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The Link 2015 – Your Contribution

We hope you will continue to support our magazine by donating towards our costs for 2015. (There was no January Link, so this notice is a month later than usual).

As usual we are requesting a £5 contribution from each household - £10 if you have it by post. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please return it to your deliverer. (If by post, send to Mrs S Narracott, Trinity House, Harris Lane, Abbots Leigh, BS8 3QX.) Cheques: *United Parish of Abbots Leigh with Leigh Woods.*

All contributions will be welcome.

Thank you from the Link Team.

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

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Dear Friends

Happy new year to you all! It seems a long time since Christmas, but I hope that you have had a peaceful and restorative Christmas season. With January the decorations go back in the box and things can seem a bit tawdry and drab for a while. In the church year we mark during this time the season called Epiphany, a short period before Lent in which we reflect on the invitation to see and reflect on God born on earth in the person of Jesus Christ. We wonder at a God who can be known in our lives in so accessible, so normal a way. But we also recognise if we are to enter a real relationship, as we might seek to do with others in our human lives, we must also allow ourselves to be seen and known as we truly are. That can bring some fear – it's not always easy to be known fully by another, or even by ourselves – but also great peace and joy.

But all too soon it will be Ash Wednesday and then Lent. Once again we're holding a **PANCAKE PARTY** on Shrove Tuesday in the Vicarage, 51 Church Rd Abbots Leigh, BS8 3QU, 6.00pm onwards. Do please ALL come. We had good fun last year and it would be lovely again to meet up with pancake-lovers old and young. It's a good introduction to ASH WEDNESDAY, when we'll be offering our usual Communion with Ashing for the Day.

On Feb 22nd we're holding our first Lent Communion. At this service we'll be beginning our Project, which this year is to support and learn a little about the **BUTTERFLY TREE PROJECT**. As this is the year of Bristol, European Green Capital, we've decided to support a small UK-based charity working in a very poor part of the world, in Zambia, to improve both environment and health. Two friends, Christopher and Lorraine Legg, who lived and worked for many years in Zambia, will be with us on 22nd and will speak a little about the project and about their time in

Zambia at the service and then again over lunch after in the Vestry.

So do PLEASE come and support them and this project, and begin Lent in a good way. We also hope to have a simple Healing Communion at the last Lent Group meeting, as a practical way of reflecting on and receiving reconciliation and healing within ourselves.

So may I wish you God's blessings and love for the next month, and in particular as Lent begins.

Hester

FAMILY NEWS

WEDDINGS

20.12.14 Andrew Conway & Catherine Daplyn St Mary's Leigh Woods

FUNERALS

16.12.14 Jennifer Elaine Russell St Mary's Leigh Woods
21.01.15 Mrs Margaret Silcocks Holy Trinity Abbots Leigh
23.01.15 Mr Fred Thorne South Bristol Crematorium
03.02.15 Mrs Edith Knott Canford Crematorium

LENT LUNCHES AT ST MARY'S, LEIGH WOODS, 12-2pm

Sunday 22 February and Wednesday 11 March. Join us for bread, cheese, soup & coffee. In aid of Butterfly Tree – see Hester's letter above.

LENT GROUPS ON WEDNESDAYS

Wed. **Feb 25th 10.30** at **Oldlands**, Bannerleigh Rd., Leigh Woods; Wed. **March 4th 7.30** at the **Vicarage**, Wed. **March 11th 10.30**, **St Mary's**, Leigh Woods. We shall use Desmond Tutu's book *In God's Hands*, the Archbishop of Canterbury's recommended Lent book, to think about Reconciliation and other issues. If you would like to buy a copy it is available on Amazon for £6.99, or please ask Hester and she can buy a copy for you. (There's a review on pages 12-13)



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 3rd Monday of each month at 2p.m. Inclusive price of £1.50

Monday 16th February: Photographs including "Lavender in Provence & Amsterdam" by Vickie Howard

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

Time out

Tue 24 Feb afternoon, back stage trip to the BBC. Ring Jan Sayers 01275 373378.

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.

2015 A4 WALL CALENDAR LOCAL VIEWS

£7.50 each - Available from Vickie Howard - Tel 01275 373942

ABBOTS LEIGH ARCHIVE GROUP

After 100 years of ownership by the Miles family, the Abbots Leigh Estate was sold at auction in October 1915. **Everyone** in Abbots Leigh now resides in a building or on land put up for sale at the auction.

