

Dear Friends,

Q. Which saint, (clue: Irish) kicks off this month with a (clue: her) saint's day on the 1st?

A. St Brigid.

In these dark, dank and drear days of an extra long February, a romantic image from a legend of the life of St Brigid (aka St Bride) lights up my imagination.

It was said of the 5th century peasant girl, who was to become the founder of the first convent, and also a school of art, in Ireland, that she was so pure that she could hang her cloak on a rainbow.

Her purity, though was not a locked away, private kind, but was demonstrated in her compassion and practical care for people in need. As St James writes in his letter to the scattered Christian community, 'purity of religion is to care for widows and orphans...'

Well, rainbows are always a special sight (and mean that there's sun shining now amidst the rain...) And in the Bible the rainbow is a sign and reminder of God's love for his creation.

Throughout this month, whatever the weather, may we know the sun of God's love shining, to create arcs of luminous beauty in our lives as we too show care for those in need.

*With love,
Stephen.*

LUTON ALTAR FLOWER AND BRASS CLEANING

February	Lent
Easter	C Reddaway

IDEFORD CHURCH FLOWERS

February	Lent
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IDEFORD CHURCH KEY ROTA

February	Bill Wilkins (Linden Lea, Butts Lane)
March	Tony & Julie (Church End)

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2016

<p>Sunday Jan. 31st 10.00am</p>	<p>Sunday of the Presentation Village Praise (<i>see below</i>)</p>	<p>Ideford</p>
<p>Sunday Feb. 7th 11.15am</p>	<p>Sunday before Lent Parish Communion</p>	<p>Ideford</p>
<p>Sunday Feb. 14th 10.00am 11.15am 6.30pm</p>	<p>1st Sunday of lent Village Worship Family Service Evensong</p>	<p>Ideford Ashcombe Luton</p>
<p>Sunday Feb 21st 10.00am</p>	<p>2nd Sunday of Lent Parish Communion</p>	<p>Ideford</p>
<p>Sunday Feb. 28th 11.15am 6.30pm</p>	<p>3rd Sunday of Lent Parish Communion Evensong</p>	<p>Ashcombe Ideford</p>

IDEFORD READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

	Reading	Readers	Sidesmen
Feb. 7 th	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Luke 9.28-36	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby
Feb. 14 th	Luke 4.1-13	to be arranged	Sara & helpers
Feb. 21 st	Philippians 3.17-4.1 Luke 13.31-end	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman
Feb. 28 th	Isaiah 55.1-9 Luke 13.1-9	Barry Mohan Jill Turner	Barry Mohan Jill Turner

Village Praise - Sunday January 31st

'Light of the World for all Ages'

*An informal service of Holy Communion for Candlemas led
by Rev. Helen Bays*

Everyone is welcome!

Looking forward to next month - the Ideford with Luton combined Mothering Sunday service will be held at St. Mary's, Ideford on March 6th at 11.15am.

We Want To Hear Your Views

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) responsible for St Mary's, Ideford and St John's, Luton are holding an Open Meeting for all residents, and particularly those who are registered on the Church Electoral Roll, to shape the pattern and style of worship and services you would like to see and participate in developing from April 2016.

Whilst maintaining the fabric of our churches is a key responsibility of the PCC, it has a much more important function to organise and lead Christian worship and prayer in our community.

We really do want your ideas and thoughts about how we can encourage increased participation in the activities of both churches: the sorts of worship that you would enjoy and would encourage you to attend services, and the best way we can bring new people, particularly younger members of our villages, into the family of the church.

If you are unable to attend but have views you would like us to hear please contact:

Stephen our Team Vicar on 01626 775247, e-mail stephen.west@haldonteam.org.uk

Kath Vooght on 01626 775426, e-mail kath.vooght@gmail.com

or Alan Wooderson on 01626 853188, e-mail ajwideford@ajwideford.plus.com

Ideford and Luton Churches.

You are invited to a meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday March 8th
at the School Room, Luton.

The purpose of the Church is to share the good news of God's love to all, and to enable prayer and worship together.

The Parochial Church Council would love to hear your thoughts about how we do this currently, and how we can encourage participation in the future, in developing the current pattern and style of services, and in extending the role of the Church in our community life.

Please support this meeting - we need your suggestions and enthusiasm for the way forward!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Regular Events

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

February 2 Ann Rigby-Jones, 1 Town Farm Court, Ideford

February 9 Angela Fox, Well Barn, Olchard

February 16 Kathleen Mortimore, Oaks Reach, Ideford

February 23 Ann Rigby-Jones, 1 Town Farm Court, Ideford

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING

Tuesdays and Sundays 7.00pm in Ideford Village hall.

New members welcome. Please Note the new time of 7.00pm

The Bowling Club will not meet while the Village Hall is closed - *see page 5*.

ART GROUP

Thursdays from 6.30 - 8.00pm

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

More information from Angie on 01626 854898.

Art Group will meet at The Schoolroom, Luton while Ideford Village Hall is closed for refurbishment.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 6.30pm - Village Hall, Ideford.

All Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

February 1st Parish Council Meeting

February 15th Planning Meeting

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm,

Please contact Ann Rigby-Jones (852344) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

IDEFORD SOCIAL GROUP

Tuesday February 9th at Oak's Reach, Ideford - '2015 through the camera', an illustrated talk by Alicia.

Members' subscription - £16 per year, £2 per meeting as a visitor.

More information from Enid Vooght 775291, Alicia Normand 773908 or Kath Mortimore 853394.

POLICE SURGERY

Sat. February 20th

Sat. March 19th

Sat. April 16th

Ideford Village Hall from 9.30am until 10.30am.

With Colin Rider, Police Community Support Officer for Ideford.

(Contact details on page 12)

Other Events

SAVE THE DATE

21st May 2016

'IDEFORD GREENFEAST'

A day and evening revelry and fun
on the Millennium Green

Watch this space for more information.
or contact Lyn Edwards On 07776 111613

A date for your diaries:

Art at St. John's

Saturday September 10th - Sunday September 25th inc.

Local artists will once again be exhibiting their work at
St. John's, Luton as part of the Open Studios fortnight.
More details nearer the time.

Ideford Village Hall

***Please Note** - The Village Hall will be closed temporarily from the 8th 2016 for approximately 3 weeks whilst work to replace the main hall ceiling and lighting is carried out.

The trustees would like to express their thanks to the local clubs and social groups that regularly use the hall, for their understanding and co-operation whilst this work is undertaken, and apologise for any inconvenience which may be caused.

New Year, New beginnings.

At the beginning of January, at least one of the churches in the Haldon Team concluded its service with a combined act of rededication and commitment using the words of the Methodist Covenant Prayer;

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will, Rank me with whom you will;

Put me to doing, put me to suffering;

Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,

Exalted for you or brought low for you; Let me be full, let me be empty,

Let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

I was already familiar with the prayer as, no doubt, were many others but I was reminded of the poetry and beauty of the words as we used them at the end of our service and it was a good and encouraging way to start the New Year for us as individual Christians, and for a church.

One of the clear trends from the church questionnaires was the need to take our Christian commitment further and to encourage people into a better informed understanding of their faith so that we can all become better disciples of Christ. Some type of course to encourage this is obviously needed in our churches.

Then two members of our church, Clive and Jane Perry, came to me to share their enthusiasm and vision to run an Alpha course for the benefit of the whole team! Plans are rapidly coming together, helpers names are being offered and Clive and Jane spoke about their experience of Alpha in church yesterday. After the service, as people were leaving, I was approached by someone who said that he definitely wants to sign up for it and I'm certain that there will be others. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Roderick
(Team Rector)

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Teignbridge League

Ideford	54	Buckfast	31
Buckfast	52	Ideford	39

Please Note: As from 5th January, Bowls will start at 7.00pm



THE REAL EASTER EGG

The Real Easter Egg range from The Meaningful Chocolate Company is made from fairtrade chocolate and each single boxed egg includes a copy of the Easter story in the shape of a pull out 37cm high cross illustrated by Helen Cann.



Dark (RRP £5.50)

Made from dark fair-trade chocolate (165g) with dark chocolate squares (15g), and a cross shaped Easter story.



Original (RRP £3.99)

Milk chocolate egg (125g) and yummy bar (25g), Charity donation from every egg sold.



Special Edition (RRP £9.99)

Milk chocolate egg (200g), an olive wood holding cross keyring from Bethlehem, and orange chocolate bar (80g).

The original egg can be bought in Tesco, Waitrose, Morrison's, independent stores, book shops and Cathedral shops. Dark and Special Edition eggs are not available in supermarkets.

All varieties can be ordered on line (www.realeasteregg.co.uk) or there is an order form and full details in St. Mary's Church. Please note that Dark and Original eggs must be ordered in multiples of 6. Please place any orders in church by Sunday February 21st.

Thank you!



Gladys Stevens would like to thank everyone who sent her kind messages during her recent stay in hospital.

She also apologises to those who didn't receive a Christmas card from her in 2015, and wishes all her friends and neighbours a very happy 2016.

IDEFORD 100 CLUB

The lucky winners of December 2015 bumper draw:

- £ 50 Linda Wilson
- £ 20 Barry and Lesley
- £ 10 Kate Youngs
- £ 5 Roz Brown

And the first winners of 2016 - January draw:

- £ 20 Anne and Nigel Doggett
- £ 10 Norma and Kevin
- £ 5 Pippa West

A big thank you to all members for raising funds for
St Mary's Church, Ideford



OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS FROM 1st MARCH 2016

**Membership subscriptions of £10 per ticket for a year of chances for 2016 -2017,
due by 31 March**

**Subscriptions please to Carrie Morgan, 3 Higher Colleybrook
or Vanessa Morby, St Mary's Church.**

Let me know if you want me to collect your subscription:

carrie.morgan@btopenworld.com

Apologies for an error in the December/January issue of the newsletter - the Ideford 100 Club item should have read 'The lucky winners for November 2015' and not October as printed.

NEWS FROM SHELDON

Quiet Day on Ash Wednesday, 10th February led by Bishop Richard Hawkins. A day to soak up the silence (chapel, library and grounds) interspersed with 4 addresses by the speaker.
£20.

