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Dear Friends,

I've heard so often in recent weeks, 'This feels like the longest winter'. Sometimes, 'longest' has been replaced by 'darkest' or 'wettest' or 'coldest'. But there is something that feels, even for those who've lived through a lot of dark winters, extreme and gruelling about this one. As I write this on Ash Wednesday, we're invited to take on a discipline of prayer, fasting and generosity, to mark the season of Lent. Many of us may be feeling that it's been like Lent for about a year, on and off – and we don't want to give anything else up, thank you very much! And I think that would be an understandable response. But perhaps we can approach the season in a different way, and see the last months as a training opportunity, from which we can now reap some small spiritual benefit. Because as the season opens out, we're in fact moving towards the light, with those beautiful snowdrops and crocuses everywhere to be seen in the parish; with many among us now partly vaccinated, at least; and the possibility of schools reopening, for those who've been offering months of home education, as further source of hope. And as many of us have had to adjust to limited living, we perhaps enter Lent more sharply alert to the gifts of life, freedom and relationship which are our customary blessings. Perhaps we can offer the next few weeks, then, with this prospect of greater freedom in view, to nurture a sense of gratitude for our good fortunes, an instinct for generosity and compassion for those who are worse off than ourselves; and an awareness of our dependence on one another, and on the good of the whole world.

Do join us in our combined Lent Group this year with the parish of All Saints Clifton: we will circulate the Zoom link and the groups will be meeting on Wednesdays at 2pm/ 7pm for an hour, with the book 'In all seasons, for all reasons' a focus for thoughts on prayer.

*Hester*

## FAMILY NEWS

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**BAPTISMS:** None

**WEDDINGS:** None

**FUNERALS:** 14.12.20 Margaret Thompson St Mary's Leigh Woods

## LENT GROUPS

We are combining with All Saints' Clifton for one-hour Zoom groups at 2pm or 7pm (choose your time) on the five Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24. Please register with Hester for Zoom access. **JAMES MARTIN** *In all seasons for all reasons* is our text, and you can order a copy via Hester. £6.60. (Or on your Kindle, or via bookfinder.com).

## Our Parish Churches Holy Trinity and St Mary's

Our two lovely churches need support! They are the focus of various works in the Parish, from home visiting to Foodbank collections, weddings, baptisms, funerals, weekly services and fundraising for Charities (we regularly donate over £4,000 to charity in any one year). And they provide space for social events - cinema, meetings, concerts etc. Now we wonder if others would like access to our **Parish Giving Scheme**, allowing you to make a donation of any amount at your chosen interval. It is a simple process to sign up online at: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/abbots-leigh-w-leigh-woods-abbots-leigh/> (if you prefer paper forms to complete or need help please contact Siân: 01275 375619).

**One last item** – if you would like to be kept in touch with Parish events and to have your name added to our database - please contact Liz England: [admin@theparishchurch.com](mailto:admin@theparishchurch.com)

## FOOD BANK

The Foodbank is short of all kinds of toiletries, baby milk, nappies, and sanitary supplies including toilet rolls. Donate by leaving gifts in church porches - Holy Trinity or St Mary's.

More info & online donation: <https://www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk>

## Time Out

Thanks to Vickie and Barbara O, Time Out held a very successful Quiz Evening on Zoom which included 2 members new to the area. From that came the idea of a Zoom **Book-share evening**, which we plan to have in March, date TBA.

If you want to be included in the Time Out group email please contact me [gillm.ogden@gmail.com](mailto:gillm.ogden@gmail.com). We also have a WhatsApp group sharing photos etc. to keep our spirits up 07702 313827.

A great photo of a Time Out walk round Brackenwood looking at the snowdrops came up on my FB memory from 2 years ago. We very much look forward to when we can meet in person again.

Gill Ogden

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We are keeping in touch with everyone by email and phone. A lot of the members have now had their first job which is great. Everyone is enjoying the snowdrops and daffodils which brighten up the daily walks.

