



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS MARCH 2018

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SERVICES FOR MARCH

SUNDAY 4th MARCH

8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	East Budleigh
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
10.00 am	Worship Together		East Budleigh

SUNDAY 11th MARCH – Mothering Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	East Budleigh
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
10.00 am	Worship Together		East Budleigh

SUNDAY 18th MARCH

10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh

TUESDAY 20th MARCH

3.30pm Holy Communion at 27 Russell Drive, East Budleigh

SUNDAY 25th MARCH – Palm Sunday

10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh

THURSDAY 29th MARCH – Maundy Thursday

9.30 am Morning Prayer **Otterton**

FRIDAY 30th MARCH – Good Friday

6.00 pm Cross of Christ East Budleigh

SUNDAY 1st APRIL – Easter Day

6.00 am TBC	Sunrise service on Budleigh beach in front of the Long Boat Café		
10.00am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
10.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh

Morning Prayer will be said Tuesday, 9.30am at East Budleigh, and Thursday, 9.30am Otterton.

COFFEE MORNING with EASTER RAFFLE

Thursday 22nd MARCH

Please come and enjoy some coffee, cakes and a chat at The Holt, Ladram Road on Thursday 22nd March, 10.30am – 12noon.

Proceeds to the Flower Festival Flower Fund.

View from The Church, Schools and Families Co-ordinator

This month sees us enter the third week of Lent (or Day 14 of 40 on 1st March). Lent is traditionally a time for Christians to pray, reflect, fast and give to the poor representing the 40 days Jesus wandered the desert praying and fasting after he was baptized. It was a time to fast and give up eating certain foods – with participants often having one proper meal a day and one or two lighter dishes to sustain strength. Did you decide to “fast” for Lent or give something up? Many people cut out certain luxuries or indulgences in a bid to become healthier or to save money to give to a good cause. Chocolate and alcohol are common choices, but swearing, TV watching, reducing our use of plastic (<https://ruthvalerio.net/green-living-2/plastic-less-lent-2018/>) and even being late are other possibilities. So how are you managing so far?

An alternative to giving something up is to start a new habit. Some local schools encourage families to participate in 40acts - a generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship. For seven years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline? There are resources and ideas for churches, schools and families on the website <https://40acts.org.uk/>

Mothering Sunday is on the fourth Sunday of Lent (11th March) in the UK. Mothering Sunday was originally a time when people returned to the church in which they were baptized or where they attended services when they were children. Families were reunited as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. In time, it became customary for young people who were working as servants in large houses, to be given a holiday on Mothering Sunday. They could use this day to visit their own mother and often took a gift of food or hand-me-down clothing from their employers to her. In turn, this moved towards the modern holiday, on which people still visit and take gifts to their mothers. Both schools and churches encourage children to make cards to give to their mothers.

Giving up a luxury or doing something generously might be easy for some, and very difficult for others. Mothering Sunday can be a great time to say thank you to mothers – but sadly, this is not true for everyone. Lent can be a time to pray and reflect – both of which can be a challenge. For example, if we pray for patience, we may well end up experiencing delay and disappointment! And when we think more deeply than usual about our lives it can feel like our own personal “Good” Friday. So how can we help each other to be kind, generous, patient and to endure when we want to quit? Perhaps that’s part of the message of Easter. Christ has given us the supreme example of kindness, generosity, patience and endurance.

May God bless you as we look forward to Easter.

