

Dear Friends,

For some people, the new discoveries about our solar system and the planet Mars, reveal the wonder of the universe and they see science as a way of learning more about God through understanding what he has created. However, for others, achievements like these demonstrate that God is a delusion and science has removed the need for faith in anything.

There is a perception that science and religion are in conflict with each other. Yet science emerged from solid theological foundations in Christian Europe. Many of the early scientists were Christians, such as Roger Bacon, Johannes Kepler and Michael Faraday. The conflict we hear about today is a legacy of the eighteenth century Enlightenment, which tended to see science as the purest expression of human reason, while any reference to God was at best redundant and at worst a descent into irrationality.

The idea of warfare between science and religion was further promoted by Victorian scientists, such as Thomas Huxley, who wanted to establish a new professional scientific community, free from clerical influence. Today this 'war' is being continued by scientists such as Richard Dawkins and Daniel Dennett.

The loud controversies about ideas such as 'creation science' have obscured attempts by theologians and scientists to find common ground in conversations about religion and science. But, despite the determined efforts of some on both sides to lay sole claim to 'the truth', there is a growing consensus that there is nothing inconsistent between the scientific understanding of the universe and Christian doctrine. Some scientists would go further and argue that the more science discovers about quarks, gluons and electrons, the closer it comes to seeing the mysterious nature of matter as the unfolding of the Creator's plan.

Science and faith are important in areas that affect all of us and ask important questions of us all. Questions like; 'Why aren't there any dinosaurs in the Bible, medicine ('Should we use this new technology?'), and in politics 'Why are we being told to go green eat less meat use less plastic - the world has to end at some point but we don't want to make it a premature end.

The Bible doesn't answer questions like how to get rid of plastic waste but, it does tell us how to care for others and to care for our world. As we approach the season of Lent, please join us in our shared Lent course with members of Our Lady and St. Patrick's church as we look more closely at the words of the Bible and its guidance for our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Roderick

## SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

<p><b>Sunday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10.30am, <i>Rev'd Roderick Withnell</i></p>	<p><b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b> Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>Ideford</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup></b> 3.45pm</p>	<p>Messy Church</p>	<p><b>Ideford Village Hall</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup></b> 6.30pm, <i>Rev'd Roderick Withnell</i> &amp; <i>Rev'd Jane Frost</i></p>	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> Plough Sunday Evensong</p>	<p><b>Luton</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am, <i>Richard Frost</i></p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> Village Worship</p>	<p><b>Ashcombe</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 6.30pm, <i>Rev'd Roderick Withnell</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday before Lent</b> Evensong</p>	<p><b>Ideford</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am 6.30pm</p>	<p><b>Ash Wednesday</b> Holy Communion with Ashes at St John the Baptist, Holy Communion with Ashes at St Michael's,</p>	<p><b>Bishopsteignton</b> <b>Teignmouth</b></p>

*Please Note - Service leaders are subject to change.*

### Ideford Readings

	Reading	Reader	Sidesmen
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hebrews 2.14-end Luke 2.22-40	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Exodus 24.12-end Matthew 17.1-9		

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH, LUTON

### Plough Sunday Service

Sunday February 9th at 6.30pm

Light refreshments in the schoolroom after the service.

All welcome



## **BISHOPSTEIGNTON SERVICES**

### **1st Sunday**

9.00am Holy Communion (said)  
10.30am Village Worship at the Methodist Church  
3.00pm Evensong

### **2nd Sunday**

9.00am Holy Communion (said).                      10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

### **3rd Sunday**

9.00am Holy Communion (said).                      10.30am. Village-Family Praise

### **4th Sunday**

9.00am Holy Communion (said).                      10.30am. Parish Communion (sung)

### **Every Wednesday**

10.00am Holy Communion, and prayers for healing (said)

### **Every Monday**

5.00pm Informal Evening Prayer at St John's, Bishopsteignton.  
All are welcome.

## **Messy Church**

**Wednesday 5th February from 3.45pm - 5.15pm  
In Ideford Village Hall**

**(Please note the slightly earlier time)**



Messy Church is where children and adults have fun together in creativity, celebration and hospitality.

