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What are you doing for Lent?

Try the Carbon Fast... Save the Planet

It's not too late to look at this website – there's a brilliant programme of ideas, and info that you might not know. It's all in a Christian context, but that needn't stop non-Christians cherry-picking the best! Use the pdf download in the fourth paragraph. Or pick up a copy in church.

<http://ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk/carbon-fast/>

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 a churchwarden with your request.

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

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Dear Friends

As I write we have just celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes galore. What fun we had -- and many thanks to Gill and Nicky for your parts in that. It's a lovely point in the year; and now, with some glorious early spring sun outside and early bulbs already visible around the parish to encourage us, we are preparing ourselves for the steep climb up the mountain of Lent. Here we hope to look out for marks of God in our lives, those touches of his presence which we can sometimes glimpse, in ourselves, in other people, in this wonderful place which we are so blessed to inhabit. We equip ourselves to see and appreciate these moments, by seeking to identify those things which may hold us back from seeing ourselves as God Himself sees us - as fully beloved people. So we may prepare to do this by giving up certain things; or we may conversely take something on. We might attend one or more of the Lent Wednesday discussion groups, reading and thinking about our Lent Book, Desmond Tutu's 'In God's Hands', with its theme of reconciliation; or by attending the Lent Lunch in March - perhaps having already attended one this Sunday February 22nd - or by making a contribution to the Lent project, the Butterfly Tree project which works with some of the world's poorest people living in Zambia, and which works to improve their environment through water projects as well as with education - and how appropriate this is as we also mark the year as Bristol Green Capital. Please do consider one or more of these ways of observing Lent -- and do join us in St Mary's or Holy Trinity Sunday by Sunday as well.

We are also including (opposite page) a mention of the South-West Churches 'carbon fast' for Lent, which might serve as an encouragement to us to hold back from our consumption of energy in an expression of mindfulness of those who are affected by

climate change most keenly - often the poorest of the world, like those in Zambia whom we shall hear a little about in our first Lent lunch this month.

Blessing on you this Lent, and however you spend it, may it be a peaceful time.

Hester

FAMILY NEWS

BAPTISMS

08.02.15 Arthur Rattery St Mary's Leigh Woods

WEDDINGS

None

FUNERALS

03.02.15 David Silk Woodlands Memorial
11.02.15 Vera Godby Canford Crematorium
25.02.15 Christopher Warren South Bristol Crematorium

LENT LUNCHESES

Sun. 22 Feb (in aid of Butterfly Tree – a Zambian charity), and **Wed. 11 March**. – all welcome to join us for bread and a bowl of soup, and donate to charity.

LENT GROUPS ON WEDNESDAYS:

Wed. Feb 25th 10.30 at Oldlands, Bannerleigh Rd., Leigh Woods;

Wed. March 4th 7.30 at the Vicarage, 51 Church Rd., AL;

Wed. March 11th 10.30 (followed by Healing service, followed by Lent Lunch), St Mary's, Leigh Woods.

We shall be using 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.



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 March: Bring along your favourite poem to share with the group.

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

INCENSE CEDARS - LOWER CHURCHYARD - HOLY TRINITY

Calocedrus decurrens (California incense cedar; syn. *Libocedrus decurrens* Torr.)



I've been invited by Holy Trinity DCC to provide a brief account of "those common cypress trees in the lower churchyard". Permit me to say a word on their behalf.

This stand of trees are in fact *Calocedrus decurrens* or commonly known as Incense Cedars; although they are members of the cupressus family, they acquired the

'cedar' name for the similarity of the fragrance of their crushed leaves to that released by the sap of the traditional cedars (Lebanon, Deodar and Atlantic). This fragrance has been described variously as reminiscent less of incense and more of turps or even strong shoe polish!

The Incense Cedar is an exotic with its provenance in California and Oregon where it may reach 180 ft, but here in the UK I believe the tallest is about 100 ft. Arguably the finest group of Incense Cedars in this country can be seen at Westonbirt, just off West Drive and along Palmer Ride in the Silk Wood. The oldest known Incense Cedar in the world is thought to be over 540 years, although growth after 75 years is very slow. This means our Incense Cedars will show little signs of increase in height from now on.

Despite being planted in close groups, it's remarkable to see that even mature Incense Cedars avoid touching each other; this is in some way due to their having evolved in unusual climatic conditions; perhaps where space between the trees allowed them to better withstand strong winter gales, but has not been fully researched to date.

