



THE LINK

OCTOBER 2019

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

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

SERVICE ROTA	OFFWELL	COTLEIGH	FARWAY	WIDWORTHY	NORTHLEIGH
Oct 6 th	9:30am Harvest with Cotleigh	9:30am Harvest at Offwell	See Northleigh	3:00pm Harvest Thanksgiving	11:15am HC
Oct 13 th	9:30am HC at Cotleigh	9:30am HC with Offwell	3:00pm at Methodist Chapel	9:30am Family Service	6:30pm Evensong
Oct 20 th	6:00pm Evening Prayer	9:30am HC	11:15am HC with Northleigh	9:30am HC	No Service see Farway
Oct 27 th	9:45am All age service With Cotleigh	9:45am All age service at Offwell	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
Nov 3 rd	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	See Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC



BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 6 th	Lamentations 1:1-6	Canticle Lamentations 3:19-26 OR Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Oct 13 th	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Oct 20 th	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct 27 th	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Nov 3 rd	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Psalm 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for OCTOBER

6th 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Ann Varker

13th 3:00pm **Harvest Festival** Conducted by Mr Tom Harding

All welcome. Following the service teas and coffee's will be served and produce will be available for a donation

20th 11.00am Conducted by Dr. Alan Mcilveen

27th 3.00pm Conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam with H.C

Services for NOVEMBER

3rd 11.00am Conducted by Mrs H Hurren



BENEFICE NEWS

As we enter the Harvest season when we give thanks for the bounty of the earth and the safe harvest of the fruits and vegetables that nourish us, we should also reflect on the harvest of our spiritual food and our relationship with God. We need to appraise whether our relationship with Him is what and where it should be. In Jeremiah 2:13, He warns, "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living waters and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." This is a powerful metaphor for people who live in hot dry countries where much of the day can be taken up walking, sometimes long distances, to draw water and storing it in cisterns. There, the water heats up and soon becomes stagnant. When we were living in the bush on the edge of the Zambezi flood plain, much of each morning was spent boiling the drinking water for the day on our wood stove, then when cool, passing it through a filter to remove the mud and other debris from the stream. This is much like the refining fires we need to pass through to come to a closer understanding and walk with God. He is the fountain of living water that never runs dry and always is fresh and spiritually refreshing. We too build unsound cisterns in our lives that hold our love of money, good times and good things, putting ourselves on pedestal of good works we hope will reward us in our lifetime. This harvest we must turn back to the God of living waters that flow through all eternity, from God's covenant with his chosen people in the Old Testament, in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and through our lives today if we are open to it and live by his teachings.

BENEFICE CHURCHWARDENS COTLEIGH

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WIDWORTHY

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ARTICLES for THE LINK

We are trying to make the Link reflect the lives of the communities served by our churches.

Do you have a hobby, or are you involved in a local charity or activity that you think 'The Link' readers would like to hear about?

If you have, please email the Editor on:
parisheslink@gmail.com

Village Websites

Cotleigh www.cotleigh.org.uk

Farway www.farwaydevon.org.uk

Northleigh www.northleigh.net

Offwell www.offwell.org

Widworthy www.widworthyparish.co.uk

Please send your contributions for the November Link magazine by **15th October at the latest** to email: parisheslink@gmail.com

All we need is you!



Benefice Coffee Morning

for all our Parishes

Thursday 17th October

(3rd Thursday of every month)

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COTLEIGH



Services for October:

Sunday 13th 9:30am H/C John Harrison

Sunday 20th 9:30am H/C John Harrison

Christmas Bingo—Saturday December

Doors open 6:30pm, eyes down 7:30pm

Tesco vouchers & Christmas fayre

Raffle contributions gratefully received

Please contact Pam Lane on 01404 43339

COTLEIGH VILLAGE CONTACTS

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Chris or Tessa Henley 831028

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Kerry Kennell 861129

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Pauline Gordon 831878

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October Draw Results

£15 No 10 Mrs H Lyne

£10 No 32 Mrs S Davis

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

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Please plan to join us in the church for **Harvest Festival** on **Sunday, October 6th at 3pm** followed by a cream tea at **4:00pm**. The service will be taken by the Revd Nigel Freathy and the church will be beautifully decorated with flowers and the fruit and produce of the harvest. It is a good time to stop and think about all that we have been given over the last year and to give thanks.

The Family Service on **October 13th** will be led by someone to be announced. The Rt Revd Dr Oliver Simon will be back from his travels and will celebrate Holy Communion on **October 20th** and the Revd Nigel Freathy will take the service on October 27 after which everyone is invited to stay for coffee and biscuits. These regular services are at **9:30am**

Quiz Night with Light Supper—This exciting new venture with the Village Hall Committee will take place on **October 5th** in the **Village Hall**, please see details below. It will be a good time to get together with others from the parish, join in the quiz if you wish or just sit back and enjoy the evening. Mary Wakely is organising a raffle and would appreciate donations. Proceeds will be divided between the Church and the Village Hall

Wilmington Wonders will meet on **Saturday, October 5th**, please see below for details.

