

# THE LINK

DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020



THE BENEFICE OF COTLEIGH, FARWAY, OFFWELL  
& WIDWORTHY and village of NORTHLEIGH

# SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

SERVICE ROTA	OFFWELL	COTLEIGH	FARWAY	WIDWORTHY	NORTHLEIGH
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> in Advent	9:30am HC <b>with</b> Cotleigh	9:30am HC <b>at</b> Offwell	<b>See</b> Northleigh	<b>4:00pm</b> Advent Carol Service	11:15am HC
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Advent	9:30am <b>at</b> Cotleigh	9:30am <b>with</b> Offwell	11:15am HC	<b>4:00pm</b> Christingle Service	6:00pm Evensong
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Advent	4:00pm Christingle Service	9:30am HC	11:15am HC	9:30am HC	No Service
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> in Advent	6:00pm Carol Service	9:30am HC	11:15am Carol Service	<b>4:00pm</b> Nine Lessons & Carols	11:15am Carol Service
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve		9:00 PM Midnight Mass	11:00 PM Midnight Mass		
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day	9:30am HC			11:00am HC	
Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	BENEFACTORY SERVICE 10:30am at OFFWELL - all welcome				No Service



## BIBLE READINGS FOR DECEMBER

*Look! The virgin will conceive a child!  
She will give birth to a son and will  
call him Immanuel - "God is with us."  
Isaiah 7:14*

Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> in Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalms 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> in Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalms 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23

## FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH

### Services for DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> 11:00am Conducted by Mr Stephen Haddad  
 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam. H.C.  
 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Conducted by Prof. Tony Wragg  
 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Ben. Haslam.  
 CAROL SERVICE followed by tea/coffee and mince pies  
 29<sup>th</sup> No Service



Front Cover: Stained glass window in St. Andrew's Church, Colyton

# SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2020

SERVICE ROTA	OFFWELL	COTLEIGH	FARWAY	WIDWORTHY	NORTHLEIGH
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	No Service	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am at Cotleigh	9:30am with Offwell	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	6:00pm Evensong
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm Evening Prayer	9:30am HC	11:15am HC	9:30am HC	No Service
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:45am All age service	9:30am HC	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	No Service	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC



## BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY 2020

Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalms 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1: (1-9) 10-18
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalms 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalms 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalms 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Micah 6:1-8	Psalms 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

## FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH

### Services for JANUARY 2020

- 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Ben. Haslam  
COVENANT Service. All are most welcome
- 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Conducted by Dr. Alan Mcilveen
- 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Brian Hadfield
- 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Conducted by Mrs. Margaret Cole
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Brian Hadfield



Please email your contributions for the February/March Link magazine as soon as you have them, by **15<sup>th</sup> January at the very latest** to: [parisheslink@gmail.com](mailto:parisheslink@gmail.com)  
Please note that late submissions may not be included.

# ACROSS THE BENEFICE

Wellbeing Exeter is a local programme enabling individuals and communities to improve and promote their own health and wellbeing. 5 Ways of wellbeing is a model we can learn from.



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BE THERE,  
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,  
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,  
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER  
THE SIMPLE  
THINGS THAT  
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES,  
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,  
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence

If we add spiritual health and wellbeing, the same prompts can be applied to us too. Advent is near, so now can be the time to think about small changes that can make a significant difference to us and our community.

Galatians chapter 5, verse 22 says

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faith.”



## Open the Book & Bible Storytelling

Our Open The Book team are continuing their storytelling at both Offwell and Farway CoFE Primary schools. Our group has been together for almost five years and have enjoyed sharing the bible stories with the children. We continue to find our visits very rewarding. Last month we told the story of “The Kind Stranger” which is the story of the Good Samaritan.



## WILMINGTON WONDERS

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 2.30 - 4pm**

**in Wilmington Village Hall**



We will be making Christingles ready for the service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Widworthy Church. We will also be learning about the Christmas story and doing some arts and crafts. It is hoped that some of the children will also take part in the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Widworthy Church and act out the story of the Nativity. You are welcome to come along and join in the fun with your children, or alternatively collect them at the end of the session. If your children would be interested in attending, please contact: Kate Vernon at 2 The Firs (mobile no. 07928 227224)

We look forward to meeting you and your children.

# ACROSS THE BENEFICE

As one year draws to a close and we anticipate the next, it's a good time to review what has gone before. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to The Link magazine in 2019, especially all the lovely photos. We hope that you enjoy receiving the Link through your door each month. Please keep sending your contributions and more; A book review? A recipe? A poem? A hobby? Somewhere you have visited locally to recommend? Gardening advice? We can't guarantee everything will be included, but please send it and make The Link 'your' local parish magazine.