On October 14th 2015 there will be a celebration at Leigh Court (generously offered free of charge by Leigh Court Estates) to mark the 100th anniversary of the sale.

- An exhibition of key documents and photographs relating to the sale,
- A booklet ***Village in Transition*** describing the sale (and its links to the story of those who went to war).
- The opportunity to enjoy the Grand Hall at Leigh Court with some wine and canapés.

There will be a chance to buy a ticket (£5 a head) later in the year but anyone wanting to come please let me know.

At the Civic Society AGM the Archive Group presented some of the material gathered so far for the October exhibition. In the coming months we will be working this up further (and also working on the update of the Millennium Record) and we would welcome help from anyone who would like to be involved or who has useful historical documents, deeds, photos or whatever relating to their house.

The Archive Group meets next on Thursday 26th February at 7.30 in the John Butler Room at the Village Hall. Please come along.

Murray Stewart

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Brackenwood

Following our very successful Craft Fayre, Brackenwood Garden Centre have been pleased to donate £250 to Holy Trinity and St Mary's churches and £250 to Children's Hospice South West at Charlton Farm. Thank you all for supporting us and making it such an enjoyable occasion once again.

We are currently improving the shop entrance and adjoining area – additionally the conservatory is undergoing changes to facilitate wheelchair access and extra seating. Art and craft groups already use the conservatory and we hope to encourage more similar organisations to book this attractive facility.

Our Nature trail /snowdrop valley will be open for pre-booked organised groups as soon as extensive replanting is complete. Please refer to our website for up to date information.

Abbots Leigh Artists

North Somerset Arts Week 2015 - May 1st – 10th

We are pleased to announce we will be back at Markham Farm where we will again use the barn space to showcase our work. As part of the **100 years of Abbots Leigh** celebrations there will be a special exhibit of photographs of Abbots Leigh, 'Then and Now'. Please check future Links for details or visit www.abbots-leigh-artists.co.uk.



Coffee Morning - Wed. 11 Feb,

Wed. 11 Feb, winter coffee morning in aid of Church Parish funds. Come and enjoy coffee and cake 10-12.30 @ Oldlands Bannerleigh Rd. Leigh Woods.

Small bring and buy table.

Gill Ogden 0117 973 0596



ABBOTS LEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 10th February in Abbots Leigh Village Hall we

have a Clarins Demonstration, and on Tuesday 10th March,

'Tears of the Dragon' - handmade real pearl jewellery

New members & visitors are always welcome



WEST OF ENGLAND HERB GROUP

Tuesday Feb 24th : Culinary herbs - our president, herb-grower and broadcaster, Jekka McVicar, takes us on a herbal tour of her favourite plants for the kitchen. **Tuesday Mar 24th** The doctrine of signatures - plants give us visual clues to their uses, or so our ancestors imagined, as plantswoman, Davina Wynne-Jones, explains.

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

FOOD BANKS We are grateful for permission to reprint this letter from a parishioner, which appeared recently in the Sunday Times

Re: Food Banks 14.12.14

Those of us who regularly donate a small portion of their regular food shopping to the food bank will most probably have taken steps to confirm that the distribution of these items serves people who for a variety of reasons are trapped in poverty. Your recent balanced coverage of the issues (Beans and blame pile up in food banks) is reassuring and based on the reality of the causes and effects of poverty. In contrast Jeremy Clarkson (Can't cook, won't cook etc) uses his regular weapons of bigotry, class prejudice and ignorance of the truth in an attempt to amuse. His views would be better restricted to motoring rather than being given space to offend those more charitably inclined than he is himself.

Dr Adrian Watkinson, Bristol

AL Civic Society - Abbots Pool

We had a Working Party in the middle of January. Luckily it was a sunny morning without much wind. The group cleared the cave of logs and rubbish and placed some large logs across the entrance hoping that these will stop more debris getting in there. We also cleared more laurels and had a general tidy up.



There will be another Working Party on Sunday 8th March from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Please do try to come along, we would like to remove more non-native shrubs but need more help!

Di Stewart

Otter It is encouraging to see the number of local Otter sightings reported. If you are lucky enough to see an Otter, or recognise Otter signs, I would be really grateful if you could pass the details (who, what, where and when, along with any supporting information / photos) on to me, so I can add them to our N Somerset Otter group records. All records received help us with monitoring, and will also be sent to BRERC, unless you request otherwise. If you come across a dead Otter please contact me as soon as possible (between 9am and 9pm) on 01275 810420 or 07810 887293; I will try to arrange to have it collected and transported to the Cardiff University Otter Project for post mortem. Many thanks,
Gill Brown, Co-ordinator, YACWAG Otter Group



New Year's Day Brunch 1st January 2015

It was great to have another full house in the Village Hall for our New Year's Day Brunch and the kitchen team, waitresses and front of house all did a splendid job. Till next year...