James McAdam - Church, Schools and Families Co-ordinator

CHURCH UPDATE

We had the contract completion meeting with the architect and the contractor last week and only some minor items and snagging remain outstanding. We’ll shortly have some signs for outside the church and the porch crosses will be gilded, while inside the heritage display boards are mostly ready: they are called for by the Heritage Lottery Fund and much of the material has been gathered from more than two decades of Gerald’s entertaining monthly pieces! The on-line versions remain to be done. By our September patronal festival we hope to have the glass doors in the porches. This is a good moment to thank Malcolm Crabtree for driving through the whole project of assessing, re-ordering and repairing the church to the stage we have reached, the repairs now allowing some breathing space for further consideration of its future uses. He’s been on the case for six years! The steering committee has been Malcolm, Barbara Ottley, Jan Keliher, Anne Charlton and Fran Mills from the outset, adding Jane Smith, Emma Cooling and Bruce Beacham when the repair project kicked off.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Contact: Claire Wright, Corn Cottage, 15 Cornhill, Ottery St Mary EX11 1DW, tel: 01404 815771, claire.wright@devon.gov.uk

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contact: Geoff Jung, Raleigh Ward member, Rosewood, Village Road, Woodbury Salterton EX5 1PR, tel 01395 232328, gjung@eastdevon.gov.uk

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have been asked to notify the Highways Authority of any potholes within the parish so that they can be prioritised for filling. Please do email the clerk with, if possible, a photo, to let her know of any potholes.

Several residents of the village have made the Parish Council aware of dog owners who are not clearing up after their pets. Please could we remind residents that the 'poo fairy' has left the village and that all owners are responsible for clearing up after their dogs themselves and that dogs are not allowed on the Jubilee playpark at any time.

Would residents also note that the areas on the road outside The King’s Arms marked with chevrons and those at the entrance to Stantyway Court should not be used for parking. This is for the safety of pedestrians and road users alike. Your consideration for others would be appreciated.

The next Parish meeting will be held on Monday 5th March in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
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The Mills family would like to thank the many folk who sent prayers, kind messages and food parcels during their son’s recent illness. Your kindness is much appreciated and we are delighted to report that Harry is recovering well.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have just completed two questionnaire feedback events at the Village Hall, although at the time of writing we have not compiled all the responses. Our thanks to those people in the village who took the time to look at what came out of the questionnaires and provided further feedback. In the next month or so we will be addressing the views of businesses. Although we have a list of the more obvious businesses in the village, it’s hard to identify some of the smaller ones - so if you are in business in the village and would like to contribute your views from that perspective, please let us know (contacts below).

We will also be putting much of our material onto the village website - www.otterton.info Please keep a lookout for that!

If you would like to assist the group or get involved, please contact us at OttertonNPSG@gmail.com or on 07940 529807.

THE RALEIGH FEDERATION – from Carron Saunders, Executive Headteacher

- Currently we have 62 pupils on roll and are waiting to see how many parents have applied for a place in our Reception Year, September 2018.
- Our whole school theme this term is “Oh, what a beautiful world!” This topic lends itself to a study of communities and the environment. The younger children are investigating aspects of the local community and comparing them to the Scottish Island Community in the Katie Morag books. The older children are learning about features of the Brazilian rainforest.
- We continue to focus on encouraging the children to develop a growth mind-set. In our curriculum, we focus on “mastery” teaching the children concepts and skills appropriate to their age, then giving them opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills in new situations with as much independence as possible. Within this approach, we encourage the children to problem solve with resilience, taking the attitude that they might not be able to do it yet, but with more practice or tackling it from a different angle, they will be able to. Learning is a call to adventure, with delights and challenges to experience during the voyage to discover new things.
- Updating ICT provision in the school is a current priority. The OCESA are fund-raising to support with this.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next Meeting is on **20th March** with a talk by Tom Sharples entitled ‘New Varieties & Techniques in Vegetable Growing’. Tom works for Sutton Seeds and will give an insight into the new developments in vegetable growing. This will be held at Otterton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free to members and £3.00 for non-members.

Spring Show is on **Saturday 10th March** in the Village Hall between 2:00pm – 4:30pm. Entrance is just 50p. To enter the show you can pick up a form at Hair 57, The King’s Arms, The Community Shop or from Iain Ure, The Show Secretary. You can also download a form from our Website or even enter on-line; entry of exhibits is free and open to non-members.