## Can You Help?

We are looking for someone to help the editor produce The Link magazine. For more information, or if think you could help, please contact any of the Church Wardens (see phone numbers below), or email [parisheslink@gmail.com](mailto:parisheslink@gmail.com)

Unfortunately, until we get some additional help, the magazine will only be produced bi-monthly.

The Editor

## Tim Schofield retirement – can you help?

Tim was Vicar of Offwell, Farway, Widworthy and Northleigh from 1986 to 1994. Below is a request from his son Matthew (former pupil of Offwell School). If you remember Tim and Julie and think you can help please respond to Matthew, contact details are given below.

Matthew writes:

"I have a big favour to ask. Dad is retiring next May and I would like to do something to mark his and mum's work across the various churches they've been connected to. At this point I'm thinking of doing a book to which people can contribute memories and photos.

It's been so long since we've been in Offwell that I don't know whether there are still many people who know or would remember mum and dad across the parishes but I wondered if this would be something that a) people would be able to contribute to and b) want to! I know it's 30 odd years ago now so not expecting lots of responses but even a few would be great."

Contact Matthew Schofield:

Flat B, 5 Felix Avenue, LONDON N8 9TL

Email: [matthewjschofield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:matthewjschofield@hotmail.co.uk)

### **BENEFICE CHURCHWARDENS COTLEIGH**

Pam Lane 01404 43339

### **FARWAY**

Tara Huffman 01404 871372

Robin Banks 01404 871355

### **NORTHLEIGH**

John Platt 01297 552416

Pam Mayall 01404 871397

### **OFFWELL**

Jonathan Paveley 01404 831450

Marion Hutchinson 01404 830055

### **WIDWORTHY**

Mim Prins 01404 831688

Mary Wakeley 01404 831345

## **Benefice Coffee Morning**

for all our Parishes

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month)

**From 10:30am to 12 noon**

**At Offwell**

**Social Club Room**

*This is for everyone. Whether you go to church or not you will be made very welcome. You just have to enjoy coffee, home made cake and a chat!*



# COTLEIGH



## Services for December

- 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30am HC Sue Roberts  
15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am HC John Rawlings  
22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00am CAROL SERVICE Ann Stuckey  
24<sup>th</sup> 9:00pm HC MIDNIGHT MASS Stephen Treeby

### CHURCH DUTIES for DECEMBER

#### Sidesmen

- 8<sup>th</sup> Pam Spiller  
15<sup>th</sup> Noel Barrington-Prowse  
22<sup>nd</sup> Peter Haines  
24<sup>th</sup> Martyn Broom

#### Altar Flowers

- No flowers for Advent  
Irene Hill - Christmas

#### Church Cleaning

Mr and Mrs J Woollacott

## Services for January 2020

- 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am HC Revd Christine Donkersley  
19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am HC Sue Roberts  
26<sup>th</sup> 9:30am HC John Rawlings

### CHURCH DUTIES for JANUARY

#### Sidesmen

- 12<sup>th</sup> Pauline Gordon  
19<sup>th</sup> Broom Family  
26<sup>th</sup> Pam Spiller

#### Altar Flowers

Pam Spiller all month

#### Cleaning Rota

Mrs Lane and Mrs Heywood

### COTLEIGH VILLAGE CONTACTS

#### Parish Council

Nigel Young 831300

#### Fete Committee

Chris Henley 831028

#### PCC / Church Wardens

Pam Lane 43339

#### 200 Club

Chris or Tessa Henley 831028

#### Parish Clerk

Kerry Kennell 861129

#### Village Hall Bookings

Len Spiller 861396

#### Bowls Club

Pauline Gordon 831878

## Christmas Bingo

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December



Doors open 6:30pm, eyes down 7:30pm  
Tesco vouchers & Christmas fayre as prizes  
Raffle contributions gratefully received  
Please contact Pam Lane on 01404 43339

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## A Christmas Prayer

*Lord, as I enter into the fast-paced season ahead, help me walk slowly and quietly.*

*Let me stop and listen to the angels sing of the greatest news ever told. Let my heart, mind and soul join the chorus. "Glory in the Highest!! The Messiah has been born!"*