AL Civic Society AGM, 14 Jan. 2015 – Your Community Group

Given the wet and windy night, we were delighted to have a total of 34 at our AGM. The committee for 2015 includes Anoo Jain, Betty Lanham, David Wraith (Deputy Chair), Di Stewart, Drew Smith (Chair), John Blain, Elizabeth Anderson and Mike Crabtree (Hon Treasurer).

Our reserves at 31 December 2014, included the following "allocations":
 £5,000 For Parish Council – Old School Field Facilities Fund
 £350 For contribution to village Defibrillator (Portishead Lions Club)
 £300 Memorial Trees re 13 villagers who lost their lives in the First World War
 £300 Contribution to Archives Group Exhibition in Leigh Court 14 October 2015

Easter Monday Easter Egg Hunt 11am 6th April 2015

Do bring your children / grandchildren 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!

100th Anniversary of the 1915 Sale of Abbots Leigh Estate

On 14th October 2015, the Archives Group will be holding an event at Leigh Court on the 100th anniversary of the Abbots Leigh Estate and village being put up for auction in 49 separate lots.

The Civic Society welcome any ideas you may have on appropriate and fun ways to celebrate during 2015 this very special anniversary in our village history.

At our Summer Fete in The Old School Field opposite the Church, known as the **"Festival in the Field" on Sunday 6th 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 flavour or a canvas marquee, please do let one of the AL Civic Society committee know (see names above).

If you were able to offer horse/pony rides on the 6th September, please let Drew Smith know on 01275 372255

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Help butterflies and moths - the best you can do in your garden at this time of year is nothing at all! It's time to take a break, leave bushes un-pruned and leaf litter undisturbed. Over-wintering species need safe, sheltered places to protect them from the elements so don't be too keen to tidy up. Take stock of your garden: does it contain suitable, indigenous nectar plants, as a well thought out garden can attract more than 20 species? <http://tinyurl.com/mp72von>

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**

www.abbotsleighwildlife.com for updates and ways to get involved this month:

Winter wildlife lecture series: 6th Feb event

Bumblebees in winter

Feed the birds

Winter pond care

Amphibians

Love spiders

Help butterflies and moths



Winter wildlife lecture series – the final lecture in the ALWG series will be given by **Tom Walmsley, A Fishy Point of View** on Friday, 6th February 2015. So make a note in your diary, join us for a drink at 7pm before the presentation (7.30 - 9.30pm) in the Village Hall and contact ALWG to reserve your tickets - price £5.00. Everyone is welcome!



Bumblebees in winter - some bumblebees can hibernate for nine months, some will survive temperatures down to -19°C, and place themselves perfectly to avoid being flooded in winter. Read more about bumblebee hibernation <http://tinyurl.com/pzbyxy2>

Feed the birds - available food can be scarce during the winter months, so help birds by putting out bird food. Many birds will already be thinking about pairing up for breeding; Raven are early breeders, often in February. To attract a range of species, put out a range of different foods including seed mixes, peanuts and fat cakes. Remember to clean your feeders regularly to prevent the spread of disease. Do send in your garden sightings to ALWG as records are logged for the Avon Bird report; we'd like to hear if you have species like Nuthatch, Goldcrest, Blackcap or any Woodpecker in your garden. Keep an eye out for birds with unusual plumage too and do send in your photos <http://tinyurl.com/nf43o8d>

Winter pond care – with the long dark nights and chilly temperatures, you may ask what you can do to look after your pond over winter to help the wildlife that lives there survive <http://tinyurl.com/peo8uc3> For those of you with garden ponds, this ping pong advice may be of interest! <http://tinyurl.com/la4s62v>

Amphibians – please help to give our village amphibians a hand. There are lots of ways to help newts, toads and frogs: we should like to encourage people in the village to collect their small change to help toads during the spring 2015 migration as part of the Tuppence a Toad national campaign to raise some much needed funds and awareness for Froglife's Toads on Roads project.



