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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)

CONCERT: 7PM, SATURDAY 13 JUNE

Choir of St Mary Redcliffe at Holy Trinity Abbots Leigh. Details in June Link.

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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

It was wonderful to mark Holy Week and then celebrate Easter once again. To do so, this year, in peace and safety, and with our churches beautifully decorated - thanks to the gifts and efforts of John and Jenny Maycock and Barbara and Greta and their teams - seemed an additional blessing, aware as we are of the persecution some undergo in other places. In the church calendar we now await the descent of the spirit at Pentecost, to empower and strengthen our witness. Sometimes, even as we mark Easter, it can be hard to enter fully into that Easter Spirit, hearing as we do so much of ongoing division and hostility at both national and international levels. Our screens are full of national electioneering, and reports reach us - seemingly on a daily basis - of violence and suspicion between Christians and Muslims, among others. What can our small community do in such a situation, to witness with courage to the Easter message – beset and beleaguered, uncertain or sceptical, as we may at different points find ourselves?

As Christ returns to the shell-shocked disciples, he reminds them of several things. He reminds them first and foremost of the peace they receive from him. He reminds them of the power of community, of the value of reaching out to one another confidently across and despite differences. He reminds them of the power of healing, of how they may find new life and new direction, even in the wake of loss and devastation. And he challenges them to prepare themselves to share that newfound peace and courage, with all people.

May we all, whatever our beliefs or our affiliation, however confident and however unsure we may feel, yet know something of this peace, and so something of this Easter spirit of healing and new life.

With love and blessings at Easter,

Hester

FAMILY NEWS

Baptisms

None

Weddings

24.04.15 David Langley & Laura Fautley St Mary's Leigh Woods

Funerals

06.03.15 Betty Walley South Bristol Crematorium

02.04.15 (Thanksgiving Service) Jean Morgan St Mary's Leigh Woods



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

Taking a break in May - Back in June!

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

Sat. 9 May 2-5pm - OPEN CHURCH WITH TEAS - at St Mary's

On Saturday 9 May 2-5pm we're having open church with teas at St Mary's. We hope to attract locals & walkers who may be going to see the boats in Leigh Woods. Helpers wanted to give out info, man the church, serve teas, make cakes.

Gill Ogden 0117 973 0596. / gill.ogden1@btinternet.com

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

Wed. 13 May 10-12.30 at Oldlands (Gill Ogden's place)

All Welcome. *Gill Ogden 0117 973 0596. / gill.ogden1@btinternet.com*

Time out

Walk TBA maybe Thursday 21 May, for more details contact Gill

.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.

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FISHING BOATS IN LEIGH WOODS

If you have not already seen the art installation by Luke Jerram of a flotilla of abandoned fishing boats, it is well worth a visit. Located a few minutes walk from the Forestry Commission car park and entitled "Withdrawn" it is described as "A beautiful, surreal and poetic vision in the woods, the sound of the wind in the trees is reminiscent of the sound of the waves. All of the boats are pointing the same way as if turned by the tide or moving together. In situ for 6 months the boats can be explored by the public day or night and with the changing seasons."

Abbots Leigh Heritage Group: Centennial Record

In 2000 the Village celebrated the Millennium with the production of a *Millennium Record*, setting out details of properties around the village. Records of 70 properties and their occupants were collected and results are held - in confidence - by the Village Heritage Group. Much has changed in the 15 years since 2000, with new houses built and new families resident. On behalf of the Civic Society the Heritage Group is organising an update of the record, not simply to mark 100 years of the village after the end of ownership by the Miles family but also to provide a long term historical record.

Record sheets have been designed which allow information about history of dwellings in Abbots Leigh to be gathered but will ensure that no confidential information about individuals or families is recorded unless respondents agree. It is hoped that as much of the village as possible will be covered – there are now 295 households in the village – and during May and June all households will be approached by one of the several volunteers who are assisting with the project.

Factual information about the property – its age, architect or builder, a photo of the property (without occupants), and a list of past owners - will be gathered together with any other information householders want to add about history of the property, interesting changes over the years, anecdotes about the past. The Heritage Group will combine all this into a confidential set of stories to build a fuller picture of the village and its buildings over the last 100 years. We hope to collect information by end July and present it to the village by the end of the year.