All children between 4 and 12 are welcome with their parents and grandparents.

Please let Liz Rice know if you would like to come [lizrice890@icloud.com](mailto:lizrice890@icloud.com)

## **Lent, Holy Week & Easter**

As well as the usual Sunday and midweek services across the Haldon Team, here are some of the ways we will be marking this important period in the Church Year:

### **Ash Wednesday (26th February)**

10.00am Holy Communion with Ashes at St John the Baptist, Bishopsteignton

6.30pm Holy Communion with Ashes at St Michael's, Teignmouth

### **Ecumenical Lent Course**

#### **Every Wednesday (4th March to 1st April inclusive)**

2.00pm - 3.30pm at Bishopsteignton Methodist Church

7.30pm - 9.00pm at Teignmouth United Reformed Church

Taking the theme 'Exploring Spiritual Practices', these sessions will be led by people from the various church denominations in the area. The content of the afternoon and evening sessions will be the same.

### **Online Lent Reflections**

One of our Team Readers, Richard Frost, has made some short films for Lent, Holy Week & Easter on the theme 'Out of the Wilderness'. These can be seen via [www.workrestpray.com/lent](http://www.workrestpray.com/lent)

### **Lent Quiet Day**

#### **Thursday 5th March 10.00am - 3.30pm St Michael's, Teignmouth**

Taking the theme 'Inspired to Follow' and led by Rev Jane & Richard Frost, this Team-wide Quiet Day offers a way to help in our journey through Lent.

If you've never been on a Quiet Day before, then they can be very special occasions to give yourself some space to relax and reflect. Interspersed with times of silence, and using well-known paintings, short talks will consider significant events in Holy Week. There will also be some guidance on how to use the rest of the day itself. All are welcome but please book a place by contacting 01626 870288 or email: [richardnfrost@outlook.com](mailto:richardnfrost@outlook.com)

Donations will be requested to cover costs.

### **Sacred Space**

#### **Sunday 29th March 6.30pm - 7.15pm St Michael's, Teignmouth**

Using Art & Music, Words & Silence, 'Sacred Space' provides an opportunity to reflect on deeper aspects of our faith. On this Passion Sunday, the theme for this occasion is 'A Song of Love Unknown' and takes us forward to Holy Week and Easter.

These are Team-wide events and all are welcome

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Regular Events

### TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

**Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup>** Kath Mortimore, Oaks Reach, Ideford

**Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup>** Angela Fox, Well Barn, Olchard

An informal opportunity to chat over a cup of coffee - all welcome

### IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING

**Tuesdays 7.00pm** in Ideford Village hall. New members welcome.

### ART GROUP . . .

. . . is having a Winter break and will start again in the Spring - watch this space!!!

### IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>** 7.00pm - Village Hall, Ideford

Monthly Council Meeting. Everyone welcome.

*Guest speaker, Mr Martin Rich, will be giving a talk on Local Emergency Plans.*

### BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices normally in Ideford Church on **Thursday evenings** from 7.30pm until 9.00pm, Please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

### IDEFORD LUNCH CLUB

Second **Thursday** of each month.

For more details please contact Kath Mortimore (853394).

### MOBILE LIBRARY

**Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Ideford (The Pound) 3.45pm - 4.15pm

## A date for your diaries

The committee of the Millennium Green are arranging a celebration V E Day lunch on Friday 8th May 2020 - more information nearer the time, but save the date in your diary now please!