A huge thank you to Mary Wakely and everyone who helped with the **Sponsored Spring Clean** in September. So far we have raised £184, with more money coming in, for Devon Historic Churches and had fun in the process chatting and drinking coffee. Half of the amount will come back to us for our repair fund. Plan to join us next year!

WILMINGTON WONDERS

Our next session will be held on

Saturday 5th October, in the afternoon.

We will be going on an Autumn Scavenger Hunt, in local woodland. During the walk, we will be searching for the first signs of Autumn and making some woodlands crafts.

If you and your children would be interested in joining us, please contact

Kate Vernon at 2 The Firs (mobile no. 07928 227224).

We look forward to meeting you and your children.



Harvest Quiz Night

Saturday 5th October, at Wilmington Village Hall, arrive 6:30pm for 7pm start.

The cost is £5 per person, to include a light supper and entrance to the quiz.

There will also be a licenced bar.

If you would be interested in attending, please contact either Phillip at 3 The Firs (07929827322), or Kate at 2 The Firs (07928227224) to purchase a ticket.

All proceeds will be divided between the Village Hall and Widworthy Church.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



NORTHLEIGH



October Diary: **Norley Nosh Lunch - Wednesday 16th** 12:15pm for 12:30pm
Book with Pam 01404 871397 by preceding Monday

Tuesday 15th - Northleigh Film Club will be starting the new Season on Our first showing is 'Red Joan' starring Judi Dench.

The year is 2000 and Joan Stanley is living in contented retirement in suburbia at the turn of the millennium. Her tranquil life is suddenly disrupted when she's arrested by MI5 and accused of providing intelligence to Communist Russia. Cut to 1938 where Joan is a Cambridge physics student who falls for young communist Leo Galich and through him, begins to see the world in a new light.

New Membership fees of £7.50 which covers the admission to all 5 films of the season will be due. Doors open at 7pm.

Film starts at 7:30pm. The Bar will be open and everyone will be very welcome.

Any questions please call Claire 01404 871280

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

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Quiz Night

Wednesday 9th October

7:30pm for 8:00pm £4 entry to include light refreshments, bar open, call Caroline 01404 871395 for details

Northleigh Parish Council is looking for someone to take on the role of **Parish Clerk**, a part-time post with a small salary.

Anyone interested should contact the Chairman, Willy Rich, on 01404 871422 or talk to one of the councillors for more information.

The present Parish Clerk is Tracy Smith, contactable by email at

clerk2northleighpc@gmail.com



Harvest Supper— Friday 4th October

5:30pm for 6:00pm

Tickets – £9 Adults, £4 children (under 12) from: Phyllis 831520, Marion 830055 or Jonathan 831450

Tickets will not be for sale on the door

There will be a choice of hot dishes and a vegetarian option, as well as the usual excellent desserts, raffle and a licensed cash bar. Volunteers to provide dishes for the meal, donate raffle prizes or help on the evening are much appreciated. Proceeds will go to St Mary's church towards maintenance costs.

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 6th October at 9.30am

followed by refreshments

Quiz Night— Friday 22nd November

6:30pm for 7:00pm

A ploughman's supper is included with the ticket which is priced at £5. There will be a cash bar and a raffle to raise funds for St Mary's Church.

Saturday 5th October FISH & CHIPS

Frying in the hall car park from **6:00 to 7:30pm**

Eat in or out, bar open, raffle. Chip and raffle proceeds go to the **Children's new Play park**.

The Five Bells of St. Mary's Ring in August

On Wednesday 14th August a band from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers completed a full peal of

5040 changes of Surprise Minor in 2 hours 46 minutes. The peal consisted of 21 methods: London, Wells,

Chester, Carlisle, Lightfoot,

Westminster, Allendale, Norwich,

Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull,

Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham,

Netherseak and Surfleet. The band was Robert

Perry, David Hird, Pauline McKenzie, John R.

Martin, John A. Foster and Michael Mears (tenor

and conductor).



Exhibition in St Marys Church

A new exhibition is on display in the church explaining the long and interesting history of the Copleston family in Offwell. Three booklets are available detailing the history of the churchyard, the village and church in addition to the existing books. Many thanks to Carol and Frank Hayes for producing these copies, which are available to purchase.

The Devon Historic Churches Open Day on Saturday

14th September at St Mary's Church

A lower key event this year due to the Flower and Produce Show on the same day, but still proved successful with the tower being open to the public and many residents and visitors taking the opportunity to survey the village from high above and to try their hand at bell-ringing. The most distant visitors being from North California! The kind donations received will be shared with the Devon Historic Churches Trust and St Mary's. Thank you to those who donated their time and some excellent homemade cakes.

First Aid Course — 11th January 2020

A 4 hour funded course in Offwell Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part please call either:

Dawn 831719 or Lynn 831924

An early date for your diary:

Happy New Year!

