

THE LINK

THE BENEFICE OF OFFWELL, FARWAY & WIDWORTHY

APRIL & MAY 2022

It seems ironic that, on the very day that our government scrapped most of the remaining Covid pandemic restrictions, Mr Putin's armies invaded Ukraine, something he had been denying he would do until the very last hours before. So, Pestilence, not gone away completely by any means, takes a back seat to War, not least in the eyes of the media and politicians just as awkward questions about their handling of the pandemic were starting to be asked.

One might joke bitterly that all we are waiting for now is Famine to come along, but energy shortages and worries about food supply in a country which only produces 55% of its food requirements suggest that its arrival is not out of the question. Of course, we all know that the notorious three riders of the Apocalypse, described so vividly in the Biblical Book of Revelation, are always accompanied by the fourth – Death - one whose cruel terror is now visited upon people across the Ukraine for whom we pray for aid and comfort.

However, just as the people of Ukraine are not without hope of deliverance, neither are we as we progress through the season of self-discipline and reflection of Lent to remembering the darkness of Jesus' betrayal on Maundy Thursday, His execution on the Cross on Good Friday, and finally His Resurrection from the grave in triumph over Death. All we Christians who believe in His Resurrection, countless millions of ordinary decent Ukrainians and Russians among them, know that Death is not the end for us, and that Love, Hope and Faith abide with us as it does for the innocent victims of this wicked and unnecessary war.

So, over the coming weeks let us pray for a Just Peace in the Ukraine, for the relief of suffering, for the punishment of the guilty, and that Jesus' risen presence is with all those in need or mourning.

Jonathan Paveley

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

From The Gospel of John, chapter 3, verses 16-17 RSV

APRIL

	St. Mary's ~ OFFWELL	St. Michael & All Angels ~ FARWAY	St. Cuthbert's ~ WIDWORTHY
April 3rd Passion Sunday	9:30am Holy Communion		9:30am Family Service
April 10th Palm Sunday			9:30am Family Service
April 14th Maundy Thursday			6:00pm Holy Communion
April 15th Good Friday	11.00am Foot of The Cross		
April 17th Easter Day	9:30am Holy Communion	11:15am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion
April 24th	5:00pm BCP Evensong		

BIBLE READINGS

April 3rd Passion Sunday	Isiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 10th Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 19:28-40
April 15th Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1 to 19:42
April 17th Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	John 20:1-18
April 24th	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL 3rd 11am Conducted by Mr D. Bradford
10th 3pm Conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam
15th 7pm Good Friday Conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam
 Followed by Refreshments
17th 3pm Easter Day Conducted by Revd. B Mosedale H.C.
24th 3pm Conducted by Revd. S Mosedale
MAY 1st 11am Local Arrangements with ourselves
8th 3pm Conducted by Prof. Stephen Lea
15th 11am Conducted by Deacon Geoff Tamblin
22nd 3pm Conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam. H.C.
29th 11am Local Arrangements with ourselves



MAY

	St. Mary's ~ OFFWELL	St. Michael & All Angels ~ FARWAY	St. Cuthbert's ~ WIDWORTHY
May 1st	9:30am Holy Communion		9:30am Family Service
May 8th			9:30am Family Service
May 15th	10:15am Family Service	11:15am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion
May 22nd	5:00pm BCP Evensong	Rogation Service & tea - details on back page	9:30am Family Service
May 29th	10:30am Benefice Holy Communion at St. Mary's - All welcome		
June 5th	9:30am Holy Communion		9:30am Family Service

Note: BCP is The Book of Common Prayer

BIBLE READINGS

May 1st	Acts 9:1-6 (7-10)	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 8th	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 15th	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 22nd	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5	John 14:23-29
May 29th	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22: 12-14,16-17,20-21	John 17:20-26
June 5th Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104: 24-34,35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14: 8-17 (25-27)

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2022 DIARY DATES

April, Wednesday 13th	OFFWELL	LADIES LUNCH CLUB (2 nd in month)
April, Friday 15th		GOOD FRIDAY
April, Sunday 17th		EASTER DAY
April, Thursday 21st	OFFWELL SC	BENEFICE COFFEE MORNING (3 rd in month)
April, Thursday 21st	ST. MARY'S	Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7:30pm
April, Tuesday 26th	FARWAY VH	Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7:00pm
May, Wednesday 11th	OFFWELL	LADIES LUNCH CLUB (2 nd in month)
May, Thursday 19th	OFFWELL SC	BENEFICE COFFEE MORNING (3 rd in month)
May, Sunday 22nd	FARWAY/ NORTHLEIGH	ROGATION SERVICE & TEA - see below
June, Sunday 5th	OFFWELL	JUBILEE STREET PARTY
July Sunday 17th	OFFWELL VH	CREAM TEA 3pm to 5pm
Sept. Saturday 10th	ST. MARY'S	DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES DAY - am
Sept. Saturday 10th	OFFWELL VH	FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW - pm
Sept. Friday 30th	OFFWELL VH	HARVEST SUPPER 6/6:30pm
Nov. Friday 18th	OFFWELL VH	QUIZ NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm
Dec. Sunday 18th	ST. MARY'S	CHRISTINGLE/CAROL SERVICE 4pm

Benefice Coffee Morning

for all our Parishes

Thursday 21st April

Thursday 19th May

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!*



Rogation Sunday 22nd May

Meet at 2:30pm at Money Acre Cross,

Farway, (at top of the hill above the

church, in the field by the road
junction). From Farway we make our

way, by car, to **Northleigh church** ,
finishing at **Northleigh village hall** for

tea after the service. All are welcome
so please join us. The service will be

led by Mary Harding and Rev Dr.

Steven Martin.