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**NOVEMBER**

Thu 5	6pm AL Bonfire & Fireworks	
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**St Mary's, Leigh Woods - Church chair plaques**

You may wish to have a plaque attached to a chair in St. Mary's (see example) to commemorate an event or a special person. For £50 you can have a plaque on a chair with wording of your choice. Details: please contact Lesley Nash - 0117 973 4168.

Celebrating the  
marriage of  
Jane Black  
to  
Mark Brown  
25th August 2012

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Hester is a part-time Vicar. **PLEASE CONTACT** Elizabeth with enquiries for Baptism, Banns, Weddings etc., and news of newcomers to the parish. If you have information about those who are ill, at home or in hospital, who would like to be visited, please contact our PASTORAL TEAM, Co-ordinator Alan Shellard, 0117 974 1494, alanshellard@gmail.com

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL WEBSITE:**

**www.theparishchurch.com**

Keep up-to-date on the events and highlights of our united parish.

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*Dear Friends*

People often say to us, that they had not realized that our beautiful churches, and particularly St Mary's, existed. A part of their beauty is their reclusiveness, nestled in quiet spaces, yet so close to the city of Bristol. They offer a quiet, a sense of peaceful welcome, which can be hard to find in busy city living. But finding that quiet and that welcome in our twenty-first century world is nonetheless very important, and it is our call and our opportunity as a community in this place to offer this. Especially as summer opens out, we're hoping to offer ways of welcoming many more, whether as worshippers or visitors, into our beautiful churches. Do look out for indications of the church being open more often than usual, and especially at weekends and in Leigh Woods when the 'Withdrawn' Installation will begin later in April and May. Many will find themselves crossing the Bridge into our parish. Do let's make them feel welcome, and do what we can to share the peace and blessing we enjoy.

As I write we are approaching Passiontide, where we travel alongside Christ in his journey to Jerusalem and the Cross. And yet we have also just celebrated Mothering Sunday, also known in the church as Refreshment Sunday, with its lovely garlands of posies, and the chance to step back for a day from the greater austerity of Lent. The sun is shining and there is a touch of spring in the air. It's good to have that promise of abundance and life, even though, first, we travel through Holy Week. We begin with Palm Sunday, when we shall offer a dramatized reading of the Passion Narrative; then to the beautiful Maundy Thursday liturgy of the Last Supper, and the quiet gravity of the Last Hour on Good Friday. These are all opportunities for us to receive from the liturgy of the Church, and so from God, a grasp of a larger

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perspective which we can sometimes lose within our daily lives. On Easter Sunday then, we celebrate the joyful hope of the Resurrection with Easter eggs at the Family Worship before the Communion service at 10.30.

We do hope you'll mark these important stages of the faith with us, and perhaps also on Easter Monday, you can join in an Easter Egg Hunt in and around Holy Trinity as well, thanks to the Abbots Leigh Civic Society. May I wish you God's blessings at Easter.

*Hester*

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## **FAMILY NEWS**

### **BAPTISMS**

None

### **WEDDINGS**

None

### **FUNERALS**

09.03.15 Mrs Eileen Watson Canford Crematorium

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### **ST MARY'S EASTER FLOWERS - FROM 10AM SAT 4TH APRIL**

... we'd be really grateful for help. Please bring foliage and scissors if you are able.

*Gill 01179730596 Greta 01275 374406*

### **Coffee Morning - Wed. 11 Feb,**

A big thank you to all who came to the coffee morning @ Oldlands. A very sociable morning with friends & neighbours, lots of coffee & cake and we raised £214 for church parish funds.

*Gill Ogden*

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### *Tea Time Special*

### ***Are you free on a Monday afternoon?***

Come for a chat, a cup of tea and delicious cake.

***We meet in the vestry at St Mary's Church Leigh Woods on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 2p.m. Inclusive price of £1.50***

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Simon Holmes on St Ives artists**

If you would like to come but need a lift please contact Jan Sayers, 01275 373378

More information? Contact: Gill Ogden 0117 9730596 or Liz England 01275 372777

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## **Annual Church Meeting**

The Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place this year on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, at St Mary the Virgin Leigh Woods at 11.45am**, following the Parish Communion. There will be time for a sustaining cup of coffee between the Communion and the start of the meetings!

