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Abbots Leigh Covid-19 community volunteers

Volunteers are coordinated to cover groups of neighbours. The purpose is to ensure people have someone to contact should they need help with anything such as shopping, posting mail, urgent supplies or just to talk to someone when they are having to self isolate. For help and if you do not know who your co-ordinator is, or want further information, contact Mel King 07876 502951 or Simon Talbot-Ponsonby 07973 147017 or 01275 375250.

Paying for The Link

Subscriptions due at the start of 2021 - suggested donation minimum £7.

NB. Contributions for 2020 are still being accepted too!

Could you either please give your donation to your normal deliverer who will I am sure deliver it to the treasurer or make arrangements for her to collect it OR you can now make BACS payments to

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Many thanks, 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,

One of the great joys of serving as parish priest here, is that one never knows quite what will happen next; and I certainly didn't expect to receive a phone call from the Hedgehog Rescue Trust, asking if a rehabilitated Hog could be released into St Mary's grounds. What a joy! A few hours and a few messages later, found a dozen of us assembling at dusk, to be met by Sarah from the Trust, complete with cat food and kennel. Ranging in age across decades, watching with increasing anticipation, we formed an impromptu congregation, gathered at the turning point of the day, offering our services as substitute feeders, until the Hog could fend for itself. Eventually, Sarah enabled the Hedgehog, gathered tightly into a ball of spines, to be released from its container, and placed in a safe spot under a hedge secure, we hope, from dogs or foxes. We looked, we wondered, children present named the Hog Hugo, and enthusiastically wished him well before we parted. Soon, winter lockdown will begin for Hugo, and we hope that he will be sustained and protected until spring arrives.

We shall soon move into our time of spiritual hibernation, Advent. That comes in this season of wider expectation, waiting for the promise of a vaccine that will deliver us from lockdown and threat of harm; and the way to this point we know may take us through unknown paths. Among these, Christmas may be rather different. We hope that more onsite gathering will be possible than in November; but also recognise that we may have to adjust to different ways of greeting Jesus the Christchild. We will keep our eyes and ears open for the signs of change and hope in our world, as in our parish; and sustain one another as we wait.

So do wait and watch with us; please keep eyes on emails and website notices; we are excited to be wifi-connected now in Holy Trinity and soon, we hope in St Mary's; and we hope to worship and to celebrate from there, gathering like the small group of us at dusk, to watch for the signs of the kingdom at hand in the 'release of captives, the recovery of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are bruised.'

Blessings for Christmas and the new year

Hester

FAMILY NEWS

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BAPTISMS: None

WEDDINGS: None

FUNERALS: 30.11.20 David March Canford Crematorium

Time Out

We are sharing some pictures and light-hearted news on our WhatsApp Time Out group; if you want to join in, please send your mobile number to Gill.

Time Out is a Women's group, of mixed ages, well rather older than we were when we first set up, with lively minds. We live in or have connection with Leigh Woods / Abbots Leigh. We have a mixed program of meet ups about once a month. New members always welcome. If you want to join the email group please let Gill know

Gill Ogden 01275 602657 / 07809 281 542 gillm.ogden@gmail.com

PIANO SEEKS GOOD HOME!

Zender piano, 6 octaves, about 40 years old, good condition, needs tuning. Buyer to collect from Pill.

Price: Donation to Holy Trinity, Abbots Leigh. To view please contact Robert Mowat,

rob_mowat@hotmail.co.uk / 07803 149327.



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All proceeds to St. George's Flower Bank Local Nature Reserve <http://flowerbank.org.uk/>

DINGBATS!

A very big thank you to Emma Hales for entertaining us all with her daily dingbat on Manor Road. It has brought a welcome diversion and an injection of humour to villagers and visitors during both lockdowns. A thoughtful and creative contribution to the community in difficult times.

Well done Emma!



Well done North Somerset Council

A Bristol man received a 16-week suspended prison sentence and 200 hours unpaid work for dumping waste at five locations across North Somerset, including Abbots Pool car park. Council officers first tracked waste back to where it had come from and then to a lorry belonging to CY Landscapes. No fine but £6,300 costs.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2020-2026

The Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to North Somerset Council on November 2nd. If formally accepted in early December it will go to a further NSC organised consultation in the New Year and after that to an independent examiner appointed by the Planning Inspectorate. The submitted Neighbourhood Plan, Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement are all available on the Village website, all updated following the local consultation which ended in September.

