

The Vicarage
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Dear Friends,

A cartoon recently made me smile.

It showed two hens on an Antarctic ice cliff looking with astonishment at a flock of penguins below them.

One hen is saying to the other, "They should never have allowed us to be free-range."

"How appropriate for the middle of Lent," I thought to myself - as you might expect me to...

Lent is the time provided in the Church's calendar for us to check out our priorities in life. This takes the lead from Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness grappling with the tempting priorities of taking the easy way, of thinking that the end can justify the means, of allowing pride to usurp God's first call on our worship.

We can use this month, which concludes in Holy Week, to exercise our freedom to acknowledge, or not, our responsibility before our Creator to fulfil the Commandment, "Love God, and your neighbour as yourself." And then, if we are Christians, to exercise our freedom, with God's Spirit's help, to fulfil the *new* Commandment that Jesus gave on the Thursday evening of Holy Week, "Love one another as I have loved you." So that we get to the place where we hold ourselves personally responsible, under God, for enacting that new Commandment in some demonstrably practical ways with one another.

My heartfelt prayer is that this Easter will be a time of true celebration because we've all taken our responsibilities seriously during this Lent.

*With love,
Stephen.*

P.S. The coming Annual Parochial Church Meetings are opportunities to respond to God's leading in practical ways of service.

(Being on the Electoral Roll is the way to register formal membership of a church, and there are application forms available now.)

IDEFORD CHURCH KEY ROTA

March	Tony & Julie (Church End) & Tim & Amanda (Saffron House)
April	Tim & Amanda (Saffron House)

SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday March 1st 11.15am, Revd Stephen West	2nd Sunday of Lent Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday March 8th 10.00am, Mr Arthur Brooks 11.15am, Revd Stephen West 6.30pm, Revd Stephen West	3rd Sunday of Lent Village Worship Family Service Evensong	Ideford Ashcombe Luton
Sunday March 15th 10.30am, Mrs Tricia Stuckey (Coffee will be served from 10.00am in the School Room) <i>(Please Note - there will not be a service at Ideford today)</i>	4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday Family Service	Luton
Sunday March 22nd 11.15am, Revd Sue Astbury 6.30pm, Revd Stephen West	5th Sunday of Lent Parish Communion Evensong	Ashcombe Ideford
Sunday March 29th 10.00am, Revd Helen Bays <i>(to be followed at 11.00 by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting)</i>	Palm Sunday Village Praise	Ideford

MIDDAY PRAYER IN LENT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

12 noon on Fridays 27th Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March.

Scripture reading, short meditation and prayers for the world, the village and those in need. All are welcome to join us for half an hour.

Revd Helen Bays

IDEFORD READINGS FOR MARCH

	Reading	Readers	Sidesmen
March 1 st	Romans 4.13-end Mark 8.31-end	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby
March 8 th	John 2.13-22	to be arranged	Sara & helpers
March 22 nd	Jeremiah 31.31-34 John 12.20-33	Barry Mohan Jill Turner	Barry Mohan Jill Turner
March 29 th	to be arranged	to be arranged	to be arranged

MOTHERING SUNDAY - March 15th

The Ideford with Luton joint Mothering Sunday service will be held at St. John's, Luton at **10.30am**. This will be an informal service and it is hoped that lots of you (of all ages) will want to be involved. If you would like to take part in any way e.g. reading and/or writing a poem, telling us about your special mum, singing or playing a musical instrument etc. please give Kath Vooght a call on 01626 775426.

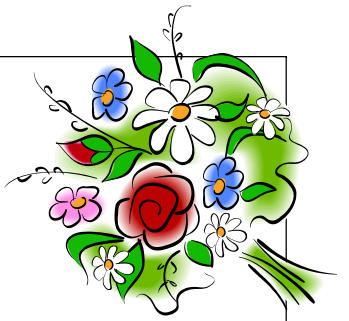
Coffee will be served before the service from 10.00am in the School Room.

We hope to see you on the 15th

Everyone can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome

We will be making posies on Saturday 14th at 2.00pm in St John's - all help welcome!

Also, any donations of flowers will be gratefully received.



Ideford Parish Community Plan Questionnaire 2015



Have you received your questionnaire?

Please take a few minutes to read and complete it, as we need **your** views on **your** parish in order to produce a meaningful Parish Plan.

Deadline for return is Monday 9th March

If you haven't received a copy yet, or you need help to either complete or return the questionnaire, please contact me :-

David Aylmore, Corner Cottage, Ideford.

Tel 852259 or e-mail davidaylmore@hotmail.com

Thank You.

David Aylmore.

Chairman - Steering Group - Ideford Parish Plan.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Regular Events

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

March 3rd none
March 10th Janet Aylmore, Corner Cottage, Ideford
March 17th Ann Rigby-Jones, 1 Town Farm Court, Ideford
March 24th Kathleen Mortimore, Oaks Reach, Ideford
March 31st Angela Fox, Well Barn, Olchard

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING

Tuesdays and Sundays 7.30pm in Ideford Village hall. New members welcome.