Whoever planted them in the churchyard understood the species well, since compared with other evergreens, it is low maintenance, retains the columnar habit for many years and is drought tolerant, which in a graveyard, where the ground water is restricted, is an important quality.

If you were taught to write with a well sharpened pencil, it was almost certainly made from Incense Cedar - the perfect wood for pencils and crayons, you may even recall the fragrance of the pencil sharpenings; but the wood is also known as easy to work with for fencing and building.

While much could be said about the Incense Cedar, its sex life is rather interesting as most specimens bear male and female flowers on the same tree, while some will bear them on separate trees. More or less, every other year the conelets are sparse; otherwise they're profusely borne over the whole crown of the tree. If you happen to be in the lower churchyard late summer you can compare the distinctive Incense Cedar conelets with the clusters of pea-sized cones on the spreadeagled False Cypress (*Chamaecyparis*) adjacent to the wall, near the cottages.

As the trees mature they do need the occasional dropped branch to be removed or tied back into the tree. The only real enemy of the Incense Cedar is the 'pocket dry-rot fungus', *Polyporus armarus* (Hedge.). But so long as the trees don't suffer from deep scarring, the fungus mycelium is unlikely to be able to penetrate through the tough bark.

I believe we are privileged to be the custodians of this handsome stand of Incense Cedars which, together with our English and Irish yews, especially our 1400 year old Yew (dated by David Bellamy), comprise an unusual and treasured little collection, providing refuge for the Common pipistrelle bat, birds and numerous invertebrates who make their homes in our churchyard. I'm sure you share with me the hope that all this will be enjoyed by locals and visitors for many years to come.

Wo Hill

PS. The Incense Cedar, for its many qualities has gained the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit.

ABBOTS LEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



On Tuesday 10th March in Abbots Leigh Village Hall we have "Tears of the Dragon" - handmade real pearl jewellery and on 14 April "The Bath Pump Rooms"
New members & visitors are always welcome



WEST OF ENGLAND HERB GROUP

Tuesday 24th Mar. The doctrine of signatures. Plants might give us visual clues to their uses, or so our ancestors imagined, as plantswoman Davina Wynne-Jones explains. **Tuesday 28th Apr. Transform your life with the healing power of plants.** Sebastian Pole of Pukka Herbs entertains us with tastings and herbal insights.

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

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 / 0117 973 0596.*

Verges Project

We have now got agreement from the Parish Council (with the blessing of North Somerset DC) that some areas of roadside verge on the A369 will be mown only once in late summer in order to promote wildflower growth, in line with Plantlife's campaign (<http://www.plantlife.org.uk/roadvergecampaign>). Some of you may also have noticed that areas of roadside verge in Manor Lane and Manor Road have been flailed very recently (arranged and paid for by the Parish Council). The purpose of this is to cut back bracken and bramble to promote grass and flower regeneration, allowing those areas also to be managed by annual late summer mowing. Although we hope to see some interesting results this year, this is a long term project which may take a number of years to be fully effective.

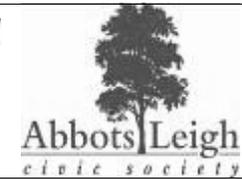
Fergus and Ros Macbeth

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.





Easter Monday Easter Egg Hunt 11am 6th 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 Fête 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 or if you are able to offer horse/pony rides on the 6th September, please let Drew Smith know on 01275 372255.

AL Civic Society - Abbots Pool

There will be a 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! We will be checking paths are clear, removing debris from the cascade, litter picking and other maintenance jobs. Bring suitable tools and wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on the day. Jo and Rob will be providing drinks (hot and cold) and biscuits for the volunteers and their children.



Di Stewart

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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 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 . If you are keen to encourage birds to your garden, the Natural England leaflet <http://tinyurl.com/bqauf4v> is a good read.

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:

Tuppence a Toad collection

Toad Patrol

Feed the birds

Pond care and spawn

Help butterflies and moths

Water

Grow your own meadow

Hedgehog emergence

Bird nesting



Tuppence a Toad collection – 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.

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> 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!

