



# Chet Valley Churches

## Weekly News 18 October—Luke the Evangelist

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 35. 3-6  
2 Timothy 4. 5-17  
Luke 10. 1-9

*Psalms 147. 1-7*



### Prayer for today

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
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 (18 October) there is a service of Holy Communion at 10.45am in Holy Trinity, Loddon, and a service of All Together Worship at 11.00am in Chedgrave. 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**

David Owen is leading our online service this week, which marks St Luke's Day. 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) 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—Please join in!**

This year we'll be having a 'Live Advent Calendar' around Loddon and Chedgrave, and need people to take part. Different households or businesses will host a date in Advent when they open their door (either their front door, or maybe a garden gate) to those who call. You can choose what time your door will be opened—early evening might be best—and what will 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, or read a Christmas poem or story, or you could display a Christmas picture.... Please offer to take part if you can—Alison Ball is setting up this new venture, so speak to her for more details.

## **Carol Singing if Allowed**

We're hoping to sing carols around the community on 13 Dec (Loddon) and 20 Dec (Chedgrave), if outdoor singing is allowed, ending at a pub! Please let Alison Ball know if you'd like to take part. (01508 528126, email ball880am@btinternet.com)

## **One, two three—Pray!**

Prayer triplets are when three people commit to meet for prayer on a regular basis. They are a great way of weaving prayer into the daily fabric of our lives, and are within the current Covid regulations. They're good because they offer a way of praying with each other that is meaningful and relevant to our lives, and a group of three enables both accountability and trust. An important part of meeting for prayer is that we grow, both in our awareness of God, and in living in his purposes for our lives. Sometimes this means being challenged! We would like to establish prayer triplets across the benefice, so if you are interested in being involved, contact Jen Hayden at [jenhayden27@gmail.com](mailto:jenhayden27@gmail.com) or on 01508 528454.

## **Service in Memory**

Every year we have a service in which we remember people who have died, whether recently or some years ago, who have held a special place in our lives. This year we still plan to hold the service, but it will be in Holy Trinity rather than St John's church for reasons of available space. Unless Covid regulations change, it will be on Sunday 1 November at 4pm.

## **Ernie Bossé—farewell service**

Now that we are able to worship together (albeit at a social distance) we are able to mark the end of Ernie Bossé's ministry in this area and the start of his new life in Ipswich. On 25 October (time to be confirmed) there will be a service in Norton Chapel to which people from the Chet Valley Churches are welcome. It is vital that you book your place as numbers have to be limited. If you would like to be there please let Barry Gibson know.

## **Autumn Fair in Chedgrave**

On 21 November in Chedgrave there will be a socially distanced Autumn Fair (Covid regulations permitting). Some stalls will be inside and some in the marquee, giving plenty of space for customers. The PCC is hoping it will be a lovely community event, and one that we can all support. More details to follow.

# **Things to Note**

## **Hales and Heckingham**

The Churches Conservation Trust has let us know that there will be work going on at Hales, then at Heckingham to repair/replace the roof thatch. The thatcher, will be starting towards the end of this month, with both churches being completed by early December.

## **Loddon service music**

In response to enquiries, the song played as exit music at last week's service in Loddon was Today by Brian Doerksen..... "Today I choose to follow you."

# Information

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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—25 October Bible Sunday

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	Chedgrave
10.45am	Morning Worship	Loddon (Holy Trinity)

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

Nehemiah 8. 1-12, Colossians 3. 12-17, Matthew 24. 30-35, *Psalm 119. 9-16*

Tailpiece	Advice from Mother Teresa: If we find silence or prayer unfamiliar and are not sure if we believe in anything much, try offering small acts of love to others—and our hearts will open.
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