ART GROUP (*More information from Angie on 01626 854898.*)

Thursdays from 6.30 - 8.00pm, Ideford Village Hall.

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

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday March 4th at 6.30pm in Ideford Village Hall.

All Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

March 2nd Parish Council Meeting

March 16th Planning Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting - Robinson Room

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

Thursday March 5th - Lunch Club

Tuesday April 14th - Clara Lovell giving an account of her trip to Africa.

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

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

POLICE SURGERY

With Colin Rider, Police Community Support Officer for Ideford

Saturday March 21st Saturday April 18th Saturday May 16th

Ideford Village Hall, 9.30am -10.30am.

Come along to discuss any problems or issues in your neighbourhood.

PCSO Colin Rider Email: colin.rider@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Radio phone: 0845 6566935

General Police enquiries: 101

EMERGENCY: 999

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111 (anonymous)

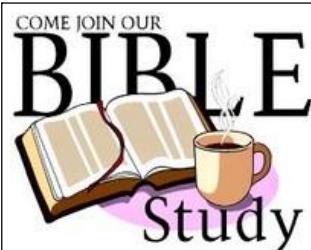
Other Events

TEAS - Sunday March 1st, 3pm - 5pm.

It's March, so it must be almost spring! Come along to Ideford Village Hall, meet up with friends and neighbours and enjoy a cream tea, toasted tea cakes or crumpets, or some delicious home-made cakes.



We are still looking for volunteers to serve teas in the Village Hall on the 1st Sunday of May, July and August. Everything is provided for you, except the cakes and scones, and there are always people willing to bake for you if this isn't your forte. If you would be prepared to go on the rota please contact me on 01626 852259 or e-mail janetaylmore@hotmail.com.



LENT BIBLE STUDIES IN IDEFORD

Libby, Christine and Frances will be holding an informal series of Lent bible studies again this year. We will be meeting on **Friday evenings** from **7.30 to 9.00pm**, throughout March at the Old Post Office, 5 Fore Street.

For more information call Libby or Christine on 01626 852291 or Frances on 01626 854019.

(For details of Midday Prayer at St Mary's during lent, please see page 2)

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday March 14th in Ideford Village Hall.
See page 6 for full details.



GREEK LUNCH

Saturday 21st March 12.30 for 1pm.

IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL

Tickets £12.50 adults, £6.00 Children 10 & under.

available from
Lyn Edwards

Ash Barn, Ideford Combe.
01626 333552 in advance ONLY.

Proceeds in aid of Ideford Church.

Quiz Night!



Ideford Village Hall

7.00 p.m. Saturday 14th March 2015

Bring along your teams of 'Quizzers' and compete for **prizes**, test your brainpower and knowledge on a range of questions about a wide variety of subjects.

Teams of 3 or 4 preferred or just come along and join in.

Entry only £2.00 per person

Hot Pasties, Licensed Bar and soft drinks available.



A fun quiz night with prizes for the best teams, come along and challenge your friends and neighbours!



Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday, 15 April 2015 at 6.30pm

Village Hall, Church Road, Ideford

Come and hear your County and District Councillors, Parish Council, organisations and charities within the village report on their activities during the year.

Have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to all those groups.

Hope to see you there ...



IDEFORD 100 CLUB

The lucky winners of January 2015 draw:

- £ 20 Marie Louise Millwood
- £ 10 Sally Tyler
- £ 5 Linda and Cliff Collingwood

The lucky winners of February 2015 draw:

- £ 20 Rob Gillet
- £ 10 Lyn Edwards
- £ 5 Sarah Carlon

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

A beautiful building for everyone in the community

*Membership subscriptions of £10 per ticket for a year of chances will be due on:
1 April for 2015 - 2016.*

Please pass your subscriptions to:

Carrie Morgan, 3 Higher Colleybrook, Ideford or Vanessa Morby at St Mary's Church

Let me know if you would like me to collect your subscription:

carrie.morgan@btopenworld.com



PART 2 - COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR? (cont. from Feb.)

Do I need any special skills or experience?

Groups made up of diverse individuals tend to make better informed decisions. It is important that councils have councillors who not only reflect and represent the communities they serve, but also have a broad range of skills and life experience. You don't have to be highly educated or have a profession. Skills gained through raising a family, caring for a sick or disabled relative, volunteering or being active in faith or community groups can be just as valuable.

While you don't need any special qualifications to be a councillor, having or being able to develop the following skills, knowledge and attributes will help you in the role.

- Communication skills - these include listening and interpersonal skills, the ability to consider alternative points of view and to negotiate, mediate and resolve conflict.
- Problem solving and analytical skills - this includes being able to get to the bottom of an issue and to think of different ways to resolve it, including considering the advantages and disadvantages of each option.
- Team working - being able to work with others in meetings and being able to complete any tasks that you agree to do on time.
- Ability to engage with your local community - this may be at a meetings, on the telephone or face to face in and around the Parish.