*Among all the bright sparkling lights and cheery holiday tunes, let my spirit travel once again toward Bethlehem to honour and worship Jesus, my King, The Prince of Peace, the Lord of Hosts, Mighty Counsellor, Son of God, the Lamb. All Your love, mercy and power somehow made flesh in the tiny form of a humble baby born in a manger. Let me worship the only one who is worthy to take our sin away and open the gates*

*6 of all eternity!*

*by Daphne Kitching*



# NORTHLEIGH



## Diary dates for December:

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Party** 4:00pm Disco and visit from Father Christmas

To book – call Karen 01404 831310 by 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch** 12:30 for 1:00pm Tickets £10

Northleigh Community should have received an invitation

For details call Caroline on 01404 871395

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Carol Service** at St Giles Church – 11:15am

- **Christmas Social** 12:15pm onwards in the Village Hall where the bar will be open and seasonal refreshment and food – Call Caroline 01404 871395 or Pam 871397 for details.

Northleigh has collected for the Devon Air Ambulance at Christmas for many years, there will be opportunity to support this valuable voluntary service at the church and village hall.

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## Diary dates for January 2020:

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> QUIZ** 7:30 for 8:00pm £4 entry to include light refreshments, bar open.

Call Caroline 01404 871395 for details

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Norley Nosh Lunch** 12:15 for 12:30pm

Book with Pam 01404 871397 by preceding Monday

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Northleigh Film Club – Rocket Man**

Doors open at 7:00pm. Film starts at 7:30pm

The Bar will be open and everyone will be very welcome

Any questions please call Claire 01404 871280

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## **Regular Village Activities:**

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

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

Monday: **Yoga** 7:00pm £42 for 6 weeks or £8 a drop in. Mats provided Ella 07548 158560

Thursday: **Drama** - for details contact Ba 01404 831476

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

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## **Food for thought:**

“It is lamentable in one of the richest countries of the world that 1.6 million people have needed food parcels over the past year to make ends meet. “

*The Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith.*

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## Christmas Services

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:15am Carol service

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00pm Midnight Mass**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> No service

## **CHRISTMAS BINGO**

**Saturday 7th December**

See poster on opposite page

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## **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

### **CAROL SINGING for A.F.C.**

**6:15pm start on Farway Church Green**

**All are welcome**

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### **FRIDAY NIGHTS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

The **Farway Winter Skittles League** is in full swing with matches on Friday nights during December and January. The bar opens at 7.30pm in the Village Hall – you are most welcome to join us.

The last match in 2019 is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring a plate of food to share to celebrate the end of another successful year.

The bar will open again on 10<sup>th</sup> January with matches every Friday night until the end of April.

### **YOUR PHOTOS PLEASE**

We are hoping to display more photos of local residences and events in the village hall. If you have any interesting photos we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact:

Stefanie Kastner on 01404 871292

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# Christmas BINGO

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
At Farway Village Hall

Doors open **7.00pm** - Eyes down **7.30pm**

## Bingo prizes:

*Chicken dinner box & chocolates*

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All the children at Offwell School have been experiencing, and learning from, a variety of initiatives.



Oak Class (ages 9 to 11) enjoyed an afternoon of First Aid Training where they learned all about DRAB – Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing. Their trainer, Ian from Moorland First Aid, took them through what to do with someone choking; how to perform CPR; bandaging techniques and the vitally important recovery position. All the children really enjoyed the experience : “It was good fun putting bandages on each other” Lilly-May; “The man made it fun, so that we could remember it well” Layla; “ I now feel confident that I could help somebody” Jessica; “I learnt how to react quickly” Jamie.



A group of our hugely supportive parents has taken up the challenge of supporting the teaching of cookery across the school through regular sessions covering different cooking techniques. They will be including learning on healthy and varied diets; seasonality and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed. The sessions are held in the Village Hall so we use their cooking/ kitchen facilities. Willow Class (ages 5 to 7) made vegetable soup and hedgehog rolls . Beech Class



(ages 7 to 9) made three bean chilli and chilli cheese scones .

Oak Class will be making fajitas. The PTFA has helped the purchase of equipment so that all children are busy all the time – nobody likes waiting for a potato peeler!



Upcoming for Ash Class (ages 3 to 5) will be a dance session based on Diwali – the Hindu Festival of Lights.

The Governors, Staff and pupils of Offwell School would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# OFFWELL



## Christmas Services, December

**The Christingle service** will be on **15<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00pm**. The children are again helping to make the Christingles (well, someone has to test the sweets). This delightful service is for everyone, not just children.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served after the **Carol Service** which is at **6.00pm on 22<sup>th</sup> December**. The service includes the blessing of the crib.

