

THE LINK

THE BENEFICE OF OFFWELL, FARWAY & WIDWORTHY

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2022

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Priest-in-Charge for St Mary's Offwell, St Cuthbert's Widworthy, and St Michael and All Angels Farway.

It has been a staggering 5 years since there was last a serving incumbent for these beautiful parishes, and yet during that time these churches have continued to meet and serve anyway. There are many reasons for their resilience, but I would like to pay particular tribute to our churchwardens David Pavey, Jonathan Paveley, Marion Hutchinson, Tara Huffman, Robin Banks, Mary Wakeley, and Mim Prins. Ecclesiastical vacancies are not meant to be 5 years long, and churchwardenship can be challenging at the best of times.

There are three things you should expect from me. The first is prayer. Churches that pray for their communities will be better at serving their communities. That's not to say that our churches are not praying already, on the contrary, I am simply acknowledging the connection. I have seen from my own experience the transforming power of a church that has the community at its heart, and takes prayer seriously. For whatever is on our heart will inevitably speak into our prayers, and our prayers will speak into our actions.

Secondly, my work with our two Church of England primary schools. It's not meant to sound like a cliché, but I do believe children are our future. So, resourcing the connection between our churches and our two wonderful church schools will be one of my priorities, and something I will very much enjoy.

Lastly, there are some tough economic challenges ahead, in addition to the last two years we've had. I am under no illusion as to the challenges many will face, but I remain wholeheartedly committed to serving here and will do my very best to lead our churches as they continue to help those who struggle most.

The message I will keep to is simple. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the message of love that our communities will need to hear, both in action and in word. It is the kind of love that overcomes any darkness, heals any rift, brings peace and builds up the church. It is seen best when we come together, support one another and care for one another. It is what Jesus taught his disciples to share, and it is the task of the Church today.

Ruth and I have felt enormously welcomed by the villages and are settled well at the Rectory in Offwell. We hope to see you all soon, for a pasty or a cream tea, and we must remember... cream on top, no wait... jam on top! ~

May Christ's peace dwell richly in your heart
Revd Jeremy Putnam

OCTOBER

	St. Mary's ~ OFFWELL	St. Michael & All Angels ~ FARWAY	St. Cuthbert's ~ WIDWORTHY
Oct 2nd Dedication Sunday	9:30am Harvest Communion		4pm Harvest Festival
Oct 9th Trinity 17	5pm BCP Evensong	11:15am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion
Oct 16th Trinity 18	10:30am Family Service		9:30am Family Service
Oct 23rd Bible Sunday	9:30am BCP Holy Communion		11am Family Service
Oct 30th All Saints Sunday	10:30am Benefice Communion at Farway		

BIBLE READINGS

Oct 2nd Dedication Sunday	1 Chronicles 29:6-19	Psalm 122	Ephesians 2:19-22	John 2:13-22
Oct 9th Trinity 17	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66:1-2	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Oct 16th Trinity 18	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14 to 4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct 23rd Bible Sunday	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Oct 30th All Saints Sunday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

October

- 2nd** 11am conducted by Mrs E Lynn
9th 3pm HARVEST FESTIVAL Conducted by Revd. Paul Collings
 All will be most welcome with Tea & Refreshments to follow
16th 11am conducted by Dr Alan Mcilveen
23rd 3pm conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam H.C.
30th 11am conducted by ourselves

November

- 6th** 11am conducted by Revd. Andrew Sails
13th 3pm conducted by Revd. Brian Hadfield
20th 11am conducted by Dr J P Hunter
27th 3pm conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam H.C.



NOVEMBER

	St. Mary's ~ OFFWELL	St. Michael & All Angels ~ FARWAY	St. Cuthbert's ~ WIDWORTHY
Nov 6th 3rd before Advent	9:30am Holy Communion		9:30am Family Service
Nov 13th Remembrance Sunday	5pm BCP Evensong	11:15am Act of Remembrance	9:30am Act of Remembrance
Nov 20th Christ The King	10:30am Family Service		9:30am Family Service
Nov 27th Advent Sunday	9:30am BCP Holy Communion		4pm Advent Carols by Candlelight
Dec 4th Advent 2	9:30am Holy Communion		4pm Christingle

BIBLE READINGS

Nov 6th 3rd before Advent	Job 19:23-27a	Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Nov 13th Remembrance Sunday	Malachi 4.1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 20th Christ The King	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 27th Advent Sunday	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Dec 4th Advent 2	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

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Typical Working Pattern

Mon - Wed (Exeter) Thurs, Fri and Sun (Offwell, Widworth, and Farway)

*Jeremy's position is a 'House for Duty' post for 2.5 days a week. During the rest of the week he is employed by Exeter Diocese as the Diocesan Giving Advisor.

BENEFICE CHURCHWARDENS

FARWAY

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OFFWELL

Jonathan Paveley 01404 831450

David Pavey 01404 43029

WIDWORTHY

Mim Prins 01404 831688

Mary Wakeley 01404 831345

Websites:

www.farwaydevon.org.uk

www.offwell.org

www.widworthparishcouncil.co.uk

www.achurchnearlyou.com

www.explorechurches.org

2022 DIARY DATES

Oct. Sunday 2nd	WIDWORTHY St. Cuthbert's	HARVEST FESTIVAL in the church at 4pm followed by a cream tea
Oct. Wednesday 12th	OFFWELL	LADIES LUNCH CLUB (2 nd in month)
Oct. Thursday 20th	OFFWELL SC	BENEFICE COFFEE MORNING (3 rd in month)
Oct. Thursday 20th	OFFWELL	MENS BREAKFAST (3 rd in month)
Nov. Wednesday 9th	OFFWELL	LADIES LUNCH CLUB (2 nd in month)
Nov. Thursday 17th	OFFWELL SC	BENEFICE COFFEE MORNING (3 rd in month)
Nov. Thursday 17th		MENS BREAKFAST (3 rd in month)
Nov. Friday 18th	OFFWELL VH	QUIZ NIGHT 6:30 for 7pm
Dec. Sunday 4th	ST. CUTHBERTS	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 4pm
Dec. Sunday 18th	ST. MARY'S	CHRISTINGLE/CAROL SERVICE 4pm

The **MEN'S BREAKFAST** listed here is a new event.

Friends and neighbours are welcome at Offwell Golf Club, 9:30am for 10am on the third Thursday of each month.

Contact 01404 831924 for more details.

Benefice Coffee Morning

for all our Parishes

Thursday 20th October

Thursday 17th November

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!

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 18th November

6pm for 7pm

OFFWELL VILLAGE HALL

£10 per head

*Ploughman's Supper,
Bar open 6pm*

Please phone to book:

Phyllis: 831520, Pam 831478
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Proceeds to St. Mary's Church