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AUGUST 2019



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OFFWELL & WIDWORTHY
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SERVICES FOR AUGUST

SERVICE ROTA	OFFWELL	COTLEIGH	FARWAY	WIDWORTHY	NORTHLEIGH
Aug 4 th	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	See Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
Aug 11 th	9:30am HC at Cotleigh	9:30am HC with Offwell	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	6:00pm Evensong
Aug 18 th	6:00pm Evening Prayer	9:30am HC	11:15am HC	9:30am HC	No Service See Farway
Aug 25 th	10:30am HC with Cotleigh Bishop Jackie Searle	10:30am HC at Offwell Bishop Jackie Searle	11:15am HC	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC
Sept 1 st	9:30am HC with Cotleigh	9:30am HC at Offwell	See Northleigh	9:30am Family Service	11:15am HC



BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST

Aug 4 th	Hosea 11: 1-11	Psalm 107: 1-9, 43	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 12: 13-21
Aug 11 th	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20	Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23	Hebrews 11: 1-3,8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Aug 18 th	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Psalm 108	Hebrews 11:29 - 12:12	Luke 12: 49-56
Aug 25 th	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	Psalm 71: 1-6	Hebrews 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17
Sept 1 st	Jeremiah 2: 4-13	Psalm 81: 10-16	Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for AUGUST

4 th	11:00am	Conducted by Dr Alan Mcilveen
11 th		No Service
18 th	3:00pm	Conducted by Revd Julian Albrow H. C.
25 th	11:00am	Conducted by Mrs Pamela Murphy
September 1st		To be Arranged



The Parishes LINK is the magazine of the Five Parishes of COTLEIGH, FARWAY, NORTHLEIGH, OFFWELL and WIDWORTHY. Views expressed here are not necessarily the opinion of the Editor or the Community. Submissions, BY THE 15th OF THE MONTH, should be sent, preferably by email in text, Word, JPG, PDF or PNG format, to the editor at parisheslink@gmail.com The editor reserves the right to delay or refuse publication of articles for reasons of decorum, space or practicality.

Is Christianity good for the environment?

Thanks to a Swedish schoolgirl, (Greta Thunberg), a knight of the realm and national treasure (Sir David Attenborough), and numerous national and international government reports, we are encouraged to address the “Climate Crisis” faced by us all. Does our Christian faith help us in how we respond?

It all goes back to Genesis: Then God said “let us make man in our own image and let them rule” A little further on we read: The Lord God took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it, to take care of it. And in the most significant verse (Gen 1 v 28), God blessed them and said to them “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” In other translations the word rule is translated as “have dominion over them”. How the Judeo/Christian traditions have interpreted this has been critical and has led to the charge of Christianity supporting the unbridled exploitation of nature. Christian teachers have long argued that a licence to exploit is an utterly false interpretation. We are called to care for a creation which in itself is an expression of God’s love and nature. “God saw all that he had made and it was very good.”

Inconveniently Jesus makes few if any direct references to our relationship with the environment. He does reflect confidently on God’s care for his creation, a care even extending to the fate of an individual sparrow. The good news Jesus brought to us was the healing of brokenness- in relationship to God - in relationship to one another. To most Christians, the consequences of this would mean a restored relationship to our common home and how we deal with its resources

Most Christians, sadly, does not mean all. The “Cornwall Alliance” is a group built round the “Cornwall Declaration” signed in the USA in 2000 by more than 1500 religious leaders from the Jewish, Catholic and Evangelical worlds, re-affirmed a belief in economic growth and freedom, an antipathy to government intervention and upholding many other values associated with the religious right in the USA. In 2009 they issued a statement that asserted that “recent (global) warming was neither abnormally large, nor abnormally rapid. There is no scientific evidence that human contribution to greenhouse gases is causing dangerous global warming.” Not surprisingly Genesis 1 v 28 - the so-called ‘Dominion Mandate’ -appears frequently in their publications.

So, the answer to the question “is Christianity good for the environment?” the answer is mostly yes - especially when we seek to love our neighbour and respect our shared home. Particularly when we obey God’s command to work and care for a world He created and considered very good.