We hope that holding these meetings on a Sunday will prove more convenient for all and generate interest in the work of the parish. There will be plenty of time to ask questions. The purpose is to elect our Churchwardens and members of the PCC and DCC and receive annual reports. The members of these committees spend a great deal of their time helping to run the parish: we are sure they will appreciate your supportive presence.

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## ABBOTS LEIGH HERITAGE/ARCHIVE GROUP

The Archive Group - from now on to be known as the **Civic Society Heritage Group** to better reflect our activities – has been busy both preparing for the October 14<sup>th</sup> Estate Sale Centenary celebration at Leigh Court. and finalising the graveyard map documenting those buried in the Lower Graveyard.

Most attention, however, has been given to planning the Civic Society Centennial Record which is to be not just an update of the Millennium Record but also an attempt to record the history of all the dwellings in Abbots Leigh. We have established that there are currently 295 dwellings in the village (56 of them in existence for over a hundred years).

Record sheets have been designed which will allow information about the history of dwellings in Abbots Leigh to be gathered but which will ensure that no confidential information about individuals or families is recorded unless respondents agree. To do this we need to put together a group of volunteer 'recorders' each of whom will visit a dozen or so households, explain what the Record is all about, and help people fill out the form. We hope to be able to present the information in October in conjunction with all the other centennial events. Anyone willing to help with this initiative please do get in touch

Murray Stewart  
[ms.associates@btinternet.com](mailto:ms.associates@btinternet.com)

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## FABRIC OF NATURE

An exhibition of works by Gordano Textile Artists



**At Wallsworth Hall, Twigworth, Glos., GL2 9PA**

**March 31st - April 12th 2015 - Every day 10am - 5pm**

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Marilyn Burton  
Sue Haysom  
Deryll Hibbitt  
Jenn Hutchins  
Sally Sparks  
Viv Young

Patricia Brownen  
Carol Clark  
Liz Hewitt  
Kirsten Hill-Nixon  
Jane O'Leary  
Ira Wood

Normal admission charges apply      More info: Sally Sparks, 0117 973 0066  
**Demonstrations** on book making, weaving, fabric bead making & hand stitching  
over Easter weekend.      **Excellent café**, homemade refreshments.

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## Abbots Leigh Artists

**North Somerset Arts Week 2015 - May 1<sup>st</sup> – 10th**

will be back at Markham Farm (on A369) where we will be again using the barn space to showcase our work.

Including: **ABBOTS LEIGH "THEN AND NOW"**

*part of the 100 year anniversary of the sale of Abbots Leigh estate*

A display of photographs old and new reflecting changes over the last century of our village.  
Visit [www.abbots-leigh-artists.co.uk](http://www.abbots-leigh-artists.co.uk) or [www.northsomersetarts.org](http://www.northsomersetarts.org) for opening times and info.



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## Time Out

*New members always welcome - just let Gill have your email and she'll include you in her next mailing about the activities of this women's group.*  
[gill.ogden1@btinternet.com](mailto:gill.ogden1@btinternet.com) / 0117 973 0596.

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## ABBOTS LEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



On Tuesday 14th April in Abbots Leigh Village Hall we have a talk on **Bath Pump Rooms**, and on Tuesday 12th May our Resolution Meeting

*New members & visitors are always welcome*

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## WEST OF ENGLAND HERB GROUP

**Tuesday 28th Apr. Transform your life with the healing power of plants**

Sebastian Pole of Pukka Herbs entertains us with tastings & herbal insights.

**Tue. 19 May (3rd Tue) Native herbs for wildlife and medicine** Vicki Pasterfield, Gardener at Bristol University Botanic Garden, looks at the importance of herbs for wildlife and the medicinal properties of our native species.

*Meetings in Abbots Leigh Village Hall start 7.30pm with refreshments and a chance to chat to other members and swap ideas*

## ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council Elections.

On May 7th you will be voting for a new Government and new District Council

More importantly you will also have the opportunity to vote for new Parish Councillors.

