



# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

## DECEMBER 2022

A member of the Raleigh Mission Community



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### SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

#### SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		<b>Otterton</b>

#### SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>		<b>Otterton</b>

#### SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	CW	<b>Otterton</b>
3.00 pm	Christingle		East Budleigh
4.00 pm	<b>Carol Service</b>		<b>Otterton</b>

#### SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER – Christmas Eve

3.00 pm	<b>Christingle</b>		<b>Otterton</b>
6.00 pm	Carol Service		East Budleigh
11.00 pm	Midnight Mass		St Peter's

#### SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER – Christmas Day

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	CW	<b>Otterton</b>

#### SUNDAY 1st JANUARY 2023

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>		<b>Otterton</b>

Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am at East Budleigh on Tuesdays and at Otterton on Thursdays but NOT on 27th and 29th December

### CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

Monday 19th December, 6pm

If you would like to join a group of us carolling around the village in aid of St Petrock's charity to help the homeless in Exeter, please meet at 6pm on The Green. We will aim to cover as many streets as possible in around 90 minutes. Words will be provided - just come along with torches and dress warmly. For further info call Emma on 07976 889270 or email [emscooling@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emscooling@yahoo.co.uk)



### **View from The Vicarage**

“Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your toes” evokes an image, in my mind at least, of a lovely thatched cottage surrounded by deep snow, and through the window, safe inside, huddled beside a roaring fire, with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the corner of the room and presents piled up underneath it. Add a robin, some holly, perhaps some children building a snow man in hats and scarves, and you pretty much have the entire romantic vision of Christmas. Romantic it may be, but somewhere deep inside we all crave the peace and harmony, sense of expectation and comfort that such a scene evokes.

It may jar terribly with our current reality of money and relationship troubles, with possible illness and even perhaps a sense of crisis and foreboding, but nevertheless that vision of contentment, warmth and happiness is one that we aspire to and try to re-create in our often inadequate and ham-fisted ways. That vision of hope, contrasting with an often grim reality, is what the celebration of Christmas has been giving mankind for 2022 years. That is the reason it endures in our imaginations, and no amount of commercialisation can extinguish it.

Hope for a better future, the faith and trust that darkness can never have the final word, is what keeps Christians going and it is a message of hope for mankind that colours our entire attitude to life that extends far beyond Christmas Day itself.

One of the names given to Jesus in Matthew’s gospel is “Emmanuel” which means “God is with us”. No matter what is happening in your life, you can nurture a relationship with the God who was born into this world just like every one of us, who shared in the trials and tribulations, frustrations and sufferings of life – just like us, and rose above them and triumphed in the end.

If you can do that, you really do have a friend in Jesus and a hope in your heart that cannot be extinguished. That romantic vision of Christmas, beloved of the Christmas card makers, is simply reflecting the hope that is the content of the Christmas story.

Have a happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

**Martin**

**Jane and Martin Smith would like to thank everyone who, in any way, generously contributed to their recent Christmas Coffee Morning. It was very successful and well supported. We made £631.57, a very worthwhile amount towards Church funds. Much appreciated.**

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### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON EDDC EMERGING LOCAL PLAN 2020-2040**

Have your say on proposed sites for future house building in Otterton.

Please come along to a drop-in session in the Village Hall on **Sunday 4th December from 2-5pm** to find out more.

Feedback can be submitted online and more information available at <https://eastdevonlocalplan.commonplace.is>

### **COUNTY COUNCIL**

Contact: Jess Bailey, Lark Rise, Elsdon Lane, West Hill, Ottery St Mary EX11 1TZ 01404 814056 [jessicamarybailey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jessicamarybailey@yahoo.co.uk)

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Contacts: Alan Dent – 01395 444238 - [alan.dent23@gmail.com](mailto:alan.dent23@gmail.com); Tom Wright – 01395 444222; Paul Jarvis – 07863 020400 – [pjarvis@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:pjarvis@eastdevon.gov.uk)

### **OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Lots going on in December so please note the following dates:

- **3rd December:** Annual Stream Clean starting 9.30am at The Green. Many thanks to Farmer Sam Walker for his offer of help again this year.
- **4th December:** Emerging Local Plan Residents Consultation (see separate entry above).
- **5th December:** Otterton Parish Council Meeting commencing 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- **13th December:** Otterton Parish Council Festive Meal, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets available from Parish Councillors or the Clerk at £10 (simple 2 course Festive meal with welcome drink. Bring your own refreshment and enjoy an evening of camaraderie & Christmas Spirit!).

There will be no Parish Council Meeting in January so please let the Clerk have any agenda items for the February meeting by 23rd January 2023.

Wishing everyone in Otterton a merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year. If your New Year's resolutions include becoming a Parish Councillor, then do please let us know.

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**THANK YOU to all who help to keep the Otterton Parish News going, in particular those who contribute news and information on a regular basis and those who kindly give up their time each month to make deliveries around the village.**



**Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas**  
*Jill*



### **OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**



It has been a busy start to this half term at Otterton. Some of the children went to a Multi Sports Festival at Exmouth Tennis Centre which was organised by the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership. As always, the children loved this event, taking part in a range of activities, including parachute games, tag rugby and ball games. The KS2 girls reached the finals of the local schools' Cross Country Competition which made us all very proud. Children from the Ethos Group, with equipment kindly provided by Budleigh Salterton Lions Club, took part in a litter pick around the village this week. They filled 2 bags with different kinds of litter including crisp packets, plastic and drinks bottles. We are very proud of the children at Otterton for being such considerate members of the community and looking after the environment that we live in.