I have just delivered some sunflower seeds to all the members, hopefully they will grow tall and strong and bring hope that we will meet together in the late Spring.

Stay safe and healthy

*Donna*

*Donna Butcher 01275 375378*

### **PLANTING TREES in Abbots Leigh**

The Abbots Leigh Trees group will carry on looking for suitable areas to plant trees and hedgerows over the coming weeks and months. When the Ash come into leaf, we will also keep an eye out for trees badly affected by dieback, which might pose a risk by falling or splitting. In the meantime, we can enjoy our walks (only 1+1 until lockdown eases) and learning about the trees in our area. If you have suggestions for planting, concerns about trees, are happy to share what you have already planted this season or would like to get involved; please email [AbbotsLeighTrees@gmail.com](mailto:AbbotsLeighTrees@gmail.com)

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*view this newsletter and any links online.*



### **Abbots Pool Toad Migration 2021**



Early March is the peak of the annual migration of toads to breed in Abbots Pool - given favourable weather most should now be in the pool and can be seen in shallow water along the edge at night with the aid of a torch. As many as 1,000 make this trip every year so the pool is an important site for them. Please drive carefully, and keep a look out for them crossing the road, as well as for frogs and newts, if you are going along Manor Road alongside the orchard after dark.



Our thanks to Paul Thompson (*Tommo*) who stands down as Chair for the AL Civic Society. Tommo has done a great job for the past four years, leading with his own inimitable style and always injecting humour throughout the proceedings. Lots has been achieved in his stewardship to contribute to making Abbots Leigh the great place it is. For example, Tommo's Tavern in the village hall was inspired in our hour of need, and gratefully received by a thirsty village. Many thanks, Tommo! The Chair has passed to Debbie Nelmes and Jane Gibbons, and we will do our best to carry on Tommo's good work..

Looking ahead, we hope to resume our usual calendar of social events as soon as restrictions allow. June/July looks like the earliest opportunity - just in time for our wonderful outdoor Summer Drinks party, with fizz and nibbles. So that is something to look forward to (fingers crossed). And then we will hopefully be full steam ahead with the rest of the year's fab events.

Until we can get together in person again, the committee wondered what could be done. The one thing that this pandemic has shown us is the importance of communication and finding different ways to stay in touch - whether via Zoom, WhatsApp, the village website or just shouting over the fence to the neighbours.

**The Village Website** ([www.abbotsleigh.org.uk](http://www.abbotsleigh.org.uk)): The village website is an important asset. In March, we will review how we can improve it so that is more useful to everybody - the content, accessibility, email lists etc. If this is something that interests you (either as a user or a techie) then please get in touch. It would be great to have fresh input and ideas.

**AL Community Groups:** Apart from Civic Society, there are other great community groups that we can all get involved with. In the coming weeks, we will be promoting various groups for you to consider joining or supporting.

**The AL Family Trail:** The Trail is a new self-led family walk around the village to introduce young and old to the history and places of interest on our doorstep. The trail will be put on the website and we hope to have it ready for Easter.

We always to want to hear any new ideas or suggestions that would help our lovely community. So please do get in touch with Debbie Nelmes and Jane Gibbons

[alcivicsociety@abbotsleigh.org.uk](mailto:alcivicsociety@abbotsleigh.org.uk)

## Abbots Pool Working Party

It was a cold and bitter day for the Feb working Party, but the team cleared the ditches on Manor Road to help with the flooding and that warmed us up.

We also got into the undergrowth and pulled a lot of litter out and carried on with removal of invasive species.

Next working party: March 14<sup>th</sup> 10-12pm. Focus on clearing out the Cave, removing mud build-up on the bridge, a bit of repair to the dead hedge behind the sign on the dam, and pulling out Laurels – we haven't done a big push on laurels for a few years and they are popping up on the slope above the bridge.

