

Diary for April 2018

Fri 30th March Good Friday

10.30am - Walk of Witness will start at the SLC land, Rogers Walk, CSL (near the co-op) Approximate timings for church services are: 11.30am at Heathfield (followed by Hot Cross Buns), 1pm at Oake (followed by lunch) and the final act of worship will be at 2.30pm at Hillfarrance as we remember when Jesus died

Sun 1st April Easter Sunday

10am	Benefice Easter Family Communion (with a challenge to the Vicar - a 60-second Easter sermon, a lot like Christmas Day!) Please bring flowers to decorate the cross that was used on Good Friday	Heathfield Church
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Sun 8th

8.30am	Holy Communion	Heathfield church
10.00am	Family Praise with Powerhouse	Community hall, CSL
	Morning Worship	Hillfarrance Church

Wed 11th

7.45pm	SLC Steering Group	3 West Villas, CSL
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Thurs 12th

2.15pm	Toddler Church resumes	Community room, CSL
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Fri 13th

7.00pm	Friday Talk: Juliet Butler, former villager and author talks about her book <i>The Less You Know, The Sounder You Sleep</i>	Hillfarrance Church
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Sun 15th

8.30am	Holy Communion	Hillfarrance Church
10.00am	3rd Sunday and Ignite	Community hall, CSL
	Holy Communion	Oake Church

Wed 18th

11.15am	Holy Communion	93 Burge Cres, CSL
1.00pm	Church lunch	Hillfarrance Church

Thurs 19th

2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
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Sun 22nd

8.30am	Holy Communion	Hillfarrance Church
10.00am	Family Praise incorporating the APCM for Heathfield with CSL, with Powerhouse	Community hall, CSL
6.30pm	Evensong followed by APCM for Oake	Oake Church

Mon 23rd

11.00am	Hillfarrance APCM	Hillfarrance Church
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Thurs 26th

2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
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Sun 29th (Fifth Sunday)

10.00am	Benefice Family Communion led by the Archdeacon of Taunton, Ven Simon Hills	Community hall, CSL
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Thurs 3rd May

2.15pm	Toddler Church	Community room CSL
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Sun 6th

8.30am	Holy Communion	Oake Church
10.00am	Family Communion	Community hall, CSL
5.30pm (tbc)	Evensong	Hillfarrance Church

Easter Bonnets, tea and cake in Hillfarrance on Monday

2nd April between 2 and 4pm

There will be prizes for the best hat worn by a man, woman and child, so go on... start getting creative! If you don't want to make a hat and enter our fun competition, you are still welcome to join us! Proceeds will go towards church repairs.

Coffee morning in

Hillfarrance - Tuesday 10th

April 10.30am All are welcome to come for coffee and cake, a chat and possibly discuss Scarecrows! (see below)

Saturday 14th April

10am-12noon in Hillfarrance

Opening and counting contents of the Children's Society boxes (postponed from March)

Spring Fair in CSL - Saturday

12th May 10am-3pm

Several stalls are now booked including Neals Yard, Flamingo Cards, Usborne books, Always Lovely, Linhay crafts, Somerset Artisans, Somerset Woodturners, Linda Green

artist and designer, Every1's Different jewellery, Sharan James Stained Glass plus many more. We just need a Shabby Chic stall and we're almost complete! It should be a great day out with lots of church stalls too and of course refreshments and raffle. All proceeds to go towards the new St Luke's Centre.

The third annual Hillfarrance Fete will take place Saturday 9th June between 2-4pm.

Stalls, Cream Teas and lots of fun activities. We are asking you to get creative again and make a scarecrow to create a village trail on the day - all are welcome to take part.

80 miles at 80!

To mark this milestone, Dawn and some friends are walking over the Quantock Hills and Exmoor from 9th to 16th May 2018 raising money for the Children's Society South West and St Luke's Centre, Cotford St Luke. Dawn Mitford-Slade has sponsor sheets!

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A message from Preb Alison

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Easter started early for me because the schools broke up a week before Good Friday. It was hard to gauge when to do the Easter assembly – 12 days before or 10 days after Easter. We opted for before. So, the hot cross buns and Easter eggs came out as visual aids, and I even found a photo of a five-year-old Alison in an Easter bonnet to show to the Lunch club at Oake! There was almost a sense of unreality about it all. We “do Christmas” early too – but that doesn't have the same impact on me. I have always found there is something profoundly important about the drama of Holy Week.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday and shouts of joy as the Messiah rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. It progresses through the increasing tension of the inevitability of Jesus' death as we travel through Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Then the Last Supper and that bitter sweet fellowship meal which culminates in tears in the Garden, a betrayal, an arrest and injustice, before the long day which is God's Friday. After such drama, Easter Sunday dawns as the most wonderful time of new life, resurrection, joy and hope. An empty tomb, a familiar voice and Jesus appearing to individuals, a duo, the 11, 300. This truly is the gospel – the Good News – and I shouldn't mind about talking about it a week or two weeks early; it is the news I should be gossiping every week of the year!

A very happy, joyous and blessed Easter to you all.

Deane Vale Benefice

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