

THE LINK

APRIL & MAY 2019



THE BENEFICE OF COTLEIGH, FARWAY, OFFWELL &
WIDWORTHY AND THE VILLAGE OF NORTHLEIGH

SERVICES FOR APRIL

SERVICE ROTA	OFFWELL	COTLEIGH	FARWAY	WIDWORTHY	NORTHLEIGH
April 7 th Passion Sunday	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	11:15am HC at Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC with Farway
April 14 th Palm Sunday	9:30am HC at Cotleigh	9:00am HC with Offwell	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	6:00pm Evensong
April 19 th Good Friday	10:00am Good Friday Service			2:00 to 3:00pm Good Friday Meditation	12:00pm Good Friday Liturgy
April 21 st Easter Day	9:30am HC	9:30am HC	11:15am HC	11:00am HC	11:15am HC
April 28 th	9:30am All Age Worship	6:30pm Sung Evensong	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	No Service



See the village pages for additional midweek services in Holy Week

BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL

April 7 th Passion	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 14 th Palm Sunday		Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29		Luke 19:28-40
April 19 th Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13, 53:12	Psalms 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1 - 19:42
April 21 st Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43 OR Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-8
April 28 th	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for April

7 th	3:00pm	Conducted by Prof. Stephen Lea
14 th	11:00am Palm Sunday	Conducted by Mr. Paul Violet
19 th	7:00pm Good Friday	Conducted by Revd. Ben. Haslam, followed by refreshments
21 st	11:00am Easter Sunday	Conducted by Revd. S Mosedale (S)
28 th	3:00pm	Conducted by Deacon. G. Tamblin-May



SERVICES FOR MAY

SERVICE ROTA	OFFWELL	COTLEIGH	FARWAY	WIDWORTHY	NORTHLEIGH
May 5 th	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	11:15am HC at Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC with Farway
May 12 th	9:30am HC at Cotleigh	9:30am HC with Offwell	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	6:00pm Evensong
May 19 th	6:00pm Evening Prayer	9:30am HC	11:15am HC with Northleigh	9:30am HC	11:15am HC at Farway
May 26 th Rogation Sunday	9:30am All age worship with Cotleigh	9:30am All age worship at Offwell	2:30pm Travelling Service	9:30am Family Service	2:30pm Travelling Service
June 2 nd	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	11:15am HC at Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC with Farway



For details of the Travelling Service, see Northleigh, page 13

BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY

May 5 th	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 12 th	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 19 th	Acts 11:1-8	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 26 th	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5	John 14:23-29
June 2 nd	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for MAY

- 5th** 11:00am Conducted by Dr. Alan Macilveen
12th 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam (S)
19th 11:00am Conducted by Revd. Andrew Sails
26th 2:30pm Rogation meet Northleigh 2:30pm
with Revd. Ben Haslam & C of E



BENEFICE NEWS

My father, a US Navy Officer, often told us of his adventures during the Second World War; so our bedtime stories as children were far more exciting than Peter Rabbit's encounters with Farmer McGregor. As we approach Easter, one story in particular comes to mind.

His ship was on patrol off the coast of South America. Early one morning they were attempting to put into the Harbour of Rio de Janeiro in a dense fog. My father was the Officer of the Deck and as it was in the days before sonar, he had a lineman on the bow slinging his weighted line overboard and calling out the depth of the water. It then could be plotted on the charts on the Bridge and the position of the ship calculated and adjusted. It was tense on the Bridge, not only because of the ever present danger of German torpedoes, but it would not have done my father's Navy career a lot of good if he miscalculated in his navigation and ran a Light Cruiser aground. Suddenly, the lookout shouted, "Sir, look!" The fog had lifted on the top of Concovado mountain and there, arms outstretched and gleaming in the sun was Cristo Redentor - Christ the Redeemer. A bearing was taken on the statue and the ship then navigated safely to her anchorage.

After the crucifixion the followers of Jesus also found themselves in a dark and terrifying place. They were surrounded by danger and not certain which way to turn until, on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene found the empty tomb and the risen Christ appeared to her and then to the other Disciples. In Matthew 28:20, in the Great Commission, Jesus promises, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." If we take our bearings on Christ and His teaching, we will always find our way to safe harbour and find Him, with arms outstretched to receive us. Happy Easter.

