

## **Pause for thought with Richard Frost**

'The virus has robbed us of many things. It continues to rob us of any certainty.'

Those words by BBC correspondent, Chris Mason sum up these last few months. Indeed, such is the nature of the times we are living through, as I write this in early August to meet the Editor's deadlines, who knows what else will have changed and robbed us of certainty.

On 9<sup>th</sup> August, when our churches began opening for public worship for the first time since March, we might have hoped for a place of certainty... but with its hand sanitisers, the wearing of face coverings, no hymns and other changes, it too had changed. It's different.

The Gospel reading for that day was very appropriate for the time. Like us in our 'boat', we read the account of when the disciples were in theirs crossing Lake Galilee in the middle of the night. Not unusually a storm blows up. And then out of the tumult, Jesus walks on the water towards them.

Upon recognising Jesus, Peter steps out in faith on to the water... and then he noticed the wind.

He sank down to be grasped by Jesus' hand. Jesus then climbs back in the boat and calms the storm allowing the disciples to continue their journey.

Stepping out in faith is no guarantee that we will not hit troubled or stormy waters. Last year, when Jane and I stepped out in faith in response to Jesus' call to come to the Haldon Team, little did we know how stormy the waters were going to be at times. And you will have had your own encounters of stepping out in faith and things being difficult. You will have stepped out... and then noticed the wind.

Jesus said to Peter: 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' A put-down or words of empathic reassurance? Did Peter really have little faith? After all, nobody else got out of the boat.

So here we are. We of little faith gathering in church buildings once again. A little faith that enables us to step out in the storm. A faith which grasps the hand of Jesus as he reaches out to us.

Jesus places us safely in the boat. He climbs in with us. He calms the storm and takes us on our journey. A journey yes, into uncharted waters. A journey of continuing change. But also, a journey of certainty. A journey in which we will never be abandoned. Whatever the change. Whatever the loss of certainty.

Do not be afraid.

*Richard Frost, Team Reader*

## Services in the Haldon Team

We are continuing our online services each week at [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk) and you are also welcome to join us in our church buildings:

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St John's, Bishopsteignton
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St James', Teignmouth
- 11.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St John's, Bishopsteignton
- 10.30am Morning Worship at St James', Teignmouth
- 11.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's, Ideford

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St John's, Bishopsteignton
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St James', Teignmouth
- 11.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St James', Teignmouth
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth
- 10.00am Village Worship at St John's, Bishopsteignton
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Ideford
- 11.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St John's, Bishopsteignton
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St James', Teignmouth
- 11.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth

There is also a Midweek Holy Communion at St Michael's every Tuesday at 9.30am.

Please note that in the current times, the above arrangements may change. Please check our website at [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk) or contact clergy to confirm. Please wear a face covering and observe social distancing. Follow the safety guidance inside the church and clean your hands before and after entering. You will be asked to provide contact details for NHS Test and Trace. If you are suffering any symptoms of Coronavirus or are shielding please do not enter.

## Open for Personal Prayer

Some of our churches are also open for you to use for personal prayer and reflection.

- St Michael's, Teignmouth 10am - 2pm, Wednesday & Saturday
- St Mary's, Ideford 10am - 4pm Wednesday and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday
- St John's, Bishopsteignton 10am - 12 noon, Wednesday and outdoor  
Quiet Space open all day, every day

## Update on Vacancy for Team Rector

The Archdeacon of Exeter, Ven Andrew Beane, met with churchwardens and ministry team members via Zoom recently to go through the process of appointing a new Team Rector. This was a very helpful meeting and will trigger a broader consultation process to take place in the Autumn. He gave an assurance that we will have a new Team Rector, albeit not for at least a year, and asked people to begin praying now for the right person to be called to our Team. Andrew describes the Haldon Team as being important and strategic and he will be coming to take some services during the Autumn as a way of getting to know us. As previously promised, further updates will be provided as and when there is information to share. But do please contact Revd Jane if you have any immediate questions.

For additional clarity, the changes to our current pattern of services is due solely to the national guidance in this time of pandemic and not connected to the vacancy.