Note for Calendar: Abbots Pool Working Party Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. 10- 12 pm

Jo Chiverton



March sees the first anniversary of the first lockdown and, a year on, there may be hopeful signs of better times ahead when we can meet again. The society has continued to work quietly in the background as there are issues of concern, which are being addressed. Indeed, the society had a meeting online at the end of January to discuss the range of issues which concern residents and some of these issues are noted below.

**Leigh Woods** As previously reported in 'The Link', parking restrictions were hastily introduced in order to help compliance with social distancing during the first lockdown. These seem to have helped, although the growing number of visitors to the woods has continued and is more than likely to increase still further as spring approaches. This area is particularly popular at the weekend, as is to be expected. Police/traffic warden presence has been promised during peak times to help maintain a safe flow of both traffic and visitors.

**Verges** The recent filming on North Road resulted in further damage to the grass verges. The company has been contacted and has assured the society that the damage will be made good. Of crucial importance is the timing because the ideal situation would be to effect repairs when the parking scheme has been fully implemented and the weather is drier, thus eliminating some of the additional damage caused by the increased footfall and the mounting onto the verges of cars which are allowing other vehicles to pass along the road. Suggestions about how to protect the verges subsequently have been proposed although no final decision has been reached; any solution must be pleasing aesthetically and sustainable environmentally. The verges are a very important part of our environment.

**Parking** The completion of the scheme is still officially scheduled for April although this may not in fact happen until later in the summer. An update will appear here as soon as any information becomes available. It is important to emphasise that the works undertaken so far were only partial. As an example, parking has increased in Church Road adjacent to the church (further damaging verges at that point) but this section is scheduled to be part of the final implementation of the parking scheme. It is understood that further consultation with the community will occur prior to the implementation of the scheme.

**Community needs** The absence of any hub or meeting point in Leigh Woods has resulted in a discussion on using the church building more, which would certainly be welcomed by the church authorities. In fact, the cancelled summer party 2020 was due to have taken place in the church grounds. There are of course acknowledged sensitivities around using the church, yet it is the only permanent structure in Leigh Woods and it may make sense to take advantage of its availability. The discussion will continue and the views of members of the society and the wider community will be sought.

**Crime** A reminder to be vigilant. Greater numbers of visitors may present a situation where an opportunist burglar can slip through unnoticed. Our police contact: [justina.lewis@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:justina.lewis@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

**Meetings** The society committee is continuing to meet online. The AGM in March 2020 was cancelled, but it is hoped that the AGM 2021 will take place at some point this year. Experience teaches us that it would be unwise to suggest any date, but notice of an AGM will go out as soon as legislation indicates that it would be safe to meet.

**Subscriptions to the Society 2021** The committee decided that these would not be collected in 2021. Reimbursements have been made to those who did pay

**Thoughts on the future** This has been a time for reflection and various thoughts on the Leigh Woods Society have been discussed over recent months. The committee is going to have a further discussion later this month and will open up the discussion to members so that the widest possible array of views may be taken into consideration.

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## Abbots Leigh, Ham Green, Pill and Easton-in-Gordano Neighbourhood Plan Submission Consultation February 2021



You will remember that in the February LINK we highlighted the YOUR PLAN; YOUR SAY consultation being conducted by North Somerset Council. The Plan will help to shape development up to 2026 and will be used to help to make decisions on planning applications. This is the last chance before a final summer referendum to influence the Neighbourhood Plan.

You can find out more and view the Plan on the Village web-site (under Neighbourhood Plan within Parish Council). Comments can be made online until **March 15th** to [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/pillplan](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/pillplan)

Policies include:-

- Investigation of a Conservation area for Abbots Leigh
- Limitations on traffic on the A369
- Protection of the local natural and historic environment,
- Site allocations for affordable housing and a care home at Ham Green,
- Policies to counter climate change and stimulate low energy use, walking, cycling and public transport.

It is important that as many people as possible make it known to North Somerset that the Plan is welcome and does as much as possible to protect and enhance the parish.