Mim Prins, Churchwarden at Widworthy

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COTLEIGH



APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

14 th April, 9:00am	Palm Sunday - Holy Communion
15 th April, 7:30pm	Monday of Holy Week - Said Eucharist and Hymns
21 st April, 9:30am	Easter Sunday - Holy Communion
28 th April, 6:30pm	Sung Evensong

If any children would like to create an **Easter Garden** this year please place your displays in the church by **Saturday 20th**

April. All participants will receive an Easter egg.



COTLEIGH EASTER BINGO

Saturday 13th April

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start
All very welcome

Prizes will consist of vouchers, Easter eggs, money and other prizes. There will also be a raffle (all contributions gratefully received)

All money raised in aid of The Admiral Nurse
For further information please contact:
Pam Lane on 01404 43339

Friday evening 19th July

Diary Date: **GRAND VILLAGE TREASURE HUNT**
skittles competition, bar and bbq

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CHURCH DUTIES for APRIL

Sidesmen:

14th - Pam Spiller
21th - John Gordon

Altar Flowers & Memorial:

First two Sunday - no flowers
Easter Sunday - Sarah Broom

Cleaning Rota: Mrs Coe

Cotleigh 200 Club

March Draw Results

£15 No. 99 Pauline Gordon
£10 No. 39 Sarah Broom

Membership is open to all and costs £10 per year If you would like to join please contact: Chris or Tessa Henley
Tel: 01404 831028

COTLEIGH VILLAGE CONTACTS

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John Woolacott 831820

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Village Hall Bookings

Len Spiller 861396

PCC / Church Wardens

Pam Lane 43339

Bowls Club

Pauline Gordon 831878

200 Club

Chris or Tessa Henley 831028

Diary Date:

COTLEIGH VILLAGE FETE 2019

Saturday 20th July

stalls, scarecrows, skittles,
afternoon teas, bar and much more

FARWAY



Church Spring Clean

Sat 6th April

10:30am to 12:00pm



We are planning to spring clean our church and the churchyard. Any help welcome, do come along. Refreshments provided. Thank you

Spring Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th May

In Farway Village Hall

10:30am to 12:00pm

Entry is £1 to include free tea or coffee.

As usual there will be a cake and plant stall selling a fantastic array of produce. Donations of cakes and plants would be much appreciated.

April 23rd Farway Village Hall Club Rooms

7:30pm FARWAY PCC

8:00pm FARWAY APCM - This meeting is open to all and if you are interested to hear what has been going on in the church and what the plans for the future are then, please come along, you will be made VERY welcome.

DEFIBRILLATOR

We now have an automatic defibrillator installed outside Farway Village Hall which has been purchased by Farway Parish Council. This is easy and safe to use by anyone with little or no training. No access code is needed to open the device and a voice explains exactly what you need to do.



Farway Winter League Skittles Matches

continue every Friday night in Farway Village Hall during April with the final matches on 26th April. The bar will be open from 7:30pm – you are most welcome to join us for a drink to celebrate the end of another successful Skittles Season.

Further details of these events, plus Farway Football Club fixtures, Skittles fixtures and results can be found on the Farway Village website at www.farwaydevon.org.uk

During the summer months, the bar will be open on the first Friday of the month, starting on Friday 3rd May.

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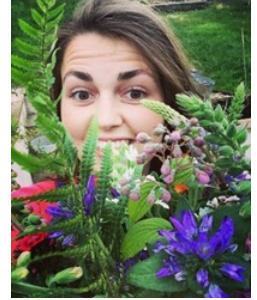
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I am situated in Cotleigh and take inspiration in the changing seasons of the beautiful area we are all lucky enough to call home.

Floral workshops are a great way to relax whilst learning something new. I run these in my floral studio and locally or I can come to you. I offer a variety of workshops including Christmas wreaths, Mother's day bouquets, flower crown party's and much more.

Check out my Instagram or Facebook to see what's coming up. If you have an event or celebration coming soon, get in touch.

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OFFWELL



Services for Easter

Wednesday 17th April 7:30pm - Midweek Communion

Good Friday – Friday 19th April 10:00am

Easter Day – Sunday 21st April 9:30am – Bishop Oliver will be officiating at this service.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the celebration of Easter Sunday.