We very much hope that everyone will be able to help with what should be a fascinating and historic picture of our village.

The Heritage Group
(Murray and Diane Stewart, John Butler, Steve Livings, Andrew Nicholls, Joy McFeat, Cat Abel)

AL Civic Society - Abbots Pool

Many of you will know that a very large beech tree has fallen in the woodland. If you haven't seen it then go down the Cinder Track off Manor Rd, through the kissing gate, then take the upper path to the left; continue along until you are above the wooden bridge – you can't miss it. Alternatively you can go down the track from the Car Park, go across the wooden bridge and uphill. It was rotten inside so when we had strong winds a few weeks ago it collapsed. Luckily it happened when no-one was about. Jason Cox, the Tree Officer, has arranged to have some of it cut back to clear the path.

If anyone has children trying to complete National Trust's '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾', you may not know they can complete No. 49 "Find a geocache" in the woodland around Abbots Pool. You need a smartphone or handheld GPS. A small box is hidden in the woods containing a notebook in which to record who has found the box and when; then you can take out a small trinket as long as you put one in to replace it. Until my family found it last week, no-one had been there since before Christmas! It's a great way for children to get to know the woodland. *Di Stewart*



ABBOTS LEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



On Tuesday 12th May in Abbots Leigh Village Hall we have our **Resolution Meeting** and on Tuesday 9th June we'll be "Dispelling the Myths Surrounding the Brontës"
New members & visitors are always welcome

ABBOTS LEIGH GRAND JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 16th May from 1.30 - 3pm in the Village Hall

If you have any Jumble for our sale please give to your nearest WI Member or deliver to the Hall on the 16th from 11am.

WEST OF ENGLAND HERB GROUP



Tuesday 19 May (3rd Tue): Native herbs for wildlife and medicine. Vicki Pasterfield, Gardener at University of Bristol Botanic Garden, looks at the importance of herbs for wildlife and medicinal properties of our native species.
13/14 June (Sat/Sun) Charity event - Rookery Farm Come to Paddy's beautiful gardens in Puxton, for a concert on Sat. evening or afternoon tea on Sun., in aid of Weston Hospice **Tue. 23 June Roman feast:** The West of England Herb Group is 20 years old in 2015! We celebrate with a banquet fit for an Emperor. Come & partake ... togas optional
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 Councilors 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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (10th - 16th May)

Christian Aid has a vision to end poverty worldwide. This year it is focusing on women in the developing world who have been sidelined by their community. By giving these women an animal, they have new status, an income to provide for their family, and hope for a better future.

If you live in Abbots Leigh, you will have received a Christian Aid envelope in this Link. During Christian Aid week a team of volunteers will collect your envelope.

Please give generously to this worthwhile cause and have your envelope ready if possible. Many thanks for your support. *Amanda Webb (01275 372277)*

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to all who came to the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, outside Holy Trinity. The weather was glorious and over 200 mini eggs were found by egg hunters. It was great to see a number of new faces and it proved a lovely family event. Easter Monday proved a popular date - we hope to make this an annual event.

"Then and Now Photography Project" - By Vickie Howard

At **The Barn, Markham Farm (on A369) 1st to 10th May** (part of N Somerset Arts Week)

As part of the 100-yr anniversary commemoration of the sale of Abbots Leigh Village (all land & properties) auctioned by the Miles family in 1915, Vickie Howard has been busy "re-creating" classic old photographs of Abbots Leigh village life in the early 1900s. Including two shots of the village children taken at the top of Church Rd, taken after the Easter Egg Hunt.

Do pop in to Markham Farm to see Vickie's work plus work from other members of Abbots Leigh Artists, including Barbara Baber, Jane Harding and Georgina Lockier. Open 10am-5pm on 1st-4th and 8th-10th May. Open 2pm-5pm on 5th-7th May.

Summer Drinks Party - Saturday 20th June 6pm

A date for your diaries! We will be holding our annual "Roses & Rosé" summer drinks & canapés party on Sat. 20th June 6-8pm in the lovely garden of Avonhurst, 38 Church Rd. Tickets on sale from mid May, £7.50. Contact Drew Smith on 01275 372255 to reserve.