25th January 2020

Offwell Burns Supper and a Ceilidh

Find regular updates about St. Mary's on the village website www.offwell.org



The Bishop of Crediton Jackie Searle visited Offwell Church on 25th August, refreshments were enjoyed by everyone after the service.

Congratulations to Jean-Merrie-Bruce

Douglas and his wife Jean held a celebration at the Otter Inn to celebrate Jean's 90th birthday. It was a lovely occasion to join family and friends on Jean's special day with Peter Walker and his wife Diana in attendance, and we were wonderfully entertained by Honiton Town Brass Band.



Offwell Flower & Produce Show



The Flower & Produce Show Committee would like to thank everyone involved in last Saturday's very successful show. Having been concerned that once again the weather may have thwarted the garden produce we were delighted to receive 352 class entries, well over 50% up on last year from a total of 64 participants (33 participants took part in 2018). The hall was a delight to behold with a blaze of colour and the tables groaning under the weight of vegetables, flowers, fruit, handicrafts, home produce, home brew, photographs and the very popular children's classes. It really couldn't have gone better and the hall buzzed in the afternoon with competitors and visitors alike enjoying a slice of home made cake and a cup of tea. We look forward to seeing this years competitors and hopefully some new ones for next years show give it a go it really is a lot of fun and a great way to get involved in the community.

Final Flower Show Ditty

Well we did it and it was a howling success!
 Everyone entered their very best
 "It was such a fun show" as the entrants all said
 From the toys to the cakes, including the bread
 So, we'll do it again but just you remember
 It may be July or maybe September
 So, thanks everybody and here's a big cheer
 We hope to see you again next year

The Flower Show Committee



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Our last entry in The Link dwelt upon the problems a local school faces with funding. This month we want to talk about how much help we get from our community to allow us to provide the high quality education which is our aim.

At Offwell we are fortunate to have a pro-active fundraising group known as the PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association). The PTFA is a small group formed from the school community who meet regularly to plan interesting and fun activities/experiences all designed to raise money for the benefit of the children at Offwell School. Last financial year this group's efforts raised an impressive £3000 which has contributed towards some excellent improvements for the children.

Most recently their support has allowed us to re-join the School Library Service. Under this scheme we will be able to provide topic books/artefacts for the children to support their themed learning; 200 new books will come into school and be exchanged regularly keeping class libraries vibrant and interesting; an audit of our existing libraries to make sure we are keeping up with current fiction and non-fiction. This is hugely exciting as they have also released funds for us to upgrade our library areas – Oak Class has new shelving and a few chairs and the children are proud of this new environment.

TYPES OF EVENT	THINGS THE CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED
Family Fun Dog Show	Outdoor shelters for sun and rain
Sponsored Walk	Contributions towards school trips
Book stall	Contribution towards transport for swimming
Christmas Fair	New equipment for classes
Ceilidh	Easter eggs for the EYFS Easter Egg Hunt
	Year 6 Leavers' books



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FARWAY



Harvest Festival

Sunday 13th October at 3:00pm
joint service in the Methodist Chapel

Farway PCC Meeting

Tuesday 1st October, 7.30pm at Devenish Pitt

Farway Village Hall

Winter Skittles matches are now under way with ten teams competing for the trophy. The bar is open every Friday night during October from 7.30pm and everyone is welcome. The fixtures list for Farway Winter Skittles and Farway Football Club can be found on the Village Hall page of the Farway Village Website in the skittles dropdown box at www.farwaydevon.org.uk

FARWAY CHURCH OPEN DAY

Come and visit

Saturday 5th October
10am - 2pm

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Raise the song of harvest-home!
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Safe before the storms begin;
God our maker will provide
For our needs to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.



Even so, Lord, quickly come;
Bring your final harvest home;
Gather all your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified,
Ever thankful at your side:
Come, with all your angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

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If you know the varieties in your garden please bring along and labelled to add to the display. Fruity fun games include the longest peel competition, apple bobbing and apple and spoon race.

Free admission to Apple Day event - *Rowlands, Little Alpacas, Haddon Road, Shute EX13 7QR.*

Refreshments will be served in the church as part of Shute Barton Open weekend.

A chance to see inside Shute Barton, now owned by National Trust and originally the manor house for the Shute Estate. Organised guided tours of the house commencing at 10.30am. They last 45 minutes and depart every 15 minutes throughout the day. The last tour departs at 3.45pm. *Shute Barton, Haddon Road, EX13 7PT.* <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/shute-barton>

At 4.30pm, the event will finish with a special guest appearance from James Crowden, West Country writer and poet, author of *Ciderland* which charts the development of cider making in the West Country, from the sixteenth century monks to the diverse industry of today. He will talk in Shute Church.

Further details: Samantha Knights, Shute House: samanthaknights@gmail.com, or Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project Coordinator: legacytolandscape@gmail.com

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