# QUIZ NIGHT

**IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL**

## **QUIZ**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

**PRIZES - RAFFLE – REFRESHMENTS**

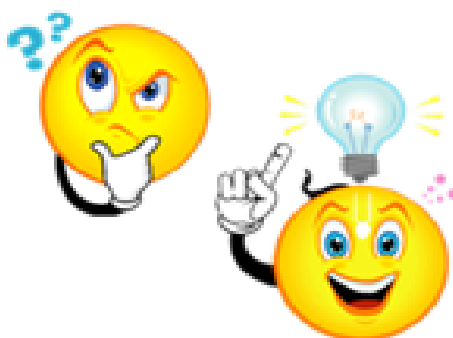
**LICENSED BAR**

**7.00PM FOR 7.30PM START**

**ENTRY £2.50 AT THE DOOR**

Teams of up to 4

A light hearted evening for family and friends



*For further info, please call Rachel 07810 107679*

*Please join us for a  
Devon Farmhouse Breakfast  
on Monday March 23rd*

*at Ashcombe Village club, Ashcombe EX7 0QD*

**Breakfast will be served from 8.00am with last orders at 11.00am**

Book early to avoid disappointment.

There is no charge for your meal but please make a donation on the day and complete a gift aid form if appropriate.

This has been a very popular event over the last few years.  
All proceeds go to the Addington Fund who help farmers in difficulty.



Please book by Friday March 20th 2020:

Tel: 01926 620135

e-mail: [events@addingtonfund.org.uk](mailto:events@addingtonfund.org.uk)

[www.addingtonfund.org.uk](http://www.addingtonfund.org.uk)

*Ralph Rayner*



## **ASHCOMBE VILLAGE CLUB**

Ashcombe Skittles League needs two more teams for the Summer League.

6 players per team

Matches played on Tuesdays or Thursdays (not necessarily the same day each week)

The Summer League starts in April 2020

For more information please contact Grace Nicholls on 01626 852796

## DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- Do you want to get things done in your local community?
- Are you worried about how cutbacks might affect your local services?
- Would you like to take a more active role within your community?

Then work in tandem with your local Parish Council. You could make a difference to your local community by becoming a Parish Councillor or by just working more closely together with them.

*There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council*



## Qualifications

A person is qualified to become a Parish Councillor if:

- They are a British subject, or a citizen of the Irish Republic or other Euro national and on the day, they are nominated as a candidate for election.
- They are over 18 and an elector and,
- During the whole of the 12 months preceding their nomination day, or the day of the election, resided or had their principal place of work in the parish or within 3 miles of it.

## Disqualifications

A person may not become a parish or town councillor if:

- They hold a paid office or other place of profit in the gift of the Council.
- They have been declared bankrupt in the past five years and have not repaid their debts.
- They have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment (including any suspended sentence) within the past 5 years.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, you can contact the Parish Clerk on 07731 145077, email [idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk) or contact any member of the Parish Council to express your interest.





## ***Looking for somewhere to live in Ideford?***

I have accommodation available for rent in the village which would suit a professional single person or couple. For further information please contact Nicki on 07831 581951

### **100 Club Winners for January**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No.5	Jo Bowtell
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No.65	Vince & Lauren
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No.9	Jean Burnham



### **Community Spirit is alive and well in Ideford!**

In the December Parish News, we put out a request for parking space in the village for our Christmas guests. We were delighted to receive 6 offers of help, and 2 people even offered the loan of their houses to help with sleeping arrangements!

Thank you so much!

*Janet and David Aylmore*



## **News from Sheldon**

**Wednesday 26th February** - Quiet Day, 10:30am to 4pm, led by Prebendary Mandy Rylands. Learning more about prayer, healing and courage with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Day in silence with 4 short addresses. Space in between to quietly read or reflect, pray, walk. Medieval chapel, labyrinth, 45 acres grounds, shop.

£22 (20% ministry discount), includes coffee on arrival, lunch, and tea after final prayers.

**Friday 20th March** 9.30am to Saturday 21st March 4.30pm

Share the Joy - An encounter with Icons, led by Andrea Chance. An opportunity to create your very own simple Icon using traditional techniques and materials, including egg tempera and real gold leaf. Hands-on tuition, traditional prayer practices and some input on the religious and historical context of icons. You will focus on the painting of a face of a Saint or an Angel, working from a tracing (no drawing skills needed).

£105 including meals and materials.

