



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR APRIL

Please note that the RMC is aiming to hold Services as indicated below, but these plans may be subject to change.

SUNDAY 4th APRIL – Easter Sunday

11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
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SUNDAY 11th APRIL

11.00 am	Service of the Word		Otterton
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SUNDAY 18th APRIL

11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
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SUNDAY 25th APRIL

11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton
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It is hoped that Morning Prayer will be said on Thursdays, 9.30am, at Otterton

Holy Week

There will be a **7pm compline service** every night, Monday 29th March through to Thursday 1st April, and at **3pm on Good Friday I will preside at a Good Friday reflective service**. These will all take place in St Peter's for the whole RMC. Easter Day services will be at the normal times in each church.

Martin

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

It is about a year now since lockdown restrictions curtailed our lives and threw us back onto our own resources. We had no choice over what happened to us, but we did have a choice over how we would respond.

I have written before about adopting a “rule of life”, a disciplined approach to our mental, spiritual and physical wellbeing and as we are all now starting to emerge from the dark days of restrictions, it is of course important that this rule of life is sustainable as everything opens up again.

One such area is food! You will have heard the adage “You are what you eat” and food is absolutely integral to all life and the Christian religion in particular. We now have a revolving rota of thirty-five favourite meals that are all heathy, nutritious and a real high point of the day. The meals are planned in advance and we each have our own job to do in preparing each meal.

Such discipline always has exceptions of course but this process is now embedded in our lives and will continue. Of course, eating and drinking is the very centre of the life of the church because our central act of worship is an elaborate meal modelled directly on the last supper of Jesus, that he ate the night before he died. These meals too are planned in advance and everyone has their own job to do.

As eating and drinking is essential for our physical health, our spiritual health and wellbeing is sustained by the spiritual (and also physical) meal of the Holy Communion service. Under the guise of the body and blood of Jesus, when we eat the communion wafer, we are uniting ourselves to all creation and when we drink the wine, we are in union with all unjust suffering in the world that has ever been or ever will be.

In celebrating the sacredness of eating and drinking in this special meal, we affirm the innate sacredness of all eating and all drinking, indeed of the sacredness of all life. “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8)

Love and prayers,

Martin

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The first term of 2021 has been very different to the one that we expected but it was also very successful. During lockdown, school was open for vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers from both Otterton and Drake’s and remote learning took place for everyone else. The standard of home learning that was done was excellent and we are so proud of all the children for their resilience and hard work. Following a national appeal and an appeal by ourselves in the Parish News, we have been overwhelmed by the support from the community with gifts of laptops and other devices. We are also very fortunate to have been given a donation to purchase some additional, much needed IT equipment.

The return to school on 8th March was very welcome and the children settled back into school life brilliantly. They embraced being back and have given it their all, taking part in lots of fun and engaging activities. The children have taken part in a Key Stage 2 Multi Sports Challenge, in which they all did absolutely brilliantly; they have built rafts, planted fruit and vegetable seeds for our allotment, done all kinds of arts and crafts and have done some really excellent learning as well. We held a non-uniform day for Comic Relief and have had 2 very successful PE Days which were led by the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership and were very much enjoyed by the children.

We are looking forward to what we are hoping will be a full term in school after Easter and hope that it will bring lots of exciting adventures. Once again, we would like to express our thanks to the local community for their ongoing support and hope that we will soon be able to welcome everyone back to join us at events and celebrations.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

The shop’s new website is now live and available to view at Ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk It sets out all you might need to know in relation to the shop, its opening times, volunteering, our suppliers, admin and events, which includes full details of the 2021 photographic competition for next year’s Community Shop Calendar. From the site there are links to Facebook and Instagram where our latest news and special offers are posted, so take a look and keep in touch.

The shop will close early on the Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays; our opening times over the Easter Weekend being:

Good Friday 2 April 08.00 - 15.00; Saturday 3 April 08.00 - 15.00; Easter Day 4 April 08.30 - 13.00

Easter Monday 5 April 08.00 - 15.00

Please also note that on **Sunday 11 April** there will be restricted access to the shop whilst electrical works are undertaken. Pre-ordered papers will still be laid out in the lobby to the Village Hall.

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The weather is brightening and the village is looking lovely as the spring flowers and blossoms start to come through; big thanks to everyone who helps to keep the village beautiful.

Easter weekend will no doubt bring visitors to the village; please continue to be tolerant and if possible, park your own vehicle off road or in front of your own residence. The Parish Council were delighted to welcome many residents concerned with traffic in the village to the last zoom meeting. Traffic remains high on the list of concerns for the councillors and when able, within the council remit, engagement will be sought with the local Highways department. We are also grateful for the help & support given to us by local County & District Councillors in this regard. If you are concerned/passionate about any element of life in the village, please consider joining the Parish Council. Currently there are 2 vacancies; no particular skills are necessary but Otterton must be your main place of residence. If you would like any further information, do please contact the Parish Clerk.

Finally, to enable our contractor to keep the grass in the cemetery neat and tidy, please could ornaments left on graves be kept to a minimum and wherever possible, no plastic please - your support is appreciated.

With best wishes for a Happy Easter.

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OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

As the current Government restrictions on indoor meetings will not be lifted until after 21st June we have, unfortunately, had to cancel the talks for April and May.

However, assuming that there are no further restrictions, we are planning an extra meeting on Tuesday 20th July at 7.30pm. This will be a social meeting with no speaker but will be a chance for us to catch up, talk about gardening matters with a quiz or two and hear about the remainder of the year's programme plus, of course, a drink and a few nibbles!