Most importantly perhaps, it’s when we consider the needs of the poor and vulnerable who suffer most from the consequences of the climate crisis.

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COTLEIGH



Services for August:

Sunday 11th, 9:30am Stephen Treeby

Sunday 18th, 9:30am John Rawlings

CHURCH DUTIES for AUGUST

Sidesmen

11th Broom family

18th Noel Barrington-Prowse

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A Prayer for Holiday Time

Thank You Lord for times of refreshment and opportunities to go away on a holiday – so that we may be renewed in body soul and spirit. Lord, we particularly thank You for this lovely summer holiday time and pray that You would be with us as we spend time away from the hustle and bustle of the working week and take time to rest.

Lord it was You Who reminded Your own disciples that they needed times of refreshment away from the stresses and strains of the day. We thank You for this opportunity to enjoy different and new experiences. May our time away be one of warmth, love, fun and fellowship. May our hearts overflow with Your joy and peace.

Watch over our journey as we travel and protect us from all difficulties and dangers. May we rest in You and return refreshed in body, soul and spirit to Your praise and glory.

During this holiday time we particularly remember those that are alone, or ill or going through times of stress or difficulty and pray that You would draw very close to each and every one. Let them know Your special peace in their heart and give to each one Your all sufficient grace. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

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Wine Tasting

The wine tasting was very successful and raised over £370 for the church. Some people may have been put off by the quiz element, but it really was a 'fun' quiz. Someone (who will remain nameless) put down what we all thought were silly answers – and ended up winning a prize. So, next year when we plan to hold another, do come along. Thanks must go to Jonathan and team for organising it, the generous donations of wine and raffle prizes, all who helped in any way with the food and of course all those who attended.



Saturday 3rd August FISH & CHIPS

frying in the hall carpark from **6:00 to 7:30pm**

Eat in or out, bar open

There will be a draw on the night to raise money for the play park of a free hair-do in 22 New Street

In memory of

Rachel Clare Bowering of Offwell

Shane, Jake, Sheila and Jon of Penridge, Offwell would like to express their sincere gratitude for the kind messages of sympathy received following the passing of Rachel, and to thank those who gave donations in memory of Rachel to Hospiscare (Honiton).

Devon Historic Churches Day Saturday 14th September

Tea, coffee and cake will be available in the church from 10:30 - 12:30. There will be a churchyard quiz for the children and the tower will be open.

OFFWELL FLOWER SHOW

It's only a few weeks now to The Show, We hope everything is beginning to grow, So nurture and water your entries with care, On the 14th September, we'll see them all there



Having lost our Nativity figures in an unfortunate misunderstanding we are

delighted to have been kindly offered some to replace them. Rumour has it that there might even be a stable constructed for them. December might still be a long time off but that's when they'll make their appearance outside the church.

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By the time you read this article we will all be on holiday!! The end of the Summer Term is a time of mixed emotions; relief because you have all made it through another term; joy because the holidays are here and sadness because we have to say goodbye to some of our children.

All our Year 6 children have moved on to secondary school where they will start their new challenges in September. Some of the staff will have known these children for 7 years and we have watched them grow from little acorns into sturdy saplings! It is hard to say goodbye although we hope we have equipped all of them with enough academic learning, practical skills, sporting abilities and emotional stability to help them do their absolute best in the future.

The end of this academic year has been doubly sad as we have also said goodbye to Dr Phillip Ambler our Chair of Governors. Dr Ambler took on the role 5 years ago and during that time he has represented Offwell School with tenacity, positivity, clear guidance and humour. He oversaw the appointment of a new Headteacher and supported us during inspections from Ofsted and SIAMS. Dr Ambler will be a fantastically hard act to follow and we will miss him tremendously. However, if you feel you would like to join the Offwell School Governing Board we would love to hear from you – just contact Mrs Davey at the school

Having said all those goodbyes we now look to the future. School starts again in September and children, parents, teaching assistants and teachers will all be bright eyed and bushy tailed and ready to face new challenges.



FARWAY



Many thanks to everyone who came to **Farway Flower Show** last month and to all the helpers who made the day a great success.