Don't worry if you don't yet feel that you have the skills or confidence to be a councillor. All councils provide support, information and training for new councillors.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are elected to the Parish Council to represent their local community, so they must either live or work in the area. Becoming a councillor is both a rewarding and privileged form of public service. Councillors will be in a position to make a difference to the quality of other people's daily lives and to influence decisions affecting the parish in which they serve. Being an effective councillor requires commitment and the ability to listen. Councillors have to balance the needs and interests of residents and role and responsibilities of the Parish Council.

What is expected of a councillor?

The councillor's role and responsibilities include:

- representing the parish for which they are elected
- decision-making
- developing and reviewing council policy
- community leadership and engagement
- receiving and reading letters, documentation and emails as required.

What have your Parish Council been up to during the current Financial Year?

They have considered and responded to 14 Planning Applications.

They have applied for and been selected as only one of 100 UK Communities to receive free mobile signal booster technology from Vodafone.

They have started the Community Led Plan process to set out a vision of how our community wants to develop and to identify the actions needed to achieve it. The process is based on detailed consultation involving the whole community and it will give everyone the chance to say what they think about the issues affecting the Parish and will result in a detailed action plan to help the community meet those needs.

They have represented the needs and views of the Parish at meetings with our local MP (twice), the Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall, the Leader of Devon County Council, the Chief Finance Officer and the Deputy Leader of Teignbridge District Council and spoken with Devon Communities Together and our Rural Housing Enablers about the potential to provide affordable housing in Ideford.

Also working with the support of your District and County Councillors and other outside agencies, the Parish Council has secured £11869 of funding towards Parish projects such as the refurbishment of the Village Hall and the provision of new tables and chairs, overhead heating for St Mary's Church and hedge trimming equipment for the Millennium Green.

For more information on becoming a Councillor or for help or advice on any Parish matter please contact one of your current Parish Councillors:

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| Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark | Cllr Dominic Morby |
| Cllr Anthony French | Cllr Barry Smith |
| Cllr Tom Hill | Cllr Derrick White |
| Cllr Julian Hull | |

Or contact the Parish Clerk via at idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk or on 07860 157687

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:

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| Wed, 4 Mar | Village Hall, Ideford | Parish Council Meeting |
| Wed, 1 Apr | Village Hall, Ideford | Parish Council Meeting |
| Wed, 15 Apr | Village Hall, Ideford | Annual Parish Meeting |
| Wed, 13 May | Village Hall, Ideford | Annual Meeting, Parish Council |

All meetings commence at 6.30pm

All Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

VEHICLE CRIME AND DOG FOULING.

Although vehicle theft is very much reduced due to modern cars requiring the keys to start them, theft from vehicles can still be a problem. It is necessary for many drivers' to leave their vehicles in the road or another public place which can make them vulnerable.

- Ensure nothing is left on display in your vehicle, to include coats, bags, cds, loose change, shopping etc. If you have a removable sat-nav, then do remove it and any witness marks from the windscreen and clean the whole screen if it's dirty, rather than leave a clean patch. Consider getting a sat-nav support pad from Halfords which allows sucker free use.
- You are advised to empty any works van of tools.
- Lock your vehicle and use any anti-theft device, including an alarm if fitted.
- If you have a garage, use it to park your car.
- If not, try to park in a well-lit area.
- If your radio/cd has a removable security panel - remove it.
- Consider getting a boot safe for removable items rather than carry them around.
- Do not leave vehicle keys visible to car thieves. Modern vehicles cannot be 'hot-wired'. The thief needs the key, so may break into your house or 'fish' them out of the letterbox, if left accessible in the hall.
- If you have an older vehicle (pre 1997), check with your garage to see if it has transponder controlled ignition, in which the correct key communicates electronically with the lock to allow starting. If not, consider getting an additional steering wheel locking device from a good motor store.
- Avoid leaving any documents relating to your vehicle in the vehicle. This includes MOTs, registration docs and insurance docs.

Sadly, complaints still come in regarding dog fouling. Please do clean up after your dog. Dog mess is unpleasant to see, worse to walk over and can be very damaging to small children.

PCSO Colin Rider - contact details on page 4

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

Wednesday March 18th

Ideford (Royal Oak)	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)	£4.20
Wednesday	Newton Abbot (will stop at Tesco)	£4.20
Thursday	Teignmouth	£4.20

How to make a Ring & Ride Journey

- Choose which day you wish to travel.
- Telephone 01626 888777 between 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday,
- ***NB: Please ring before 8.30am for same day travel.***
- Please be ready by 9.45am.
- 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 & Disability Transport Service operates in the area to transport elderly, frail or disabled passengers of any age, on a private hire basis. All our vehicles are adapted to take wheelchair seated passengers, have lowered steps and tail lifts.

For more information please telephone 01626 888777 or 888890