Have you considered standing as a Parish Councillor? Not all of the current Abbots Leigh Parish Councillors will be standing for re-election so this is an opportunity for fresh ideas on the Council and new candidates are definitely needed. It would be good to have a choice of who you would like to vote for.

As the lowest but most accessible level of Local Government, your Parish Council generally operates in a non-political environment.

However as a Parish Councillor, you could have an opportunity to personally participate in local democracy and play a major part in influencing how your local community is run.

**YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU - send today for an application pack or download from North Somerset Council Website.**

*Note: One candidate has sent us a notice of a meeting—see page 14*

**EASTER MONDAY EASTER EGG HUNT 11AM 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015**

Do bring your children / grand-children along to our Easter Egg Hunt around the grounds of Abbots Leigh Church on Easter Monday. Refreshments will be available.

If you are likely to come, please let Drew Smith know on 01275 372255, so we can work out how many mini eggs to hide !

**2015 IS THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALE OF ABBOTS LEIGH ESTATE IN 1915**

At our Summer Fete in The Old School Field opposite the Church, known as the "Festival in the Field" on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015, we will be looking to have a 1915 theme for the entertainment and games.

If you have stands for Coconut Shys, Old Horseshoes, Hoops, Quoits, Old Style Gramophones, any other games with a 1900s flavor or a canvas marquee ..... or if you able to offer horse/pony rides on the 6<sup>th</sup> September , please let Drew Smith know on 01275 372255.

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**AL Civic Society - Abbots Pool**

We had a very productive working party on the 8<sup>th</sup> March despite the miserable weather. More of the cherry laurels were uprooted, the track down to the Car Park was cleared of mud so that people with wheelchairs and buggies can get down to the dam, some of the paths were cleared of overhanging branches, litter was removed, and the cascade was cleared of debris. The whole area of woodland around the pool is looking good. Toads and frogs are on the move now so we hope to see toad and frog spawn in the pool and later toadlets and tadpoles. Please don't allow your dogs into the water for a couple of months as they disturb the wildlife at a critical time in their life cycle. As you are no doubt aware, many of our local species are under threat and we must do all we can to protect them.

The next Working Party will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. There are more non-native shrubs to be removed and all the usual maintenance tasks will be necessary. Local input into the maintenance of the Pool is essential if we are to get a Green Flag again. Please wear clothing appropriate for the weather conditions on the day and bring mattocks, loppers, secateurs etc. if you have them. Jo and Rob will again be providing drinks (hot and cold) and biscuits for the volunteers and their children.



*Di Stewart*

[www.abbotsleighwildlife.com](http://www.abbotsleighwildlife.com) for updates and ways to get involved this month:

**Toad Patrol**  
**Frogspawn**  
**Help butterflies and moths**  
**Hedgehogs**  
**Village Owl project**  
**Bird nesting**  
**BTO village bird ringing**  
**Grow wildflowers**



**Toad Patrol** - Please contact us if you would like to join the village toad patrol to help protect our local amphibians at this critical time <http://tinyurl.com/pl574mo> Do keep an eye out for amphibians migrating now the migration season has started - drive/cycle carefully around the lanes during the hours of darkness as they may be crossing the lanes and often become casualties! Finally, do let ALWG know if you have amphibians in your garden pond this spring or if you see any around the village – photos welcomed. Thanks!

**Frogspawn** – let us know if you have spawn in your pond as the Big Spawn Count is being run again this year by the Freshwater Habitats Trust <http://tinyurl.com/qyok4yw> and your pond's data would be very welcome!