Sheldon, Sheldon Lane, Doddiscombsleigh, Exeter EX6 7YT

01647 252752

[www.sheldon.uk.com](http://www.sheldon.uk.com)

## CHUDLEIGH LIBRARY

Monday	10.00am - 1.00pm	Tuesday	3.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm	Thursday	Closed
Friday	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Saturday	10.00am - 1.00pm

### Tunes for Toddlers

Come and listen to stories, make simple things to tie in with the stories and sing songs. Every Thursday during term time, **10.30am - 11.30am**.

No need to book - just turn up!

## IDEFORD & LUTON CHURCH ROTAS

### Luton Church Altar Flowers and Brass Cleaning

February C Reddaway

### Ideford Church Cleaning Rota

February Liz Rice

### Ideford Church Key Rota

February Bill Wilkins (Linden Lea)

If you are on the rota and someone takes over your key duty, or you need someone to take over for a few days, please let Lesley, the Church Key Rota Co-ordinator know on 01626 853752. It would also be helpful if you could amend the Rota in the church porch - thank you.



Do you shop online for clothes, food, presents?  
Do you book holidays, flights or accommodation online?  
Do you book tickets for train/coach journeys, shows/gigs or sporting events online?  
Would you like to raise money for Ideford Church just by shopping online?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES - then please start using **Easyfundraising!** There's no catch and your info isn't passed on anywhere else. The bigger the purchase, like a holiday or a large household item, the more money is donated. Our largest donation was £73.44 from Expedia (an online travel company). Just download the app onto your phone, tablet or laptop. Register that you want to raise money for 'Ideford Church', and then search for the Retailer you want to spend money with. If they donate money to Charities through EF (for tax purposes) it will take you straight to their website. Easy-peasy! Please start using **Easyfundraising** when buying stuff online.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/idefordchurch/>

## WEBSITES AND SAT. NAV.

Haldon Team Website [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk)

Ideford Parish Website [www.ideford-parish.co.uk](http://www.ideford-parish.co.uk)

### Church post codes for Sat Nav:

St Mary's, Ideford	TQ13 0BA
St John's, Luton	TQ13 0BN
St Nectan's, Ashcombe	EX7 0QD

## Ashcombe Village Club

**Opening times:** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.30pm -11pm.  
3rd Saturday of the month 7.30pm - 11pm  
Sunday 1pm - 5pm.

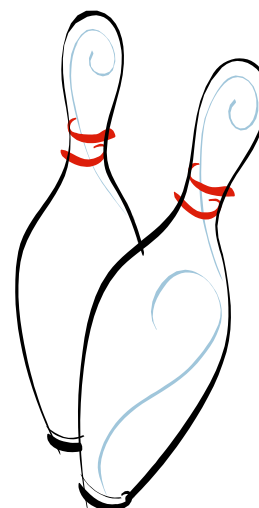
**Skittles** Tuesday & Thursday.

**Meat Bingo** 1st Wednesday of the month.

**Early Doors** 1st Friday of the month.

**Membership:** Single £10, Couple £15.

See website for further details: [www.ashcombe-villageclub.co.uk](http://www.ashcombe-villageclub.co.uk)



## IDEFORD VILLAGE TRANSPORT TIMETABLE

Ring & Ride	Destination	Fares (return)
Monday	Newton Abbot (will stop at Sainsbury's)	£4.25
Wednesday	Newton Abbot (will stop at Tesco)	£4.25
Thursday	Teignmouth	£2.75

### How to make a Ring & Ride Journey

- Choose which day you wish to travel. Telephone 01626 888777 between 9am-3pm, Monday to Friday, answer phone service available at all times.
- Please be ready by 9.30am.
- Be ready at 1.00pm to be collected at the 'Boarding Point' for your journey home.
- Please cancel booking if you are not able to travel.
- Please wear seat belts at all times.

Dawlish Community Transport Service operates in the area to provide transport for all ages whether they are disabled, frail, infirm or not...in fact, anyone wishing to use this service will be very welcome. All our vehicles are adapted to take wheelchair seated passengers, have lowered steps and tail lifts.

For more information please telephone 01626 888890