There are many differing views about the most important issues and some parts of the Plan may seem contradictory to others. Meeting housing needs can conflict with environmental conservation; new development may create traffic and fail to encourage walking and cycling. There have therefore been compromises which we hope Abbots Leigh residents will understand and respect. **Please make your views known to NSC.**

## North Somerset Local Plan 2038

Alongside the Neighbourhood Plan to 2026 we have been working to influence the forthcoming North Somerset Local Plan 2038. We made a submission to the recent consultation (see the February LINK) and North Somerset have now published a report on that consultation. Many of the issues raised in our submission - which mirrored the priorities of the Neighbourhood Plan - have been recognised, notably the levels of congestion, pollution and safety on the A369, the protection and enhancement of the environment, the importance of local character and heritage and the need to avoid major development at Chapel Pill and/or Martcombe. This is not to say that these concerns will be incorporated in the new NSC Local Plan but it seems a good start. All the more reason to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. **Have your Say. Support the proposals.**



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### A CONSERVATION AREA WITHIN ABBOTS LEIGH?

Over the next few months the Parish Council will be seeking to establish what level of support residents have for living within a potential Conservation Area in our Village.

Residents who wish to know more about the practicalities of "Living in a Conservation Area" can download the North Somerset Information Sheet of that name, published in 2019. It is available on North Somerset Council's Planning Website in the Heritage and Conservation Section. It will also be available via the Abbots Leigh Parish Council Section of the Village Website ([abbotsleigh.org.uk](http://abbotsleigh.org.uk)).

An interesting statistic the document highlights is that, on average, houses within Conservation Areas sell at a 9% premium over those outside of them.

A Brief History of Church Road by the Village's Heritage Group, subtitled The Oldest Street in the Village, was published in June 2018 and is also available to download via the Village Website. This provides a fascinating and very interesting focus on the history and heritage of Church Road. It is a good read and provides plenty of reasons for supporting the principle of conserving the character of Church Road.

### Abbots Leigh Village

#### Spring Clean and Litter Pick, Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10am.

Please come and separately join us as we pick litter from the verges around the village. Either in pairs keeping our distance from each other, or in bubble groups, we will walk down the road verges and make a concerted effort to collect accumulated rubbish. Sadly, we were not able to do this last year, so there has been a build-up. However, a lot of people have been individually clearing rubbish in their daily exercise; a big thank you to those local people who have been caring for the village. Please bring your own gloves and the parish council litter pickers if you have already borrowed them. We will provide bags and litter pickers.

**Please let me know** if you will be able to join in and if you have a preference for where you would like to collect, so that we can draw up a rota



in advance to make the start easier. Please congregate distantly, preferably wearing masks, by the phone box at 10am on 21<sup>st</sup> March. As we go to press this is permissible under current rules, and therefore should still be permissible as restrictions ease. The traditional celebratory refreshments in the pub will unfortunately have to wait until next time. [simon@talbot-ponsonby.org](mailto:simon@talbot-ponsonby.org)

Planning Application Records					
Applic'n no. Date rec'd Target Date	Applicant & Address	Proposal	Parish Council View	NSC status	Officer
20/P/1882/FUL 17-Aug-20 20-Oct-20	Flat at The Barns, Church Rd, BS8 3QU	Demolish existing dwelling. Construct replacement dwelling.	<i>No objections.</i>	<i>Approved</i>	TBC
20/P/2187/FUH 28-Sep-20 18-Nov-20	8 Dennyview Rd, BS8 3RB	Erect a 2- storey rear extension, new double garage and internal alterations to the first 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 Rd, BS8 3RP	Lawful Development Cert for a building extn & convert 2 out-buildings for residential ancillary use.	<i>Concern re bldgs' use for commercial purposes. Request condition that it could only be used as part of same dwelling &amp; only for residential purposes.</i>	<i>Approved (Lawful)</i>	TBC
20/P/2270/HHPA 28-Sep-20 3-Nov-20	Orchard Lodge, Manor Rd, BS8 3RS	Prior approval request: erect 1-storey rear extn w pitched roof to: 1) extend 8m beyond rear wall of house; 2) have max ht 3m; 3) & eaves 2.5m high	<i>No comment necessary.</i>	<i>Approved</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 and erect roof to existing silage storage area.	<i>No objections.</i>	<i>Prior approval not reqd</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' loss of privacy</i>	<i>Approved w condns re privacy</i>	Janet Jones
20/P/2328/FUL 2-Nov-20 8-Dec-20	Acres Holt, Valley Road, Leigh Woods, BS8 3PZ	Add attic & bsmt; change elevations of dwelling under construction (approved under applicn 19/P/0547/ FUL – Erect dwelling w det. gge & swimming pool; construct new access driveway after demolition of existing house and garage).	<i>PC checked w Long Ashton PC - No comment submitted from Long Ashton PC.</i>	<i>Approved</i>	Ellena Fletcher
5-Jan-21 4-Feb-21	Woodland Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Rd, BS8 3QA	Asking if prior approval required for proposal to increase height of dwelling 1 storey to max. 9m.	<i>Not seen as acceptable in this location.</i>	<i>Required and granted</i>	Ellena Fletcher