Village Tennis Tournament - Sunday 26th July 1:30pm

We will again hold our Village Tennis Tournament on Wo Hill's court (Campfield, Church Rd) - it continues to be sponsored by John & Jenny Maycock from Brackenwood.

We use a doubles format, each match consisting of four games. In each match you will be allocated a different partner... with the leading male & female players becoming our Village Champions. Maximum number of players is 16. We start at 1.30 and finish with cream tea & refreshments. £2 entry fee for players and spectators.

Jenny Maycock on 01275 376388 would love to hear from any potential scone, cake or sandwich makers! Players contact Drew Smith on 01275 372255.

Festival in The Field - 1pm to 6pm Sunday 6th September***The 100 Year Village Party (The Old School Field, Church Rd)***

We want to make this year's event extra special and make it a real village celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the sale of the village in 1915.

We will have the annual boules tournament, a bar and BBQ, music and other entertainment.

We will be having our first planning meeting in the George Inn on Wed. 20th May at 8pm. So if you would like to get involved in making the event a really fun village event do come along.

If you have any ideas about the music, games, entertainment do contact Drew Smith on 01275 372255 or drewsmithbristol@msn.com.

Abbots Leigh Civic Society - Your Community Group

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

Help our Abbots Pool amphibians

Butterflies and moths in your garden

Water

Bird nesting

Big beach clean up


Don't let go!

Take care



Help our Abbots Pool amphibians – now they have laid their spawn in the water at Abbots Pool Local Nature reserve, please help conserve local amphibians by keeping dogs out of the water, causing minimum disturbance and not removing spawn. Amphibians are in decline nationally and need our help; sadly this year our toad numbers have been very low too at the Pool. The village Toad Patrol has been out rescuing amphibians from Manor Road each night and monitoring population since the middle of February. Thanks for your help



 **Butterflies and moths in your garden** - there are lots of ideas on the Butterfly Conservation website to help you garden for wildlife <http://butterfly-conservation.org/292/gardening-.html> Many ornamental plants that are commonly found in British gardens, such as pansies and begonias, are of little value to wildlife with cultivated showy blooms meaning that these colourful flowers often produce little pollen or nectar. There are hundreds of beautiful plants that do offer these rewards though, including foxgloves, lavender, herbs and wild roses. 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>

Water - a national campaign to encourage the public to dig wildlife ponds and help local frogs, newts and other wildlife flourish. One third of ponds have disappeared in the last fifty years and of those that remain more than 80% are thought to be in 'poor' condition. This has had an enormous impact on wildlife, particularly amphibians. Your efforts locally can make a big difference <http://tinyurl.com/pz78mcw> . Remember to provide water for wildlife in your garden, especially during warm weather. If you don't have a pond, even a flat container of water, like a plant pot tray or up-turned lid is helpful to wildlife.

Bird nesting – please 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 interested to keep up with daily bird sighting, then do visit the Avon Birds website <http://avonbirding.blogspot.co.uk/>

Big Beach clean-up - show your local beach some love and help with this year's Big Beach Clean-up. Join other beach lovers from 7th - 13th May for a spring clean <http://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/> You may be interested to give your views on the current consultation on MCZ (marine conservation zones) <http://tinyurl.com/mugunto>

Don't let go! - help protect our vulnerable marine species and reduce litter by avoiding the use of balloons and sky lanterns. If eaten, they can choke animals, block digestive systems and cause animals to starve; the string on balloons can also entangle and trap animals, like turtles <http://tinyurl.com/oksf7zx> *Continued on p14*



Elections

Thurs. May 7th not only sees us voting for our MP, but also for our District Councillors. Following boundary changes we are part of Long Ashton, Leigh Woods, Failand & Wraxall ward which elects 2 Councillors; do consider who is standing: vote for the ones who will best serve our area. Our Long Ashton & Leigh Woods Parish Councillors will be Martyn Harries and Audrey Moser as they are standing unopposed. Many thanks to them for all the hard work they do on our behalf.