**Help butterflies and moths** – Butterfly Conservation has over a hundred suggestions for both foodplants for caterpillars and plants to encourage butterflies in your garden. Take stock of your garden - a carefully thought out garden with suitable, indigenous nectar plants can attract more than 20 species <http://tinyurl.com/mp72von>



**Hedgehogs** – as they emerge from hibernation, give our village hedgehogs a hand. Sadly, the first one seen this year was squashed on the A369 on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Advice from BHPS is simple: check areas before strimming/mowing; check compost heaps before digging; stop using pesticides/poisons; ensure there is an easy route out of ponds/pools and make easy access into your garden so they can eat your slugs and snails... all that is needed is a 5” square gap between you and your neighbours' gardens <http://tinyurl.com/qgdgmuf>

**Village Owl project** – we were delighted to welcome the Hawk and Owl Trust's Conservation Officer, Chris Sperring to meet with landowners interested in encouraging Barn and Tawny Owls in the village. As a result, new nest boxes are being put up and advice on appropriate habitat management adopted. Congratulations to all those involved for their enthusiasm and support <http://tinyurl.com/k97vfaq>

**Bird nesting** – remember that March to August is the main breeding season for nesting birds. Birds, their nests and eggs are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act [www.tinyurl.com/aedmu95](http://tinyurl.com/aedmu95) With many species in decline, our village trees and hedgerows are vital for both their food and shelter, so leave trimming until the winter now [www.tinyurl.com/anckg2k](http://tinyurl.com/anckg2k) . If you are keen to encourage birds to your garden, the Natural England leaflet <http://tinyurl.com/bqauf4v> is a great read and free to download.

**BTO village bird ringing** – we are fortunate to have a (British Trust for Ornithology) BTO licensed bird ringer in the village. Bird ringing aims to understand what is happening to birds in the places they live and how this affects population increases and decreases; this knowledge is vital for conservation. It also gives information on the movements individual birds make and how long many live for. You can help by looking out for ringed birds and reporting them <http://tinyurl.com/pcn2hjk>



**Grow wildflowers in your garden** – Plantlife has a wonderful site to help you decide which wildflowers to grow in the different sections of your garden from borders, to rockeries, meadows, woodland or pond areas <http://tinyurl.com/pf2x5kj>

Thanks for getting involved . *Tim Martin, Tom Walmsley, Karin Rhodes and Sarah Pitt*  
**Check for events** | **Register for updates** | **Report interesting sightings**  
**info@abbotsleighwildlife.com** | **www.abbotsleighwildlife.com** | **07771 963504**



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## LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY

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### OPEN FORUM

This will have been held on **Wednesday 25 March 2014** in St Mary's Church. I'm sure there will be plenty to talk about, a report will feature in next month's Link.

### LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY HIGHWAYS SUB COMMITTEE

Information about potential actions on parking restrictions has been distributed with all the Open Forum papers. This is an ongoing process so please do look at the proposals and submit your comments.

### LITTER PICK AND OPEN GARDEN SATURDAY 11 APRIL

**Spring Litter Pick** will be **10-12am on Saturday 11 April 2015**. Turn up at the Vestry round the back of St Mary's Church for coffee before pairing up and taking on the rubbish along one of our roads. All ages welcome, litter pickers, bags and some gloves provided but it is helpful if you bring your own gloves. It is a sociable occasion and gives a warm glow to participants, chocolate bars and more coffee available at the end. Then the **Open Garden** at Bracken Hill will be **2-4pm on Saturday 11 April**, when residents and Friends of the Botanic Garden and their guests can walk around these lovely grade 2 listed gardens. Enter by the gates on North Road.

### CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE

Permitted work in the patch of land between the yard and North Road will include cutting down 2 dying ash trees and replacing with 2 oaks and a hawthorn.

### BURWALLS

The building process is now well underway. The contact I have for any comments is [rebecca.collins@gva.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.collins@gva.co.uk). or the site manager Calvin Smith of Bray and Slaughter is on 07768846402.

### MISLEADING POST BOX COLLECTIONS

The Post box plates show last collection Mon to Fri as 09.00. But in fact the last collections are Bridge Road / Church Road at 17.00 Mon-Fri as before, also Bridge Road / North Road is 15.45, North Road / Bannerleigh Road is 16.30 and Valley Road 17.00 so better than you thought!

