



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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From Reverend Martin Jacques

As many parishioners will already be aware, the Church of England has suspended all church services for the time being, in the battle to stem the spread of coronavirus, but our churches will remain open for prayer and reflection as usual.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

I am writing this in the midst of the coronavirus scare so by the time this sees the light of day who knows where we will be at. In the midst of a potential pandemic, coming hot on the heels of floods and associated climate panic, a three year Brexit impasse, terrorism, unending strife and wars in various parts of the globe, and a social care crisis, one wonders where the next panic is coming from to rattle our nerves and sense of wellbeing.

Things were no different 2000 years ago. Born to a subject people under foreign occupation, living hard pastoral lives without a health system, or social security, and where extreme poverty was a norm rather than an exception, Jesus entered the world. A world that conspired against him to have him executed on a cross on spurious jumped-up charges. And you think you have it bad nowadays?

In the midst of a seemingly never-ending stream of nerve jangling and disturbing news, where is the good news? The good news is that that man, after he was executed, was raised to life on the third day – an earth-shattering event that changed the world and started the largest and most widely spread religion the world has ever known. Christians believe that because of that fact – the raising to life of Jesus on that first Easter Sunday, a day we celebrate this year on 12th April, that no matter how desperate things may get, politically, socially, medically or environmentally, we are buoyed up by HOPE. Hope that one day all things will be set right. There will be a settling of accounts, and justice and peace will reign. All that was wrong will be put right, light will shine in the darkness, goodness will triumph over evil, and all will be well and all manner of things shall be well. Nothing can ultimately get us down for long; nothing is so dark that light cannot shine forth from it.

Happy Easter!

Martin

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

COVID19: The Parish Council would like to thank those residents who have offered help to keep their neighbours and the elderly folk in the village safe and cared for during this difficult time. An email has been set up which will be monitored by John Hiles, the Chair of the PC. If you feel you could help in any way, do drop him a mail so he can co-ordinate support within the village. Mail to: cv19otterton@gmail.com - call 07468429264 or visit the facebook page CV19 Otterton. In any case please look out for all residents and be helpful if you can. Many thanks.

Alabama Rot: please be aware of the danger of Alabama Rot when walking your dog; hot-spots apparently are the Otter Valley and River, Mutters Moor, parts of Woodbury Common and Budleigh Beach. More details can be found by visiting www.pdsa.org.uk

Cemetery Charges: These have been reviewed and will increase from 1st April 2020 in line with those of the cemeteries within the Raleigh Mission Community group of churches of which St Michael's Otterton is one. The Parish Council have also agreed to cease the practice of allowing exclusive purchase rights to burial plots within the Otterton Cemetery. Those plots already sold will continue to be exclusive as per the purchase deed but all other burials from 1st April 2020 will be in the next available plot, unless interment is destined for an existing double depth grave where usual arrangements will apply. Full details of the revised Otterton cemetery charges will be available on the website or from the Clerk on request.

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been another busy half term here at Otterton; the children took part in World Book Day when they all chose words to dress up as; we had 'sparkly', 'nature', 'energised' and 'memories' to name a few. We also took part in Sport Relief where the children took part in lots of different sporting activities and we raised money through a cake sale and the children taking part in a sports quiz and a colouring competition.

Otters Class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) have had a super busy time; they have made swords and shields, they have come to school dressed as knights, Queens and Kings for our Royal Banquet (we did send a letter to invite the Queen herself but unfortunately she already had something in the diary for that day) and have made their very own castles.

The children in Dragonflies and Kingfishers Classes have been learning rugby skills; they've had a great time doing this and we are sure they will continue to perfect their skills over the coming weeks.

Please keep checking our Facebook page Otterton CofE Primary School and our noticeboard on Maunders Hill for upcoming events and activities.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st April with a talk by Miranda Allhusen on "The National Gardens Scheme". Miranda is the County Organiser of the NGS and will tell us how the National Gardens Scheme came into being and how this worthwhile charity operates. The talk will take place in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free for members and £4 for non-members. For more information about the club please go to www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

The shop continually looks to improve the range and quality of what we sell, and this month sees the arrival of jams and chutneys from GingerBeards Preserves including a great blackberry jam and a date and ale chutney. Our new cake and brownie supplier is the worryingly named Exploding Bakery. Explosive taste, that's for sure. So, yet more good reasons to visit the shop in the run-up to Easter.