## IDEFORD CHURCH ROTA

**Volunteers to unlock, clean and lock up Church - approx. 10am and 4pm.**

### September Services

September 6th & 20th	Alan Wooderson and Vanessa Morby
September 2nd & 9th	Vanessa Morby
September 13th & 16th	Alan Wooderson
September 23rd, 27th & 30th	Liz Rice

### Flower Rota

Aug. 26th & Sept. 2nd	Liz Spencer
September 23rd & 30th	Jane Hill

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Regular Events**

### **IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm - Village Hall, Ideford**

Monthly Council Meeting. Members of the public are welcome but must comply with social distancing, etc..

### **BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Full Council is to be held at **7.00pm** on **Monday 7th September**. However, with compulsory restrictions imposed by the government due to Coronavirus, this meeting will now be held remotely using Zoom. See the BPC website for more details - [www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk)

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

**Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Ideford (The Pound) 2.40pm - 3.10pm

### **IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS & DATES**

The village hall trustees wish to announce that the **AGM** postponed from April will now take place on **8th September at 7pm**.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee as a Trustee, we meet approximately 4 times a year to plan future events and ensure the future of our fantastic community asset. If anyone is interested, please email [rachelblake77@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rachelblake77@yahoo.co.uk)

or call 07810 107679.



\*\*\*\*\*

Ideford village hall trustees wish to thank people who attended the cream teas on 16th August. We hope to hold another in October.

Unfortunately, it has been necessary to cancel the Harvest Hoe down on 3rd October. A future date for a Ceilidh will be announced in next month's Parish News.

### **Future dates for diaries:**

It is anticipated the festive quiz will go ahead as planned on Sat. 7th November at 7pm and also the Christmas tree switch on and outdoor carol singing on Sat. 5th December. Further details to follow.

# DEVON OPEN STUDIOS 2020

Art at St. Johns

12<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September, 11 - 5.30pm  
every day

St Johns Church, Luton, TQ13 OBN



Angie Carter-Woodwark and Vicki Gardner, together with St Johns PCC, will be delighted to welcome you to 'the little church with a big heart` for the 7<sup>th</sup> year running!

Vicki offers vibrant photographic imagery with mainly natural and garden subjects. Angie offers intensely coloured English landscapes in oil and watercolour. Cards, prints and originals will be available for sale. Because of a poor signal in Luton, all forms of payment will be accepted.

Refreshments will be available in The Old Schoolroom, a separate building just along the lane, organised by Kath Vooght, Churchwarden of St Johns.

Parking by kind permission of The Mill, Luton, will be available at the end of Church Lane, just follow the signs.

## COVID 19

To keep safe, EVERYONE MUST FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

- You will be asked to sanitise your hands on entering the church.
- Face coverings must be worn.
- Keep a 1+metre social distance. Please ask the artists before handling anything. Cards are pre-wrapped, as are prints.
- As far as possible, please keep to the one way system in the church (*there is no rush, you can always revisit items!*).
- There will be notices to help you.
- There will also be clear guidelines in The Old Schoolroom.
- Surfaces will be regularly sanitised.

There will be a chance to enter a draw for a commission or piece of work to raise money for the upkeep of this much loved little church. Tickets will be priced at £1 and the draw will take place on the last day, 27<sup>th</sup> September, at 4pm.

It will be lovely to share our work and inspirations with you, especially in these challenging times and we would like to thank St Johns PCC and everyone in Luton for supporting this event. Please keep well and safe and see you soon!

*Angie and Vicki*



## THANK YOU, HOUSEMATES!

Covid 19 is a challenge! But for those of us who live alone, who have few family members to say Hello to by email, text or phone I think life is sometimes difficult to cope with. I feel lucky to be able to talk with, and sometimes meet with friends now, but at the beginning of this horrible time, life was very different.

It is sad to note that the highlight of my life was a once week shop at Tesco, experienced with some trepidation! The world was weirdly quiet, except for the wonderful world of birdsong. But when you closed the doors, you were alone.