### ASHTON COURT

The Balloon Fiesta is 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015, Bristol International Kite Festival is now on Bristol's Durdham Downs on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd August 2015. No dates yet for any Brisfest this year.

### SUMMER PARTY

This year it will be on a Thursday, again at the Old Vicarage with many thanks to our kind hosts the Bothamleys 6.30 to 8.00 pm on 2 July 2015.

Kate Buss Chairman [katebuss@aol.com](mailto:katebuss@aol.com)  
and don't forget our website at  
[www.leighwoods.org](http://www.leighwoods.org)

## ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS				
28-Feb-15				
Applic'n No. Date Recd Target Date	Applicant & Address	Proposal	Parish Council View	NSC Status
14/P/2597/F 8-Dec-14 26-Jan-15	Land at Leigh Woods, Abbots Leigh Road	Position a temporary art installation for 6 months from May 2015.	No objections	Approved
14/P/2622/F 15-Dec-14 2-Feb-15	32 Dennyview Road, Abbots Leigh, BS8 3RB	Extend domestic curtilage, incl. construct cantilevered deck (retrospective) & erect 2-storey side extn to W elevation of dwelling.	No objections with comments	Refused
14/P/2631/F 15-Dec-14 28-Jan-15	Woodycombe, Glen Ave, Abbots Leigh	Erect replacement det. dwelling built over 3 levels to incl. basement parking. Demolish existing dwelling & garage.	Recommend refusal	Approved
14/P/2636/F 15-Dec-14 28-Jan-15	Hernleigh, Blackmoor Road, Abbots Leigh, BS8 3RH	Remodel dwelling incl. altering roof + add front & side dormers to create 1st floor level, erect rear extn & replace windows & doors after demolishing existing garage & outbuildings.	No objections with comments	Refused
14/P/2644/F 15-Dec-14 29-Jan-15	29 Dennyview Road, Abbots Leigh BS8 3RD	Erect 1-storey rear extn with balcony over and an extension to raised decking.	No objections	Approved
14/P/2746/TPO 30-Dec-14 28-Jan-15	Folleigh, Abbots Leigh Road, Abbots Leigh BS8 3QD	1 x Beech Tree to fell	No objections	Approved
15/P/0048/LDE 12-Jan-15 16-Feb-15	Grangewood, Manor Lane, BS8 3RP	Cert of lawfulness for existing use of roof space as bedroom in breach of planning condition #5 of 94/1101	No objections	Approved
15/P/0137/LUP 27-Jan-15 13-Mar-15	Leigh Warren Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Rd, BS8 3QD	Cert of lawful development for proposed extension to existing bungalow.	Not open for consultation.	
15/P/0308/TPO 16-Feb-15 20-Mar-15	Freeways Trust, Leigh Court Training Centre, Pill Road	T1 and T2 - Sycamore trees. Both to fell.	No objections	
15/P/0433/LUP 2-Mar-15 8-Apr-15	53c Church Road, Abbots Leigh Road,, BS8 3QU	Cert of lawfulness for proposal to erect ground floor rear extn & associated external works after demolishing conservatory.	Not open for consultation.	

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are at 7.30pm in the John Butler Room in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to listen (to address the council at the beginning of the meeting please contact John Bridge, Clerk to the Parish Council, in advance). Agendas and minutes of meetings are on the noticeboard at the Village Hall. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday in the month: **Next meetings: Monday 13th April**

### COUNCILLORS

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**Audrey Telling** (373935) Vice Chair/Planning/Open spaces/School Field  
**David Parkinson** (375861) Abbots Pool/Street Lighting/Communications/Website  
**Elizabeth Anderson** (373160) Civic Soc. Liaison/Public Footpaths & Transport Links/Parish Plan  
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**MEET YOUR N. SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR THE LAST TIME**  
Carl Francis-Pester holds a monthly surgery on the last Saturday of each month, in the John Butler Room in Abbots Leigh Village Hall between 10.30 and 12.00 noon. He welcomes local feedback - call in and see him. He will be holding his last visit on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015**. Because of the District Boundary ward changes Carl will not be standing for our ward in the election. Abbots Leigh will be joining with Pill and Leigh Woods will be with Long Ashton.