We are monitoring and impressing upon all our volunteers and customers the need to heed Government advice on preventing the spread of the Coronavirus. Additional hygiene measures are in place. Should anyone be obliged to self-isolate, do ring the shop [Tel: 708324] and we will do what we can to get essential items to you.

Our photographic competition for the 2021 shop calendar is now launched. Get snapping and send in your entries. Full details are available in the shop. Closing date 10th May 2020.

Our early morning newspaper crew need additional help so if you are an early-riser and could spare an hour one day a week between 7.00 and 8.00 am, let us know. Finally, we still have a real need for a dedicated Treasurer to oversee the shop's finances. If this is a role in which you might be interested, please contact Jeremy Wakeling [Tel:542250].

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Our Neighbourhood Plan is (as of mid-March) in its penultimate stage, being subject to examination by an independent assessor. So far we have received a communication from the assessor relating to process, and a set of questions to which we are framing our response (her letters are available on the Otterton village website at www.otterton.info/ONP/ottertonONP.htm). She expects to have an initial report for us towards the end of March following a visit to the village during w/c 16th March. To ensure fairness, she will not meet during her visit with anyone involved in the Neighbourhood Plan development, or with anyone who passed comment during the consultation periods.

You can see the plan and responses to what is termed the 'Regulation 16 Consultation' on the East Devon District Council website, eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-being-produced-in-east-devon/otterton You can also see the plan and responses to the earlier 'Regulation 14 Consultation' (mid-2019) on the Otterton village website (see address above).

Following on from this, EDDC will arrange for a Neighbourhood Plan referendum, which should – we hope – take place in late April or early May (subject to Covid-19 restrictions, of course). If the majority of voting Otterton parishioners vote yes, then our NP will pass to EDDC's Cabinet for ratification. It is then deemed to be 'made' and becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

Otterton Film Club had been intending to show an extra film in April. However, due to the Coronavirus outbreak and having listened to Government advice and sought guidance from Cinema for All, we will now not be screening a film next month. We hope to be back in business for the first screening of next season on Friday 9th October.

OTTERTON MILL

Our famous Hot Cross Buns, second to none, will be available until the end of the Easter weekend alongside many other tasty treats from our Bakery team; be sure to place your order for Good Friday in the Farm Shop or call 568031. There are lots of new food lines available; Hannah is happy to tell you more on your next visit; samples will be available.

Our Courtyard and sunny Terrace are the places to be for alfresco dining this month as we hope the warmer weather makes an appearance as Spring takes hold.

Milling: On Sundays - this month's dates are 12th & 26th; entry is free and all are welcome.

Music: 9th - Tom McConville - BBC Folk Awards Musician of the Year (2009), Tom is a singer and fiddle player extraordinaire. Drawing on traditional music from his Newcastle home with Irish, American and Scottish influences, he creates a truly original sound combining jazz, folk, bluegrass and classical roots. Tom's partnership with wonderful guitarist David Newey has won worldwide acclaim. Expect a heart-stopping performance, punctuated by Tom's inimitable Geordie wit. Tickets £15.00 (price covers the music only). To book, please call 01395 568521 or visit our Mill Shop in the Mill building.

Notes: Doors open at 6pm. Our music nights feature special menus of seasonal food (offering a choice of meat, fish or vegetarian main course, all accompanied by a bowl of our Mill bread and salad, and a choice 3 desserts). Meals are served from 6pm to 7.30pm. We do not reserve tables – you simply choose your seats when you arrive. The music starts at 8pm, and the musicians play 2 x 45 minute sets, with a 30 minute interval. We finish the evening between 10 - 10.30pm. Tickets are non-refundable.

<http://www.tommconville.co.uk/>

THE KING'S ARMS

All Talking Pictures with Maggie Giraud (Mondays) and Art History talks with Lin Holdridge (Tuesdays) have been cancelled for April and may not be run again until Autumn.

At the moment the pub quiz is still planned for Wednesday 8th April at 8pm.

Don't forget to book your tables for Easter weekend. We plan to carry on business as usual here until advised otherwise by authorities. Please take care of yourselves and loved ones during this difficult time. We hope to see you all soon.