On **Christmas Day** there is a Holy Communion Service at **9:30am**

**The Christmas lights** will be switched on, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

December at the end of the school day. We are looking forward to seeing the new nativity figures, kindly donated by Maurice (Dawn's Dad, who enjoys coming to our church when he's in Offwell) and the stable made by Clive and Mike. If anyone would like to make a small contribution to the cost of the lights and the stable materials please contact Jonathan on 01404 831450.



**Wedding** - Jenna and George will be getting married in Offwell Church on 7<sup>th</sup> December. We wish them every happiness for the future.

### Date for your diary:

Quiz night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December FISH & CHIPS

Frying in the hall car park from **6:00 to 7:30pm**  
Eat in or out, bar open, good night out for all the family. Profit to Children's New Play Park.  
Not coming again till March 2020

## Coffee Mornings

The Benefice Coffee Morning on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December will have a Christmas theme so come along and get into the spirit. After all the excitement of Christmas, January can sometimes be a bit flat so the coffee and cake and good company (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>) should help to beat the winter blues.

## Christmas Bingo in the village hall

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Doors open 6:15pm, eyes down 7:30pm  
Meat vouchers for house prizes, turkey house and money house.  
Great fun for everyone. Proceeds to the Sports and Social Club.

## Act of Remembrance

The weather remained dry for the Act of Remembrance held at the school gates. It was commemorated with a bugler and prayers read by the children. One child brought a photo of her grandfather with his medals for everyone to see.

## Burns Supper and a Ceilidh

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**6:30pm to 11:00pm**

**Offwell Village Hall**

Brighten up those dark January nights with a Traditional Burns Supper. The haggis will be piped in and there will be a ceilidh with a caller to follow supper. There will be a three course supper with an alternative to haggis available. There will also be a bar and a raffle. Tickets £20 per person.

For more information or to book your tickets please call:

Dawn on 01404 831719 or Lynn on 831924

## First Aid Course

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**9:00am - 13:00pm**

**Offwell Village Hall**



There are still a few places available. This is a fully funded, non-certificated, basic first aid course and is open to all villagers. To book your place or for further information please call Dawn on 01404 831719 or Lynn on 831924

# WIDWORTHY



On **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** we begin the season of Advent and our preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas with a beautiful **Advent Carol Service** by candlelight at **4pm**, taken by the Rt Revd Oliver Simon.

On **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm** please join us for the delightful **Christingle Service** during which the children will be given Christingles made by the Wilmington Wonders the day before (see page 4 for details). This service will be taken by the Revd Nigel Freathy.

Our **Holy Communion on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, celebrated by the Rt Revd Oliver Simon is at the usual time of **9:30am**.

We continue our preparations for Christmas with a **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 4pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> December** which will be taken by the Rt Revd Oliver Simon. During the reading of the lessons, the Wilmington Wonders will be acting out the stories. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service. Christmas morning, **25<sup>th</sup> December, our Holy Communion for Christmas** will be celebrated at **11am** by the Rt Revd Oliver Simon.

On **29<sup>th</sup> December** there is a **Benefice Service at 10:30am in Offwell**.

In January, our weekly Sunday services return their usual pattern at 9:30, with coffee and biscuits after the service on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

There will be a meeting of the **PCC on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall

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## Flower Arrangers

Julie Brown and Lyn Tribe are trying to gauge interest in organising flower arranging classes and workshops by a professional flower arranger from people living in Wilmington and the surrounding villages and parishes. These would take place once a month will cost up to £25 per month. Class sizes will be limited but if you are interested, please ring:

Julie Brown 07974809616 or Lyn Tribe 07762287426

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**With all good wishes that the Blessings of Christmas be with us throughout the New Year**

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## Wilmington Village Hall Events

Following the Harvest Quiz night, we have received a letter thanking us for the village's generous donation to the King's Centre Food Bank in Honiton.

We plan to put on the next joint Village Hall and Church event after Christmas, probably in February so watch this space for the details of another really enjoyable evening.

**Seasons Greetings!**

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## A35 Action Group

We have been in touch with Highways England to get an update on our meeting with them in July when a range of safety measures for Wilmington and the possibility of installing speed cameras along the route between Honiton and Charmouth were discussed. No reply has been received as yet, possibly due to the Election, but the Action Group will continue to chase this information to have ready for the next issue of the Link.

The police did conduct some speeding operations in October and several cars were stopped for exceeding the speed limit.

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