There will be a collecting jar in the village hall or get in touch if you would like your contribution collected. Please also contact us if you would like to join the village toad patrol during the spring migration. Volunteers are always welcome to join the small team who help protect our local amphibians at this critical time <http://tinyurl.com/pl574mo> Please do keep an eye out for amphibians migrating once the migration season starts - 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!

Love spiders - the free app *Spider in da House* is available in the Android and Apple app stores. You can use photos, identification tools and further facts, to identify and learn more about 12 of the most common spiders found inside houses <http://tinyurl.com/kp5264s>



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LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY

LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY HIGHWAYS SUB COMMITTEE

This has met twice and several members accompanied Rob Thomson from N Somerset Council on a local walk around to identify and explain the issues. Many of the recommendations suggested by residents at the parking meeting are being taken forward and he will suggest what should or should not be done. He also added to his list a possibility of marking out car parking bays in the layby by Burwalls with a two hour parking restriction.

CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE

The new office buildings and Visitor Centre look reasonably smart, except from the North Road view! The bridge celebrated its 150th anniversary on 8 December, with a fantastic firework display from the Bridge. The Trust invited 3 officers of the LW Society and their partners to the Avon Gorge Hotel to view the display. On Mon. 8 December a procession gathered to cross the bridge as had been done 150 years previously to mark the opening of the bridge. There were a few spectators and school children dressed in Victorian costumes, a brass band led the dignitaries and representatives of various professions in their finery and uniforms from Clifton to Leigh Woods where our vicar Hester Jones, backed up by a stalwart group of residents, gave a welcoming speech to the procession. As a final celebration the bridge turned green and purple on 31 Dec. just for the turn of the year. The legacy is a new crossing and new road surface, both improvements for us in Leigh Woods as well as (finally) a dedicated coach drop off point in Clifton. The visitor Centre is currently low key. The influx of visitors won't be apparent till the summer.

BURWALLS

Sadly on the evening of 1 January a fire started in the old stable block that currently is awaiting conversion into 2 houses. Fortunately the damage appears to be to the roof which we hope can all be put right during the conversion. The contact I have for any comments is rebecca.collins@gva.co.uk.

LEIGH WOODS

The National Trust has applied for planning permission to stage a 6 month long exhibition in the woods as part of Bristol's Green Capital status. From May to October there will be 5 old fishing boats marooned in the woods towards the Forestry Commission car park.

They are also applying for a permanent green shelter to be built as a rainy weather meeting point along the main track towards Stokeleigh Camp. This will also require Planning permission so details will be available on the North Somerset Planning portal.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our venue was once again Belvedere where we were made very welcome by the Boss Family. The children had been hard at work making mince pies and acted as waiting staff during the evening. The Tree looked wonderful and the glitter ball giving twinkling lights ensured a festive atmosphere. The new kitchen was much admired and the food prepared there was eaten with relish. The Bar was busy as usual. We welcomed many new faces and again had a high attendance. Thanks go to our hosts and all those who helped to make the evening a success.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Leigh Woods Open Forum, Neighbourhood Watch followed by the LWS AGM on **Wednesday, March 25th** in St Mary's Church. Come at **7.00pm** for a complimentary drink and chat, NHW from 7.30 and Open Forum from 8.00pm with a chance to air views, we hope our District Councillor, the Bridgemaster and National Trust Warden will be in attendance. Elections for the committee will be held, do consider joining us!

Litter pick meet at St Mary's Vestry at **10 am on Saturday 11 April**

Open Garden Bracken Hill **2-4pm Saturday 11 April**

*Kate Buss Chairman katebuss@aol.com
and don't forget our website at www.leighwoods.org*