Open Forum

The Open Forum notes will shortly be on the website; if you missed the evening do read what was discussed. The evening was well attended. Our 3 guests had a chance to say what is happening nearby! On the Bridge the Clifton tower renovation will be happening until October. Then we can look forward to the same on this side's tower, March to October 2016. The National Trust have 'pedestrianised' Valley Rd and are seeking permission to install a café & composting toilets. You can see the plans at 15/P/0541/F on the planning website - do still submit your comments. You may like to send comments directly to the NT as well, Helen.Bonsor-Wilton@nationaltrust.org.uk, Anna.Russell@nationaltrust.org.uk

Leigh Woods Society Highways Sub Committee

As predicted parking has deteriorated since introduction of the Clifton RPZ. Our PCSO has been putting notices on cars on the pavement around the North Rd bend. If you wish to make comments including photos the N Somerset officers to contact are rob.thomson@n-somerset.gov.uk, frank.cox@n-somerset.gov.uk, mike.jackson@n-somerset.gov.uk. Councillors are Elfan.ApRees@n-somerset.gov.uk, carl.francis-pester@n-somerset.gov.uk, charles.cave@n-somerset.gov.uk, at least until 7 May 2015.

Spring Litter Pick

On Sat. 11 April, 18 volunteers came to the Vestry for coffee then armed with litter pickers went to clear particular roads. This year we collected 14 bags. Many thanks to those who turned out and worked so hard while chatting, to Jane Worthington who organised it all, and Gregg Brake, our N Som. Area Officer, who provided bags & litter pickers.

Bracken Hill

The Open Garden at Bracken Hill on Sat. 11 April was very well attended. At least 40 turned out, and the sun shone. Thanks to Shane Clark, of Wills House Restoration, and Ian Smith of Devonshire Homes who welcomed us and stayed to chat. We enjoyed our walk around the listed gardens, appreciating the spring flowers. Next opportunity to enjoy these gardens will be **Sat. 3 October**.

Newsletter

You should have received and enjoyed this by now, many thanks to Angela Probyn and Tricia Bedford for producing such an interesting and professional annual Newsletter.

Burwalls

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

Ashton Court

Let's Rock Bristol brings 80's music back to Bristol's Ashton Court estate, from **Friday 5th to Sunday 7th June 2015** and the Balloon Fiesta is **6th – 9th August 2015**.

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
and don't forget our website at
www.leighwoods.org

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Application Records				
31-Mar-15	Applicant & Address	Proposal	Parish Council View	NSC Status
15/P/0137/LUP 27-Jan-15 13-Mar-15	Leigh Warren Bungalow Abbots Leigh Rd	Certificate of lawful development for proposed extension to existing bungalow.	Not open for consultation.	Under Review
15/P/0308/TPO 16-Feb-15 20-Mar-15	Freeways Trust, Leigh Court Training Centre	T1 and T2 - Sycamore trees. Both to fell.	No objections	Approved
15/P/0433/LUP 2-Mar-15 8-Apr-15	53c Church Road	Cert of lawfulness - proposed erection of gd floor rear extn & associated external works following demolition of existing conservatory.	Not open for consultation.	Under Review
15/P/0567/F 16-Mar-15 27-Apr-15	Hernleigh, Blackmoor Road	Remodel existing dwelling rear extn w balcony, new roof & dormers to provide additional living accommodation & associated works.	Recommend refusal	
15/P/0581/PDT 16-Mar-15 6-May-15	Haberfield Park Fm, Pill Road	Replace existing 15m monopole with new 15m monopole. Instal equipment cabinet with associated works.	No objections	
15/P/0592/F 16-Mar-15 24-Apr-15	The Spinney, Manor Road	Erect a detached dwelling with an attached double garage following demolition of existing dwelling.	Recommend refusal	
15/P/0646/F 23-Mar-15 23-Apr-15	25 Dennyview Road, Abbots Leigh, BS8 3RD	Erect 2-storey & 1-storey rear extn. Erect new 2-storey front elevation gable +gd floor bays & canopy porch. Alter roof to incorporate new rear dormer.	No objections (with comments)	

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THURS. 21 MAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Notification of the Annual Parish Meeting (7.00 for 7.30 pm). Your annual opportunity to hear reports from Councillors on the work of the Parish Council,

KEEP IT LOCKED UP

With the warm weather there has been a spate of burglaries form garages and sheds of mountain bikes and power tools. Keep you eyes out for anything suspicious or unusual and report it to the local police on 101. Van drivers masquerading as delivery drivers can remove items from unlocked garages and sheds very quickly. Keep them locked up.