## Donald Davies, Pill Ward Councillor, N Somerset Council

The road map out of lockdown has been announced, yet there is much still to do to keep each of us safe. Thank you all for your help in reducing infection rates and in supporting each other. Do please feel free to contact me with any concerns you have. My phone is 07900 097671 and my e-mail [donald.davies@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:donald.davies@n-somerset.gov.uk).

**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. Meetings are normally held on **the 2nd Monday of each month**. Next will be **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Meetings are at 7pm 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.

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### RECYCLING AND RUBBISH

From April Recycling and waste services will be carried out by North Somerset Recycling Company, a new company being set up by North Somerset Council using the existing staff, as the contract with Biffa is being terminated by mutual agreement.



**Collection days** vary across Abbots Leigh and Leigh Woods.

If in doubt about your next collection dates check on North Somerset Council website under waste collections where you can also download your Recycling and Waste collection calendars.

**Garden Waste** Garden waste collections will be back to normal in March. Check your calendar on North Somerset Website for collection days.

**Recycling Centre at Black Rock, Portishead** Closed on Tuesdays. Summer times from the beginning of March are 8am to 6pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10am to 6pm on Thursday, 9am to 6pm on Saturday and 9am to 5pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays. When visiting Portishead recycling centre there is a one way system in place and it is not possible to make a right turn to enter or exit the site. To enter you must turn left coming down Valley Road and to exit turn left towards Clevedon Road B3123.

**Food waste** Lots of people still put food waste in with the general rubbish. The average family throws away about £700 worth of food waste a year and most of it ends up in landfill. Please put your food waste into your food waste bin rather than into your black wheelie bin so that it can be used to generate electricity and provide heat for homes

**Plastic Bags** A lot of these can be recycled at a number of larger supermarkets including a lot of food packaging and magazine wrappers which are not biodegradable. Read the packaging labels which say “recycle with bags at larger stores”.

### A369 Cycle path



Before

We are delighted that North Somerset Council have raised and resurfaced the cycle path opposite Ashgrove Avenue by the exit from Clifton College Sports grounds and have installed an additional gully. This area of the path was repeatedly flooded for over 20 years



After

and these works will ensure that cyclists no longer have to cycle through a flood or the residual mud on their journeys to Clifton which put people off using the path.

## Thank you, Pam, for these words - we only wish we could join you in singing them!

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ our Lord,  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word  
From Heaven He came and sought her  
To be His Holy Bride.  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died

We long to praise His goodness  
To chant, to pray, to sing,  
But, lockdown still prevailing  
We can't join anything.  
Like disappointed bridesmaids  
We, isolated, sit  
In quiet lonesome houses  
Our lanterns all unlit.