All being well, the Autumn Show will take place on 11th September (closing date for entries 10th September). Further details about the Show, classes and entry information etc and the Social Evening will be given in subsequent newsletters. In the meantime, enjoy your gardens and stay safe and well.

THE KING'S ARMS

OPENING NEWS!!! The King's Arms will be re-opening on 16th April. We will be open Friday and Saturday, between 12noon - 9pm, and Sunday 12noon to 6pm. We'll be serving food and drinks outside on our terraces; a limited menu will be available. We hope to resume normal opening hours from 17th May. We look forward to welcoming you back.
Adrian, and the team.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We now have it confirmed – our Neighbourhood Plan referendum will take place on Thursday 6th May. It will take place alongside the elections for Devon County Council and for Police and Crime Commissioner. Two other parishes in the district will also be holding their votes that day: Newton Poppleford and Farringdon.

Arrangements for voting will be made more Covid-safe than last time round, including more support for postal voting and an expansion of proxy voting if (e.g.) someone has to self-isolate near to the election date. You can find out more on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan> When you come to vote, please remember to bring your own pen to mark your votes. The polling station will, as usual, be the Village Hall.

We encourage all residents to vote on the plan (and indeed the other elections) – we would really like to see a high turnout to give the outcome a good mandate. It will be a simple yes-or-no choice on whether to accept the plan, with the outcome determined by a simple majority of those voting.

If you need a reminder of what our Neighbourhood Plan is about, you can see it and responses to the earlier consultations (mid-2019) on the Otterton village website at: <http://www.otterton.info/ONP/ottertonONP.htm> A hard copy of the plan will be available for (pre-booked) inspection at the East Devon District Council (EDDC) office at Blackdown House in Honiton, and on request from the Planning Policy team there. We will publish more details on this on the village website at the link above when we receive them.

You can also see the plan and responses on the EDDC website, at: <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-being-produced-in-east-devon/otterton>

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

With the roadmap out of lockdown not allowing us to re-commence screening until after 17th May, the Committee has decided to wait until September before starting out again. That way, by then we might be allowed to seat film-goers without separate households/bubbles having to sit 2.0 metres apart.

For those who have paid in advance for 6 films, but have only had the opportunity to attend two screenings, there will be an adjustment made to your annual subscription for next season, to cover any overpayments.

OTTERTON MILL

From the 12th of the month we hope, in line with the Government roadmap guidelines, to reopen our Gallery and Craft shop and be able to serve food to customers in our outdoor seating areas.

We have over the last few months sourced some wonderful new work for the Gallery and hope as many visitors as possible will once again be able to enjoy these local arts and crafts.

Our full restaurant menu returns with table service and our new outdoor seating will be available. Tullulah will continue to operate from the car park offering hot and cold drinks, farmhouse ice creams, cakes and more. We will continue to offer our popular Fish and Chips and Pizza on a Friday evening, with additional evenings over the Easter Holidays.

Hot Cross buns along with other Easter treats, both sweet and savoury, are available daily from our Farm Shop.

During April we will be open 9.30 am to 5 pm daily.

CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer

Preparatory site investigation works begin this week as part of the *Lower Otter Restoration Project*. Ground investigations will obtain geotechnical, archaeological, buried utility and highway construction information. This work is being undertaken by the Environment Agency's contractor **Kier** and is part of the preparation for the main scheme, which is due to start in May/June 2021.

What to expect:

- A site office and staff welfare facilities will be located at the northeast corner of Lime Kiln Car Park.
- Temporary trackway will be laid across the fields for machinery and vehicles to access the site.
- Trial holes, bore holes and utility services investigations will be carried out across the site, between Lime Kiln Car Park and Otterton.
- These preparatory ground investigations will take 6-8 weeks to complete.

When:

- Site set up for ground investigations will start from 15 March 2021.
- Ground investigation works will start from 22 March 2021.
- Planned completion of this phase is end April 2021.

How you can stay informed: For more information about the **Lower Otter Restoration Project** visit the information page at the website <http://www.lowerotterrestorationproject.co.uk> where you can contact the project partners and sign up for regular email updates. If you have any questions or comments about these **site works**, please contact Kier's Public Liaison Officer by email, at exmouth.PLO@kier.co.uk or for urgent matters call 07716 223056.

For full length article and more details about this project visit the Countryside Learning section at www.otterton.info

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THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager

As the countdown commences to our long-awaited reopening on 12th April 2021, we're positively looking forward to a happy, healthy season ahead. We're currently working hard in preparation to provide a safe & secure environment upon reopening. To ensure our guests and Otterton residents are safe, the park will remain closed for day visitors.

Looking for a new opportunity? Why not consider joining our 5-star team? We've positions available for the season within a variety of roles including restaurant and bar team, lifeguards & activity team, housekeeping, maintenance plus security. To view the current jobs available visit www.ladrambay.co.uk/work-for-us/ Alternatively submit your CV and covering letter to info@ladrambay.co.uk to be considered.

Super news! We were delighted to be awarded the Silver accolade in the Devon Tourism Awards for Holiday Park of the Year 2020 – after such an unprecedented year this achievement, recognising our 5 star offering and praising our adaptations and new initiatives introduced, really has boosted the whole team!

Once again, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the lockdowns. We're keeping everything crossed for a season full of sunshine, happiness and magical memories for us all!

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<http://www.otterton.info/Church/currentParishNews.pdf>
<https://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/otterton-parish-magazine.html>

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 19th April please**