



# Chet Valley Churches

## Weekly News 13 September—Trinity 14

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

Genesis 50. 15-21

Romans 14. 1-12

Matthew 18. 21-35

*Psalms 103. 1-13*



### Prayer for today

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through 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 (13 September) there is a service of Holy Communion (BCP) at 9.30am in Chedgrave and a service of Morning Worship at 10.45am in Holy Trinity, Loddon. 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](mailto: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**

David Owen 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](http://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>

## **Harvest services and produce**

Details of next week's harvest services are on the back page—including our first service at Sisland. We won't be able to donate fresh produce, but tinned and packaged goods are always needed by the Food Bank. There will be opportunities to donate items at our services, or you can drop them 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.

## **Terracycle—Other Plastics**

Ros Hoffmann has been able to sign 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.

## **Update on Regulations**

The most recent government regulations say that services may continue in churches as they are currently doing. No more than 6 people may meet for social reasons either indoors or outside, but this restriction does not seem to apply to educational/learning or business meetings. The House of Bishops' interpretation won't arrive until after 14 Sept.

## **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.

## **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 Chapel. 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](mailto:jillhaylock@aol.com)

# **Things to Note**

## **Sad news**

Those who know Mike and Maureen Caston will be very sad to hear that having been diagnosed with liver cancer a few weeks ago, Maureen died this week. No details are available yet as to when her funeral might be.

## **Hardley and Sisland—churches and services**

Hardley church is open every day for private prayer, with the obvious proviso that visitors observe Covid regulations. Services are not re-starting yet, but it is good to be able to have the building open. Similarly, Sisland church is open on Wednesdays and Sundays. There will be an outdoor harvest service next week.

# 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 while 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—20 September Trinity 15

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:

10.45am	Holy Communion	Loddon (Holy Trinity)
11.00am	All Together Worship for harvest	Chedgrave (followed by picnic lunch)
3.00pm	Evening Prayer for harvest	Sisland—outdoors, so bring a brolly!

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

Jonah 3. 10 - 4. end, Philippians 1. 21-end, Matthew 20. 1-16, *Psalm 145. 1-8*  
Harvest readings: Deuteronomy 8.1-18, 2 Cor. 9.6-15, Luke 17.11-19, *Psalm 65*

Tailpiece	Dogs are optimists. They race to the door when the doorbell goes, even though it's hardly ever for them.
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