Otters Class had a visit from the local Police, learning all about their jobs, the uniform and the cars that they drive; they were very excited and asked lots of great questions.

The children all took part in a Service of Remembrance on 11th November, reading poems and prayers and observing a 2 minute silence.

We are welcoming families to look around our school to see what we have to offer. The application window for children starting primary school in September 2023 is now open. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact the school on 01395 568326 or email [adminotterton@thelink.academy](mailto:adminotterton@thelink.academy)

### **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

More in January.

### **OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP**

The Otterton Community Shop has made a donation of £3,000 to the village charity, Otterton Relief in Need. We are delighted to support ORIN once again and enable much needed financial help to be provided in time for Christmas to those in the Parish who have been especially hit by the rising price of food and fuel or who find themselves in difficulty through no fault of their own.

The Shop will not be repeating the successful voucher scheme we ran in December and January of last year. Instead, our support is targeted at our regular customers by discounting the price of essential items by up to 15% as part of our 'Staple Savers' promotion which will continue into the New Year. Extra items are continually being added to the list so come and look for the green labels.

Our shop manager Nikki will again be running her Christmas charity raffle with a bulging hamper to the lucky winner so we hope you will support her.

The only day in the year we are not open is Christmas Day, but otherwise we will be open throughout the festive period; check our opening times on the shop website, [www.ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk](http://www.ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk)

Another year has flown by. A big 'Thank you' for your continued support and especially to all our volunteers, without whom the shop could not exist.

### **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

The next film to be screened will be **Downton Abbey**. This will be on **Friday 9th December** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. £5 per person entry (under 16s £3) Contactless payments accepted.

Downton Abbey – A new Era – 2022, starring Maggie Smith, Dan Stevens, Hugh Bonneville.

The much-anticipated cinematic return of Downton Abbey follows the Crawleys and their staff as they welcome a movie crew and their glamorous stars to Downton for the filming of a new silent movie, while other members of the family go on a grand adventure to a villa in the south of France to uncover a mystery about the Dowager Countess and her past. With a screenplay by Julian Fellowes and starring the original cast alongside exciting new additions, Downton Abbey: A New Era is packed full of exuberant moments, excitement and humour, tears of joy and sadness and new beginnings for all your favourite characters.

## OTTERTON MILL

### **News**

As we lead up to the festive season, we are pleased to announce our **Christmas Carols at the Mill**, which will be held on **Friday 23rd at 5.30pm** in the courtyard under the twinkling lights of our Christmas tree. Our ever-popular mince pies are now available and our Christmas menu will be available from 1st to 24th December.

### **Music**

We have an eclectic mix of gigs booked for next year and will be announcing them shortly on our website. Tickets will be £15 per person and can be purchased either from our Mill Shop or by calling 01395 568521.

### **Milling**

4th & 18th - come and have a chat with our friendly millers and see history in action. Entry is free and milling takes place 11am - 12.30pm & 2 - 3pm.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy Christmas and New Year from all the team at the Mill.

*Christmas opening times - Closed 25th & 26th otherwise open 9.30am - 4.00pm daily over the holidays and New Year*

## THE KINGS' ARMS

We hope everyone is keeping well and staying safe as the Winter comes in! Our Christmas opening hours are confirmed here:

Christmas Eve: 12pm - 7pm (Food) Bar open until 10pm

Christmas Day: 11am - 3pm (Bar) - Food pre-book only

Boxing Day: 12pm - 7pm (Food) Bar open until 8pm

New Year's Eve: 12pm - 6pm (Food) Bar open until 1:30am

We still have very limited tables available for Christmas Lunch; please pop in and see us, check Facebook or give us a call!

For New Year's Eve this year we will have a free buffet available in the Conservatory as well as a Disco in the bar area. This event will not be ticketed, so come down whenever you like!

Mulled Wine will soon be available from the bar for those cold Winter evenings ahead! We're also delighted to offer a new range of cocktails!



### OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY (ORINC)

Please remember ORINC is here to help and support in times of difficulty. Examples of help given include contributions towards rent, fuel, child care, school uniform, food bills, replacement of essential domestic items and financial support during difficult times.

To talk to us about how we could help or support, please contact us at [orin.charity@gmail.com](mailto:orin.charity@gmail.com)

**Please also see enclosed flyer for more information.**

## THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

We wish all residents a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you to all for the ongoing support.

Don't forget our swimming pool is open to the public until 1st March 2023; please have a look at our website for dates, times and prices.

**POLICE – Exmouth Neighbourhood Team:** [Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; [exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk); <http://www.ukcrimestats.com/>

**TAXI SERVICE:** Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.

**PLEASE NOTE** that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: [jill@beacham.co.uk](mailto:jill@beacham.co.uk) - 01395 446433 **Deadline for January edition is Friday 16th December latest please.**

