

THE LINK

JUNE 2019



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

SERVICES FOR JUNE

SERVICE ROTA	OFFWELL	COTLEIGH	FARWAY	WIDWORTHY	NORTHLEIGH
June 2 nd	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	See Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
June 9 th Pentecost	9:30am HC at Cotleigh	9:30am HC with Offwell	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	6:00pm Evensong
June 16 th	6:00pm Evening Prayer	9:30am HC	11:15am HC	9:30am HC	See Farway
June 23 rd	9:30am All age worship with Cotleigh	9:30am All age worship at Offwell	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
June 30 th	To be confirmed			6:00pm Songs of Praise	10:00am HC Mission Community, at Musbury
July 7 th	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	See Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC



BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

June 2 nd	Acts 16:16-34	Psalms 97	Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
June 9 th Pentecost	Genesis 11:1-9	Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21	John 14: 8-17 (25-27)
June 16 th	1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a	Psalms 5: 1-8	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36 - 8:3
June 23 rd	1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a	Psalms 42; 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 30 th	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14	Psalms 77: 1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
July 7 th	2 Kings 5: 1-14	Psalms 30	Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES - SEE FARWAY PAGE 6

BENEFICE NEWS

It is so easy to be overwhelmed by despair and fear in the world today. War, cancer, sickness, to name a few, all find a way to steal our hope and happiness for a bright and positive future ahead. Yet God promises us that he has plans for us that are of a good future with hope.

Matthew 6: 25-34

Jesus said

“Therefore I tell you do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can anyone of you by worrying add a single hour to your life - and why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin - yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field which is here today and tomorrow into the fire will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith. So do not worry, saying what shall we eat or what shall we wear but seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own.”

CHURCHWARDENS COTLEIGH

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The Parishes LINK is the magazine of the Five Parishes of COTLEIGH, FARWAY, NORTHLEIGH, OFFWELL and WIDWORTHY. Views expressed here are not necessarily the opinion of the Editor or the Community. Submissions, BY THE 15th OF THE MONTH, should be sent, preferably by email in text, Word, JPG, PDF or PNG format, to the editor at parisheslink@gmail.com The editor reserves the right to delay or refuse publication of articles for reasons of decorum, space or practicality.

NOT TO BE MISSED

WILMINGTON WONDERS



**Saturday
22nd June
2:30 - 4pm
At Wilmington
Village Hall**

We will be learning about the Trinity through various games, stories and arts and crafts activities.

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



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.....

We will be collecting for our Tombola in June, so please have a bottle ready to donate

COTLEIGH VILLAGE FETE
Saturday 20th July

2pm START

FREE ENTRY

TRADITIONAL FETE FUN
STALLS & SIDESHOWS / TEAS / CAKES / ICE CREAMS / BAR plus SHETLAND PONIES / VINTAGE CARS / TRACTORS / SKITTLES

ARENA FEATURING
2.30PM - LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY CHOIR
3.15PM - SPORTSDAY GAMES INCLUDING:
SACK RACE / EGG & SPOON RACE / 3 LEGGED RACE / THROWING THE EGG
4.30PM - GRAND RAFFLE DRAW

SCARECROW COMPETITION
SCARECROWS WILL BE IN FRONT GARDENS FOR EVERYBODY TO SEE AND THE BEST WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE FETE

7.00PM - FRIDAY 19TH JULY
TREASURE HUNT
plus SKITTLES COMPETITION / BAR & BBQ

REMEMBER WE NEED DONATIONS FOR OUR STALLS
PLEASE SEND BRIC-A-BRAC TO VAL PENNEY OPPOSITE THE VILLAGE HALL AND GARDEN PRODUCE TO DESMOND COOMBE

Farway Church Garden Party

Sunday 4th August, 2:30pm

At Netherton Hall, Farway

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COTLEIGH



COTLEIGH FETE SATURDAY 20TH JULY - See pg 4

Services for June:

9th 9:30am H.C. John Rawlings

16th 9:30am H.C. Stephen Treeby

CHURCH DUTIES for JUNE

Sidesmen:

9th Peter Haines

16th John Gordon

Altar Flowers:

1st & 2nd Manon Harding

3rd, 4th & 5th Pauline Gordon

Cleaning Rota:

Mr and Mrs J Gordon

Cotleigh 200 Club

April Draw Results

£15 No. 55 Erica Chambers

£10 No. 100 D Hill

May Draw Results

£15 No. 61 Kevin Goss

£10 No. 62 Chris Henley

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

Parish Council

John Woolacott 831820

Fete Committee

Nigel Young 831300

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

Easter Bingo went very well

again this year. Many thanks to all who came and those who donated raffle prizes.

