



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR APRIL

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh
11.00 am Morning Prayer **Otterton**

FRIDAY 7th APRIL – Good Friday

12.00 noon Cross of Christ **Otterton**

SUNDAY 9th APRIL – Easter Sunday

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh
11.00 am Holy Communion **CW Otterton**

SUNDAY 16th APRIL

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh
11.00 am Holy Communion **CW Otterton**

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh
11.00 am Holy Communion **CW Otterton**

SUNDAY 30th APRIL

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh
11.00 am Holy Communion **CW Otterton**

Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am at East Budleigh on Tuesdays and at Otterton on Thursdays

SATURDAY KITCHEN CORONATION FUNDRAISER



The Coronation Events Committee invite you to a Saturday Kitchen to raise funds for the celebrations in May. Please join us on **Saturday 15th April**, 8.30am - 11.30am in the Village Hall. Tickets are £4 each on the door (£2 for children), to include a bacon or egg bap, tea, coffee and juice. There will also be a **Raffle** so bring some extra cash! Come along and find out what's in store for the big day!

OTTERTON LITTER PICK

Our annual litter pick is starting up again; this year we are meeting on the Village Green on **Sunday 30th April** at 10.00am. Please join us and help keep our lovely village looking tidy. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

Easter is nearly upon us (Easter Sunday is on 9th April) so break out the Easter eggs and Easter bunnies! Although the commercialisation of Easter might be said to trivialise something that Christians see as a pivotal gamechanger in human history, I don't quite see it that way. Scratch the surface beneath both modern icons of Easter and you still unearth something quite profound. Eggs and bunnies both represent new life which is exactly what Easter signifies for all Christians. Recently in a forest in central America, I read a sign that said "Here in this rainforest there is no death, only life in transition", speaking of the endless cycle of death and re-birth in the natural world. That same line might have been written by a theologian because what the resurrection of Jesus tells us is exactly the same message for human beings. It is a universally applied quality owned by us all simply by being part of the same created order as that rainforest.

"In him was life and that life was the light of all men" as it says in John's Gospel. And that light cannot be overcome by darkness. Turn on a light in the middle of the night to see what I mean – light is greater than darkness – good is greater than evil – and life is stronger than death.

The first woman ever to be credited with writing a book – around 600 years ago -was an English Christian mystical writer known as "Julian of Norwich" (because we don't know her real name) and she wrote words in her book "revelations of divine love" that resonate down to this day and sum up the hope that Christians invest in the events of Easter Sunday; "All will be well and all manner of things shall be well".

Those words encapsulate the hope of millions of Christians before and since, that in life or in death, in the end, in the bountiful and gracious grace of God, we celebrate the fact that "All will be well, and all manner of things shall be well". Happy Easter.

Martin

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've been busy at Otterton Primary School lately. The children have attended a number of sporting events including a Year 3 Handball Festival, a KS1 Aesthetics Festival, both of which were organised by the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership, and a Link Academy Trust Cross Country event in Newton Abbot which Heron Class went to and gave it their all. Despite it being a bit of a wet day, Heron Class had a wonderful time at the Cross Country event. One of our year 4 girls came first out of 135 Year 3/4 girls which is absolutely amazing! We are SUPER proud of all the children that took part, gave it their all and represented our school brilliantly!

Heron Class went back in time to Roman Britain - the classroom became a villa, they wore togas and they made bread and ate it along with grapes, figs and olives as part of a feast. For Science Week, Otters Class experimented with paint and ice cubes, drawing constellations, exploring the textures of different items and seeing what happens when they draw with pens and then add water. At the allotment they made some wind turbines to see how wind power works. The children really enjoyed using their scientific brains!

We celebrated World Book Day with a delightful selection of inspiring costumes based on words. We took part in #WorldBookDay with the children and staff coming to school dressed as words! There have been all sorts of different words - party, magic, roar, explore, criminal, sleepy and bright to name a few... what's your favourite costume and what word would you have come as today?

As part of their literacy, the year 1 and 2 children made slime, ready to write their own set of instructions. They followed the instructions, measured correctly and then enjoyed playing with it afterwards.

We have welcomed 2 new volunteer helpers to school and a new TA who is based in Heron Class. They are very welcome additions to the team. If anyone would like to talk about volunteering at the school, please get in touch.

