

The Othona Community March 2024.

Easter Celebration at Othona

Thursday 28th March - Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Residential space is available on this event, and Day Visitors are always welcome, please book for any meals you would like.

Easter at Othona is always a special time, and this year it promises to be even more special. Revd. Gemma Fraser will lead a programme which will be very family orientated with egg painting and rolling for children (and adults), baking competitions, arts and crafts and much more.

We start on Maundy Thursday with a Passover meal in the evening. On Friday some might like to join the congregation from Bradwell village in their procession from St Thomas Church to St-Peter-on-the-Wall Chapel, where there will be a vigil service. On Easter Sunday we will join with people from the local area for a dawn service at the Chapel, followed by a cooked breakfast back at Othona. Do contact Othona nearer the time if you would like more information and timings of events.

Arrivals: from 3pm Thursday - first meal is dinner at 7pm.

Also on Othona's Programme for March:

Into the Wilderness - Fri 1 Mar — Sun 3 Mar 2024

A weekend retreat for Lent led by Revd. Brigid Main

An Introduction to Woodland Management Fri 15 Mar — Sun 17 Mar 2024

Join a practical weekend workshop to gain some introductory skills in woodland management

March Working Weekend Fri 22 Mar — Sun 24 Mar 2024

Come along and join us in preparing for the new season –local volunteers welcome, too!

For your diaries: Essex Green Weekend is 14th- 17th June this year, at Othona.

This year the Team at Othona have already made a lively start to 2024. The two Half-Term weeks were full of families and fun, with quieter activities such as art and jigsaws, and lively time with bottle rockets, beach treasure collecting, and even a Valentine's Day Banquet, with the tables beautifully decorated with recycled craft materials, curry prepared by the youngsters, and a fantastic vegan chocolate velvet cake made by volunteer cook George.

Behind the scenes, planning and preparation always takes a fair bit of time for the Trustees, Committee Members and Warden/Managers – including a recent weekend gathering at the Othona Community's centre at Burton Bradstock West Dorset. We are one Community with two Centres, welcoming the opportunity to get together, share news and views, and plan for the next steps for our response to the challenges of Living Christianity in an ever- changing world.

Debbie and Richard Sanders are our Wardens, supported by resident team Phil, Peter, Amanda and volunteers. Website: www.othonaessex.org.uk, contact bradwell@othona.org, telephone 01621 776564, or visit via the wind-powered electric gate, collect an exit token to leave.