We made £250 for the Admiral Nurse in Honiton.

Once again, many thanks.

Pam Lane

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Attention all Cotleigh Villagers!

We want this year's Scarecrow Competition to be the best ever!

We need all you creative people to help make it happen, so please join in and enter with a chance to win a special meal for four people prepared by Gillian Broom.

Scarecrows should be put in front gardens by **Saturday 13th July** for judging and for all to see.

There's no restriction in style this year so get creative and make any scarecrow you like.



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FARWAY



Honiton Missionary Team are coming to Farway on 23rd June to take an Evensong service at 6:30pm. They come with an organist, choir, and bell ringers for a joint service of the team. It's a lovely service and it would be very nice to show some support. Refreshments will be served after the service so that we can chat and meet some of Honiton Team. Do try and come.

Farway Flower Show

Saturday 20th July, 2:30pm

Show Schedules available from Pat Beard (871445), Stefanie Kastner (871292) & Sheila Lee (871383)
Cup holders are requested to return their cups to the Secretary by **Monday 8th July 2019**

Farway Church Garden Party

Sunday 4th August, 2:30pm
At Netherton Hall, Farway

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FARWAY CHURCH BELLS

During a routine inspection of the Farway Church Bells it was found that remedial conservation work was required, the most urgent of which was that two of the six headstocks holding the bells were cracked and for safety reasons had to be taken away immediately to be welded. Work was also required to the bearing and clapper of the Tenor (6th bell which was cast in 1450) which was found to have a small crack. Further investigation by Nicholsons, the bell foundry at Bridport, showed this crack had been previously welded as part of the installation works carried out in 2001 and had not increased in size since then. All issues have now been resolved and the repaired headstocks returned. Unfortunately, the cost of this specialist conservation work was £2,300 which has to be paid out of church funds. Any donations towards the Farway Church Bells Fund would be very much appreciated and can be sent to Liz Lee, Church Treasurer at Churchstyle Farm, Farway



Farway Village Hall Bar - Friday 7th June

During the summer months, **the bar** will be open on the **first Friday of each month** Farway Village Hall Bar will therefore be open on **Friday 7th June** from 7.30pm
On **Friday 2nd August** we are planning to repeat last year's very successful Band and BBQ. This is definitely one for your diary and not to be missed.

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for JUNE

2nd 11:00am Conducted by Dr. Alan Mcilveen
9th No service at Farway. Circuit service at Seaton 4:00pm
16th 11:00am Conducted by Mrs Elizabeth Lynn
23rd 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Stephen Santry, H.C.
30th 11:00am Conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam
July 7th 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Andrew Sails



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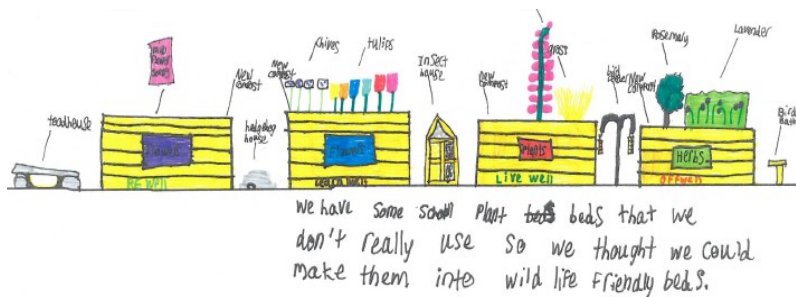
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Offwell School values its geographical position in the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). We also value our school grounds and how we can help them be part of a sustainable environmental vision. Therefore, we have an Eco-Team - 10 children from across the school - whose remit is to see how we can best meet the needs of ourselves and the creatures and plants with which we share our world. The team meets regularly with our Headteacher, Mrs Legg, to talk about their ideas and seek ways to achieve their aims.

