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Team Curate	Rev'd Elizabeth Burren revelizabeth@haldonteam.org.uk	01626 775728

PARISH DIRECTORY**Church Wardens**

Ashcombe	Position Vacant	
Ideford	Position Vacant	
Luton	Miss K Vooght	775426
	Mr J Reddaway	775218

PCC Secretary

Ideford	Nicki Horseman	idefordpccsec@gmail.com
Luton	Angie Carter-Woodwark	854898
Ashcombe	Eleanor Rayner	ninirayner@yahoo.co.uk

Devon County Councillor

	Ron Peart	362260
Teignbridge District Councillors	Beryl Austen	352532
	Ron Peart	362260

Ideford Parish Council

Chairman	Cllr David Fox	859599
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Ideford Village Hall

Chairman	Julie Parker	07748 982351 juliebristowparker@gmail.com
Booking Clerk	Rachel Blake	07810 107679 idefordhallbookings@yahoo.com

Ideford Millennium Green

Chairman	Jane Hill	07871 103235
Booking Clerk	Jane Hill	07871 103235

Ideford Social Group Secretary	Kath Mortimore	853394
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Ideford Bell Ringers	David Aylmore	852259
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Ideford short Mat Bowling Club	Jill McCord	859544
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Parish Newsletter Editor	Janet Aylmore	852259
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Parish Footpath Warden	David Aylmore	852259
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	Robin Aaronson	854397
	e-mail: grandvizier51@gmail.com	

CAD Community Worker	Bob Bigland	203050
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Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC 17015, Clarke Orchard
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Being Generous Makes You Happy

As a child I remember looking forward to Christmas with delight, I knew every possible toy in the Argos catalogue. (Later as I had my own children I found it was a good way to occupy children who said "I'm bored" or "how many sleeps to Christmas, mummy?") As time went by and through my parents' generosity to us, I began to learn that planning, buying and making even very modest gifts occupied many happy hours. On Christmas morning there was joyful anticipation in seeing what I would receive and how others would enjoy what I had chosen. There was pleasure in giving and the receiving was nice too.

Christmas is a season of giving. Christians celebrate the "gift" of Jesus at Christmas. We see it as a gift because the supreme being, God, who caused the creation of the world chose to communicate intimately with humans by becoming human himself. He wanted to give an example to us of how to live together in peace. God "came down" not as a powerful ruler, king or billionaire but as a baby refugee born in difficult circumstances into a cold, anxious, war torn world.

As Jesus grew he brought and taught love and kindness bringing healing to troubled places. When he was tempted to misuse the powers he had as God he chose not to use them for ill but instead to follow God's guidance in prayer on how to live his "best human life".

The story of Jesus' birth in a stable, a small and vulnerable baby, always softens our hearts. As a tiny child Jesus, although God, needed human care. As an adult he taught his disciples to care for one another and also for those outside their usual friendship circle. He gave the example and then said "go and do likewise".

The joy of this season is in giving – giving as we are able. If you are blessed with much wealth give money joyfully for any in need. If your blessing is time give that by listening and helping others. If your blessing is time indoors in the warmth because you physically can't go out please give your prayers. If your blessing is children give them your undivided attention. If you feel you have nothing to give – then give your heart to Jesus because your heart is your most precious gift and he will cherish it and you.

However you spend this Christmas season may it be a time of unexpected happiness, joy and comfort, blessed with the peace of the Christ child.

With love in Christ

Rev Carol

DECEMBER & JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday Dec. 4th 4.30pm	Second Sunday of Advent Evensong	Ideford
Friday Dec. 16th 6.30 for 7.00pm	Community Carol Service	Ashcombe
Sunday Dec. 18th 11.00am 6.00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Christmas Carol Service	Ideford Luton
Tuesday Dec. 20th 7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Ideford
Wednesday Dec. 21st 2pm - 4pm	Messy Church in Ideford Village Hall - see page 10	
Christmas Eve 4pm 4.30pm	Crib Service Holy Communion	Ideford Ideford
Christmas Day 10.30am	Lay led informal Family Service	Ideford
Sunday Jan 1st 4.30pm	2nd Sunday of Christmas Evensong	Ideford
Sunday Jan 8th 6.30pm	Baptism of Christ Evensong	Luton
Sunday Jan 15th 11.00am	2nd Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion	Ideford
Sunday Jan 22nd 5.00pm	3rd Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion	Ashcombe

Please note that the dates and times of January services are provisional, please check on the team website in due course.

