

WHAT IS LENT?

What is Lent? I mean, apart from giving up a glass of wine or a bar of chocolate and all the other things that people seem to associate with the word Lent.

One definition that I found was this one; 'In the Christian Church, the period preceding Easter, which is devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence in commemoration of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. In the Western Church it runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, and so includes forty weekdays.' It also helpfully added that at Cambridge University boat races called the Lent 'Bumps' are held.

Lent, of course, traditionally begins with a last big meal, or feast, on Shrove Tuesday, by eating rich sweet pancakes. This was a way of using up the last of the perishable food such as eggs, flour, butter and honey, in order to begin a time of fasting and self-denial which ended with Easter Sunday.

Although, across the world there are a great many other traditions associated with Lent. In our own country, we mark the beginning of Lent with a service on the first day of Lent called Ash Wednesday when last year's Palm crosses are ceremoniously burnt and the resulting ash is powdered and used by worshippers to mark their foreheads with a black cross to signify the 'ash' that is associated with anyone seeking to demonstrate their sorrow and repentance for events in the past.

Nowadays, in a more secular world, many people have turned from giving things up to taking on something extra in order to make a positive difference but, perhaps we could move back in a positive way, to the thinking of the past and giving up as we consider our over use of plastics and the damage that they are doing to our world.

Might our observation of Lent this year be a time when we make conscious decisions to avoid buying goods that are needlessly packed in, or wrapped with, plastic?

Whatever you have in mind to observe Lent this year, may it be a blessing to you and may the way that you live your life be a blessing to those around you.

Roderick (Team Rector)

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2018

Sunday March 4th	3rd Sunday of Lent	
10.30am, <i>The Rev'd Sue Astbury</i>	Parish Communion	Ideford
Sunday March 11th	Mothering Sunday	
10.30am, <i>Dr Ruth Sewell</i>	Informal Mothering Sunday Service	Ideford
<i>(There will not be a service at St John's, Luton on this Sunday)</i>		
Sunday March 18th	5th Sunday of Lent	
10.00am, <i>The Rev'd R Withnell</i>	Village Praise	Ashcombe
10.30am, <i>The Rev'd West</i>	Family Communion	Ideford
Sunday March 25th	Palm Sunday	
6.30pm, <i>The Rev'd Stephen West</i>	Evensong	Ideford
Tuesday March 27th	Messy Easter (Village Hall)	Ideford
4.00pm - 5.45pm	<i>(see page 3 for details)</i>	
Friday March 30th	Good Friday	
12 noon, <i>The Rev'd Helen Bays</i>	Devotional Service	Ideford
Sunday April 1st	Easter Day	
10.30am, <i>The Rev'd Helen Bays</i>	Family Communion	Ideford
6.30 pm, <i>The Rev'd Stephen West</i>	Team Festal Evensong	Luton

Please Note - Service Leaders are subject to change.

Ideford Readings for March

	Reading	Readers	Sidesmen
March 4 th	1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby	Alan Wooderson Vanessa Morby
March 11 th			
March 18 th	Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman	Alan Wooderson Nicki Horseman
March 25 th	Psalms 118.1-2, 19-end Mark 11.1-11		

IMPORTANT NOTICE - St Mary's, Ideford

Please Note: the morning service at St. Mary's, Ideford will now start at **10.30am** on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month.



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)

Every Wednesday (but not Weds 27th Dec.)

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



MOTHERING SUNDAY - MARCH 11th

10.30am

St Mary's Church, Ideford

Join us for an informal family service followed by refreshments

Everyone Welcome!



You are welcome to bring along a picture of your mum (photo or drawing), or perhaps you would like to write a few words about what makes your mum special, and we can have a display to celebrate mums everywhere.

More information from Janet - 852259 or e-mail: janetaylmore@hotmail.com

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

invite all children under 12

with their parents and grandparents to

Messy Easter

Tuesday 27th March - 4.00pm - 5.45pm

Ideford Village Hall

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Regular Events

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

- March 6th Angela Fox, Well Barn, Olchard
March 13th Kath Mortimore, Oaks Reach, Ideford
March 20th Ann R-J, 1 Town Farm Lane, Ideford
March 27th Ann R-J, 1 Town Farm Lane, Ideford

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLING

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

ART GROUP

Thursdays from 2pm until 3.30pm - see page 6.
Adults - £5.00 per session, 16 and under - £3.50 per session.
More information from Angie on 01626 854898.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday February 8th at 7:00pm - Village Hall, Ideford.