The team recently successfully applied for a One-Off Grant offered by the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society. The Society asked for submissions which supported their aim to work with local councils and environmental organisations for the benefit of pollinators.

The Eco-Team set out clearly the work they would like to undertake to improve the grounds of our school for the mutual benefit of insects, animals, plants and people. Below are two of the ideas they submitted:



In their response, confirming our success, the AVDCS stated that they 'feel passionately that the natural world is cherished, and that children are encouraged to have contact with their environment on every opportunity'. This sentiment matches the ethos of our school: 'Learning to Live Well', as, with our connection with the Offwell Woodland Education Trust, we encourage the children to share in the beauty and benefits of being in such a wonderful area, through our regular walks to Offwell Woods. We also remind children of the respect owed to nature, by not picking wildflowers and clearing up litter; educating children about the carefully balanced habitats within our environment, to help to our children become good citizens of the world.

Work on this project will commence shortly and we will keep you updated on its progress.

OFFWELL



Date for your diary - **25th August** at 10.30am

The Bishop of Crediton, Jackie Searle, will be coming to take the Holy Communion service.

Everyone is most welcome – so hope to see you at Offwell church

The Open the Book team continues to go into Offwell and Farway schools each month. The current theme is 'Trusting God'.



The recent story was about Elijah and the Ravens. (If you can't remember that story you'll find it in 1Kings 17). The children always enjoy taking part.

St Mary's Church has received planning consent to upgrade the lighting in the main church and the lighting and electrical provision in the tower. The current somewhat average and modern lighting in the Nave and Chancel is to be replaced by handmade English brass lighting which will be both more in keeping with the beauty of this ancient building and improve light levels. Parishioners have come forward to fund the cost of this work by sponsoring a light. Only 3 lights remain to be sponsored to complete the work. If you would like to sponsor one of these please contact Jonathan Paveley on 01404 831450.



An exhibition will be on display at St. Mary's during June 2019

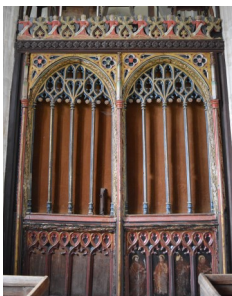
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The exhibition in St. Mary's Lady Chapel will follow the fortunes of Offwell Church from the 13th to the 20th Century.



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The 1918 Offwell & Widworthy

Commemorative Exhibition, held at St. Mary's Church in November 2018, is now available in book form.

Priced £10 the booklet is available to buy at St. Mary's Church. If you find there are no longer copies on display or you wish to be sent a copy by post please contact one of the Church Wardens at either St. Mary's or St. Cuthbert's.



OFFWELL



Wine and Cheese

Friday 28th June

Join us for a fun evening of wine tasting - guess the grape, guess the origin, guess the price etc. There will be a prize for the most points gained.



A Ploughman's Supper will be served £10 per head, all proceeds to St Mary's Church
For more info call 831450 or 831055

Fish and Chips Saturday 1st June frying in the village hall car park from **6:00 - 7:30pm**, eat in or out, bar open, sit outside on the patio if sunny. Proceeds to the Offwell Children's play park.

*Spring has sprung, the grass is riz
I wonder when the **Flower Show** is?
You've heard it before, don't you remember?
It's on **Saturday, the 14th of September!***

An early date for your diary:

Happy New Year!

25th January 2020

Offwell Burns Supper and a Ceilidh

Watch for further details later in the year

NORTHLEIGH



JUNE DIARY:

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

Regular Village Activities:

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

Monday: **Yoga** 7:00pm £36 for 6 weeks or £7 a drop in. Mats provided Ella 07548 158 560

3rd Thursday: **Drama Group** meeting monthly. for details contact Ba 01404 831476

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

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

ST. GILES EVENTS IN JULY

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



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ST CUTHBERT'S WIDWORTHY



At the top of everyone's agenda in June is the **Widworthy Fete on Saturday, June 8th, at 2pm**, to be held in the beautiful grounds of **Widworthy Barton**. There will be fun and activities for everyone and the house will once again be open for tours. The church will be open and available for sale will be the booklet of the 1918 Commemorative Exhibition about the 5 men from Widworthy and 2 from Offwell who were killed in the First World War and the history of the villages in this period.