Friday 2nd August
BBQ, BAND & BAR
Farway Village Hall

The bar will be open from 7:30pm
Nick will be working his magic again behind the BBQ and the entertainment will be provided by the **Devon Horseflies!** A barrel of Otter Bitter is on order and the Pimms on ice – it promises to be a great night out so come and join the party – everyone is welcome.

Saturday 31st August, 3:00pm
Parnham Voices on Safari
At St. Michaels, Farway

Farway Church Garden Party

Sunday 4th August, 2:30pm
At Netherton Hall, Farway

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Please arrive on time as each performance only lasts half an hour. A different programme of music is performed in each venue.

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The churchwardens of Offwell, Widworthy and Farway have met to finalise the Benefice and Parish profiles and these now have gone to the Diocese for approval. We hope that once this is done, the advertisement for a House for Duty Priest will follow shortly. The successful candidate will live in the Offwell Rectory and provide services on Sunday and two days a week across the three parishes. While we still will need some help from our retired clergy who have supported us so well during the interregnum, we are looking forward to having someone with us to help us grow and flourish.

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On **Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>**, **Mim Prins** will be leading the service.

**The Rt Revd Dr Oliver Simon** will be taking our Family Service on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** and he also will be celebrating our Holy Communion on **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**The Revd Nigel Freathy** will be taking our Family Service on **August 25<sup>th</sup>**, after which there will be coffee, biscuits and time for a chat.

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## Regular Village Activities:

**Sundays:** Northleigh Village Hall Bar open from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

**Monday:** Art Group breaks for the summer (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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) for details contact Ba 01404 831476

## Future Events:

**Harvest Supper, Show and Festival September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

The weekend begins with Harvest Supper at Northleigh Village Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, the Show on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm, and the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am.

Show schedules are available from St Giles church (open in day) and the committee (Hazel at 2 Park View, Colyton, Pam at 3 The Malthouse and Carole at Merrifield, Northleigh).

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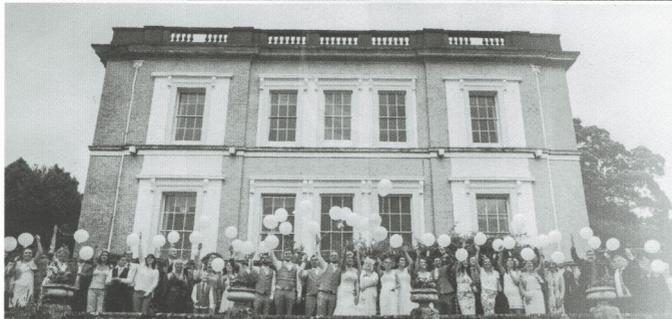
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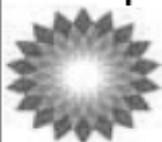
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Greetings to you all. It is August; it is summer. It might be considered by some as a time of relaxation but in fact there is quite a lot to do including some forward planning!! I tend to think of it as the portal to Autumn and the further one gets into August the more the door opens. I think you will get the idea from what I am going to write about.

I could not resist going into my Book of Days because I knew that, like July, this month is also named after a Roman Emperor. He was Emperor Augustus (63 BC – 14 AD). I found a nice little nugget of fact---the Anglo-Saxons called August 'Weodmonath', the month of weeds. I wonder why?

A very important date!! You should get your Parishes' Paper before the end of July therefore there is just time to remind you that on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August WHITFORD Village Summer Show** takes place with gate opening at 2pm. Follow signs to entrance of Show ground.

Before I forget here are the answers to last month's questions:

Q1 = Clematis; Q2 = Herbs; Q3 = Lettuce; Q4 = Pruning; Q5 = Yellow.

I hope you do not find them too easy, however they will get harder (next month).

If you look lively you still have time to plant some **late flowering bulbs**, our autumns are usually kind to late plantings!! Here are a few suggestions that are worth trying. Colchicums, crocuses, dahlias and chrysanthemums (if don't have already!) and nerines and do not forget the tiny cyclamen hederifolium schizostylis (renamed hesperantha) give a good splash of colour nearer to Christmas.