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 11th May**

COUNCILLORS

Your N. Somerset Councillor : We do not yet know who will be the councillor for the new ward of Abbots Leigh, being part of Pill, and what surgery arrangements the successful candidate will make. Leigh Woods will be part of the enlarged Long Ashton ward.
Parish Councillors: To be confirmed after the election.
Clerk to Council: **John Bridge** (373726) Secretariat / Insurance / Police co-ordination

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Abbots Leigh Artists

North Somerset Arts Week 2015 - May 1st – 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"** (see also page 7)

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.
www.abbots-leigh-artists.co.uk or www.northsomersetarts.org (info also on page 7).



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**.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY visits fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons

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

May 12, 26; June 9, 23

Ffi: 01934 426 657 or Google North Somerset Mobile Library

ABBOTS LEIGH VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Thanks to the record number of people who came out and helped clear our highway verges of litter. Despite N Somerset Council having done a comprehensive collection the previous week, volunteers managed to collect a large amount of litter along A369, Manor Rd and Weir Lane, amongst others. Please help to keep verges clear as you go about your normal daily business!

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Take care - please look out for wildlife, especially groggy hedgehogs, sunbathing reptiles and sheltering amphibians as you head out into the garden with strimmers, secateurs and lawn mowers! Enjoy the spring and its wildlife.

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

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

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 May are (No changes on account of Bank Holidays):-

	Recycling & Green Waste	Recycling & Rubbish	Recycling & Green Waste	Recycling & Rubbish
Wednesday	6 th	13 th	20 th	27 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
	03-May	Easter 5		WHITE		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family Worship & Baptism	Wraith family		John 3: 1-14	
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	Adelaide Ferguson Norman Ferguson	Adelaide Ferguson David Davies	Acts 8: 26-end John 15: 1-8	Vicky Dominey
	10-May	Easter 6		WHITE		
8.00am	Leigh Woods	Holy Communion BCP	GINNY OWEN	Ginny Owen Celebrant	Acts 10: 44-end John 15: 9-17	
9.30am	Leigh Woods	Family Worship	Wigley family		John 15: 9-17	Wigley family
6.30pm	Leigh Woods	Evensong	Alan Shellard Pam Allcock	Pam Allcock Alan Shellard	Acts 10: 44-end John 15: 9-17	
	17-May	Easter 7		WHITE		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family Worship	Barney & Constance Pite		John 17: 6-19	
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	David Wraith Heather Wraith	David Wraith Heather Wraith	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end John 17: 6-19	Rosemary Warren
	24-May	Pentecost		RED		
10.30am	Leigh Woods	Parish Communion	Judith Groves Michael Marston	Michael Marston Judith Groves	Acts 2: 1-21 John 15: 26-27,16: 4b-15	Alan Shellard
6.30pm	Leigh Woods	Taizé	Gill Ogden		TBA	
	31-May	Trinity Sunday		GOLD/WHITE		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family Worship & Baptism	Jardine family		John 3: 1-17	
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	David Langley Ralph Pite	David Langley Ralph Pite	Romans 8: 12-17 John 3: 1-17	Margaret Young
	07-Jun	Trinity 1		GREEN		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family Worship	Thomas family		Mark 3: 20-end	
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	Adelaide Ferguson Norman Ferguson	Adelaide Ferguson Adrian Watkinson	2 Cor.4: 13-5.1 Mark 3: 20-end	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.
(NB Not Thursday 7 May!)

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

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENTS IN PEW NEWS

If there are events 'coming up', like concerts etc, which you would like included in the weekly Pew News Sheet, circulated in both churches, please let Alan Shellard know; he will do his best to fit them in. alanshellard@gmail.co.uk or 0117 974 1494.

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