The total number of comments submitted to the local consultation exercise came to 210. Respondents fell into two categories. One category, termed **organisations**, with 30 responses, came from national bodies such as Historic England, Homes England, or Environment Agency, or from organisations with some local presence – the police, fire, and health services. Others were particular to the Neighbourhood Area – churches and voluntary organisations, for example. There were also comments from developers expressing their interest in major schemes of up to 1,000 dwellings in the area. These organisational responses in general welcomed the Plan, and made corrections or offered suggestions for clarification, but did not comment at any length on the substance of the Plan.

A second category, **Individual Responses** came both by e-mail (130) and by responses made at the Drop-Ins held on successive Saturday mornings in the Village Hall in September (50). Responses varied widely in length and focus. Some addressed a single issue – traffic, environment, climate change, housing - and were only of a few lines, whereas others ran to four or five pages and offered comments both on the Plan as a whole and on one or more specific issues. Of the 180 responses 51 were from Abbots Leigh residents, 53 from Ham Green, 51 from Pill and 18 from Easton-in-Gordano, with 7 addresses not known. Of the 180 individual responses 84 (47%) agreed with the proposal to develop affordable housing at Chapel Pill Lane, 46 (25%) disagreed with that proposal whilst 50 respondents (28%) did not express a view. The Consultation Statement summarises the comments received and indicates where changes were made to the Plan as a result.

‘You thought it was all over’

Also on November 2nd North Somerset Council opened consultation on the new Local Plan 2038. This requires 20,000 new dwellings to be found in North Somerset by 2038 – and some of the options include growth in Portishead, Portbury, Easton-in-Gordano and Abbots Leigh. The Parish Council is working on a response which will be submitted by December 14th seeking to make the NSC proposals consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Abbots Leigh Parish Council have formally thanked Murray Stewart for all his hard work in leading the delivery of a joint Neighbourhood Plan for both Abbots Leigh and Pill & Easton-in-Gordano parishes over a number of years. He has coordinated all of the input and has drafted many sections himself. This has led to the creation of a Plan in which both parishes can feel justified pride. It has also thanked the steering committee for their guidance and the many people who have responded to the consultations about the plan, many of which have led to a number of significant improvements.

Abbots Pool and the Bridleway

Cars parked on and destroying verges have been partially blocking roads. The Parish Council have asked NSC to investigate potential long term parking restrictions

The planned Public Space Protection Order will include restrictions on behaviour. It is planned to be in place before the next summer (party) season starts. People who breach the order can be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

Following issues with the routing of the National Cycle Route the National Cycle Route 334 no longer goes along Manor Road and past Abbots Pool but has been rerouted to go along Harris Lane to join Sandy Lane and on to Portbury.



Such a very strange year!
Happy Christmas to ALL
Let's hope 2021 sees us back to some normality.
Stay safe and Healthy.

Donna

Donna Butcher 01275 375378

THE BIG SWITCH
HOLY TRINITY ABBOTS LEIGH SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER,
ST MARYS LEIGH WOODS, SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER
BOTH EVENTS START AT 16.30 – COME AND JOIN US

We will not be defeated by Covid19. maybe we cannot get together at the Christmas Cracker to eat mince pies, socialise, buy a few last-minute presents and tree decorations but we can still get together outside to witness the Lighting of the Christmas Trees outside Holy Trinity Abbots Leigh on Saturday 12th December and St Mary's Leigh Woods on Saturday 19th December

We will of course be paying due heed to social distancing but we invite you to join us. There will be mulled wine available (bring your own mug if you prefer) carol singers and the opportunity to hang a star on the tree. We are starting the event at 16.30 on both days so that you can bring children along before it gets too dark.

We are maintaining the traditional raffle and tickets can be purchased from Helen Woodfield on 01275 374521. There are prizes to be won on both Saturdays. So. forget lockdown, forget the gloom and the zoom, come and see the lighting of the Christmas Trees. During the event, we will be making a collection for the Christmas Appeal for the United Parish and the Children's Society.

Father Christmas
is coming to Abbots Leigh!
Saturday 5th December 2020
The George Inn, Manor Road Abbots Leigh

Why not stay for a bite to eat too? The pub would welcome your support. Book your table at The George for between 12pm and 3pm.

