

Advent

How do we hear and see the central message of Christ? How does he speak to us this Advent as we journey through to the sheer joy of welcoming Christ anew on Christmas day? Well, for me, it's a question of prayer . . . the silent prayer of just listening . . . in which words, sight and hearing have no place . . . only a loving attention on God in Christ as we wait upon him to speak to us. And if we enter this quiet reflective space, we will undoubtedly find God there. This sort of prayer involves the heart, so to speak, it therefore doesn't involve our reasoning faculties . . . it is silent, attentive, open and honest, in which Christ enters our space and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, moves us to adore and work on his behalf.

But how do we enter that place within the busyness of the next few weeks and, of course, that will be different for all of us . . . but, enter we must if we are to walk the way of Christ and bring the good news to all around us . . . and don't we need to do this in a world so shattered by war, poverty, despair and the like?

I have said this before, but the church, in its wisdom, offers a way in to the silent prayer that allows us to hear and see the Christ who calls us. For a start, regular attendance at the Eucharist contains all that is needful to sustain us . . . for the Eucharist contains both word and sacrament, the word of God and the presence of Christ in the bread and wine. We are fed by hearing, receiving and seeing; finally, to be sent out to live and serve the world around us, called as we are, as disciples of Christ. Again, there are chances in the day and even the night if you are like me who doesn't sleep well!!!! A chance when we can turn inward, so to speak, and acknowledge Christ and offer up a prayer of thanksgiving, adoration or even despair; he is always listening. My twenty years as a hospital chaplain taught me that we can pray running. Often when my bleeper went off it signalled a crisis situation; no time then to go into the chapel to pray but instead I prayed for strength as I was on my way. The prayer of the heart in the midst of life, with all its up and downs; a still point where Christ is always found.

We all understand that this is so however, it's not easy for any of us to find the time or even the place to pray, but let us enter the season of Advent with God's grace and make it a time of prayer and reflection, sitting in silence or indeed, praying as we go about our daily round. In that way we will find a deeper communion with God in Christ which will help us to truly celebrate the joy of Christmas day and which will help us to enter the New Year with hope and anticipation of what God has in store for us.

Rev Helena Cermakova

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2017

Sunday Dec. 3rd 11.15am	1st Sunday of Advent Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday Dec. 17th 10.00am 4pm	3rd Sunday of Advent Family Communion Carol Service	Ideford Luton
Tuesday Dec. 19th 2pm - 4pm 7pm (refreshments from 6.30)	Messy Church (Details on page 7) Carol Service (See page 8)	Ideford VH Ideford
Thursday Dec. 21st 7pm (refreshments from 6.30)	Carol Service	Ashcombe
Friday Dec. 22nd 7pm	9 Lessons & Carols	Bishopsteignton
Sunday Dec. 24th 9am 10.30am (refreshments from 10am)	Christmas Eve Holy Communion Crib Service followed by a short Communion Service (see page 8)	Bishopsteignton Ideford
10.30pm 11.00pm	Christmas Communion Christmas Communion	Bishopsteignton St. James' Teignmouth
11.30pm	Christmas Communion	St. Michael's, Teignmouth
11.30pm	Celebration of Christmas (see page 9 for details)	Ideford
Monday Dec. 25th 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Christmas Day Informal Family Service Family Communion Family Service	Ideford Ashcombe St. James' Teignmouth
10.00am	Family Service	St. Michael's Teignmouth
10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopsteignton
Ashcombe Reader for December 25th Mr Ralph Rayner		

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2018

Sunday Jan. 7th 11.15am	Epiphany Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday Jan. 14th 6.30pm	2nd Sunday of Epiphany Evensong	Luton
Sunday Jan. 21st 10.00am 10.00am	3rd Sunday of Epiphany Village Praise Family Communion	Ashcombe Ideford
Sunday Jan 28th 6.30pm	4th Sunday of Epiphany Evensong	Ideford

Ideford Readings for January

	Reading	Readers	Sidesmen
Jan 7th	Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby
Jan 21st	Revelation 19.6-10 John 2.1-11	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman
Jan 28th	Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Mark 1.21-28		

BISHOPSTEIGNTON SERVICES

1st Sunday

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

2nd Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion (said BCP) 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)
(but on 24th Dec. at 10.30 pm)

Every Wednesday (but not Weds 27th Dec.)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Regular Events

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Vanessa has kindly invited the Tuesday group to go to her home at Higher Colleybrook on Friday 8th December at 11.00 am for a Christmas Coffee Morning 'Special', instead of our usual day of 5th December. (see page 5)

December 8th Vanessa Morby, 6 Higher Colleybrook, Ideford

December 12th Kath Mortimore, Oaks Reach, Ideford

December 19th Ann R-J, 1 Town Farm Lane, Ideford

There is no rota for January but anyone who is free is welcome to come along to 1 Town Farm Court,

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING

Tuesdays and Sundays 7.00pm in Ideford Village hall. New members welcome.