For more information on the club go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk or contact Ro Smith on 01395 568871 or E-Mail ro@otterton.info

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Don’t forget it’s Mothering Sunday on 11th March. We’ve got a great range of beautiful cards, and why not add a delicious box of chocolates for that special person? Thirsty walkers can now fill up their water bottles in our shop; find us with the app! We are doing our bit to reduce plastic waste by changing from plastic to paper carrier bags. Do you like yoghurts? Look out for our new range in the chillers. We will be open every day over Easter:- Good Friday 8.30 – 3pm; Saturday 8-3pm; Sunday 8.30 – 12noon; BH Monday 8.30 – 3pm.

THE KING’S ARMS – What’s on in March:

5th March – Talking Pictures, 10.30am

6th March – Art Group 10.30am – ‘Modern Art’

7th March – Quiz – 8pm. Teams of up to 6; cash prize for the winning team

11th March – Mothering Sunday – treat Mum, she deserves it. Serving carvery and menu 12noon – 8pm.

13th March – Art Group 10.30am – ‘Windows in Art’

19th March – Talking Pictures, 10.30am

30th March – Good Friday – don’t forget the old tradition of fish on Good Friday! Book your table and sample our fresh fish caught by our own fishing trawlers.

OTTERTON MILL

11th March- Mother’s Day - one of our busiest events of the year so be sure to book a table early for lunchtime

17th-18th March- St Patrick’s Weekend - special dishes inspired by the Emerald Isle on our lunchtime menu

17th March- Hot Cross Buns - they’re back for Easter! Otterton Mill’s fabulous Hot Cross Buns will be available from our food shop. Be sure to order yours to avoid disappointment.

Easter weekend - plenty of action, treats and presents. If chocolate is not your thing, pop into the gallery, and why not enter our monthly draw; its free and you could win a cream tea for two!

Music: 8th March - Kent Duchaine - The master of blues returns! For almost 40 years, Kent and his beloved Leadbessie, a beaten up 1934 National Steel Guitar, have wowed audiences worldwide. His exceptional guitar playing and deep, intriguing voice combine to set the old style delta blues alight. Kent’s life stories of friendships and loves, the history of blues music, the men who developed it, and his incredible involvement with some of them characterise his shows and have his audiences laughing and crying in equal measure. “One of the best five concerts nationwide (across all genres)” – Sunday Times. www.kentduchaine.com

Milling: 8th & 22nd March



LITTLE OTTERS PRE-SCHOOL

The children at Little Otters finished off the half term with a fabulous morning which followed on from their trip to the Royal Albert Museum in Exeter. They looked at dinosaurs frozen in ice, and made their own fossils using play dough. They then used more play dough to make individual volcanoes and watch them erupt!!

This half term the children will be spending several sessions at Otterton School to ensure that the children heading to school there enjoy a smooth transition and make the most of the good weather by walking in the countryside and visiting the allotment.

On **3rd March** Little Otters will be holding a fundraising jumble sale in the East Budleigh Village Hall. Any donations of jumble gladly received from 9am on the morning or do pop along for a cup of coffee and grab yourself a bargain. All funds raised will go towards resources for the pre-school.

Little Otters currently has limited availability on some sessions. For more details do phone Fran or one of the team at Drake’s School 01395 443871 and arrange to pop in for a taster session.

YOUR PATCH IN BLOOM

Is there a space on your street that needs some tender loving care? Are there areas that could be brightened up? If you and your neighbours can get involved, we will help to make it happen. Please support Otterton Village in Bloom this summer by showing off your own front garden and help to create cleaner, greener spaces. Please contact Melanie Martin for details at melsjmartin@gmail.com or on 01395 742633.