£3.50 per child Or
£10 for a family of 3 children.

Tickets are on sale at The George on Sunday 22nd November and on Sunday, 28th November, from 12:30pm to 14:00. We will also be able to take table bookings.

Oh, don't miss those Christmas Jumpers and Festive parties! We look forward to seeing you and your little ones for some festive fun!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM ESTHER THE STAR:
In advance of your start, I would like you to write a letter to me, with your Christmas wishes. Make sure to post your letter in the 'Mistletoe Christmas Post Box' (in the entrance to the pub)



*Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do
If you haven't got a ha'penny
Then God bless you*

I remember singing those lyrics every Christmas Day afternoon as a child. Generally, they followed a few hours digesting a ferociously hearty dinner (it was never 'lunch' in our 1970's West Midland house) and snoring through *The Wizard of Oz* or *The Great Escape*.

Grandmother would take her seat at the piano and the rest of the family gathered round as she smashed out a few carols. They were sung with vim and gusto rather than any particular choral skill but we used to try and belt out *Christmas is Coming* as a 'round' with Grand-parents, cousins, Aunt and Uncle, Mum and Dad taking it in turns to reel through its lyrics.

Even in those juvenile days I enjoyed its Yuletide message of kindness, of looking out for one another regardless of societal standing. In the rigid confines of its verse that message is initially expressed in fiscal terms before moving on to the reality that the simplest of actions - kind words and deeds - can offer just as much impact.

2020 has certainly helped prove that point. It's not a year that many of us would want to repeat in a hurry but if there is any positive to be snatched from its vice-like grip of negativity, then surely heightened community engagement - across the country and at all levels - is one. Which is why, as a community group, it has been so frustrating that the civic society has been hamstrung in its efforts to organise the usual slew of village events.

Our last chance to avoid a clean sweep of coronavirus cancellation this year is **Father Christmas' visit to Abbots Leigh**. A Covid secure grotto is being set up at The George and Father Christmas himself has put aside some time to visit from noon on Saturday the 5th of December – lockdown restrictions permitting.

Tickets are available from the team at The George and a **Magic Postbox** offering a direct link to Santa for your child's letter will be open for the coming weeks. Please book your ticket beforehand as the appointment times need to be indicated on the envelope – for administrative purposes back at Father Christmas' HQ in Lapland you'll understand.

Hopefully, even in these oddest of times, we can help provide some happy Christmas memories for our youngest villagers.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay well, stay happy.

*Paul Thompson, Chair, Abbots Leigh Civic Society
33, Dennyview Road 01275 373 115*

A CONSERVATION AREA WITHIN ABBOTS LEIGH?

The Parish Council have now reopened a dialogue with the Civic Society, to build upon the efforts first made by them jointly in 2005, all with a view to again establishing if a specific Conservation Area would be acceptable both to the Village and to NSC's Conservation Officer. More details will be made public in the New Year, once we have made further progress.

Recently the matter has been broached in the Neighbourhood Plan where a Possible Conservation Area in Abbots Leigh, referred to in Section 8.6 of the Plan, was widely approved of by the majority of respondents.

The main benefit to the Village would be to bring far greater protection for the historic character and the architectural elements that make certain parts of our Village so special and unique.

The steps to gaining a Conservation Area are long drawn out and set down in published policy processes; nothing can happen without wide public endorsement which we hope to work towards securing during 2021.

Unfortunately, Covid has prevented holding our usual Christmas Party, which means we will be unable to meet many friends and neighbours to raise a glass or three together and chat. The pandemic rolls on, but we hope that larger social gatherings may start again in the Spring next year. Ideas are there, but we need a 'kick off' time from Boris!

Though the AGM had to be postponed, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to join our Committee. Please contact alex@alexburgh.co.uk

The 'P' word!

On sunny Saturday, 7th November, residents were very angry as **parking** had reached an extraordinary level. Cars were left across the verges on Church Road, Vicarage Road and along almost the whole length of North Road. Bannerleigh Road too, had its usual pavement parking. Messages, photos and videos were fired off to the Police and the Council. Ashley Cartman, our District Councillor, was quick to respond and visited that afternoon to witness the dangers and inconvenience caused. The number of parked vehicles has escalated during the restrictions and since the Forestry Commission Car Park introduced charging.

In the following week, Ashley and our Parish Councillors, discussed ways to bring in temporary restrictions until a formal scheme takes effect in 2021.

