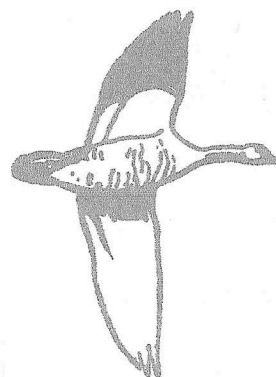


Chet News

The monthly magazine of the parishes
of Chedgrave, Hardley and Langley



February 2021

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	Rev Alison Ball	528126
	Rev Jill Haylock	520248
	Rev Ros Hoffman	548200
Methodist	Rev Louise Morrissey	
Roman Catholic	Father Padraig Hawkins	492589

We are not able to hold Church services for the time being because of the pandemic, but our buildings are open: do use them for a time of peace and prayer.

Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our
sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours
near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly
than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and
around the world – we are united as one family.

Find more prayers at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resource>

The March issue of *Chet News* will be the final one before it closes and then combines with *Contact* to become a new magazine, '**Chet Contact**'. This will be published with a copy date of the 8th of the month. Email submissions can be sent to c.magazineloddon@gmail.com

MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

Here we are in a foggy new year; the lights and decorations have been put away and Christmas is behind us. There were presents too which, in some way, may have reminded us of the three kings, those wise men with their strange gifts. And so the story ends... except it doesn't!

Those three kings, having called on King Herod in Jerusalem on their way to Bethlehem, went home by a different route. Herod, in his fury at being tricked, ordered all baby boys in Bethlehem to be killed. He didn't want a rival king, someone who might threaten his tin-pot power. Jesus escaped to Egypt with Mary and Joseph but others were not so fortunate. We normally ignore that part of the story; it's not very nice after all. But it happened and we do well to pay it attention. Herod slaughtered babies, the holy innocents, in his frantic urge to get rid of Jesus, the baby King of the Jews. We mustn't ignore the story because Herod wasn't the last to kill children to protect his own position and further his own ambition.

We don't know how many babies were killed in Bethlehem. It isn't recorded anywhere. But today many more children die every minute around the world because of poverty, hunger, war, abuse and preventable diseases. Every newspaper, magazine, social media and television report describes children as victims, sometimes the victims of violence inflicted by those who should love them the most of all.

Knowing this, if we do nothing, is it possible that we are somehow complicit in it? – modern-day Herods?

It seems that children still have plenty of Herods to fear. Today's holy innocents are the frightened children in Gaza and Bethlehem, the starving children in Yemen, the street children in Salvador and India, children abducted in Nigeria, children in refugee camps, abused children in our own communities.

None of that sounds very Christmassy and yet it is a part of the story. Jesus was born into a broken world of power struggles and ambitious rulers, of presidents who will not give up power. He came to earth knowing all that was wrong here. He came to offer a different way of living, a loving way of living. He came to be with those who were suffering; sharing and weeping over the sorrow and pain of others. He was born to live a life which faced all that was wrong in the world, faced the worst things head-on, even death, and offered new hope even to the most hopeless situations.

Christians believe that this is not just ancient history. We believe that God is with us today in the suffering and sorrow of the pandemic, weeping for the pain of Uighurs, Rohingya, Syrians, loving the abused, the lonely, the lost, comforting the grieving and the frightened.

Christmas is not just a sweet story about a baby. It is about the reality of God with us in the fog of life's harshness and difficulty. It's about a challenge to join him in his work of loving care, no matter how hard that may be.

