



Chet Valley Churches

Weekly News 22 November—Christ the King

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

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1. 15-end
Matthew 25. 31-end

Psalms 95. 1-7



Prayer for today

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

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

Service Online this Week

David Owen is leading our online service this week. It's a service of the Word to celebrate Christ the King, which means that Advent is just around the corner. We are continuing with full services online for the time being, which are on our website at 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>

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 or you can contact Jill for a brochure. To order products, please phone Jill on 01508 520248 or email jillhaylock@aol.com

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.

Live Advent Calendar—Definitely going ahead

A lot of effort has gone into our live advent calendar, so we do hope plenty of people will want to visit each day's door, obviously being aware of social distancing. There will be a publicised list of addresses taking part, and behind the door for each day will be a surprise related to the nativity story (maybe a display, or music or words, or something edible to take away) just like you would find behind the doors of a cardboard Advent calendar. When you visit a house, you won't be asked to go in—just to see the surprise behind the door. Most people are 'opening' for 2-3 hours in the early/mid evening, with businesses 'opening' for their working hours. The first 'door' is All Saints Chedgrave, on Sun 29 Nov, and the second is 4 Market Place, Loddon on Mon 30 Nov. See you there!

Autumn Fair in Chedgrave—5 December

Chedgrave's socially distanced Autumn Fair has been moved to 5 December. Put it in your diary and let's hope that lockdown rules allow it to happen! Meanwhile, if you'd like to make cakes, other baked goods or jams, jellies, other preserves they will be gratefully received. Also needed will be 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

Chet Chat

District Councillor Jeremy Rowe recently spoke to Chedgrave PCC's Zoom meeting about Chet Chat, which has grown from the help hub set up in the first lockdown and mainly aims to offer help for the over 60s. There are now 47 volunteers; all DBS-checked, and all have been offered training. It is backed by Community Action Norfolk as a community asset. When jobs come in, volunteers pick them up if they are free to do so. There is no expectation of a certain number of hours offered. You can sign up to volunteer by phoning the Chet Chat number: 07876 050110.

Things to Note

Services in Churches

As a result of lockdown there are no services in our church buildings until December. However, the buildings are open for private prayer, with the proviso that visitors wear masks and use the hand sanitisers provided. Sisland church is only open on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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.

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.

Services and readings next week—29 November Advent 1

There are no regular services in our church buildings during lockdown. The online service is available by email and will be sent automatically to those who usually receive the Weekly News by email. It is also available to download from www.chetvalleychurches.org

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

Isaiah 64. 1-9, 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9, Mark 13. 24-end, *Psalms* 80. 1-8

Tailpiece	We celebrate Christ our King..... May Your kingdom come, may Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
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