Sunday 2nd June, we will be taking the service ourselves.

Sunday 9th June, which is Pentecost Sunday, The Revd Nigel Freathy will be taking our Family Service, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 16th June, our Holy Communion service will be celebrated by **the Rt Revd Dr Oliver Simon**.

Sunday 23rd June the Revd Stephen Treeby will be taking our Family Service, after which there will be coffee, biscuits and time for a chat.

Sunday June 30th at 6pm, the Revd Nigel Freathy will lead our **Songs of Praise**. Please come along for a good sing and then a glass of wine, nibbles and a chat afterwards.

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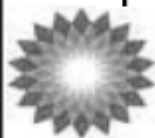
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Sat. 27th July - Kilmington Flower Show & Village Fayre in village hall & field behind

22nd - 23rd June - Axe Vale Show on Showground, Trafalgar Way, Axminster

Sat. 3rd August - Whitford Village Summer Show on Showground – follow signs

Sat. 8th June - Dalwood Open Gardens 1:30 – 5:00pm (8 gardens) follow signs, church carpark

Sat. 1st June - Walnut Cottage, Dalwood -Coffee Morning for Hospiscare

1st – 7th July - Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival

Sat. 6th July- Dalwood Village Music Day - 200 Musicians from West Country & beyond

It is the time of year when much 'pricking-out' of seedlings takes place. I must issue a word of warning. When plantlets are large enough to handle, always take hold by a leaf never the stem. The stem is very soft and any undue finger pressure will bruise it and possibly 'kill' it. If you spoil a leaf another will grow – a spoilt stem is a dead seedling!

Another warning! It is the time of year for the Lily Beetle to do its devastating work, i.e. chew holes in the leaves of lilies and fritillarias. They are red, about lady-bird size but not so round, un-spotted and difficult to catch. If you fail to catch them they drop into the undergrowth underside up. The underside is black so difficult to see. To be sure of capture put one hand cupped under the leaf on which the beetle is browsing and use the other to pick it off the leaf. If it drops you can catch it, and then dispatch forthwith.

Dahlias should be coming on nicely by now. Plant out into well prepared holes and feed, not only a general fertilizer (N.P.K.) but a watering with potash (Potassium Phosphate) in the water. This chemical enhances the production of flowers. If you have very tall varieties of dahlia, they will need support. Put stakes in the planting hole before the plant otherwise there is a danger of piercing tubers to the detriment of the plant. Taking a break, I have just looked at a tray of Dahlia seed that I planted recently. The first germination leaves are up through the vermiculite (I always cover seed with vermiculite; it is light, holds moisture and is sterile) Why comment on this? Because the seeds are up in 5 days and it looks like nearly 100% germination.

Daffodil's leaves should be turning brown by now, if not already done so. If they haven't, then leave a while longer. Before pulling out may I suggest a good feed to the bulbs while you know where they are and of course, if you are leaving them in the ground. If you prefer to lift the bulbs and store then make sure the bulbs you save are dry and clean and fungus free. Store in open mesh onion bags, if possible, in a dry but ventilated garage or shed, and don't forget to inspect them from time to time before planting time end of August/ beginning of September.

A few more jobs. If you have potatoes coming through then now is the time to earth-up. Tomatoes will need constant attention. Keep watering, once a week feed with Tomorite and if in a greenhouse ensure ventilation. If we have extended dryness and heat then pour a can of water onto the floor of the greenhouse in the early morning so that the evaporation humidifies the air. Grow Tagetes (French Marigolds or Nicotiana (tobacco plant) with your tomatoes to attract the white fly. They can be picked off on a leaf and destroyed. Again, with constant heat and dryness containerised plants will suffer, including hanging baskets. Where the original compost has shrunken top-up with a mulch of fresh compost and water frequently. If you have not fed them recently, then do so!!

My ending quote is 'anon'. " A good garden is like a good book – you always enjoy starting it again".

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