

# THE LINK

## THE BENEFICE OF OFFWELL, FARWAY & WIDWORTHY

### AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2022

It seems a very human frailty to go on repeating the mistakes of the past, to think we have learnt the lessons after often paying a terrible price only for the next generation to prove it has forgotten them by repeating them.

War is raging on the Eastern marches of Europe because in part the West forgot the hard lessons of the 1920s and 1930s by disarming and by 'doing business' with aggressive authoritarian rulers. Now after a 14 years of digital money printing and an energy supply shock, caused at least in part by governments' being unwilling to invest in energy security, inflation has returned dramatically and the media is full of talk about a 'return to the turmoil of the 1970s. We've been here before.

In the City there is a cynical wisdom that when pundits say, 'this time it's different' and that the fundamental laws of economics no longer apply, it is time to sell and prepare for a crash or worse. Modern Monetary Theory is merely the latest of these and sadly it will be the poor, the middling sort, those living on fixed incomes without index linked pensions, and small businesses who pay the worst price.

So, if we flawed humans keep on getting swept along by the follies of the moment and repeating the same old mistakes, what is the answer? The answer surely rooting our lives in unchanging absolute truth, a truth not subject to the vagaries of fashion or popularity. One that is incorruptible, eternal, that encompasses the fundamental workings of the universe, the laws of physics and reason: something the Greeks called "logos" from which we derive our word 'logic' but the Greek conception is far bigger and wider. It's about the whole underpinning of reality that works according to laws comprehensible to human reason and what we call science and philosophy.

The famous first verse of the first chapter of the Gospel according to St John talks about the 'Word' of God but the original Greek word is 'logos', the rational underpinning of reality, and the logos of God is Jesus Christ, the embodiment of the divine ordering of reality. For we Christians, faith in the logos of God, eternal, unchanging, incorruptible, is a rational response to rules that govern the realities of our world because Jesus embodies God's continuing purpose in creating and sustaining the Universe and, just as we must pay heed to the physical laws around us, so we must pay heed to the moral and societal laws taught by Christ. Perhaps if we do, we might no longer repeat the mistakes of the past and avoid much trouble and misery.

*Jonathan Paveley*

# AUGUST

	St. Mary's ~ OFFWELL	St. Michael & All Angels ~ FARWAY	St. Cuthbert's ~ WIDWORTHY
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Holy Communion		9:30am Family Service
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>			9:30am Family Service
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:15am Family Service		9:30am Holy Communion
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm BCP Evensong		9:30am Family Service

## BIBLE READINGS

Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20	Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 80: 1-2, 8-19	Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalms 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalms 81: 1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:7-14

### Appointment of New Vicar for the Benefice of Offwell, Farway & Widworthy

The churchwardens of the parishes of Offwell, Farway & Widworthy are delighted to announce that, after five long years in the wilderness and after many battles, a new Vicar – Rev Jeremy Putnam - has been appointed and will be moving into the Offwell Rectory with his wife Ruth in August. He will be licensed at St Marys, Offwell, on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September** by the Bishop of Exeter. Widely regarded as one of Cornwall's most successful parish priests we have been fortunate to persuade him to join us and would welcome all at his licensing service.

### FARWAY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

#### AUGUST

7<sup>th</sup> 11am conducted by Mrs. Ann Skinner  
 14<sup>th</sup> 3pm conducted by Revd. Alison Richardson  
 21<sup>st</sup> 11am conducted by Mrs. Gill Harvey  
 28<sup>th</sup> 3pm conducted by Revd. Ben Haslam. H.C.

#### SEPTEMBER

To be decided



# SEPTEMBER

	<b>St. Mary's ~ OFFWELL</b>	<b>St. Michael &amp; All Angels ~ FARWAY</b>	<b>St. Cuthbert's ~ WIDWORTHY</b>
<b>Sept 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am Holy Communion		9:30am Family Service
<b>Sept 11<sup>th</sup></b>			9:30am Family Service
<b>Sept 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10:15am Family Service		9:30am Holy Communion
<b>Sept 25<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm BCP Evensong	11:15am Harvest Celebration	9:30am Family Service
<b>Sept 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00pm Benefice Licensing Service of Rev. Jeremy Putnam at St. Marys</b>		
<b>Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:30am HARVEST Holy Communion		9:30am Family Service

## BIBLE READINGS

<b>Sept 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
<b>Sept 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28	Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
<b>Sept 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1	Psalm 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
<b>Sept 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
<b>Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Lamentations 1:1-6	Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10

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### Websites:

[www.farwaydevon.org.uk](http://www.farwaydevon.org.uk)

[www.offwell.org](http://www.offwell.org)

[www.widworthyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.widworthyparishcouncil.co.uk)

[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

[www.explorechurches.org](http://www.explorechurches.org)

# 2022 DIARY DATES

<b>Aug, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	OFFWELL	LADIES LUNCH CLUB (2 <sup>nd</sup> in month)
<b>Aug, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	OFFWELL SC	BENEFICE COFFEE MORNING (3 <sup>rd</sup> in month)
<b>Sept, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	OFFWELL	LADIES LUNCH CLUB (2 <sup>nd</sup> in month)
<b>Sept, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	OFFWELL SC	BENEFICE COFFEE MORNING (3 <sup>rd</sup> in month)
<b>Sept. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	ST. MARY'S	DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES DAY - 10:30am
<b>Sept. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	OFFWELL VH	FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW - 2:00pm
<b>Sept. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	FARWAY	HARVEST CELEBRATION SERVICE - 11:15am
<b>Sept. Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	ST. MARY'S	BENEFICE LICENCING SERVICE - 7:00pm
<b>Sept. Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	OFFWELL VH	HARVEST SUPPER 6:00pm
<b>Oct. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	WIDWORTHY St. Cuthbert's	HARVEST FESTIVAL in the church at 4:00pm followed by a cream tea
<b>Nov. Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	OFFWELL VH	QUIZ NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm
<b>Dec. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	ST. MARY'S	CHRISTINGLE/CAROL SERVICE 4:00pm

## DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES DAY - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

**St. Mary's, Offwell** open from **10:30am to 12:30pm** for refreshments.  
For fantastic views of Offwell; the tower will be open to visitors (in return for a small donation) and we hope to offer a chance to ring the bells.

### Benefice Coffee Morning

for all our Parishes

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

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!*

### Offwell Havest Supper

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** in the Village Hall

**6pm for 7pm supper**

A hot meal will be served

There will be a bar, raffle and some entertainment

**£10 per head**

**To book call:**

Sam on 831450, Phyllis on 831520  
or Pam on 831478 before 25<sup>th</sup> September

Volunteers to help will be welcomed