

THE LINK

SEPTEMBER 2019



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

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

SERVICE ROTA	OFFWELL	COTLEIGH	FARWAY	WIDWORTHY	NORTHLEIGH
Sept 1 st	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	See Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
Sept 8 th	9:30am HC at Cotleigh	9:30am HC with Offwell	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	11:15am Harvest Festival
Sept 15 th	6:00pm Evening Prayer	9:30am HC	11:15am HC with Northleigh	9:30am HC	No Service see Farway
Sept 22 nd	9:45am All age service	11:15am Harvest Festival	11:15am Harvest Thanksgiving	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
Sept 29 th	BENEFACTIVE SERVICE 11:15am at FARWAY - all welcome 6:00pm Songs of Praise				Mission Community Service at Musbury 10:15am HC
Oct 6 th	9:30am Harvest with Cotleigh	9:30am Harvest at Offwell	See Northleigh	3:00pm Harvest Thanksgiving	11:15am HC



BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 1 st	Jeremiah 2: 4-13	Psalm 81: 1, 10-16	Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Sept 8 th	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	Psalm 139: 1-56 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33
Sept 15 th	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28	Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
Sept 22 nd	Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1	Psalm 79: 1-9	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Luke 16: 1-13
Sept 29 th	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6: 6-19	Luke 16: 19-31
Oct 6 th	Lamentations 1: 1-6	Canticle Lamentations 3:19-26 OR Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10

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BENEFICE NEWS

A man was walking along the cliff edge when he fell. He landed on a small ledge and although not badly hurt he was very shaken. The ledge was very narrow and he had to cling on to overhead shrubbery to prevent himself from falling off. Of course, he prayed and, being a devout Christian, was confident his prayer would be answered. After a time, a boat appeared and the skipper called up to him to jump into the sea below and he would be picked up. 'Thanks, but no' the man replied, I've prayed to God, he will save me'. Eventually the boat went away and some time later a helicopter appeared and a winch line was lowered for him to climb aboard. Again, he turned it away saying 'God will save me'.

All the time his strength was failing and eventually he could hang on no longer and fell into the sea and drowned.

In Heaven he admonished God for not answering his prayer, but God said to him, 'I sent a boat for you and a helicopter, but you turned them away.'

Of course, this is just a joke, but do we always recognise when God answers our prayers? Do we sometimes question if He even hears our prayers?

There are numerous references in the bible reassuring us that if we believe, God will answer our prayers He will! Matthew 7:7-8, John 15:7, 1 John 5:14,15 are just a few examples. In one of Paul's letters he assures us that a God prepared to sacrifice his son for us will certainly give us everything else. Romans 8:32.

But although God hears us, He doesn't always give the response we expect or to our timetable. Only God can see the big picture and He answers in His time not ours.

Jeremiah chapter 29: verses 11-14 says "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days, when you pray I will listen. If you look for me in earnest you will find me when you seek me. I will be found by you says the Lord."

Pam Staunton, Offwell

BENEFICE CHURCHWARDENS COTLEIGH

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WIDWORTHY

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Mary Wakeley 01404 831345

Benefice Coffee Morning

for all our Parishes

Thursday 19th September

(3rd 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!



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

JULY HAPPENINGS

Cotleigh Village Fete, held on 20th July was a great success. Over £2,400 was raised for local charities. Donations are being made to The Village Hall, Cotleigh Church and Parkinsons UK.

After a wet Friday evening, which put many off the walking treasure hunt, Saturday was fine and warm and many local people and visitors enjoyed an afternoon of great entertainment. This included traditional fare such as skittles, tea and Gillian's cakes, children's games and face painting, smashing crockery, a bar and much, much, more.

This year a number of vintage cars, tractors, motorcycles and military vehicles were on show and even included a large display of WW1 & 2 military bicycles.

The flower and produce show attracted over 120 entries and The Best in Show Cup was won by Sophie George.

A scarecrow competition had 15 entrants and was won by Paddington owned by Delilah Rushbrook. Fete chairman Nigel Young said, "We would like to thank all for coming and supporting the event and a special thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers, the judges and Littletown Primary Academy choir.

Next year promises to be bigger still and plans are already underway.



St. Giles, Northleigh

Garden Party on Saturday 13th July

This event was very well supported and the weather was kind! Our thanks to Mr and Mrs J Fulton for hosting the afternoon in their delightful garden. Our thanks to the Smugglers Ukulele Band for providing such good entertainment throughout the afternoon. Thank you to all those who supported the event. A total of £1,064 was raised for St. Giles.