This was published by the North Somerset Council on October 21st and refers to the parking review made throughout the Authority....

We have listened to feedback from residents and town councils and can confirm we will not be taking forward proposals for new charges at this time, but we will continue to look at the management of parking in North Somerset as part of our longer-term planning." results showed support for parking charges to be introduced at Leigh Woods where a scheme has been called for by local residents for some time.

Cllr Canniford added: "With different issues, including the impact of commuter parking, the Leigh Woods area has a much clearer case for introducing an on-street parking scheme now which includes pay and display parking charges and residents' permits. "The Leigh Woods scheme can then act as a pilot as we look to introduce resident parking schemes throughout the district, including in Weston, as the impact of on-street parking was a strong theme in the consultation."

Charging is expected to be introduced to the streets around Leigh Woods next year. As well as extending the review, transport officers will also look at issues raised as part of the consultation and investigate solutions.

JIGSAW EXCHANGE.

Thanks to Emma Burgh, who set this up to help keep us busy and mentally alert during the lockdown. There's no charge and puzzles can be swapped or donated by visiting St Mary's porch, where there's a large box for storage.

CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

Laura kindly sent these links, which residents might find useful if looking for things to keep themselves busy at home.

London Sinfonietta has a wonderful selection of online performances for you to enjoy this November - <https://londonsinfonietta.org.uk/whats-on>

From Live Guest Readings and Masterclasses, through to Online Writing Weeks and Craft of Writing Sessions, Arvon has a brilliant range of online activities to help people find inspiration and keep writing - <https://www.arvon.org/arvon-at-home/>

FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST

Ash dieback has come to Leigh Woods. It is caused by a fungus that originated in Asia which produces small fruiting bodies between July and October. The spores can blow many miles away, which is what makes it so difficult to control. Once it's landed, the fungus grows inside the tree and blocks its water systems, causing the tree to die.

Unfortunately, there is no cure, and while our rangers have done as much as they can to prevent the spread, it is difficult to control, and we've made the difficult decision to fell trees which present a danger to visitors.

Trees throughout the woodland are infected, and so the initial tree work will focus on ones nearest the path, so you may find certain areas of the woods closed when you visit.

In the long term, we're working to restore the wood pasture in Leigh Woods, and you may already have seen red Devon cattle grazing nearby. (Edited from information sent by the Ranger)

PLANNING.

20/P/2223/FUL - Rownham House, Rownham Hill, BS8 3PU – Demolish existing fire damaged dwelling. Erect one of same size & style on same footprint. Officer - Angela Norris

20/P/2460/FUH - Lingfield House, Bridge Rd, BS8 3PE - Demolish raised terrace (upper floor). Replace with 1-storey rear extrn (lower ground) with roof terrace above (upper floor). Construct new rear external stairs, convert derelict greenhouse to small gym, replace porch to rear elevation; internal alterations & external landscaping to rear. Officer - Janet Jones

TREES

20/P/2310/TPO - Nightingale House, Valley Rd, BS8 3PZ - T1 & T2 - Ash - Fell. Officer Jason Cox

20/P/2354/TRCA - The Orchard, Bridge Rd, BS8 3PE - T1 - Quince - Reduce height by 2m, sides by 1m. T2 0 Leyland Cypress - Reduce by 2m. Mixed - Reduce away from property by 0.5 feet. Officer Jason Cox

20/P/2393?TPO - St Ambrose, North Rd, BS8 3PG - T5 - Maidenhair tree - Remove secondary stem. T7 -

Apple - Fell. T8 - Apple - crown lift to gain 1.8 clearance above ground level. Judas tree - Reduce crown stems back to live growth. T10 - Oak - crown lift over footpath for 2.4 clearance. G1 - Yew - Crown lift by 2-2.4m. Crown reduce by 1m. G2 - Yew - Fell and remove. G6 - Lawson Cypress - Reduce to previous points. H1 - Yew - Reduce height to 3.5m. Reduce side closest to building to 1m. Remove Ash. H2 - Cherry Laurel - Fell. Officer Jason Cox

20/P/2415/TPO - Rosemont, Church Rod, BS8 3PG - T1 & T2 - Thuya - Crown lift to 4m. Officer James McCarthy

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HOPEFULLY A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

ABBOTS LEIGH HERITAGE GROUP

Whilst sorting out the Abbots Leigh Village archive, we came across copies of the Church Road fact-sheet. This was put together to inform the Heritage Group Church Road walk in 2018 in which more than thirty people joined and many house owners invited the group in to enjoy their garden. The fact-sheet is a comprehensive history of the road, its buildings and many of the former residents and provides an excellent overview of how this key road has changed over coming up for two hundred years. The fact sheet is now on the village web-site but if you would like a hard copy please get in touch and I will drop one by your house. It is getting a little dated since there have been changes in the last two years, but there may be some longstanding residents who missed getting a copy at the time, and of course there will be new residents who might like to have a copy now.