ART GROUP

Thursdays from 2pm until 3.30pm.

Adults - £5.00 per session, 16 and under - £3.50 per session.

More information from Angie on 01626 854898.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm - Village Hall, Ideford. Monthly Council Meeting - all Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend. **Note: no meeting in January**

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held at **7.30pm** at The Community Centre, Shute Hill

Monday December 4th Parish Council Meeting

Monday December 19th Planning Subcommittee Meeting

Monday January 15th Parish Council Meeting

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 December 20th

Ideford (The Pound) 3.45pm - 4.15pm

Luton (Church Street) 4.25pm - 4.45pm

Other Events



Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd December

10am - 12.30pm

The School Room, Luton

Demonstration of simple Christmas arrangements by Liz Hill

Coffee & Cakes, Bring & Buy, Raffle etc.

Please come along to support our little church
and have a pleasant morning.

Open House

6 Higher Colleybrook Barns

Ideford

Vanessa - 853991

Do you remember all those lovely 'branded' toiletries that were for sale on the Accessories Stall at the Summer Ideford Fete? Such as Cath Kidston soaps and body lotion? Well, we have more to sell! They're perfect Christmas gifts for all ages. Great for school friends, teachers, table presents, or just a little thank you gift for a special friend or helpful neighbour.

Friday 8 December 11-8pm

Refreshments

**All proceeds to
St Mary's Church**

Please pop in for a morning coffee, afternoon cup of tea or early evening glass of mulled wine.

ALL WELCOME ...

See you on the 8th December!

There will also be a raffle to raise funds for Amber Gardner (who lives in Ideford), as she has been chosen to attend the World Scout Jamboree in 2019.

The team that brought you the St. George's Day Lunch
now present -

A 'COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS' LUNCH

on

Sunday December 10th

Ideford Village Hall

Arrival 12.30, lunch served at 1.00pm



MENU

A selection of delicious canapes
(glass of sherry extra)

A choice of main courses:

Beef in Ale

Turkey Fricassee

Vegetarian Tagine

A choice of desserts:

Sherry Trifle

Chocolate Log

or Cheeses (glass of port extra)



£10.00 per adult

£6.00 for children under 12

Tickets only available from Liz Spencer, Laurel Cottage,
telephone: 01626 853556

60 tickets only - so be quick!!

Licensed Bar with wines, including fizz,
and a barrel of beer, soft drinks

Raffle with 10 Festive Prizes

All proceeds to support St. Mary's Church, Ideford
'Our beautiful Church in the heart of the community'



The Good Company Singers

Join us for some Christmas harmony and carols!
in Ideford Church

Wednesday 13th December at 7:45 pm
we welcome donations for repairs to the Bell Tower



St Mary's Church, Ideford & St John's, Luton

invite all children under 12

with their parents and grandparents to

Messy Christmas



in Ideford Village Hall

on Tuesday 19th December

2.00-4.00pm

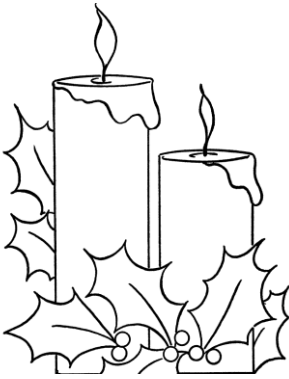
*Messy Church is where children and adults
have fun together in creativity, celebration and hospitality.*

Everyone is welcome!

Please let Liz Rice know if you would like to come

lizrice890@icloud.com

St Mary's Church, Ideford



invite you to a
Traditional Carol Service

Tuesday December 19th
7pm

Refreshments served from 6.30pm

Everyone Welcome

St Mary's Church, Ideford



Family Crib Service

on

Christmas Eve at 10.30am

followed by a simple service of

Holy Communion

for those who wish to stay

Come and enjoy refreshments from 10am

Children are invited to dress as angels, shepherds or kings

if they wish!

Christmas Eve

with

St Mary's Bell Ringers



In the absence of Midnight Communion at Ideford this year,
the Bell Ringers would like to invite you to attend a

CELEBRATION of CHRISTMAS

at

St Mary's Church

11.30pm until approx.12.15am

Carols, Christmas Poetry and Readings,

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be served beforehand.