MEN'S HOSPISCARE WALK March 2020

A big thank you to those villagers who sponsored Terry Tibbott and Malcolm Crabtree in the Men's Hospiscare Walk in Exeter on 14th March. You helped them raise £250. Over 1,100 men took part and Hospiscare hope to exceed last year's sponsorship total of £71,000.

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

After a very successful team conference with motivational guest speaker, former Royal Marine & inspirational athlete, Andy Grant, we're pleased to confirm season 2020 has started well. Over 100 team attended the welcome day, the vast majority of employees local to Otterton and the surrounding areas. It has been wonderful to welcome many new local faces into our 5-star team. We still have some job opportunities available within the Three Rocks Complex and Housekeeping departments for the season – simply drop in your CV or contact lisaspickett@ladrambay.co.uk to be considered.

All our fabulous facilities are now open for the season and as a Ladram local, we invite you to enjoy our eateries, swimming pool, entertainment and beautiful bay. Don't forget Otterton residents are eligible to receive free weekday parking (excluding peak season) - simply pop into Reception with proof of your address to collect your locals pass now. Whilst we welcome guests from the local area, for safety reasons, we would kindly request that all children under the age of 16 have a parent or guardian present on the park at all times.

Thank you for your understanding and support with regard to our Holiday Home movements; our main hire fleet is now in place for 2020. Any further deliveries or collections for the season will be published on the Friends of Otterton Facebook page and the Otterton residents website. For those residents of Bell St/Fore St, should you wish to be notified of Caravan deliveries, email your contact mobile number to willtottle@ladrambay.co.uk and a text will be sent in advance of these movements.

THE FORMER LITTLE OTTERS JUMBLE SALE

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Jumble Sale on 29th February at East Budleigh Village Hall. We had a lovely morning with lots of jumble, many folk coming along to grab a bargain, a happy and productive atmosphere and the best thing was we raised just under £500 for Night Stop, a charity that helps young people who are coming out of care with accommodation. If you would like to make a donation to this wonderful charity please visit. <https://www.julianhouse.org.uk/projects-and-services/homeless-services/nightstop.htm> Thank you again. **Our next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 6th June in support of other local charities.**

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Despite a cold and wet end to winter, there were plenty of requests for educational visits. Over 300 primary school pupils, from across Devon, have visited Otterton to take part in activities at the Mill and along the river. Those learning about food and farming took part in activities to explore the crops and other food produced in the Otter Valley and saw where for centuries, wheat has been milled into flour. Others studying rivers started the day at the Mill and then followed a walk downstream to Ottermouth, spotting signs of human and environmental change, including the most recent signs of beaver activity.

Don't forget to join *Clinton Devon Estates* and the *Otter Valley Association* for the **Otter Estuary Litter Pick**. This annual event takes place from Lime Kiln car park on Saturday 4th April, 10am-12noon.

For April's full-length countryside article about how Clinton Estates trial ideas in the Otter Valley to inform future UK farming and environment policy, visit Otterton.com

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TAXI SERVICE

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

SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH

Visiting:** Should you wish to view this **1719 Dissenters Chapel - Grade 2 listed, please use the contact details below. On display are Chapel Records 1763-1972, associated literature, displays covering the history of the buildings from 1719 to the present day, archaeological drawings of the renovation, including provision made for our **resident bats**.

***Events:** All events are posted on the Stable Door below the Schoolroom/Meeting Room.

***Bookings:** These unique and interesting buildings are available for hire. The Schoolroom/Meeting Room can be hired separately and has toilets and a small kitchen. The buildings are suitable for a range of activities and our rates are **reasonable**. If you are interested, please contact 01395 446189 or email salembookings@mail.com; alternatively, use the contact page on the H.C.T. website www.hct.org.uk

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

It is hard to believe today, that in the 1840s there were 44 farms and small holdings, all over 20 acres in Otterton Parish. 13, both large and small, were in the village. Many of these had fields scattered throughout the Parish. Over the next 50 years or so, the Rolle Estates made radical groupings and by 1911 there were 27. Today, there are 10 working farms, 4 of which are now (since 1990) in Newton Poppleford Parish.

Gerald Millington

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 Saturday 18th April LATEST please