Di Stewart

diane.stewart12@btinternet.com

HUGO

By Alan Shellard

We have a new neighbour here in Leigh
Woods

Whose name, should you meet him, is Hugo.

He's taken up residence in the Churchyard

Where only the most "well-to-do" go.

He's rather a prickly fellow, I fear,

And known to be very elusive,

And any attempt to get up too close

He regards as very intrusive.

He winters in England but seldom goes out

For most of the time he is sleeping.

His dinner is served at around six o'clock

Though he's frightfully bad at time keeping.

He's very security conscious, I know,

And prepared if a fox comes to call,

For Hugo the Hedgehog has such a good trick

He can turn himself into a ball!

Climate and Ecological Emergency

Following on from the lead taken by North Somerset Council, Abbots Leigh Parish Council have declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency to extend the Climate Emergency already in place.

Planning Application Records					
Applic'n no. Date rec'd Target Date	Applicant & Address	Proposal	Parish Council View	NSC status	Officer
20/P/1437/FUL 10-Aug-20 21-Sep-20	Leigh Court Farm, Pill Rd, BS8 3RA	Retain timber chalet dwelling for farm manager for 5 years or on cessation of the farm enterprise	<i>No objections.</i>	<i>Approved</i>	Louise Grover
20/P/1882/FUL 17-Aug-20 20-Oct-20	Flat at The Barns, Church Road, BS8 3QU	Demolish existing dwelling and construct replacement dwelling.	<i>No objections.</i>	<i>TBC</i>	TBC
20/P/2187/FUH 28-Sep-20 18-Nov-20	8 Dennyview Road, BS8 3RB	Erect 2-storey rear extn, new double gge & internal alterations to 1st floor.	<i>More info/plans required before decision can be made.</i>	<i>TBC</i>	Ellena Fletcher
20/P/2266/LDP 28-Sep-20 17-Nov-20	Drybridge, Manor Road, BS8 3RP	Lawful Devt. Cert. for building extn & to convert 2 out-buildings for residential ancillary use.	<i>Concern re bldgs being used for commercial purpose. Request condition: only to be used as part of same dwelling & only for residential purposes.</i>	<i>TBC</i>	TBC
20/P/2270/HHPA 28-Sep-20 3-Nov-20	Orchard Lodge, Manor Road, BS8 3RS	Prior approval request to erect 1-storey rear extn w pitched roof that would: 1) extend beyond rear of original house by 8m. 2) have max. height 3m. 3) have eaves 2.5m high	<i>No comment necessary.</i>	<i>TBC</i>	Nick Urquhart
20/P/2419/AGA 19-Oct-20 4-Nov-20	Parkwood Barn, Sandy Lane, Lower Failand, BS8 3SF	Increase height of walls & erect roof to existing silage storage area.	<i>No objections.</i>	<i>TBC</i>	Jessica Smith
20/P/2434/FUH 19-Oct-20 9-Dec-20	28 Church Road, BS8 3QP	Raise and replace rear garden terrace and landscape works to front and rear garden.	<i>Concern re neighbours' lost privacy</i>	<i>TBC</i>	Janet Jones
20/P/2328/FUL 2-Nov-20 8-Dec-20	Acres Holt, Val- ley Road, Leigh Woods, BS8 3PZ	Add attic & basement. Change elevations to dwelling under construction (previously approved under applicn 19/P/0547/FUL – Erect dwelling w det. gge & swimming pool. Construct access driveway following demolition of existing house & garage.	<i>PC to check with Long Ashton PC for comment.</i>	<i>TBC</i>	Ellena Fletcher

Donald Davies, Pill Ward Councillor, N Somerset Council

Thank you for all you do to keep our community safe. The pandemic will be with us for many months more and there will be difficult times to come, yet I know that we shall work together to get through. For safety reasons I'm not holding surgeries, but please feel free to contact me with any concerns you have. My phone number is 07900 097671 and my e-mail donald.davies@n-somerset.gov.uk. Keep safe!