Bells to ring in Christmas Day

We look forward to seeing you there

Anyone wishing to contribute with a Reading or piece of Poetry please contact:

Lyn Edwards on 01626 333552

Or lynedwards44@hotmail.com



VILLAGE HALL LUNCH HELD ON OCTOBER 22ND 2017

Many thanks to everyone who attended the above event which raised £602 after expenditure for the Village Hall running costs. Grateful thanks to the hard working team which made this event possible and to everyone who provided the delicious puddings.

Angela Fox

SITUATION VACANT

Clerk to Governing Body, Bishopsteignton School

NJC Grade D, £9.37 - £11.02 per hour

150 hours per year

We are looking to appoint a clerk to support the governing board of this friendly village school. The governing board has undergone significant change in the past few months, to create a structure that is efficient, forward-looking and works in partnership with the school leaders to achieve the very best for the pupils at this expanding school.

The ideal candidate will be confident, reliable and access to a computer and the internet, is essential. Experience in another clerking position or an educational role is desirable, but not essential.

Bishopsteignton Governing Board has up to six full governing board meetings a year and termly committee meetings (Teaching & Learning / Resources). The clerk's role is to work effectively with chair of governors, head teacher and governors to provide procedural advice and administrative support. Meetings are held within the school day as well as in the evenings.

Key responsibilities:

- Assisting the chair of governors and head teacher in preparing the agenda and associated paperwork prior to Full Governor meetings.
- Produce, collate and distribute the agenda and papers so that recipients receive them a week before the meeting.
- Take accurate electronic minutes of the governing board meetings, including indicating who is responsible for any agreed action, and for quick distribution.
- Record all decisions accurately and objectively with timescales for actions.
- Attend clerks' briefings and participate in professional development opportunities.
- Distribution of communications to governing board.

Key requirements:

- Proven organisational skills, experience of organising meetings, including the setting of agendas and distribution of paperwork.
- Good communicator with excellent inter-personal skills.
- Ability to deal with sensitive and confidential information.
- ICT literate with experience of using Word to produce professional documents.

For further details about this unique opportunity and to obtain an application pack please e-mail the School Business Manager (admin@bishopschool.co.uk).

Bishopsteignton United Charities
Registered No. 200768

**NOTICE OF A VACANT FLAT AT THE CHURCH HOUSES
RADWAY HILL, BISHOPSTEIGNTON**



The Trustees of Bishopsteignton United Charities give notice that one self-contained, one bedroom first floor flat has recently become available at the Church Houses, Radway Hill and invite applications for residency.

The flat is unfurnished and is suitable for a couple or single person. It is a non-smoking flat. Applicants must be currently resident in or have lived in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishopsteignton (which, being part of the Haldon Team Ministry, therefore also includes East and West Teignmouth, Ashcombe, Ideford and Luton), are over 50 years old and in some financial need.

For further details and an application form please contact:

The Clerk
Bishopsteignton United Charities
c/o Haldon House
28 Fore Street
Bishopsteignton
TQ14 9QP

or the Chairman of the Trustees on: 01626 775 255

The closing date for applications to be received by the Clerk is
Saturday 30th December 2017.

Earlier applications would be encouraged and considered upon receipt.

WANTED

Cleaner sought for house in Olchard, flexible hours, good rates. Please phone Liz on 07770 864480



WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE, 2019

As many of you may already know, Amber Gardner (14) has been selected to attend the next World Scout Jamboree in Virginia, USA in 2019, where 45,000 scouts from 150 countries will gather at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve. This is an amazing opportunity for her and will involve 3 weeks in the USA and seven training camps leading up to the America trip.

All participants are expected to raise the cost of the entire trip themselves through fundraising, sponsorship and grants. Amber needs to raise £4,100, which includes the cost of the training camps, all flights, accommodation and a contribution towards poorer countries so scouts from all backgrounds have a chance to attend.

Particular focus will be placed on teaching skills that the participants can bring back to their communities. Skills such as leadership, outdoorsmanship, global citizenship, media training and conservation will all be a part of the focus of the UK contingent.