St. Giles, Northleigh, Bike Ride held on 21st July

25 riders, aged from 7 to 70+ took part in the Bike Ride this year on bikes both ancient and modern! The weather was just right and a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all. More people joined in the BBQ at the Village Hall; the riders tired but happy.



Including donations, more than £250 was raised for Headlight, a young people's mental health charity organised through Action East Devon. Thanks to all who took part and encouraged us to continue with this, an annual event. 2020 will be the 8th St Giles Bike Ride.

COTLEIGH



Services for September:

Sunday 8th 9:30am Sue Roberts
Sunday 15th 9:30am John Rawlings
Sunday 22nd 11:15am John Harrison

CHURCH DUTIES for SEPTEMBER

Sidesmen

8th Pam Spiller
15th Peter Haines
22nd Brian and Martyn Broom

Altar Flowers and War Memorial

1st & 2nd Sundays Sarah Broom
3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays Gillian Broom

Cleaning Rota

Mrs Lane
Mrs Harding

Cotleigh 200 Club

August Draw Results

£15 No 35 Martyn Broom
£10 No 81 Mrs Long

Thank-you to everyone who has supported the Cotleigh Church 200 Club. Just a reminder that the annual subscription of £10 is due in September. New members are always welcome with a chance to win two monthly prizes and the one-off Christmas bonus.

Chris & Tessa Henley, Tel: 01404 831028

COTLEIGH VILLAGE CONTACTS

Parish Council

John Woolcott 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

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

at 11:15am

to be taken by JOHN HARRISON

Followed by LUNCH in the Hall
12:30 – 1:00 pm

TICKETS - £10 for Adults, £5 for Children
Please contact Pam Lane no later than
14th September on 01404 43339

There will be a raffle and any contributions
will be gratefully received

Please bring your own drinks

Profits will be donated to the Church

*The earth has yielded its
produce; God, our God, blesses us.*

Psalm 76, verse 6

Congratulations

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who celebrate their
Diamond Wedding Anniversary
on 2nd September 2019

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FARWAY



FARWAY HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

**Sunday 22nd
September**

**Service in
St Michaels Church
Farway 11.15**

A big thank you to all who supported our garden party at Netherton Hall on Sunday 4th August. Special thanks Lisa Pregar for holding the event in the beautiful gardens of Netherton Hall. Thank you to those who contributed to the produce stall and to the team that helped set up serve teas and helped on the stalls.

We raised £1,100 for our church funds.



Do come and join us at the monthly **Benefice Coffee Morning in Offwell**. We're a friendly, jolly crowd and it's a very enjoyable, social event. There is no set charge for the coffee and cake; the proceeds go towards hiring the Social Club.

FARWAY CHURCH OPEN DAY

Come and visit

**Saturday 5th October
10am - 2pm**

Discover more about the fascinating history of the Farway Church, and the ancient Yew tree.

There will be exhibitions, historical records, & photographs.

Light refreshments available.

FARWAY



Farway Village Hall

The Bar will be open on
Friday 6th September at 7:30pm

Thank you to everyone who came to the Farway Church Garden Party in August at Nether-ton Hall, which was the perfect setting for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Last month's BBQ was a great success, thanks to everyone who came and especially Nick for his BBQ skills and The Devon Horseflies for their great music.

Winter Skittles League matches will be starting again shortly. Further details can be found in the skittles drop down box on the Village Hall page of the Farway website at www.farwaydevon.org.uk

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for SEPTEMBER

1st 11:00am Conducted by Mr Tom Harding
8th 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Dr. Stephen Mosedale
15th 11:00am Conducted by Mrs. Ann Skinner
22nd NO SERVICE Joining the Church of England 11:15am
29th 11:00am Conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam. H.C.

Services for OCTOBER

6th 3:00pm Conducted by Revd. Ann Varker
13th 3:00pm - Please remember our **Harvest Festival**



NORTHLEIGH



September Diary:

Norley Nosh Lunch - Wednesday 18th 12:15pm for 12:30pm
Book with Pam 01404 871397 by preceding Monday

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 £36 for 6 weeks or £7 a drop in. Mats provided Ella 07548 158 560
Friday: **Short Mat Bowls** 7:15pm Pauline 01404 871516
Drama - the group will meet monthly (3rd Thursday) for details contact Ba 01404 831476

Future Events: Our popular **quizzes** start again on **9th October**

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

NORTHLEIGH



Harvest Supper

Friday 6th September, 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Tickets – Adults £10, Children under 16 years £5

Please call Norma 01404 871422

The Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 8th September @ 11:15am

Harvest Show - 'Our Planet Matters' Saturday 7th September

We are planning a brilliant harvest show this year, on the theme of 'Our Planet Matters' with some interesting possibilities for crafters, photographers, artists, gardeners and flower arrangers. Show schedules are available from St Giles church (open day times), from the committee (Hazel at 2 Park View in Colyton, Pam in Northleigh at 3 The Malthouse, and Carole at Merrifield in Northleigh.)