Please note: The time for the Evensong service is moving back to **6:00pm** for the summer.

OFFWELL FLOWER SHOW

A bike, or the weather, or a family pet
Have you taken your photos yet?
To be entered into the photo class
Such varied subjects, your choice is so vast!
There's all spring and summer for you to remember
The Flower Show is on the 14th of September



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting Wednesday 10th April

in the church at 7:30pm
This is an opportunity to hear
what our PCC have been up to
during the past year.
Everyone is welcome.

The Church Quiz

A big thank you to everyone who contributed
to this successful event. Over £300 was
raised. Your brains can have a rest for the
summer, the next quiz will be in November.

Teddy Tower Tumble and Picnic in the Orchard

This fun event will be on

Sunday 26th May

Look out for more details on
posters throughout the village
and on the website.



Fish and Chips

Saturday April 6th & Saturday May 4th

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It sometimes seems as if ever since Bishop Copplestone planted Rhododendrons in Offwell Woods people have been trying to get rid of them. Whilst they produce fantastic blooms, they take over the woodlands, nothing grows underneath them and it takes some time for cleared land to regrow. Over the last few years Offwell volunteers have been working hard to clear what is now largely dead Rhodi to improve views and allow the woods to return to their natural state.

The big problem is how to dispose of the cut material which takes a long time to rot down. We have been stacking some Rhodi and carrying out a programme of burning but it is a long process. However, we have recently obtained a new bit of kit, a modern saw bench, which has enabled us to log up material, considerably speeding our clearing process and providing a plentiful supply of logs for our log cabin wood burner. However whatever clearing process we use it will be many years before we finally clear the woodlands of this invasive plant, but we are making progress!



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NORTHLEIGH



ST. GILES - APRIL

Holy Week in Northleigh Church

Friday 19th April - Liturgy for Good Friday at 12 noon

Sunday 21st April - Easter Communion at 11:15am

Northleigh Village Hall Bar is open on Sundays from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

NORTHLEIGH VILLAGE - APRIL DIARY:

Sunday 7th from 3:00pm to 4:30pm a self-led **Scottish Country Dance** afternoon will be held in the village hall, previous experience not required or expected. For more information, call Jan Fulton on 01404 871151

Wednesday 10th - Quiz 7:30pm for 8:00pm. £4 entry to include light refreshments, bar open. Call Caroline 01404 871395 for details

Wednesday 17th - Norley Nosh Lunch 12:15pm for 12:30pm. Book with Pam 01404 871397 by preceding Monday

Thursday 25th Crafty coffee at Carole's house

NORTHLEIGH VILLAGE - MAY DIARY:

Wednesday 8th - Quiz 7:30pm for 8:00pm £4 entry to include light refreshments. Bar open. Call Caroline 01404 871395 for details

Wednesday 8th - Norley Nosh Lunch – 12:15pm for 12:30pm. Book with Pam on 01404 871397 by preceding Monday

Saturday 11th – Spring Fair – 10:00am – 12:00pm Plants, cakes & gift stalls. All welcome

Saturday 18th - Cabaret Evening 7:30pm – 11:00pm live solo singing by Richie D James. Supper and Bar. Tickets are £12 and must be booked in advance.

For more details, Tel Claire on 01404 871280

Thursday 30th - Crafty coffee - venue tbc

ST. GILES - FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 13th July - St Giles' Garden Party 2:30pm to 5:00pm at Shutes Farm Northleigh by kind permission of Mr and Mrs J Fulton. Contributions of full bottles of any kind, cakes, plants, garden produce, books, fancy goods and toys would be greatly appreciated and can be left at Shutes Farm or given to members of the PCC.

Sunday 21st July -St Giles Charity Bike Ride in aid of the charity Headlight, a young person's mental health charity. Registration at St Giles from 2:30pm

NORTHLEIGH



MAY

Four Churches, Three Parishes, Two Valleys and One Farmhouse Tea!

Sunday May 26th is Rogation Sunday. Many villages have their own local traditions for this occasion and we in the upper Coly Valley have had our own for a number of years. We have a travelling service through the valley which, with respect to our geography and collective age, is by car!