**PUBLIC MEETING - Cllr. DONALD DAVIES**

Don Davies, the councillor for Pill on North Somerset Council, is standing for re-election on 7<sup>th</sup> May for the enlarged ward of Pill that includes Abbots Leigh. He is holding a **public meeting at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April** from 7.15pm. Please come along and meet the candidate, ask Don about the work he has done on the council so far and how he is approaching the challenges facing both Abbots Leigh and Pill in the future. Light refreshments provided.

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 **POLICE** Local Police (Nailsea): 101  
Since 1 Dec. our Local Beat Officer is PC 2441 Martin Faithfull, with Community Support Officer 7168 Eleanor Hicks. Contact them on local non-urgent matters on 101 (give their collar no.: PC 2441 / PCSO 7168). Or go to [avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://avonandsomerset.police.uk), enter your postcode and scroll down the ensuing page to where their names are listed, with links to email them. They cover **Abbots Leigh, Leigh Woods, Dundry and Long Ashton**.

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY** visits fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons

**Leigh Woods** Vicarage Road, 1.30-2pm; **Abbots Leigh** Church Road, 2.10-3.10pm  
**April 14, 28; May 12, 26**

Ffi: 01934 426 657 or Google North Somerset Mobile Library

**Vacancy for Clerk to Abbots Leigh Parish Council**

Part-time appointment, working from home (approximately 30 hours per month). The Council has 5 Councillors and Council meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of each month. Clerk duties include organisation and minute-taking of meetings, Council correspondence (largely by email) together with accounting for Council activities.

These activities (as responsibilities of Members of Council) include Management and oversight of a moderately busy Village Hall (with Caretaker in situ), upkeep of small Playing Field with play facilities and oversight of Village Orderly responsible for upkeep of verges and green areas around the village.

Applicants should be computer-literate with some experience of accounting or small-office administration. Familiarity with the work of local Councils may be helpful but if not this will be can be provided through comprehensive Training provision and Mentoring.

For more information contact:  
Current Clerk, John Bridge ([parishclerk@abbotsleigh.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@abbotsleigh.org.uk))  
Tel. 01275.373726, or  
Council Chairman, Simon Talbot-Ponsonby ([simon@talbot-ponsonby.org](mailto:simon@talbot-ponsonby.org))  
Tel. 01275.375250

**Recycling & Rubbish**

**We can do more**

Apparently 21% of the waste in black bags in North Somerset is paper, cardboard, glass, tins, plastics, cartons and garden waste which can all be recycled in our green boxes or green bags. 24% is food waste which can be recycled in the brown food caddy. **That combined is nearly half of all waste in the bags.**



**Collections**

Recycling and Food Waste is collected every Wednesday, Rubbish/Wheelie bins alternate every Wednesday with Green (Garden) Waste. The new timetables have been sent out by North Somerset Council, with the Council Tax demands

The dates for April are:-

	Recycling & Rubbish	Recycling & Green Waste	Recycling & Rubbish	Recycling & Green Waste	Recycling & Rubbish
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>

**Fly tipping**

If you see a problem with rubbish being fly tipped on our verges, North Somerset are very quick at clearing it away. If you have a clue as to who the perpetrator is, pleased advise North Somerset who will take action. Otherwise report it on line under North Somerset Council/ Council Connect/ Your environment/ report fly-tipping.

**Problems with missed collections?** call 01934 888802 the following day or, even easier, log it on North Somerset's Council Connect website in the evening and it will be collected within 2 days.