We have spaces in our pre-school for children starting the term after their third birthday; our next intake will be Easter 2023 and then September 2023. We also have spaces in year groups across the school. If you would like to arrange a visit to see what we have to offer, please call us on 01395 568326 or email adminotterton@thelink.academy



OTTERTON CORONATION DAY EVENTS

We will be celebrating the Coronation with a fun packed day of events on **Saturday 6th May**. Please join us at 10am for tea, coffee and cake at a **Live Streaming of the Coronation** at Stantyway Farm, followed at noon by a picnic on the Rec with fun games, stalls, crafts, a bouncy castle and much more. The party to end all parties starts from 6.30pm - Live Music, a Hog Roast and Bar at Stantyway Farm. Tickets for the evening party are limited and will be available to residents for two weeks before going on general sale; buy them at the Village Shop or by emailing otttonevents@gmail.com Adults £10, children £5, extra charges for food.

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have bought a bin which contains sand for sandbags to protect against flooding. The bin, along with bags, will be housed on the grass area at the back of the Village Hall. If you are concerned about flooding, please do fill up bags from here.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, just a reminder that nominations for the next 4 year term need to be with the clerk by 4th April 2023 and earlier if possible. If you would like a nomination form, please contact the Clerk. The next meeting of Otterton Parish Council will take place on **3rd April** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

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OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Fantastic! There is no other word to describe the response to our 20% discount on fish on offer throughout March. Orders are up ten-fold and the feedback universally positive. If you have not already taken advantage of the offer, go to the Shop website [Ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk] and click on the icon to access the latest prices and details of how to order.

Up next are our Manager's Specials that we will be featuring in the coming months. For April it is Frank's biscuits, cakes and flapjacks that will be on offer at a 15% discount. They are all based on old family recipes and taste delicious. Finally, we are extending our Staple Savers scheme under which we have reduced the price of many essential items by 15%. When you come into the shop, look for the green labels.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

Many thanks to all who supported the film club over the winter season. We look forward to commencing again in October. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for films you would like to nominate for next season, please email them to ottertonfilmclub@gmail.com

OTTERTON MILL

News & Events - We have many delicious Easter goodies and treats including our ever-popular hot cross buns. Please order in advance if possible to avoid disappointment. Also now available are a selection of spring plants from our local grower. We will be holding a variety of tasting sessions over the Easter holidays with Waterhouse Fayre, Loveday Gin, Orchardlea Foods and Shanty Spirit. Takeaway Pizza and Fish & Chip Friday is back 5pm - 7.45pm.

Music: Our online booking system is up and running; visit our website or follow <https://otterton-mill.yapsody.com002F>

Milling: 9th & 23rd, 11am-12.30pm & 2-3pm. Come and see our lovely millers - always happy to answer any questions.



OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY (ORINC)

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 you, either contact us at orin.charity@gmail.com or alternatively, printed copies of the ORINC application form are available in the church and the village hall foyer. These can be posted in the private post box located in the foyer of the village hall. The post box will be checked weekly and applications responded to as soon as possible.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

If you are interested in making a donation to support the work of ORINC, please email us at the address above.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

No report this month.

MIXED ABILITY PILATES

Otterton Village Hall

Wednesday 10am - 11am

Pre-booking essential

Please contact Grace on info@redbaypilates.co.uk or visit www.redbaypilates.co.uk

THE KINGS'S ARMS

For information, please visit our website www.kingsarmsotterton.co.uk

FORMER LITTLE OTTERS JUMBLE SALE

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Jumble sale in support of the Community Larder at Wesleys. As a result of lots of lovely jumble, masses of hard work and a generous monetary donation, we will be sending £500 to the Community Larder. **Our next sale will be on Saturday 17th June** and I am happy to take jumble from the beginning of June if you need to have a pre-summer turnout. Thank you all so much. (Fran – 568732)

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

We are all very excited to welcome back our guests for the 2023 season following a very productive winter. We remind parishioners who want to be kept updated on static caravan movements, to please email willtottle@ladrambay.co.uk with your mobile number and you will be added to the WhatsApp group.

As always, we have some employment vacancies, so anyone looking for work please contact us via info@ladrambay.co.uk

BADMINTON – COME AND JOIN US



We are the Tuesday Badminton ladies, who meet every Tuesday, 10am – 12noon, in Woodbury Village Hall. We would welcome anyone who would like to give the game a go. No experience is needed – we will show you the ropes if you haven't played before or are a bit rusty! So do call in for a chat and a coffee (byo) – always an essential part of the morning's activity!

If you would like to know more, please call Jill Beacham on 01395 446433.

POLICE – Exmouth Neighbourhood Team: Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

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

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

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433 **Deadline for May edition is Monday 17th April latest please.**