Now for a bit of controversy. I notice in the literature that Peter Seabrook has raised the question of T.V. Presenters of gardening programmes. He says "Amateur gardeners are not happy with TV coverage of garden shows. If the comments I receive at shows and events are any guide". Again, to quote him "Gardening presenters just get in the way and block the views of plants, areas of garden and flower show displays". In his article he goes on to say that most describe what we can already see rather than add further unseen information about the plants. I think I agree, although I avoid the urge to shout at the TV set. Over to you. DISCUSS.

There is concern regarding the rosemary beetle (*Chrysolina americana*) a pest of rosemary, lavender, sage and thyme. The beetle is small (a little larger than a ladybird) and very pretty with red and green stripes the length of its back, and it has a metallic sheen. It is very noticeable. Apparently, it is attacking lavender this season, a favourite plant so beware!

Now for a quote by none- other than Audrey Hepburn

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"

### Now for some jobs for August.

- Continue to dead-head all plants and, as I've said before, particularly roses. This process stops the plant putting energy into seed making, reserving it for further blooms or for the building up growth for its next flowering season.
- Wisteria needs a good trim back especially of the long whippy growth that it has put on since last Winter. Cut back to 2 or 3 buds from older wood. This will encourage a good set of panicles of flowers next Spring.
- If you have a clematis montana that has got out of control somewhat (like we have) then now is the time to cut each stem back to 3 or 4 buds from growth level. And, as after pruning any plant, give it a watering with NPK feed plus I suggest some Potash (Potassium Phosphate). Potash not only assists flowering and fruiting but also the general sturdiness of the plant.

- If we are including some acid-lovers then I think a dose of Epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) would be much appreciated. In fact, pruning or no-pruning most plants would benefit from a pre-winter dose of potash and Epsom salts. I would suggest an application at the end of September and again end of October.
- Water runner beans, tomatoes and hanging baskets every day and in very hot dry days hanging baskets twice a day. Water early morning and/or latish evening, not in the heat of the day. It is a good idea to dampen down the greenhouse and raise humidity by emptying a can of water on to the floor.

It is still good conditions for propagation so, if you would like to increase your stock of favourite plants free of charge, now is a timely opportunity. It is also time to raise from seed plants such as hollyhocks to flower next year. From now into September, or even October, is time to collect seed of many plants. Wait until the seed heads dry, collect and store in paper bags or paper envelopes until required for planting. I think raising plants from seed, collected or bought, is the most exciting part of gardening.

**Daffodils** - towards the end of August is the time to refresh your holdings of this wonderful flower. If you raised and stored from last spring it is time to inspect, reject bad bulbs, and plant. Plant at least three times the depth of the bulb. If you want new bulbs then you should find that garden centres will have them in at the end of the month. Buy early to get a choice of varieties of quality. For those bulbs that have been in the ground since Spring you now have to start a feeding routine. (if you can find them!!). Water with feed the areas where you know bulbs to be. If the Autumn is dry then keep the areas watered. At the end of September and October add potash to the feed. The bulbs below ground do not like to be dry when developing their stems and flower buds. These actions help to overcome the tendency towards 'blindness'. You may have peas and broad beans still producing but coming to the end. When finished prune off the tops at ground level and feed to the compost heap. Leave the roots in the soil so that the Nitrogen nodules on them can help benefit any future crop.

August is also the time to prune ornamental trees such as flowering cherries and mountain ash. Doing it now allows plenty of time for wounds to heal before Winter. Don't forget, as above, to water and feed after pruning. It helps to ease the strain on the plant. Watch out for powdery mildew a common disease in a hot dry Summer. A white coating covers leaves and other parts of the plant. To treat use an appropriate fungicide. Keep plants well-watered, watering at the base of the stem, not on the leaves. Mulch to preserve moisture.

Now for a final quote. It is by Douglas Adams, the English author, humourist and satirist who wrote *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. "Isn't it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it too?"

*Green Finger*



August is a quieter month for The Link so I've been able to include the [full](#) gardening article from Greenfinger. Happy gardening.

*The Editor*





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