### THANK GOODNESS FOR MY ANIMALS!

Thank you, Indie, Rex, Miro, Minnie and Merlin! 2 dogs and 3 cats have been, and are, so important to me, the house is never empty, I am never really alone. They are there to laugh with, stroke, comfort and cuddle me when I have felt a little `down`. I`m sure all of you who live alone and have a pet feel the same. They are there to remind us that we are not solitary creatures but need to share our affection. In this house, we all need each other; pets ask for very little, except our loyalty and love. When I visited our oldest resident recently, I took my Springer Spaniel, Rex ( who is in his 18<sup>th</sup> year) to visit. My friend no longer has any dogs, but really enjoyed a cuddle with him, it brought back so many memories for her. We laughed at the fact that in dog years he was even older than her! Miro, Minnie and Merlin are my three cats, a little family, I had Miro when she was pregnant, she had her kittens in the bathroom! They have been together ever since, Minnie and Merlin are the only ones left now and when Minnie went missing a few weeks ago, everyone in the house felt loss. She appeared 8 days later, much to the delight of all the others! We are all back together as a unit!

Indie has made ` lockdown` his own, never missing an opportunity to create mischief - while I am on the phone or at the computer, he finds something to take away and catch my attention, the remote control, the landline phone or, embarrassingly personal items from my washing and ironing pile!! He parades them around the front garden with almost a smile! He will be 11years old in September but behaves like a 6 month puppy, knowing I can never be really cross!

So `thank you` my dearest housemates for reminding me that life can be fun, I can smile and am never alone, even when the door closes and the sun goes down. Stay safe and well everyone.

*Angie CW*



*Thank you to Veronica for sending another poem for the Parish News - one of her own this month.*

### **Despite the Dark**

It's 7.30pm on a quiet lockdown Sunday.

I only meant to walk as far as Olchard Bridge, but disappearing into a mass of bluebells fringed by yellow archangels, a narrow track pulls me on.

I balance like a tightrope walker, move deliberately, heel to toe, heel to toe, so as not to untidy the narrow strip of bare loam. My ears tune into the silence behind birdsong, as I duck and wind between, beneath beech and sycamore. Scent so alive that, even at this late hour, bumbles still hum their hymns. Three times I feel spider silk on my face, and even though I can see what lies ahead, something beckons me over the threshold into a crop of conifers planted for profit, never thinned - there's little light, no under-growth, only brown wherever I look. And, just as this man-made desert, makes my heart sink, I see one, two, three maybe as many as seven badger holes - all freshly dug.

*Veronica Aaronson*

### **We're Back!**

It's good to be back with a paper copy of the Parish News.

Since 'lockdown' in March, I have e-mailed the PN to everyone on my contacts list - I apologise to those who didn't receive a copy and hope you managed to receive a copy from friends and neighbours, or managed to find it on the parish website.

Thank you to everyone who has sent copy for the PN - with no events taking place, it would have been difficult to fill the pages without you. Please keep sending me anything that you think might be of interest.

Finally, thank you to our delivery team who have agreed to deliver your newsletter again, taking precautions to keep you and themselves safe.

*Stay safe everyone - Janet (editor)*



## **COVID-19 SCAMS**

National Trading Standards is warning people to remain vigilant following a rise in coronavirus-related scams that seek to benefit from the public's concern and uncertainty over COVID-19.

Members of the public should ignore scam products such as supplements and anti-virus kits that falsely claim to cure or prevent COVID-19.

### **COVID-19 scams identified include:**

#### ***Doorstep crime***

- Criminals targeting older people on their doorstep and offering to do their shopping. Thieves take the money and do not return.
- Doorstep cleansing services that offer to clean drives and doorways to kill bacteria and help prevent the spread of the virus.

#### ***Online scams***

- Email scams that trick people into opening malicious attachments, which put people at risk of identity theft with personal information, passwords, contacts and bank details at risk.

#### ***Refund scams***

- Companies offering fake holiday refunds for individuals who have been forced to cancel their trips. People seeking refunds should also be wary of fake websites set up to claim holiday refunds.

#### ***Counterfeit goods***

- Fake sanitisers, face masks and Covid19 swabbing kits sold online and door-to-door. These products can often be dangerous and unsafe. There are reports of some potentially harmful hand sanitiser containing glutaral (or glutaraldehyde), which was banned for human use in 2014.