Parish Council Meetings The Parish Council is meeting through video links for the foreseeable future. If you wish to raise anything to be discussed at a meeting please contact Julie Smart, Clerk to the PC, in advance of the meeting. The next meeting will be **Monday 21st December, but in January we switch to the second Monday in the month. So January's meeting will be on Monday 11 January at 7.00pm via zoom .** Agenda & Minutes are on the Village Website.

Abbots Leigh Parish Councillors Simon Talbot-Ponsonby (375250) Chair, Cycle & Footpath Network/Highways/Verges/Recycling & Rubbish/ Skittle Alley/Communications/ Website. **Martin Walker** (219530) Vice Chair/ Public Footpaths/ Old School Field/ Open Spaces/ Abbots Pool/ Transport Links. **John Butler** (373446), Village Hall /Public Relations/Street Lighting. **Murray Stewart** (372878) Community Groups/ Neighbourhood Plan/ Abbots Leigh Charities/ Civic Soc. Liaison. **Robert Narracott** (375619) Planning/ Conservation Area. **Julie Smart Clerk to the Council:** (374442) who works out of the Resource Centre in Pill. Secretariat/Insurance/Police Coordination/Village Orderly.

RECYCLING AND RUBBISH

The NSC contract with Biffa is being terminated. From April their services will be carried out by the newly set up North Somerset Recycling Company.

Collection dates: go back to normal from 11th January. If in doubt about collection dates meanwhile, check the NSC website, since dates vary across Abbots Leigh & Leigh Woods.

Garden Waste will not be collected between Monday 21st December and Friday 15th January. Collections are once a month from December to February.

Christmas Trees up to 2 metres tall can be collected in the first green waste collection from 18th January. Remove pots & decorations!

Recycling over Christmas: The Council will put on additional vehicles to collect excess cardboard generated by online shopping. Please make sure cardboard is flattened so that it fits in the recycling box and into the lorries.

Cards: Non glittery cards can go in the recycling box with other cardboard. Or cut them up for next year's gift tags.

Wrapping paper, if it can be scrunched or ripped without bouncing back can go in cardboard recycling. Avoid metallic wrap/ foil/ cellophane/ glittery wrap.

Paper napkins & tissues go in your black bin, as do sweet wrappers, except foil wrappers which should be scrunched into as large a ball as possible and put in with plastic & tins.

Recycling Centre at Black Rock, Portishead: Closed on Tues. (and Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day). Winter opening: 10am-4pm Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri.; 9am-4pm, Sat./Sun. One way system: approach Portishead recycling centre down Valley Rd; exit down towards Clevedon Rd B3123

Food waste: No food in general waste! Put it ALL (including turkey carcasses) into your food waste bin. In the general waste it would end up in landfill, as food waste it is used to generate electricity.

Plastic Bags can be recycled at a number of larger supermarkets including a lot of food packaging and magazine wrappers which are not biodegradable.



Calling landowners great and small:

Is there a patch in your field or garden where an additional tree or two or maybe more could grow? Maybe a memorial tree for someone loved, a favourite fruit or nut for wildlife, a hedge along your fence, some shelter for the horses or a wild patch of woodland at the end of your field?

Planting 1 tree per person in Abbots Leigh could get us to 1000 which would be a great start! Whilst providing carbon capture benefits and generating an asset on your land, trees also support a multitude of wildlife, above and below ground. Please help if you can.

For queries or suggestions or to let us know what you are already planting, please email

AbbotsLeighTrees@gmail.com

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The 2nd best is NOW! Especially as we will be losing most of our ash trees due to ash die back in the next few years.

This initiative is being taken up following the lead of the Pill & Easton-Gordano Neighbourhood Carbon Capture & Biodiversity group who are trying to match saplings, grants and funding for tree and hedge planting with suitable areas for planting them.

Facing a climate & ecological emergency, Abbots Leigh is working together with Pill & Easton-in-Gordano and North Somerset Council. Five volunteer groups have been set up to look into initiatives for our parishes around local food, energy, transport, carbon capture, biodiversity & public engagement, with a sum of money to fund projects which will have some impact.