Rev Alison

CHET VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

We are continuing our monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. Our meeting on Monday 8th February is 'A to Z of Imaging' by Dave Russell AFIAP. After popping along to his local camera club in Cardiff, thirty years on Dave's still there, having gained his AFIAP in 2013 and becoming judge and lecturer. The A-Z presentation has at least one topic for each letter of the alphabet, from Achilles to Zoom. It covers people pictures, landscapes, natural history and more with a variety of straight shots and more creative images. Dave's website is: www.bronwydd.wixsite.com/bronwyddimaging

We have some images from past annual exhibitions currently being displayed in Youngs Funeral Directors window for you to enjoy whilst you are on your exercise walk or shopping in Loddon. The display will be available to view from now until the end of March.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION –

Loddon and District Branch with Haddiscoe sub-branch

Like many other people in Loddon and surrounding villages who knew Alan Cook we, as his Legion branch, were saddened to hear of his recent passing to Higher Service. He was one of our longer serving branch members and we extend belated love and commiserations to his wife Margaret and the rest of his family. We assure you that Alan will be missed, but not forgotten.

Because we are in lockdown again, we still cannot hold branch meetings or events for the foreseeable future. However, we are definitely still here, so should you need personal help, support, sympathy, guidance or just general Legion advice, then do not hesitate to phone Christine Hartley our branch secretary on 01508 521136.

In the meantime, we send best wishes to all *Tidings* readers for an eventually happier and safer (we hope) 2021.

Margaret Wallace
01508 520840

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"The answer is not to turn inward, to retreat into competing factions, distrusting those who don't look like you or worship the way you do and don't get their news from the same source as you do. We must end this uncivil war that pits red against blue, rural v urban, conservative v liberal. We can do this if we open our souls instead of hardening our hearts. If we show a little tolerance and humility. If we're willing to stand in the other person's shoes just for a moment."

Joe Biden, 20 January 2021

Chedgrave Parish Council

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Website: <https://chedgrave-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Chedgrave-Parish-Council>



The Parish Council held a virtual meeting on 14th January 2021 (in line with Coronavirus Act 2020). Copies of the minutes are available on the Parish Council noticeboard, website and Facebook.

Coronavirus: For urgent help, including for those not "on-line", please contact South Norfolk Help Hub on 01508 533933 or earlyhelphubsouth@s-norfolk.gov.uk. Support grants are also available.

"Chet Chat": Need help? Phone a Friend! Feel free to call **07876 050110** for support.

Councillor Vacancy: There is a councillor vacancy and anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

Bin Collection Calendars: South Norfolk Council is not distributing bin calendars this year but calendars are available online. Residents who do not have access to the internet can contact the SNC Depot's customer care team on 01508 533830 to confirm their collection dates or have a printed calendar sent to their property.

Flooding/Sandbags: In light of recent flooding, residents are advised that a supply of sandbags is freely available for collection from the White Horse Public House should the need arise again.

Parish Precept: The council set the 2021/22 precept which is the portion of council tax allocated to the parish council. Councillors agreed that in light of the current economic situation, the Chedgrave Parish Council precept would remain at the same level as last year: **£25,731.53**. However, it was noted that due to a reduction in the number of households eligible to pay council tax, there will be a slight increase for some households. It was also noted, that future increases are likely in order to keep pace with inflation.

B-Line: The parish council supports the B-Line project and encourages local residents to consider leaving a portion of their garden for wildlife in support of this.

Grebe Drive Play Area: The old equipment has been removed and new topsoil laid. Turf will follow shortly and the new equipment should be installed in March.

Brian Clarke Room: Currently closed.

Planning Applications: The following planning matters were considered

2020/2401: No comment.

Neighbourhood Plan: Chedgrave Parish Council is progressing a joint Neighbourhood Plan with Loddon Parish Council. Members of the public interested in helping should contact the Clerk.

White Horse Plain: Plans are developing and it is hoped that the impact on parking will be minimal if any.

Facebook: Please follow our Facebook page which is updated from time to time with information relating to the parish council <https://www.facebook.com/Chedgrave-Parish-Council>

Faulty street lights, potholes, problems with roads, 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

PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON LEADS IN OUR PLAY AREAS & CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG
THERE ARE DOG FOUL BINS AND LITTER BINS AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE

RefuseBin: Fri 15 Jan then every alternate Fri
RecycleBin: Fri 22 Jan then every alternate Fri
GardenBin: Tue 19 Jan then every alternate Tue
Key:  RefuseBin  RecycleBin  GardenBin







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
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