Monthly Council Meeting - all Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

**** Please note that Ideford Parish Council Meetings are now held
on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm ****

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

- Monday March 5th** Full Council Meeting
Monday March 19th 6pm Planning Committee followed by
Annual Electors Meeting (not BPC AGM)

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 March 21st

- Ideford (The Pound) 3.45pm - 4.15pm
Luton (Church Street) 4.25pm - 4.45pm

Other Events



THE ELIZABETHAN

GOOD, HONEST DEVON FOOD

Book your Ticket for a
Pamper Evening with Kaye
of



EMPOWERING BEAUTY

on

Thursday 22nd March from 7pm
and help us raise money for

The Down's Syndrome Association
and
Down Syndrome International

TICKETS - £8.00

Can be purchased at The Bar or by Telephone
and include

Prosecco & Canapes on Arrival
Gift Bag of Goodies
Raffle Ticket for the Evening's Draw

**ALL TICKET MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO OUR
NOMINATED CHARITIES FOR 2018 THE DSA & DSI**

Fore Street, Luton, Chudleigh, Devon, TQ13 0BL
www.elizabethaninn.co.uk 01626 775425

IDEFORD with LUTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th March at 7.15 pm** at 1 Town Farm Court, Ideford. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held on **Tuesday 17th April at 7.30 pm** in the School Room Luton.

IDEFORD ART GROUP

Classes will resume on Thursday April 5th
from 2.00.pm - 3.30.pm
Contact Angie on 01626 854898 for more information.



Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday, 12 April 2018 at 6.00pm for 6.15pm Start
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.

There will also be a presentation and community discussion with Rural Housing Enablers from Devon Communities Together and Teignbridge District Council about future housing options within the Parish.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Hope to see you there . . .



REVISED WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES FOR EASTER

Normal Date

Friday 30th March
Wednesday 4th April
Friday 6th April
Wednesday 11th April
Friday 13th April

Revised Date

Tuesday 3rd April
Friday 6th April
Monday 9th April
Thursday 12th April
Saturday 14th April

Containers should be out by 7am on your collection day, and boxes stacked to prevent items blowing away.



Update on Housing for the Parish of Ideford

Following a Community Led Plan action to consider the provision of an Affordable Housing Development, the Parish Council commissioned a Housing Needs Survey. During November 2016, each household received a letter and questionnaire issued in partnership with Devon Communities Together (DCT). 58 survey forms were returned, a response rate of 33%. Of those that answered the question, 72% said that they would be in favour of a small development of affordable housing for local people. However, the survey only identified the need for 2 such homes within the next 5 years. It is recognised that any survey represents a snapshot in time but is it with regret that due to such a small, identified requirement, it was not possible to progress the project any further with the District Council Housing Enablers at that time.

The Parish Council has continued to monitor the situation and has been approached by several people for advice or an update on what might be possible in the future - downsizing, upsizing, first time buyers, self-builders, shared ownership and affordable home requirements.

Come and listen, ask questions and find out more at the Village Hall Ideford on the following dates:

Thursday, 12 Apr 18 at 6.15pm

Community discussion, questions and answers with Rural Housing Enablers from Devon Communities Together and Teignbridge District Council, covering housing need, what are the different housing options, Custom, Affordable and Self-Build.

Wednesday, 25 Apr 18 from 3.30pm until 7.30pm

Opportunity to attend a drop-in session for a one to one discussion with one of the Rural Housing Enablers to consider your own individual circumstances or concerns. Any discussion would be private and confidential between you and the Enabler.

A DATE FOR THE DIARY

I am having a Cream Tea in my garden again this summer - the afternoon of Sunday June 24th, when my choir will sing some lively songs to entertain you. This is in memory of Rob, and to raise money for Marie Curie Nurses. I will also make a donation to the Ideford village funds and to Luton Church. I am grateful to Maureen for letting me use her field for parking again. More details to follow later, but please put the date in your diary now.