*For other services in the team please see the team website:
www.haldonteam.org.uk*

Ideford Parish Council and Ideford Parochial Church Council would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year



GENERAL INFORMATION

Ideford Church Key Rota

December	Suzanne (Glen Kea)
January	David & Janet (Corner Cottage)

Luton Altar Flowers and Brass Cleaning

December	Angie Carter-Woodward
January	M Reddaway

Chudleigh Library - opening times

Monday	10am - 1pm	Tuesday	3pm - 6pm
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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 0BB
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Items for inclusion in the February 2023 Newsletter

should be sent to: Janet Aylmore at j23aylmore@gmail.com
by **Wednesday, January 18th** please.

Items for the Parish website should be sent to Juliette at
idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk

083/22

CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE
083.1 The balance of accounts on 30th September 2022 was £18,323.44
The bank reconciliations for July, August and September 2022 were agreed by all and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.
083.2 It was agreed by all to approve the following payments.

£981.14	Staff	Salary, Mileage & PAYE
£84.74	Parish News	Publishing Minutes

To note payments made since the last meeting

£75.00	Sustainable Ideford	Projects
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083.3 It was agreed by all to adopt the revised Standing Orders 2022.
083.4 The Clerk presented the quarterly budget; no issues were raised.
083.5 LTN 7 on non-councillor members of committees has been updated to include the new statutory disqualification as detailed in the recently reissued LTN 8 on elections.
LTN 40 on local council documents and records has been refreshed and updated to include new information on electronic signatures and updated links.

084/22

TO VOTE ON HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING
It was proposed by Cllr J Gardner, seconded by Cllr M Batting and agreed by all to hold a Part Two Meeting to discuss Cllr behaviour and training.

085/22

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 8th September 2022
This part of the meeting ended at 8pm

086/22

PART TWO MEETING (CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)
Cllrs were reminded of the Nolan Principles when discussing PC business outside of meetings. Cllrs were also reminded to keep noise to a minimum when leaving evening PC meetings, so as not to disturb residents.
In person group training was proposed and agreed by all that this would be a good idea.
This part of the meeting ended at 8:18pm

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

On 17 October 2022 an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was declared by the Government across the whole of England. This was because of the increased number of cases of the disease across the country. All bird keepers (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard) are now required by law to take a range of precautions to protect their flocks. (Jeyes fluid is a Defra approved disinfectant for Avian Influenza). There are minimum requirements for all bird keepers to follow. Full details of what is required can be found on the government website: -

www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Ideford Parish Council Meeting, Thursday December 8th at 7pm in Ideford Village Hall, All parishioners are welcome to attend.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held at the Community Centre, Shute Hill, commencing at 7.00pm.

Monday December 5th Full Council Meeting

Monday December 19th Planning Committee

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices are normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. We would love to have some new ringers join our team, please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS

Small friendly group meeting every Tuesday in the village hall from 7pm until 9pm with break for tea. New members welcome, just turn up and 'have a go'

MOBILE LIBRARY AT THE POUND, IDEFORD

Wednesday December 14th 2.40pm - 3.10pm

IDEFORD SOCIAL CLUB

Monthly meetings - please contact Kath Mortimore for details - 853394.

IDEFORD COMMUNITY POP-UP CAFÉ

January 27th 2023, 11am until 1pm in Ideford Village Hall - see page 11 for details

Everyone will be very welcome at any of these Carol Services.

Friday December 16th at 7pm Ashcombe Community Carol Service

Come for mulled wine and mince pies from 6.30pm and enjoy the traditional carols.