We are delighted that this year our tradition has been extended to include Southleigh; giving us the 4 churches, 3 parishes and 2 valleys.

We meet at **Northleigh Church at 2:30pm** and will finish up at Stubbhaynes Farm by kind invitation of Ruth and Roger Gould.

Rev Ben Haslam, Minister of Farway Chapel and Charles Hill, Reader in the Holyford Mission Community will be with us to lead our worship through the valleys.

Regular Village Activities:

Monday: **Art Group** 2:00 to 4:00pm Carole 01404 871444

Friday: **Short Mat Bowls** 7:15pm Pauline 01404 871516

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NORTHLEIGH BURNS SUPPER

In January, 2017, Northleigh Village Hall held its first Burns Supper, which proved so popular that it was decided to repeat the experiment on 26th January – hoping that two years was enough time to recover from the exertions of dancing at the first one! The format is definitely not like a traditional Burns Supper, as language difficulties would prevent the participants understanding anything if the evening was to be conducted in the Ayrshire dialect of the 18th century. There remains enough of the traditional to ensure that the menu of Scotch Broth, Haggis, Neeps and Tatties, and a dessert of Trifle is served, with a nip of whisky for the haggis. Two songs and two poems by Robert Burns were performed and the only speech was the essential Address to the Haggis, given by Gordon Lindsay, and the others normally made, being The Immortal Memory (of the man himself), Address to the Lassies, Reply on behalf of the Lassies, and Hail Caledonia, were omitted. The time was better employed in Scottish Country Dancing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, whether participating or simply spectating.



An enormous thank you to the Village Hall Committee and other attendees who prepared and served the meal. The sum of £259.00 was raised, which goes to the village hall funds.

The dancing was such fun that the Village Hall will be holding a self-led Scottish Country Dancing afternoon on **Sunday, 7th**

April from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, which if proved popular will be repeated monthly.

Please contact Jan Fulton on 01404 871151 for further information.



WIDWORTHY FETE 8th June 2-5pm

House Tours – Children's games and races - Skittles -Welly Throwing – Devon Cream Teas – Duck Races - Raffle and much, much more...

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We had our inspection on 6th February and we are delighted to report that the Inspector's overall judgement was to grade us as Good. The Inspector supported our feeling that the school does have a strong Christian vision saying, "All are inspired to fulfil their aspirations through the shared Christian values of loyalty, sharing, forgiveness, honesty and caring".

Some comments from the report:

- The school is, "highly inclusive, aspirational and creates a strong sense of belonging".
- "The school's creative curriculum is a vibrant and innovative expression of its Christian vision, Pupils talk with enthusiasm about their learning and confidently articulate its relevance."
- Weekly celebration worship underpins achievement in its Christian context and inspires pupils to be the 'best they can be'. The vision motivates pupils to be courageous advocates for change at a local and global level.

A culture of mutual respect, support and encouragement is a strong feature of the school. Pupils say there 'is always someone there to help' them.

The full report is available on our school website – www.offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk – so feel free to read that and also have a look at all the other things we do.



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ST CUTHBERT'S WIDWORTHY



As we enter the final days of Lent leading up to the celebration of Easter, our service on **Passion Sunday, April 7th at 9:30am** is a Family Service and will be led by Marc Kastner. Sunday, **April 14th is Palm Sunday** when palm crosses will be blessed during the service and distributed to the congregation. This Family Service service will be taken by The Rev Nigel Freathy. On **Good Friday, April 19th, at 2pm**, The Rev Nigel Freathy will be leading a service of meditation in the church.

On **Easter Sunday, at 11:00am**, when the church again will be filled with flowers, the service of Holy Communion will be celebrated by Bishop Oliver Simon. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME ON EASTER SUNDAY!** **April 28th at 9:30am** again is a Family Service taken by The Rev Nigel Freathy and we hope everyone will stay on after the service for coffee and biscuits.

Our **APCM will be at 7:30 on Tuesday, April 30th**, in the Wilmington Village Hall. Anyone on St Cuthbert's Electoral Roll is invited to attend. The APCM is preceded by a meeting of the **PCC at 7:00pm**. We, along with all the Parishes in the Church of England, are required to prepare a new Electoral Roll this year. If you would like to be included on the Electoral Roll, please collect a form from the table by the door inside the church and return it to either David Woodruff or one of the churchwardens.