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

| Applic'n No. Date Recd Target Date | Applicant & Address | Proposal | Parish Council View | NSC Status |
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| 14/P/1436/TPO 8-Jul-14 23-Jul-14 | 53c Church Rd, BS8 3QU | Pine - Remove 3 lowest house side limbs and remove house side branches by 2 m. And crown thin 20%. | No objections | |
| 14/P/1780/MMA 26-Aug-14 16-Sep-14 | Karpasia Farmhouse site, Pill Rd, | (Erect detached dwelling) to include a two storey extension to create annexe for disabled relative. | No objections | Approved |
| 14/P/1987/F 22-Sep-14 13-Nov-14 | George Inn, Abbots Leigh, BS8 3RP | Change of use of manager's flat to restaurant dining space (retrospective). | No objections (with comments) | |
| 14/P/2200/F 13-Oct-14 10-Dec-14 | 35 Dennyview Rd, Abbots Leigh | Rear dormer loft conversion with balcony and replacement porch extension to front. | No objections | Approved |
| 14/P/2215/F 20-Oct-14 8-Dec-14 | 10 Dennyview Rd, Abbots Leigh | Erect 2-storey side extn, replacement porch & front elevation finishes (revised applicn following 14/P/1099/F due to changes to proposed roof). | No objections | Approved |
| 14/P/2335/PRE 24-Oct-14 ? | Martcombe, Pill Road, Abbots Leigh, | Pre-application advice for erection of a new dwelling | No comments | |
| 14/P/2457/NMA 24-Nov-14 12-Dec-14 | Ashton Court Boundary Wall. Beggars Bush Lane, | Non-material amendment to planning permission 14/P/0154/F (form new opening in boundary wall & block existing opening) to install alternative highway barrier. | No objections | Approved |
| 14/P/2490/F 24-Nov-14 12-Jan-15 | Greystones, Manor Lane, Abbots Leigh | Erection of a single storey side extension. | No objections | |
| 14/P/2595/F 8-Dec-14 23-Jan-15 | Bldgs adjoining Deerhurst, Church Rd | Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing outbuilding and stable block. | Recommend refusal | |
| 14/P/2597/F 8-Dec-14 26-Jan-15 | Land at Leigh Woods, Abbots Leigh Rd | Position a temporary art installation for 6 months from May 2015. | No objections | |
| 2-Feb-15 15-Dec-14 14/P/2622/F | 32 Dennyview Rd, Abbots Leigh | Extend domestic curtilage, incl construct cantilevered deck (retrospective) and erect 2-storey side extn to W elevn of dwelling. | No objections with comments | |
| 14/P/2631/F 15-Dec-14 28-Jan-15 | Woodycombe, Glen Ave, Abbots Leigh, | Erect replacement detached dwelling over three levels to incl basement parking. Demolish existing dwelling & garage. | Recommend refusal | |
| 14/P/2636/F 15-Dec-14 28-Jan-15 | Hernleigh, Blackmoor Rd, Abbots Leigh | Remodel existing dwelling. incl altering roof & add front & side dormers to create 1st floor level. Erect rear extn. Replace windows & doors after demolishing garage & outbldgs. | No objections with comments | |
| 14/P/2644/F 15-Dec-14 29-Jan-15 | 29 Dennyview Rd, Abbots Leigh | Erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony over and an extension to raised decking. | No objections | |
| 14/P/2746/TPO 30-Dec-14 28-Jan-15 | Folleigh, Abbots Leigh Rd | 1 x Beech Tree to fell | No objections | |
| 15/P/0048/LDE 12-Jan-15 16-Feb-15 | Grangewood, Manor Lane, BS8 3RP | Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of roof space as bedroom in breach of planning cond. #5 of 94/1101 | No objections | |

Litter Pick

Put it in your diary, Sunday 22 March, 10am-12 Noon; join in to make our village tidier, picking up litter to give the village a spring clean. Details in March Link.

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CITY OF BRISTOL CHOIR: Sat 28 Feb., Mozart and Bruckner at St Alban's Church, 7.30pm. **Sat 20 June**, Summer Gala with John Rutter. Colston Hall, 7.30pm Booking details/excerpts: www.cityofbristolchoir.org.uk CBC Ticket line: 01454 778477

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Details: Lynne Bothamley 0117-9730072 or 01872-580860

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THE MOBILE LIBRARY visits fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons
Leigh Woods Vicarage Road, 1.30-2pm; **Abbots Leigh** Church Road, 2.10-3.10pm
Feb 3, 17; March 3, 17, 31
 Ffi: 01934 426 657 or Google North Somerset Mobile Library

COUNCILLORS

Your N. Somerset Councillor : **Carl Francis-Pester** 01275 871817 / 07885 939 910
 Parish Councillors: **Simon Talbot-Ponsonby** (375250) Chair/Cycle and Footpath Network/Highways/Verges/ Recycling and Rubbish/Village Market/Abbots Pool
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
John Butler (373446), Village Hall & Skittle Alley/Public Relations.
 Clerk to Council: **John Bridge** (373726) Secretariat / Insurance / Police co-ordination

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 9th February**

MEET YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Carl Francis-Pester's surgery is on the last Saturday of each month, in the John Butler Room in Abbots Leigh Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00 noon. You and your feedback are welcome. His next visits will be on **Saturday 28th February 2015**.