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. One Woodpigeon pair have already had young in the village! 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. Keep an eye out for birds with unusual plumage too and do send in your photos <http://tinyurl.com/nf43o8d>

Pond care and spawn – 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> Let us know if you have spawn in your ponds - as the Big Spawn Count is being run again this year by the Freshwater Habitats Trust <http://tinyurl.com/gyok4yw>



Help butterflies & moths - the best thing 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 - a carefully thought out garden with suitable, indigenous nectar plants can attract more than 20 species <http://tinyurl.com/mp72von>

Water – remember to provide water for wildlife in your garden. If you do not have a pond, then why not create one <http://tinyurl.com/pz78mcw> ? Even a flat container of water, like a plant pot tray would be helpful to wildlife.

Grow your own meadow – with advice from Plantlife it is easy to “say no to the mow” and enjoy a wildlife meadow, large or small, in your garden this summer <http://tinyurl.com/3w2feea>

Hedgehog emergence - to help better understand their hibernation emergence, please send your hedgehog sightings in to ALWG (alive or dead) as we monitor sightings and support the Hedgehog Street project www.tinyurl.com/88vypmt (Continued on page 7)



LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY

Open Forum

On **Wed. 25 March** in St Mary's Church, Church Rd. Come at 7pm for a drink and chat. At 7.30 we will hold the **Neighbourhood Watch AGM** followed just before 8pm by the **LWS Open Forum** for residents to air views. We will be joined by David Anderson, Bridgmaster, District Councillor Carl Francis Pester and Bill Morris, National Trust Warden, who will each briefly address the meeting and be available for questions.

The formal **AGM**, which doesn't take long, will follow about 9pm. As we expect a couple of vacancies on the committee do consider joining us if you'd like to get involved.

Papers should have been put through doors of all households by beginning of March, including details of **AGM**, nominations for committee and membership forms, thanks to those who have already paid their subs. The **AGM** is the ideal opportunity to join for another/a year. This year we will email the Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report and last year's Minutes in advance to members who have supplied an email address. Paper copies available on the night.

Leigh Woods Society Highways Sub Committee

Information about potential actions on parking restrictions is being distributed with all Open Forum papers. This is an ongoing process so please do look at the proposals.

Litter Pick and Open Garden Saturday 11 April

Spring Litter Pick: 10-12am on Sat. 11 April. Turn up at the Vestry (back of St Mary's Church) for coffee before pairing up and taking on 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. **Open Garden** at Bracken Hill **2-4pm on Sat. 11 April**; 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 Rd.

Clifton Suspension Bridge

The bridge has submitted plans to landscape the patch of land between the yard and North Rd. This involves cutting down 2 unhealthy ash trees, and replacing with an oak.

Burwalls

The building process is now well underway with mud along Burwalls Road. The contact I have for any comments is rebecca.collins@gva.co.uk.

Leigh Woods

It seems that with the high profile 'boats in the woods' coming up the NT have recognised that the North Rd entrance and the Valley Rd entrance to the Woods require attention. The publicity associated with the boats and events attached to them will undoubtedly put these places under more pressure. I hope you went and made your comments heard at the community Consultation session in the Church Vestry **3.30 - 7.30 pm on Fri. 27 Feb.!**

Briefly the NT hope to stop parking Valley Rd and redo the whole area outside the Rangers' Office to make it more 'welcoming'. This could include rubbish bins, toilet provision, catering van, awning, picnic benches & tables and marked parking bays for staff volunteers and residents of the NT houses.

What the policy will be for the many groups who use the woods remains to be seen. This will put even more pressure on the North Rd. entrance. The NT are talking to N. Som. Council about resurfacing this area. Thoughts so far include marking out parking bays, but paint markings will disappear as soon as the first leaves fall and there is an argument that bays reduce the actual efficiency of parking as vehicles vary in length. For safety reasons the pavement should be reinstated to make access on foot safe; currently you have to walk in the road to get to the entrance. Also protection measures for the rest of the road, particularly grass verges, should be put in place for the inevitable overflow parking spilling out further into Leigh Woods residential area.

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

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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)

Tel. 01275.373726, or

Council Chairman, Simon Talbot-Ponsonby (simon@talbot-ponsonby.org)

Tel. 01275.375250

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, 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**.

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 March 2015**.