Labyrinth Taster Day on Monday 4th April, led by Rev Maureen Douglas. Sheldon's replica Chartres labyrinth provides a beautiful and ancient tool for walking prayer, helping to quiet and focus the mind and open the heart.
£35.

Fun with Words on Wednesday 6th April, led by Dr Richard Skinner. For novice writers and experienced ones who want to expand their repertoire for writing as a spiritual resource but without taking it too seriously.
£35.

All costs include refreshments and a good lunch. 20% discount for people in ministry.

Sheldon, Sheldon Lane, Doddiscombsleigh, Exeter EX6 7YT

www.sheldon.uk.com 01647-252752 smm@sheldon.uk.com

MORE UNPLEASANT SCAMS.

Devon and Cornwall Police have received reports relating to a professionally run national scam. This has led to many vulnerable people, who are often elderly, being ruthlessly defrauded out of thousands of pounds. There have been a considerable number of victims nationwide, including many locally in the Devon and Cornwall area. The average age of victim appears to be 70 years old, with losses ranging between £4000 - £100 000+.

The offenders call unsuspecting victims pretending to be an official body, such as the police or bank. At present the common theme is for the caller to claim to be a Metropolitan police detective. The offenders then convince the victim that there has been some form of fraudulent activity with their bank account. They sometimes claim to have someone in police custody who was found with the victim's bank details, or that their account has, or is being used, to withdraw substantial sums of money. The caller requests bank account details, PIN numbers and other details as a matter of urgency to prevent further losses.

The caller often invites the victim to hang up the phone and call their bank or local police to confirm events. What the victim is unaware of is that the caller has maintained an open phone line, so on re-dialling the victim is actually connected to and conversing with the same offenders throughout the whole process. Once having attained all bank details the caller eventually tries to convince the victim to package their bank cards, seal them in an envelope and wait for a courier to arrive and collect. On occasion the caller also convinces the victim to visit their bank and withdraw substantial sums of cash from their accounts and await further instructions; usually involving a courier as described. The offenders sound professional, use decoding electronic devices as part of the process and even have automated messages and background music if on hold; it is a sophisticated and well planned operation which gives the impression of being genuine.

Yet more telephone and online scams are coming to light. A lady recently received a 'phone call from a company selling home appliance insurance. The person calling seemed to have obtained details of purchases from a major supplier of electrical goods the lady had used in the past. However, the appliances referred to were many years past normal insurance risk dates, so it appears the callers were more concerned about getting a payment rather than providing insurance cover.

Be very wary of such calls or emails. Never provide a caller or e-mailer with your bank details or invite them to take control of your computer. Conmen are using the *TalkTalk* scandal to their advantage by offering to secure your computer and as an incentive offer £200 refund from *TalkTalk*. Once they have control of your computer and your bank details for the "refund" they empty your account. One lady alone lost £10,000. These callers sound very convincing and may have personal information about you which may allay your fears of a con. Don't be fooled, these people are clever and adept at deception. *TalkTalk* are not in any way involved in such contacts.

Take care and stay safe.

PCSO Colin Rider
(*contact details on page 12*)

ORANGE AND PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Here is the recipe for 'Orange and Peanut Butter Cookies' - as enjoyed at St Mary's following the January Village Worship - thank you Alan.

Orange and peanut butter cookies

Ingredients:

100gms butter
75gms light soft brown sugar
25gms syrup
1 tablespoon crunchy peanut butter
100gms sifted self-raising flour
50gms oats
Grated rind from one large orange
25gms chopped salted peanuts



Method:

1. Heat oven to 160C/325F and grease 2 baking trays.
2. Put butter, sugar, syrup and peanut butter in a small saucepan and heat gently until all are combined and melted together.
3. In a large bowl, mix together flour, oats and orange rind. Pour on the melted ingredients and mix thoroughly.
4. Take dessert spoonfuls of the mixture, form into balls and place on the baking tray and then flatten slightly. Allow enough room between each for some spreading during cooking.
5. Sprinkle the top with chopped peanuts and bake for up to 20 mins, checking carefully after 15 mins so they do not go too dark in colour. Remove from the oven and allow to cool a little before transferring to a cooling rack and then into an airtight container. The orange flavour gets stronger the longer you leave the biscuits.

Makes 16/18 biscuits

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 0BA

St John's, Luton TQ13 0BN

St Nectan's, Ashcombe EX7 0QD

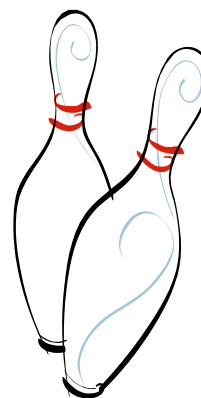
ASHCOMBE VILLAGE CLUB

Opening times: Tuesday, Thursday 7.30pm -11pm.
 Friday 7.30pm - Midnight.
 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

MOBILE LIBRARY

February 17th

Ideford (The Pound)	15.45 - 16.15
Luton (Church Street)	16.25 - 16.45

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 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