## CHURCH SERVICES

	CHURCH	SERVICE	SIDESFOLK	READERS	READINGS	COFFEE
	<b>02-Apr Maundy Thursday</b>			<b>WHITE</b>		
7.30pm	Leigh Woods	Holy Communion + Tenebrae	Alan Shellard Ginny Owen	Miichael Marston Celebrant	I Cor. 11: 23-26 John 13:1-17,31b-35	
	<b>03-Apr Good Friday</b>			<b>RED</b>		
2.00pm	Abbots Leigh	Last Hour		Ralph Pite	TBA	
	<b>05-Apr Easter Day</b>			<b>WHITE</b>		
9.30am	Leigh Woods	Family Worship		Talbot family	Mark 16: 1-8	
10.30am	Leigh Woods	Parish Communion	Gill Ogden Barry England	Gill Ogden Barry England	Acts 10: 34-43 Mark 16: 1-8	Alan Shellard
	<b>12-Apr Low Sunday</b>			<b>WHITE</b>		
8.00am	Leigh Woods	Holy Communion BCP	Alan Shellard	Alan Shellard Celebrant	Acts 4: 32-35 John 20: 19-end	
10.30am	Leigh Woods	Parish Communion	Sarah Sharp Chris Sharp	Sarah Sharp Chris Sharp	Acts 4: 32-35 John 20: 19-end	
6.30pm	Leigh Woods	Evensong	Adrian Watkinson Michael Marston	Adrian Watkinson Michael Marston	Acts 4: 32-35 John 20: 19-end	
	<b>19-Apr Easter 3</b>			<b>WHITE</b>		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family Worship		Walker family	Luke 24: 36b-48	
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	Liz England Barry England	Barry England Ralph Pite	Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24: 36b-48	Margaret Young
	<b>26-Apr Easter 4</b>			<b>WHITE</b>		
10.30am	Leigh Woods	Short Communion	Alan Shellard Ginny Owen	Alan Shellard	John 10: 11-18	
6.30pm	Leigh Woods	Taizé		Gill Ogden	TBA	
	<b>03-May Easter 5</b>			<b>WHITE</b>		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family worship		Wraith family	John 15: 1-8	
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	Norman Ferguson Adelaide Ferguson	Adelaide Ferguson David Davies	Acts 8: 26-end John 15: 1-8	Vicky Dominey

### Weekday Morning Prayer, Join Hester, Abbots Leigh, 08.30

Hester usually says Morning Prayer at 8.30am on week-days. She would be happy to be joined in saying the office by others who would also like to do so.

### Christian meditation...

... continues, Thurs, St. Mary's Vestry at 6.30. Please contact Hester to confirm the time if you'd like to join in.

**PASTORAL CARE** If you know of anyone in Hospital or Nursing Home who would like a card or a visit, there are books at the end of both our Churches for you to fill in their details.

**PEW NEWS** comes out weekly. Contact BEFORE Thursday: 0117 974 1494/alanshellard@gmail.com

**WELCOME PACK** New to the parish? Know of new arrivals? For a Welcome Pack contact Lesley Nash (Leigh Woods) 0117 973 4168 / Wo Hill (Abbots Leigh) 0117 230 6666 - or see Parish Website: [www.theparishchurch.com](http://www.theparishchurch.com)

**...and the FURNITURE BANK !** Emmaus Bristol is asking for furniture, clothes or other items they could sell and I wondered if this could be included in The Link. Please contact: 0117 954 0886 or reuse@emmausbristol.org.uk

**WE'RE STILL COLLECTING FOR THE BUTTERFLY TREE PROJECT** and will be until Easter Day so still a chance to contribute. The village is called Busanga, and there are 600 people who would benefit from clean water from the borehole which we hope to contribute to funding.

### PCC SECRETARY NEEDED

Please consider and speak with a Warden or Hester if you might be able to help.

### Book of Remembrance at Holy Trinity

We are inviting local people to commemorate their loved ones who have died, by an entry in the new book at Holy Trinity. Please contact one of the churchwardens with your request: Adrian Watkinson (01275 372607)

### Fixers for St Mary's Leigh Woods and Holy Trinity Abbots Leigh

**Leigh Woods:** Readers Ralph Pite -01275 219838 Flowers Greta Nelson 01275 374406 Coffee Vacant  
**Abbots Leigh:** Readers Ralph Pite -01275 219838 Flowers Barbara Baber - 269328  
 Coffee Rosemary Warren - 01275 373107 & Margaret Young - 393270  
**All Age Worship:** Peggoty Talbot - 0117 942 8344