If you are interested in getting involved in on-going initiatives to do with climate change and biodiversity loss please email climateactionpill@gmail.com.

	CHURCH	SERVICE	READERS	READINGS
	06-Dec	Advent 2		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family Worship	Talbot	Mark 1: 1-8
10.45am	Zoom	Parish Communion	Helen Cornish Gilly Crichton	2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1: 1-8
	13-Dec	Advent 3		
9.00am	Leigh Woods	BCP Holy Communion	Ginny Owen Celebrant	1 Thess. 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28
10.30am	Zoom	Family Worship	Talbot	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
	20-Dec	Advent 4		
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	John Dempsey Alan Shellard	Rom. 16: 25-end Luke 1: 26-38
4.30pm	Leigh Woods	Carol Service (Booking only)*	TBA	6 lessons for Carol Service
	24-Dec	Christmas Eve		
4.30pm	LW or Zoom	Christingle?	TBA	TBA
11.00pm	AL or Zoom	Midnight Communion	Vicky Dominey Helen Cornish	Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2:1-14
	25-Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY		
9.30am	Leigh Woods	BCP Holy Communion	Michael Bothamley Celebrant	Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2:1-14
10.30am	LW or Zoom	Family Worship	Talbot	Luke 2: 1-14
	27-Dec	Christmas 1 / St John Evangelist		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	BCP Holy Communion	Vicky Dominey Celebrant	Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 22-40
	03-Jan	Christmas 2		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family Worship	Talbot	John 1: 10-18
10.45am	Zoom	Parish Communion	Christopher Sharp Sarah Sharp	Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: 10-18
	10-Jan	Epiphany		
9.00am	Leigh Woods	BCP Holy Communion	Ginny Owen Celebrant	Acts 19: 1-7 Mark 1: 4-11
10.30am	Zoom	Family Worship	Talbot	Mark 1: 4-11
	17-Jan	Epiphany 2		
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	Laura Parham Adelaide Ferguson	1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 John 1: 43-51
4.30pm	Zoom	Evensong	Michael Bothamley Gilly Crichton	1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 John 1: 43-51
	24-Jan	Epiphany 3		
10.30am	Leigh Woods	Parish Communion	Simon Holmes Alan Shellard	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20
4.30pm	Zoom	Evensong	Annabel Watkinson Adrian Watkinson	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20
	31-Jan	Epiphany 4		
10.30am	Abbots Leigh	Parish Communion	John Dempsey Helen Cornish	1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28
6.30pm	Zoom	Night Prayer	Ginny Owen Vicky Dominey	1 Corinthians 14: 12-20 Matthew 13: 10-17
	07-Feb	2nd before Lent		
9.30am	Abbots Leigh	Family Worship	Talbot	Mark 1: 29-39
10.45am	Zoom	Parish Communion	Judith Groves Adelaide Ferguson	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 Mark 1: 29-39

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION is suspended, but could continue online. Please contact Hester if you are interested.

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See the full notice on page 6

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ADRIAN'S CHRISTMAS BISCOTTI

Ingredients: 110gm plain flour, level tsp baking powder, pinch of salt, 25gm ground almonds, 50gm pistachios, 75gm golden caster sugar, 1 egg lightly beaten, a handful of dried cranberries.

Method: Sift flour, baking powder & salt into a large bowl. Add ground almonds, pistachios, cranberries and sugar. Give it a good mix, then add the egg and mix it together first with a wooden spoon. Then using your hands knead it to bring the mixture together to form a smooth dough. It will feel a bit dry to start with but keep going until it has the texture of marzipan. Place the dough on a lightly floured surface and, using your hands, roll it into a log about 22cm long. Put it on a baking tray and bake for 25 minutes at 160C. Transfer to a cooling tray and leave until completely cold. Use a serrated knife to cut into diagonal slices about 1cm wide. Place them back in the oven on the baking tray and bake for another 20 minutes at 130C until pale gold and crisp. Don't overdo the second baking as they will become too hard and be a bit of a dental challenge. Transfer biscotti to the cooling tray and when cold, store in an airtight container. They will keep until Christmas.

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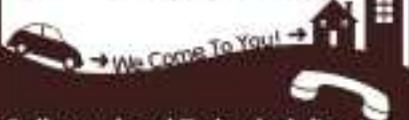
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