The Harvest Show opens 2:30pm – Presentation of Cups 3:00pm – Cream Teas available Entrance £1 – Under 16's free. For more details call Hazel 01297 552416

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SECTION 14

THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (NORTHLEIGH HILL ROAD, NORTHLEIGH) ORDER 2019

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From **MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019**
for a maximum of 16 months

Anticipated Finish **FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2019**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads.

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For additional information contact:
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Telephone: **0330 105 2676**

Dated: MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

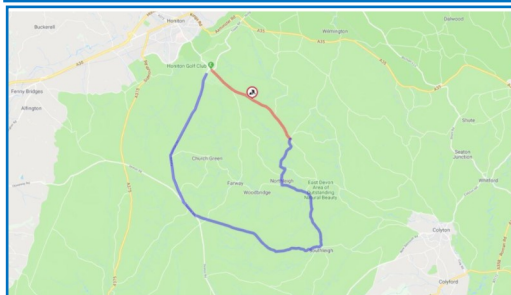
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Farway www.farwaydevon.org.uk
Northleigh www.northleigh.net
Offwell www.offwell.org
Widworthy www.widworthyparish.co.uk



WIDWORTHY



On **Saturday September 14th** there will be a sponsored "Spring Clean" in the church from 10:30 to 12:00. The pews and other woodwork, brass and silver are polished so that everything is gleaming for the autumn and Christmas. Coffee and cake will be served. Half of the proceeds go to Historic Devon Churches and half comes back to us. There are sponsorship forms in the church and Mary Wakely has more forms and any further information you may want.

Harvest is fast approaching and we are planning a new venture of a simple supper in the Village Hall to give everyone in the village a chance to get together and celebrate another successful harvest. There will be more information as it becomes available.

There will be a **PCC** meeting in the Village Hall on **Tuesday September 10th at 7:30.**

On **Sunday, September 1st** there will be a Family Service. **The Revd Nigel Freathy** will be taking our Family Service on **Sunday September 8th**. The celebrant for our Holy Communion on **Sunday September 15th is still to be announced.** **Mim Prins** will be taking our Family Service on **September 22nd** at which **Robert Hicks** will be speaking about the work of the Barnabas Fund. There will be coffee, biscuits and time for a chat after the service. On **Sunday September 29th at 6pm** there will be a **Songs of Praise led by The Revd Nigel Freathy** after which there will be wine and refreshments. **Please come and join us for a good hour of singing!**

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!



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School starts again on Monday 2nd September and, as always, we look forward to providing a high-quality education for our children. With excellent results in maths and good reading results to maintain, how, we hear you ask, does a school supply the best possible education in terms of funding and expenditure, when tight school budgets are often in the news? Here is a brief overview:

For each child over 4, the school received £3,879.55 in 2018-19 (DEVON EDUCATION FORUM 15 January 2018). This sounds a lot, but was £268 - per pupil - below the National Average for 2018-19 (Children's Scrutiny Committee 10 June 2019). From this amount the school pays for:

Staff (79.9% of expenditure, based on DfE 2017-18 figures); Repairs and Maintenance; Books and Curriculum resources; Cleaning and Catering Services; Utilities (water, electricity, heating); Training and support; Curriculum visits/experiences (may include funding from parents/PTFA).

In all schools it presents the Headteacher, Leadership Team and Governing Body with a continual challenge to provide the best education possible and still make ends meet, as each County expects a school budget to be balanced. The main costs in any budget are the expense of staff and it has been the case that staffing levels have been reduced in many schools, in order to continue to present a balanced budget. In January 2018, Devon's cabinet member for schools, James McInnes explained some of the issues faced: "(Schools)...have to find extra money for pay rises, increased National Insurance contributions and the Apprenticeship Levy, amongst other pressures. And the Government keeps on suggesting schools take on added responsibilities."