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 March**

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

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Call Rory Downer on 0117 974 1304

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New Cycle Path alongside A369 between Dennyview Road and Blackmoor Road

Many will have noticed the new footway and cycleway built by N Somerset Council with Government Local Sustainable Transport Funding alongside the A369 between Dennyview Rd and Blackmoor Rd. This will make it much safer for pedestrians and cyclists travelling between Abbots Leigh and Pill, whilst also providing a safer crossing between the bus stops at Blackmoor Rd. It is much pleasanter cycling up the hill on a separate path than with a queue of frustrated traffic a few inches behind your back wheel. The existing footway between Sandy Lane and The George has been scraped back as much as possible as a temporary measure until this missing link can also be upgraded, hopefully before too long, depending upon funding.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY visits fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons

Leigh Woods Vicarage Road, 1.30-2pm; **Abbots Leigh** Church Road, 2.10-3.10pm

March 3, 17, 31; April 14, 28

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ABBOTS LEIGH SPRING CLEAN

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH, 10AM - 12 NOON

Come & join us for this sociable and worthwhile annual Sunday morning event when teams of volunteers armed with black sacks and litter-pickers work their way back from the far ends of the parish to clean up verges & hedgerows. It will be easier to do the verge towards Pill now that the cyclepath has been built. We can then all go to the upstairs bar the George for a well earned sandwich and a plate of chips as a reward for your efforts.

Congregate outside the Village Hall at 10am, with your boots & gloves. We will provide high visibility vests, rubbish bags and litter pickers (and gloves for those that do not have them). Then off you go in pairs to bag a haul (it can get very competitive!). A great way for newcomers to the village to get involved. Children also welcome. It is amazing how much can be collected in such a short time into such a large pile outside the phone box!

If you think that you can come, please let Simon Talbot-Ponsonby know on 01275 375250 or simon@talbot-ponsonby.org, so that we can estimate numbers for lunch.

Not to be confused with Leigh Woods Litter Pick, planned for Sat. 11th April

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



Collections

Rubbish/Wheelie bins alternate every Wednesday with Green (Garden) Waste, which goes back to once a fortnight in March.

The dates for March are:-

	Recycling & Rubbish	Recycling & Green Waste	Recycling & Rubbish	Recycling & Green Waste
Wednesday	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th

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-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	Margaret Young
08-Mar	Lent 3					
8.00am	Leigh Woods	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ginny Owen	Ginny Owen Celebrant	1 Cor. 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	
9.30am	Leigh Woods	Family Worship	Jardine family		John 2: 13-22	Jardines
6.30pm	Leigh Woods	Evensong	Esmé Boulton Alan Shellard	Esmé Boulton Alan Shellard	1 Cor. 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	
15-Mar	Lent 4	Mothering Sunday				
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Mothering Sunday Service	Talbot family		Luke 2: 33-35	Talbots
22-Mar	Passion Sunday					
10.30am	Leigh Woods	Parish Communion	G Crichton Alan Shellard	G Crichton Alan Shellard	Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33	Alan Shellard
6.30pm	Leigh Woods	Taizé	Gill Ogden		N/A	
29-Mar	Palm Sunday					
10.30am	Leigh Woods	Parish Communion	Lesley Nash Judith Groves	Lesley Nash Judith Groves	Philippians 2: 5-11 Mark 14: 1-15.end	Alan Shellard
02-Apr	Maundy Thursday					
7.30pm	Leigh Woods	Holy Communion + Tenebrae	Michael Marston Celebrant	Michael Marston Celebrant	I Cor. 11: 23-26 John 13:1-17,31b-35	
03-Apr	Good Friday					
2.00pm	Abbots Leigh	The Last Hour: a meditation in words and music	Ralph Pite			

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

Annual Church Meeting

The Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place this year on **Sunday, 26th. 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.

Flowers at Holy Trinity

We will be making **Mother's Day posies** at Holy Trinity this year. Please come and join us from 10am Sat 14th March. Any donations of flowers, foliage very welcome.

Looking further ahead we will decorate Holy Trinity for Easter on Sat 4th April from 10 am. Please come and join us then too. Easter is a lovely time to remember our loved ones - past and present. If you would like to make a donation towards lilies please contact Barbara 01275/269328

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

Leigh Woods: *Readers* Michael Marston - 9733 755 *Flowers* Gill Ogden - 973 0596 *Coffee* Vacant
Abbots Leigh: *Readers* Ralph Pite - 219838 *Flowers* Barbara Baber - 269328
Coffee Rosemary Warren - 373107 & Margaret Young - 393270
All Age Worship: Peggoty Talbot - 0117 942 8344