hardley. Later he advertises that he supplies the Prince of Wales. Edward continued working at Hardley Hall until his death aged 91 in 1930. A memorial plate in Hardley Church tells us that he was Church Warden there for 48 years. He was survived by his son, Edward Nelson, farming at Priory Farm in Great Cressingham, and daughters, Marion, Ada and Jessie.

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“Watching the Dark,” by Peter Robinson

Written nine years ago, this is an Inspector Banks detective novel. Some of it takes place in England, much of it takes place in Estonia. It’s a good thriller involving Banks in solving two deaths. One victim is a retired policeman and the other, several years earlier, was a young girl of nineteen. The plotline includes police corruption, the abuse of illegal immigrants, and wealth used to protect those who kill or profit from the business of trafficking Eastern Europeans. It’s a good read.

“How it all Began,” by Penelope Lively

A really good, rather unusual, novel. When out shopping one day, Charlotte, a woman in her sixties, a retired teacher of English Literacy and Literature, finds herself slammed face down on the pavement and her bag taken. Unable to get up or walk; kind bystanders help her, an ambulance is called and she is taken to hospital where she is operated on and cared for over several weeks. When sufficiently recovered to walk on crutches she cannot look after herself at home, of course, and has to go and live temporarily with her daughter, Rose, and son-in-law, Gerry. Since her retirement Charlotte has helped to teach people with reading difficulties, some who come from other countries. Boredom sets in for Charlotte and she decides to help an individual from the class, Anton, who she was teaching before her mugging. Rose and Gerry are happy for him to come and have lessons with Rose in their home - and this is where the story really takes off.

In the course of reading this delightful novel readers will meet a range of interesting characters. All of them adding considerably to the entertaining plotline the author has created. The one person we don’t meet, however, is the troubled 14 year old boy who mugged Charlotte at the very beginning of the book and thus caused the whole story to begin...



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Nature Notes

Saturday 29th May, a bank holiday weekend, and surprise, surprise the sun is shining and there is only a gentle breeze. We were in Seething and are greeted first by the distant call of a Cuckoo. Rachel had already heard one earlier at home, stood at our back door. I was enjoying the fact I was warm without wearing multiple layers and the cacophony of bird song just seemed so much better. I was being serenaded by Blackbird, Chaffinch and Yellowhammer; the scratchy song of the Common Whitethroat, interspersed with the sharp song of the Lesser Whitethroat plus the backing vocals of a Chiff Chaff. Swallows swooped over the fields calling, then effortlessly gliding into view came a glorious Red Kite.

Later the same morning I was at Earsham Wetland Centre, the first time volunteering this year. Still enjoying the warm sun while clearing branches etc., from around the scrapes and enjoying the company of a Little Egret and Kingfisher amongst others not to mention some rare breed lambs and two of the Suffolk Punch horses. It could not have been more idyllic.

On the 19th May a possible Great Reed Warbler came up as being seen at Breydon Water in the morning. Having never seen one, I thought I would wait and see if confirmation would appear before driving to Great Yarmouth. The siting was confirmed so needing to get some shopping at Asda (other supermarkets are also available) I set off Great Yarmouth. Shopping bought, I walked along the seawall to where several people with telescopes were standing. Arriving I was greeted with, "Oh it's just stopped singing" and "It's been in that small clump of bushes between the rail track and the A47". Checking my watch, I realised I only had 30 minutes before I needed to leave for home. Fortunately, the bird was very obliging and appeared within my allotted timeframe, though it didn't sing (if you can call its song singing).

Earlier in May, while driving along Cock Road, I saw a male Marsh Harrier being mobbed by a Crow. Stopping safely to watch, they both landed in the field only to be "attacked" by a Hare, both birds quickly retreated into the sky. It was later watching BBC Springwatch I realised that the Harrier was after Leverets, (young Hares). Springwatch also answered the question of what happened to our nesting Blue Tits. The cold weather had meant that oak tree leaves were late which had the knock-on effect of there being no caterpillars for the Blue Tits to feed their young. I haven't yet been brave enough to look into the nest boxes.

On the 11th May I decided to take the dogs to Westleton Heath see if I could hear any Nightingales. Although books tell you that they sing at dusk and just before dawn, the education system has unfortunately failed these birds and they will often sing during the day. After a good walk with little seen except single Wheatear and an Adder that crossed our path. On returning to the carpark, I could hear Garden Warblers singing and was able to get some good views of a couple of these sulking warblers. Then from the middle of a gorse bush, by the car park, came the beautiful full song of a Nightingale, mission accomplished!

Richard and Rachel Hull

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Flower Festival at All Saints, Chedgrave on 11th/12th September

Icons of Norfolk is the title for the flower festival. What will it be? The Canaries, Wherries, Windfarms...? Come along and see for yourselves.

Quiz at All Saints, Chedgrave on 22nd October

With all the quizzing that has been going on during lockdown, we are expecting some stiff competition when our popular quizzes recommence.

Autumn Fair at All Saints, Chedgrave on 6th November

Come and join us for refreshments at our sale.

Concert at All Saints, Chedgrave on 7th November

We are delighted that *Tale Dolce Musica* are returning to perform for us. A talented chamber group, they hope to put together a programme to complement our environmental focus that weekend.

Hymn Singing in All Saints Chedgrave

I wonder if you have been missing singing during the Covid restrictions. Well, James, one of our lovely organists, has offered to put on a hymn-singing evening (or more if popular) once we are allowed to sing together indoors.



With time for a warm-up and then several hymns, a break for refreshments and some more hymns it should be a lovely event. James would like you to think of which hymns you have really missed singing and would like to sing at an evening like this. Please email him on: lally950@btinternet.com to let him know your choices, then he can find the music and practise so he will be on top of the dots for the evening.

Gardening Notes

From the Allotment

Hopefully, you are all enjoying your fruit and veg harvest, busily picking and eating, freezing and preserving though goodness only knows what the weather will be like by the time you read this. A very strange stop go stop season! Keep feeding those crops still growing. You can use liquid seaweed, widely on sale, but my neighbour, a marine biologist, cautions that it is not all sustainably harvested. So you may prefer to make your own comfrey or nettle feed. This is simple; all you need is a bucket stuffed with either and then filled with water. Leave it two weeks until it rots down. You'll know when it is ready from the smell. Dilute and use.

Also continue to plant those vegetables that can be harvested in winter or will stand over it like leeks, kale or winter cabbage. There is still time to grow more beetroot, but I find as soon as it turns hot and no matter how much I water the spinach bolts.

You can still plant autumn carrots in late July/August and harvest into December, if you leave them too long into the New Year they will turn woody in the centre and run to seed. Carrot fly is less prevalent later in the season but it is still prudent not to plant into the same space as the early carrots. In my rotation these will go into the space left in my seedbed after planting out my leeks.



From the Garden

Our gardens writer is taking a month off.





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