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



Egg Boxes

If you don't know anyone with chickens who would like them, put them out with the cardboard recycling, except those that are obviously not cardboard.

Collections

Rubbish/Wheelie bins alternate every Wednesday with Green (Garden) Waste, although Green Waste will only be collected once in February

The dates for February are:-

| | Recycling & Rubbish | Recycling & Green Waste | Recycling & Rubbish | Recycling Only |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 4 th | 11 th | 18 th | 25 th No GW |

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, please 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 |
|---------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------|
| | 01-Feb | Candlemas | | | | |
| 9.30am | Abbots Leigh | Family Worship | Thomas family | | Mark 1 21-28 | |
| 10.30am | Abbots Leigh | Parish Communion | Barry England Liz England | Barry England Ralph Pite | Revelation 12: 1-5a Mark 1: 21-28 | M Young |
| | 08-Feb | 2nd before Lent | | | | |
| 8.00am | Leigh Woods | Holy Communion (BCP) | V Owen | V Owen Celebrant | Colossians 1:15-20 John 1: 1-14 | |
| 9.30am | Leigh Woods | Family Worship | Holmyard/Francis family | | John 1: 1-14 | Holmyard/Francis |
| 6.30pm | Leigh Woods | Evensong | E Boulton M Marston | E Boulton M Marston | Colossians 1:15-20 John 1: 1-14 | |
| | 15-Feb | Next before Lent | | | | |
| 9.30am | Abbots Leigh | Family Worship | Stinchcombe family | | Mark 9: 2-9 | |
| 10.30am | Abbots Leigh | Parish Communion | Heather Wraith David Wraith | Heather Wraith David Wraith | 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9 | V Dominey |
| | 18-Feb | Ash Wednesday | | | | |
| 7.30pm | Abbots Leigh | Holy Communion with ashing | Ralph Pite | | 2 Cor. 5: 20b-6.10 Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-21 | |
| | 22-Feb | Lent 1 | | | | |
| 10.30am | Leigh Woods | Parish Communion + group; & talk on our Lent Charity | P Scrivens P Innocent | P Scrivens P Innocent | 1 Peter 3: 18-end Mark 1: 9-15 | Alan Shellard |
| 6.30pm | Leigh Woods | Taizé | Gill Ogden | | N/A | |
| | 01-Mar | Lent 2 | | | | |
| 9.30am | Abbots Leigh | Family Worship | Talbot family | | Mark 8: 31-end | |
| 10.30am | Abbots Leigh | Parish Communion | Jan Hamilton Colin Hamilton | Jan Hamilton Colin Hamilton | Romans 4: 13-end Mark 8: 31-end | R Warren |

Amazon review of the Archbishop's Book for Lent:

In God's Hands by Desmond Tutu

In God's Hands is the 2015 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book. In this little gem of a book, Archbishop Desmond Tutu distils the wisdom forged through a childhood of poverty and apartheid, an adulthood lived in the glare of the world's media, and the long and agonising struggle for truth and reconciliation in South Africa, into the childlike simplicity which Jesus tells us characterises the Kingdom of God.

Archbishop Tutu has produced a meditation on the infinite love of God and the infinite value of the human individual. Not only are we in God's hands, he says, our names are engraved on the palms of God's hands. Throughout an often turbulent

Extra collections during Lent

At services during Lent there will be extra collections for our designated charity - **BUTTERFLY TREE**, described in Hester's letter (p3) and of which we'll hear more details on 22 Feb., during Parish Communion and the Lent Lunch which follows.

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 on Thursdays 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

Helen Hartnell, who has been enormously active in the parish, organising numerous events on behalf of the church, is leaving us to join her family in Swindon. Their gain is a huge loss to us. We wish her and Chris well for the future.

life, Archbishop Tutu has fought for justice and against oppression and prejudice. As we learn in this book, what has driven him forward is an unshakeable belief that human beings are created in the image of God and are infinitely valuable. Each one of us is a God-carrier, a tabernacle, a sanctuary of the Divine Trinity. God loves us not because we are loveable but because he first loved us. And this turns our values upside down. In this sense the Gospel is the most radical thing imaginable.

It is extremely moving that in this book Archbishop Tutu returns to something so simple and so profound after a life in which he has been involved in political, social and ethical issues that have seemed to be so very complex.

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

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Abbots Leigh: *Readers* Ralph Pite - 219838 *Flowers* Barbara Baber - 269328
Coffee Rosemary Warren - 373107 & Margaret Young - 393270
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