The new Prime Minister (July 2019) has promised to put education and schools at the top of his domestic agenda and stated that his job is to "ensure your kids get a superb education wherever they are in the country. And that's why we have already announced that we are going to level up per-pupil funding in primary and secondary schools." He has also talked of raising the funding threshold to at least £5000 per child and to review previous spending reductions. In the past five years there have been five Secretaries of State for Education. We are keen to see what the latest appointee, Gavin Williamson, will make of the challenge; whether Boris Johnson will stand by his promises and how quickly change will come to schools.

In the meantime, at Offwell School, our promise is to continue to provide a high quality of education regardless of costing constraints. We will ensure all our children can 'Be Well; Learn Well and Live Well', in an environment that is caring, calm and purposeful. We will continue to provide as many inspirational opportunities as funding will allow. We feel encouraged to have the support of our families, PTFA, experienced Staff and committed Governors, who are all there for the benefit of our children. We look forward to each new school year with renewed enthusiasm and optimism, because we believe in the value and power of education to change lives for the better. To quote just one proponent: "One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world." (Malala Yousafzai).

If you feel moved to write to your MP on any issue, and live in the Honiton area, write or

email: Neil Parish M.P. House of Commons, 14 Westminster, SW1A 0AA

neil.parish.mp@parliament.uk

OFFWELL



St Mary's OPEN DAY Devon Historic Churches Day

Saturday 14th September

10:30am to 12:30pm

Tea, coffee and cake will be available in the church

Churchyard quiz for the children

Display of Coplestone Rectors

The tower will be open



Saturday 7th September 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.**

Offwell Children's Play Park

Have you seen the new fund-raising board at the entrance to the complex? With £10k from the Lottery and, hopefully, a donation from the Parish Council, along with what has already been raised, our total will be £20k. If you are a **local business**, would you like to advertise on the board? We have room for 3 more adverts, so if interested please contact:

Ann Richards on 01404 831527

OFFWELL FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

It's coming now in just a few days

It's nearly here, not far away

You've been working hard, are you ready to go?

On 14th September, for the Flower Show

Scarecrow Competition – 'Sporting Theme'

Get your Entry Form from Marian at The Barn

Tel: 831066

Entry Fee of £1 payable before 5th September

Judging takes place during the week from 7th September

The Winner will receive all entry monies

Children's Fancy Dress – 'Storybook Character'

Parade at 2:15pm on the playing field on the day of the show

Entry fee - 50p

Prize - £10 book token

Dates for your diary:

Harvest Supper

Friday 4th October

5:30pm for 6:00pm

Bar & Raffle

Tickets – £9 Adults, £4 children (under 12)

From Phyllis 831520, Marion 830055 or Jonathan 831450

To assist with catering, tickets must be booked in advance and will not be available on the door.

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 6th October at 9.30am

followed by refreshments

Quiz Night to raise funds for St Mary's Church

Friday 15th November

More details next month

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

Offwell Flower & Produce Show



Saturday 14th September 2019 at 2pm in the Village Hall (presentation of prizes at 3pm)
Teas – Soft Drinks – Cakes – Raffle

Schedules are available from Offwell Village Website: www.offwell.org
or by phoning Marian on 831066

All exhibits to be in the hall by 11am – 25p per class

Special Classes:

Scarecrow (sporting theme)

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LEAF THROUGH THE PAST LANDSCAPE WALK, SHUTE Friday 13th September 2.00pm – 4.00pm



Step back in time and enjoy a rare chance to explore the medieval deer park and meet a celebrated 900-year-old veteran, 'King John's Oak', on a guided walk with Graham Jones, a local enthusiast on ancient trees. The medieval deer park is part of the once large estate at Shute which covered land as far as Colyton, Southleigh, Widworthy and Kilmington. Enjoy the sights and sounds of autumn wildlife and hear more about its fascinating history.

If raining, the fields get very wet, so the walk will be to the 18th century Turkey Oak at New Shute House. It's the opening event to the Shute Literature and Landscape Festival 2019. The full Shute Festival programme can be found at: www.shutefest.org.uk. No booking required and it's a free event. Further information 01404 310012, or legacytolandscape@gmail.com. Park at Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7PT, and Grid Reference 253 975. Meet on green in front of Shute Gatehouse.

Legacy to Landscape is a project involving the community and celebrates a hidden area of landscape in an area of East Devon, based on the 1781 map of the Shute Estate.

This historic map covers the landscape of the Colyton and Shute area, west of Axminster. Legacy to Landscape is organised by the East Devon AONB Partnership, Colyton Parish History Society, Devon Wildlife Trust, Botanists and farmers Marian Reed and Phil Wilson, and the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society.

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