FROM PCSO JUSTIN WILLIS

Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; justin.willis@dc.police.uk; exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

TAXI SERVICE

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



EAST BUDLEIGH CHESS CLUB: In March we have the final round of the **Club Championship** which Kevin Hurst is hoping to defend successfully after holding the title for a number of years. On Tuesday 13th March the club is away to Exeter Gambits in the **Exeter and District League**. In past years this has usually been a tight affair with honours about even. Then later in the month is the **West of England Chess Championships** which this year will take place at the **Manor Hotel** at Exmouth. We are very fortunate to have this event on our doorstep each year as in the past it has moved around the West Country. See Keverelchess.com and Chessdevon.org.uk web sites for more local chess news and entry forms for tournaments. The next **meeting is Thursday 8th March** at 6:50pm at the All Saints Church Hall. Brian Gosling brigosling@aol.com 01395 442060.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing & Events Manager

We're fast approaching opening weekend at Ladram Bay Holiday Park and are looking forward to an incredible season-long celebration for our 75th year of business. Improvements this year include our new exciting outdoor Splash zone opening Spring 2018, renovation to Pirates arcade plus the arrival of our 2018 hire fleet models which include stunning 3-bed Lookout Lodge & Gold plus Holiday Homes located within premium pitches on our front row.

Until our official park & facilities opening weekend on 16th March our pool will remain open for your use between Wednesday – Sunday (10am – 1pm – 2pm – 5.30pm/6pm weekends) plus our Shop opening hours will be listed online. Don't miss some superb reductions available within our gift/toy department; prices start from just £1 whilst stocks last. (Sale ends 10/3/18)

Planning your next night out? Take advantage of the delicious new menu and drinks selection available in Pebbles Restaurant from 16th March. Why not stay for our fantastic Entertainment programme, provided both by our resident team of talented performers and by visiting acts – all of which can be viewed online <https://www.ladrambay.co.uk/whats-on/>

Looking for a new challenge? We're still recruiting for seasonal positions within a number of departments. Find out more or apply with your CV and covering letter to lisaspickett@ladrambay.co.uk

In advance of our caravan movements we thank you for your understanding & support and these will continue to be displayed on the village website alongside any changes to opening times of facilities.

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

- **Open Sunday:** 18th March 1.30 - 4.30. Why not call in for light refreshments in the Schoolroom? Well behaved dogs also welcome! Book and table sales - all proceeds to Chapel funds.
- Advance notice: '**Acoustic Folk Concert**', 15th April, 4 - 10 pm, £25 to include free drink and choice of Tapas, courtesy of 'POP-UP' Polsloe! Featuring: *Emily Smith* and *Jamie McClelland*, *Miranda Sykes*, *Reg Meuros* and *The Ellis Gang*. Contact David Ash for tickets and further information on 01395 445346 or email davidash@btinternet.com
- Follow us on the website for H.C.T. (The Historic Chapels Trust) www.hct.org.uk and look for Salem Chapel, East Budleigh.
- **Salem Chapel 1719** is a Dissenters' Chapel with an adjoining Schoolroom. These unique and interesting buildings are available for hire; the Schoolroom has toilets and a small kitchen and can be hired separately. Charges are reasonable and competitive. For enquiries and bookings, please contact the keyholder on 01395 446189 or salembookingseb@mail.com
Alternatively, use the contact page on the H.C.T. website www.hct.org.uk

HISTORY OF OTTERTON... ..Did you know?

During the last 32 years that we have lived in Otterton there have been a number of events celebrated that stand out but one in particular will always be remembered by us. In August 1991 the village was judged the Best Kept Large Village in Devon. Saturday 7th September on The Green saw Sir John Quick presenting the shield and certificate to Marion Barker and Ros Shipton, our Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman. For many years after, the shield greeted visitors at the entrance to the village. Many houses in Fore Street had large displays of flowers in tubs along their frontages. Martin Edwards, our Post Master, displayed at the Post Office 10 hanging baskets. Where is the winner's shield now?

Gerald Millington

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham**, Barton House, Church Hill, Otterton EX9 7HU - tel: 568130, email: jill@beacham.co.uk **Deadline for April edition is Tuesday 20th March LATEST please.**