Kath Mortimore



Ideford Parish Council seeks an organised, independent and adaptable individual to work from home and attend monthly Thursday evening meetings in Ideford as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council.

The role is varied and interesting, but mainly administrative and so confidence using Word, Excel, Outlook (Email), social media and minute taking will be essential.

Other skills such as writing funding bids, knowledge of the planning system and experience in dealing with public would be a great advantage, although there will be training courses available to help with any skills gaps for the right applicant.

Ideford Parish Council meets 10 times per year (with the occasional additional Planning Meeting if required)

The post is for four hours per week (salary in accordance with NALC & SLCC recommended rates).

For additional information about the Parish Council and what the Parish Councillors do, please visit www.ideford-parish.co.uk. Or for more information, including a job description and person specification, please contact the outgoing Clerk via idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Ideford Parish Council are looking for a volunteer Snow Warden to help the community during severe weather.

In winter, Devon County Council (DCC) focus on salting the major routes that carry the most traffic. This sometimes means smaller communities don't receive as much help as they would like. During times of extreme weather, through the Snow Warden Scheme DCC will provide advice, training and salt to community groups and parish councils who are helping each other on a voluntary basis. The Snow Warden is the key point of contact between DCC and the local community.

Snow Wardens are volunteers from the local community who:



- + Give up their spare time to help clear snow during adverse weather
- + Clear snow from footpaths
- + Spread and lay grit/salt to stop ice forming
- + Are willing to attend a short training course at DCC

If you would be able to store a supply of salt and might be able to tow the parish gritter and would like more information on what is involved, please speak to Cllr Anthony French on 07831 131031 or visit

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/snow-warden-scheme>

IDEFORD CHURCH KEY ROTA

March Lesley (Bees Corner)

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

IDEFORD CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

March Roz Brown

EASTER AT ST. MARY'S, IDEFORD

We will be arranging flowers in the Church for Easter on Saturday morning, 31st March. If you would like to help or donate flowers, please ring Liz Hill on 854934.

Children will be very welcome to join us in the Church on Easter Saturday morning to make an Easter arrangement on a plate. For more details please ring Liz 854934

Don't let Devon go to waste

Make every scrap count!

Please help us to increase the amount of food waste recycled by making every scrap count!

You may not think that you produce food waste but some waste like banana skins, tea bags, egg shells and plate scrapings are inevitable and these can all be recycled.

And it's now easier than ever to recycle your food waste as any plastic bag can be used to line your kitchen caddy or blue food waste container, including any of these listed below;

- supermarket carrier bags
- pedal bin liners
- bread bags

Remember by recycling your food waste in your blue container it will be collected every week. Once collected it is sent to a facility in Devon where it is used to create electricity and a liquid fertiliser.

For out more at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/recycling



Did you know . . .

Teignbridge District Council fund a loan scheme for homeowners, for essential home repairs and improvements? *

For more information: visit www.wrcic.org.uk
call 01823 461099
email enquiries@wrcic.org.uk

Your local, not for profit lender working in partnership with Teignbridge District Council -

Wessex Resolutions CIC
Heatherton Park Studios,
Bradford on Tone,
Taunton, TA4 1EU



* Subject to Status

100 CLUB

February's lucky winners:

1st prize	Vanessa Morby
2nd prize	Debbie & Grant Naris
3rd prize	Alan Wallington

Congratulations to this month's winners. I will deliver your winnings asap.

Please note that subscriptions are now due for this year. It's £10 per number and there is no limit to how many you can have.

Please put your subs in an envelope marked with your name and number/s and bring to me at Brookfield, Church Road, Ideford. I am happy to collect if you are unable to get to me - please call me on 07816275273.

The numbers still available are 25/55/96/97/100. Please let me know if you would like one. Each month you have the chance of winning £20, £10 or £5!

Becks Jones

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

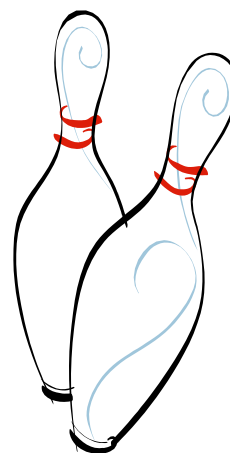
Ashcombe Village Club

Opening times: Tuesday, Thursday, 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