As part of her fundraising, Amber is hand making soaps and lip balms. She will also be arranging various fundraising events locally over the next year or so and would really appreciate community support. Special thanks already to Vanessa Morby who has offered a raffle to Amber as part of her Open House event and to everyone else who has pledged sponsorship and other help. Soaps are available in jasmine, rose, lavender or juniper and seaweed, and are £3.75 each. Lip balms are available in honey, strawberry or bubblegum flavours and are in 10g tins at £2.50 each. If you'd like any soaps or lip balms or can offer any support through fundraising or sponsorship, please contact Amber or Vicki on 01626 854814.

Amber can offer a presentation or talks either before or after the event if you have a group that would be interested in helping. Otherwise, watch this space for fundraising events . . . thank you!

THANKYOU, LUTON!

Paul, Lynsey, Andrew and I, would like to thank everyone in Luton for their wonderful support during Open Studios 2017 - from removing and storing pews, putting out signs, transporting artwork, making teas and cakes, providing canapés for preview night, parking and much, much more. This event couldn't happen without you! Our thanks go to all those in Ideford who joined in! Luton Church has become a really popular venue for us and for our many visitors from near and far! We hope to be able to come back next year.

Thank you all so much and to the 'little church with a big heart'.

Angie C-W

IDEFORD CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

December 3rd Advent Ring

No flowers during Advent. Contact Liz Hill on 854934 if you can help with decorating the church for Christmas

IDEFORD CHURCH KEY ROTA

December Suzanne (Glen Kea)

January David & Janet Aylmore (Corner Cottage)

Any problems please contact Lesley, the Church Key Rota Co-ordinator on 01626 853752

IDEFORD CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

January David & Janet Aylmore

LUTON ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS CLEANING

December J Thomas

January Emma Vooght

ASHCOMBE FLOWER ROTA

No flowers in Advent. The church will be decorated for Christmas on Wednesday December 20th from 10 am - all helpers welcome

TEIGNBRIDGE CHRISTMAS WASTE & RECYCLING INFORMATION

Revised Christmas Collection Dates

Normal Date

Friday 29th December

Friday 5th January

Friday 12th January

Revised Date

Tuesday 2nd January

Monday 8th January

Saturday 13th January

Recycling cards, wrapping paper and cardboard

Recycle your plain cards and paper based wrapping with your cardboard in your green recycling box. Please fold or flatten your cardboard boxes to fit inside your green recycling box. Large amounts of cardboard can be taken to your nearest recycling bank.

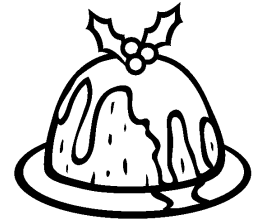
Recycle your real Christmas tree for free

Free Christmas tree recycling points will be back across the district in January 2018. Trees can also be put in your green bin as long as they are 'contained', or taken to the Recycling Centre in Brunel Road, Newton Abbot.

XMAS PUDDINGS

Orders are being taken for home-made Christmas Puddings made from Great Gran's recipe - light and fruity, not black and heavy. Various sizes and prices. Made by my daughter, Linda.

Contact: Kath - 01626 853394 or Linda - 07929 097890



Kath Mortimore

Introduction to Digital Photography Course

Ideford Village Hall

Sat. 9th December 9.30 - 3pm

£65 including tea, coffee, biscuits, fruit & course manual

A course aimed at complete beginners and those confident on auto but who want to become more creative with their cameras. The course covers photographic & digital terminology, control dial features, techniques and controls, composition, a foray into some slightly more advanced features, a practical session and finishes with a friendly group critique session.

You just need a camera (compact camera is fine), your full camera manual, empty memory card, packed lunch and enthusiasm.

The course includes a 28 page manual to take home.

Booking is essential and places are limited to 6 to allow for individual instruction catered to you and your camera.

Call Vicki on 01626 854814 or 07766 551067 for more information or to book a place.

Vicki is an award winning local photographer who supplies leading photo libraries, exhibits regularly and has been a freelance photographer for over 20 years.

100% positive feedback from previous course attendees . . .

'First class course - relaxed atmosphere and Vicki passed on her enthusiasm. Thank you'

'It was very helpful, great fun and I recommend it.'

www.vickigardnerphotography.co.uk

WEBSITES AND SAT. NAV.

Haldon Team Website www.haldonteam.org.uk

Ideford Parish Website www.ideford-parish.co.uk

Church post codes for Sat Nav:

St Mary's, Ideford TQ13 OBA

St John's, Luton TQ13 OBN

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



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!

Mobile Library dates and times can be found on page 4 under 'Regular Events'.

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 welcomed. All our vehicles are adapted to take wheelchair seated passengers, have lowered steps and tail lifts.

For more information please telephone 01626 888890