Following our successful flower arranging demonstration in February, the new flower rota for 2019 will start with Easter Sunday. Anyone who hasn't been on the rota and would like to join it, please let either Mim Prins or Mary Wakely know.

The Family Service on **May 5th at 9:30am** will be taken by Dr Miriam Prins. The Family Service on **May 12th at 9:30am** is still to be decided. Holy Communion on **May 19th at 9:30am** will be celebrated by Bishop Oliver Simon. The Family Service **May 26th at 9:30am** is still to be decided but we definitely will have coffee and biscuits after the service.



WILMINGTON WONDERS Easter Extravaganza!



*We will be meeting on Saturday 20th April
2:30 to 4:00pm at Wilmington Village Hall*

We will be learning about the Easter Story, making Easter Gardens, decorating eggs and making an Easter Cross. At the end of the session, we will also have an Easter Egg Hunt.

If your children would be interested in attending, please contact Kate Vernon at 2 The Firs (mobile no. 07928 227224).

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Good Morning fellow gardeners and others who like to read about it! I've had a stroll around and am still admiring our Hellebores. Despite the very blustery wind they have stood up well. I'm hoping for some seedlings later as I've still room for more along the front edges of other beds. I hope you will have had the same experience with your plants. If anyone has suffered the hellebore leaf spot disease (that is black spots or patches on the leaves) then cut them off and dispose of them in the general waste. Do not put them in the compost heap/container for fear of contaminating your compost. If possible, burn them.

As far as I'm concerned it is definitely spring. Why? Because both of our Forsythias bushes are in beautiful yellow bloom!! I hope yours are too! If you don't have a forsythia then I recommend you get one this Spring, get it into the ground and established for the next. OR take a cutting from a friend who has one—they root very well.

Some years ago, I gave you my seed-sowing process which I find works for maximum germination. April is, for most gardeners, the seed sowing month, and with no apologies for repeating myself, I will now tell you how I do it:

SEED SOWING ROUTINE

1. Fill a clean seed tray with fresh seed/cutting compost within an inch of the rim.
2. Spray with water until thoroughly damp.
3. Tamp the compost evenly and firmly.
4. Sow the seed thinly and evenly spread.
5. Spray lightly to hold the seed in place.
6. Tamp lightly to press the seed into the compost.
7. Cover with compost, Vermiculite or Perlite, thinly.
8. Spray again.
9. Tamp firmly.
10. Label with name and date of sowing.

The essential outcome of this process is you ensure the seed is in contact with damp compost for the transfer of water and nutrients to the seed. Also, the action of tamping eliminates pockets of air in the compost that would prevent the transference of moisture. Try my routine this season and see what results you get.

Yesterday I dead-headed our hyacinths grown in a planter on the windowsill. I have cut to the bottom of the stalk, watered the plants and next week I will put them in the garden, water and feed and let the leaves die down naturally. They will naturalise and flower next Spring with all the others that I've treated in the same way over the years. One can of course take from their container, clean off the compost and store until planting time next late autumn. It must then be remembered that the bulbs have been exhausted from this year's growth and will need feeding several times to encourage decent blooms next Spring.

Jobs for April.

Now is the time to cut off the dead heads on **hydrangea** and let the new buds see the light. If like our **lawn**, yours is full of moss then apply a spread of 'feed and weed'.

Mulch fruit trees especially young ones. Also feed and apply Potash to encourage flower and fruit. Do the same to **shrubs** with particular attention to Camellias, Azaleas, Rhododendrons and other acid-lovers. Watering and feeding now will have a good effect on flowering next year. These types of plants need water through Autumn, they must not dry out. Watch out for lily beetles and aphids. Try the old gardener's method of eliminating aphids- spray with a touch of washing-up liquid in the water. **Check over your roses for 'suckers'**. They are shoots growing from below the point where the variety is grafted on to the rootstock. Tear off these shoots-do not cut off. **Lavateras** need to be cut back hard this month. New shoots will soon appear for flowering this coming summer. **Plant onion sets** with just the tip above ground. Check regularly as birds like to tug at the dry tip thinking it is good nest building material. **Sow tomato seed.**

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