The 'Zoom' is just a token  
It's not at all the same –  
We need our faith OUTSPOKEN  
To make its meaning plain.  
We need those friendly faces  
Beside us in the pews  
To celebrate TOGETHER  
The Gospel's great Good News

But vaccination's coming  
– We pray it's not too long –  
We'll soon be reunited  
In Church, in words, in song.  
And we shall stand together  
Friends, families, all blest  
And our dear church, now silent,  
Be filled with new found zest  
*Pam Allcock*

### Family Worship Volunteers

The editor seems to write in 'Talbot family' for nearly every service -  
Surprise him, break the mould, relieve the monotony!

**Worship on ZOOM** contact Liz England to get a link to these services.  
01275 373996 Email: [admin@theparishchurch.com](mailto:admin@theparishchurch.com)

**PEW NEWS** comes out weekly. Contact BEFORE Thursday:  
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### Sarah Friend, your Village Agent !



Have you had your 1st vaccines yet? I hope so, and with no side effects. I'm missing seeing you all at the various social events but remember I'm a phone call away if you need any advice or help on anything, big or small, or just a chat. Would be lovely to hear from you. For all of you on the internet, The Village Agents have set up a zoom Storytelling session. Let me know if you would like more information or are interested. You can contact me by phone: 07422 078548, email [sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk](mailto:sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk) or [sarah@wern.org.uk](mailto:sarah@wern.org.uk). Hope to see you all in person soon, but until then, stay safe and well. Sarah Friend, Village Agent.

## SERVICES for March

	CHURCH	SERVICE	READERS	READINGS
<b>7-Mch</b>	<b>Lent 3</b>			<b>PURPLE</b>
9.30am	AL & Zoom	Family Worship	Annabel Watkinson	John 2: 13-22
10.30am	AL & Zoom	Parish Communion	Sue Hartley John Viney	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22
<b>14-Mch</b>	<b>Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday</b>			<b>PURPLE</b>
9.30am	LW & Zoom	BCP Holy Communion	Ginny Owen Celebrant	Ephesians 2: 1-10 John 3: 14-21
10.00am	<a href="https://youtu.be/06wUz6Vovtk">https://youtu.be/06wUz6Vovtk</a>		Bristol Cathedral: Eucharist	
10.30am	LW & Zoom	Mothering Sunday Service	Talbot family	John 3: 14-21
<b>21-Mch</b>	<b>Lent 5 – Passiontide begins</b>			<b>PURPLE</b>
10.30am	AL & Zoom	Parish Communion	Adrian Watkinson Helen Cornish	Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33
4.30pm	Zoom only	Evening Prayer	Vicky Dominey Lesley Nash	Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33
<b>28-Mch</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>			<b>PURPLE</b>
10.30am	LW & Zoom	Parish Communion	TBA	TBA
<b>1-Apl</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
7.30pm	AL & Zoom	Holy Communion	Vicky Dominey Barry England	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
<b>2-Apl</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>			
All day	<a href="https://youtu.be/5RrYP6djzFw">https://youtu.be/5RrYP6djzFw</a>		Good Friday Meditation	
<b>4-Apl</b>	<b>EASTER DAY</b>			<b>GOLD / WHITE</b>
9.30am	Leigh Woods	BCP Holy Communion	Ginny Owen Celebrant	Romans 6: 3-11 Mark 16: 1-8
10.30am	Leigh Woods	Family Worship	Talbot family	Mark 16: 1-8

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**Method:** Peel the sweet potato and cut into thick slices. Cut up the celery and peel the shallots - this a little tedious but much easier if you first stand them in boiling water for a few minutes. Put a very small amount of goose fat into a shallow cooking pot and then spread out the vegetables. Rub some salt into the skin on the duck legs and nestle them onto the vegetables. Start off the cooking at around 160 - 180C. After 30 minutes check how it's all going. If it's looking a little dry, throw in a splash of Rosé wine and have some yourself. The delicious juices from the duck will be basting the vegetables. Finish under a hot grill until the skin on the duck is nicely crisped. Plate up with more vegetables. Peas have a great affinity with duck. Braised red cabbage complements the sweetness of this dish. Enjoy as you think about summer holidays in France.

Bon Appétit

*Adrian*



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