#### ***Telephone scams***

- As more people self-isolate at home, there is an increasing risk that telephone scams will also rise, including criminals claiming to be your bank, mortgage lender or utility company.

#### ***Donation scams***

- There have been reports of thieves extorting money from consumers by claiming they are collecting donations for a COVID-19 'vaccine'.

*Continued on page 9*



Continued from page 8

### Loan sharks

- Illegal money lenders are expected to prey on people's financial hardship, lending money before charging extortionate interest rates and fees through threats and violence

Members of the public are being urged to keep in contact with family members regularly and inform them of the most prolific scams and the possible dangers to them. If someone has been targeted by a scam, it can be reported to Action Fraud online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk/](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

For advice and information on how to check if something might be a scam, visit:

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/)

### Welcome to the new Parish Councillors

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has two new Councillors and we wish them a very warm welcome:

Cllr Sarah Oxenham

Cllr Paul Jervis

*There is still one vacancy left on the Parish Council - if you are interested in joining please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors.*



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/>

## WANTED



I have received requests from two people for help in finding a property to buy in Ideford. Please read their messages below and contact them if you can help.

Hello good people of Ideford! I hope you are all well in these strange times!

I'll get straight to the point... I need your help....

I lived in Ideford for many years. Lots of you will know me as 'that girl who helped with Village Worship' for all those years, some of you might even know me as Nicola, and most of you will know me as 'Janet and David's daughter'.

I have been house hunting for a short while now, and I have quickly come to realise that other Devon locations simply cannot live up to Ideford! I really miss living there and am desperate to return, so here is my plea. If you know of, or hear about, anyone planning to sell their house in the near future, please get in touch. I'm not a first time buyer but my budget still isn't huge (around £220,000) which I know counts out most of the village. But I also know there are lots of smaller gems around.

Please contact me ([nicola.aylmore@gmail.com](mailto:nicola.aylmore@gmail.com)) or my Mum and Dad ([janetaylmore@hotmail.com](mailto:janetaylmore@hotmail.com)) if you think you can help, or have any advice for me.

Thank you very much in anticipation!

*Nicola Aylmore*

\*\*\*\*\*

The Gardner family are still really hoping to stay in Ideford. So if you're thinking of down sizing, please let us know. Ideally, we're looking for a 4-5 bed house with a large garden, but we'd build from scratch or add an extension.

Give Vicki a shout if you're thinking of moving from Ideford, Luton or Olchard, we could save on estate agency fees and there's no stamp duty to pay on houses under 500k before next spring!

*Vicki & Jim (and the girls) 01626 854814*



## One to One training

Pilates Mat small classes in Ideford, Tuesday, 10am

[www.sarahjonespilates.com](http://www.sarahjonespilates.com)

[info@sarahjonespilates.com](mailto:info@sarahjonespilates.com)

07989 792723

Back in May, the Church of England launched a free phone line called **Daily Hope** so those who can't access online material could source prayers, hymns and reflections. It has fielded 215,000 calls to date. There is now a new offering of **Holiday at Home**. This offers an opportunity for those who rarely leave their houses a chance to be 'transported' on a holiday - with prayers of thanks for times past, a poem recollecting holidays and even a soundscape to evoke those memories of past holidays.

The number in both cases is: 0800 804 8044

The 'Together in Unity' appeal: The COVID-19 pandemic has hurt communities throughout the world. Many communities are not equipped with even the most basic of hygiene and sanitation facilities, and lockdown measures have increased economic hardship in the poorest communities with people unable to work. The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched the Together in Unity Appeal, based on Psalm 133:1, to raise funds to support virus prevention and emergency relief for vulnerable communities throughout our Anglican family. Find out more and give at:

[www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/appeal](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/appeal)

## CHUDLEIGH LIBRARY

Monday	10.00am - 12 noon	Tuesday	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 12 noon	Thursday	Closed
Friday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Saturday	10.00am - 12 noon

For more information about Chudleigh library, please call 01626 852469 or e-mail: [info@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:info@librariesunlimited.org.uk)

## 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