Sunday December 18th at 6pm Luton Christmas Carol Service

Festive cheer in the Elizabethan following the service.

Tickets from Lyn Ware on 07790 986390 or Jan Vooght on 07787 258932

Tuesday December 20th at 7pm Ideford Carols by Candlelight

Join us for festive refreshments from 6.30pm

**You are invited to an
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A Story of Light & Darkness**



**27th November Advent Sunday 5pm
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A PRESENT FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON AT CHRISTMAS ?

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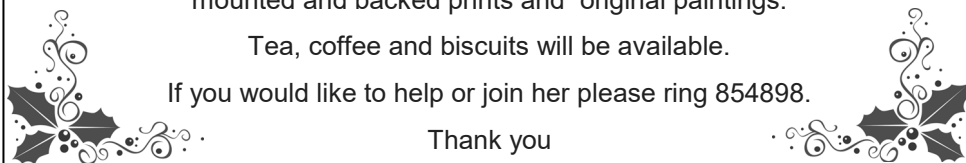
Ideford Village Hall

Angie will be presenting her images for sale. There will be cards, loose prints, mounted and backed prints and original paintings.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

If you would like to help or join her please ring 854898.

Thank you



**Ideford
Christmas Tree Festival**

3 – 17 December

*Come and visit the fabulous display of trees and
spend some time in our peaceful historic church.*

Open Daily: 10am - 9pm

Trees kindly donated by the Ugbrooke Estate



**080/22
cont.**

080.3 It was agreed that if a parishioner needed the services of Dream A Way or requested that the parish council donate then further discussions about donating would be had.

080.4 Clerk to contact the dog warden about excessive dog mess in the Town Farm Lane area.

Clerk to report the two potholes outside of Stapley cottage.

Details on diversions for the proposed resurfacing works will be requested by the Clerk.

080.5 In agreement with the landowner, the PC has agreed to fund the purchase of five replacement fever trees, the Wildlife Wardens will fund the purchase of stock fencing and Cllr M Batting will donate a roll of wire.

080.6 Clerk to arrange for The Pound to be de-silted before investigation is carried out into why the Millennium Green brook is running dry.

080.7 Following feedback received from those visiting the Sustainable Ideford stand at the fete, it was revealed that what matters most to parishioners is protecting the local environment; the group realise they have a lot to do and are planning an energy roadshow and maybe a booklet. Swift boxes have been built and will be installed in the church.

A grant from TDC has funded wildflower seed to be planted on an area of ground in St Mary's Churchyard.

The Sustainable Ideford page is now live on the PC website.

080.8 The Wildlife Wardens reported that the PCC had agreed for part of the land at the church to be used for a wildflower area and youth use.

The Wardens will liaise with friends of Diana Forster to plant a tree in her memory.

Unfortunately, there will be no free trees giveaway this year, but it will go ahead next year.

081/22

PLANNING

081.1 To note comments made on planning applications since the last meeting:

22/00218/FUL – Rixford Bungalow Replacement dwelling

The PC support the proposal

081.2 To note the following planning decision:

22/00231/FUL - Agricultural Building, Bowden Lane

Demolition of existing building and construction of house with associated landscaping

Grant of conditional planning permission

081.3 Planning Enforcement:

It was noted that the mobile home was still sited at Higher Colleybrook Farm (20/00295/ENF) – the latest news is that the home is too large to be moved through the gateway and other routes were being explored.

Cllrs expressed their frustration at the length of time TDC were taking to make decisions on planning applications and enforcement matters.

A letter to be written to TDC CEO and Head of Planning to complain about the failure of the process to protect Devon hedges and the reasons why the enforcement for 20/00295/ENF was not upheld.

082/22

CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

Clerk to request road signage for the Millennium Green, Village Hall and Church.

079/22
cont.

The Planning Committee dealt with your local site which was the subject of the removal of a Devon Hedge against the Hedgerow Regulations and without permission. The head of planning recommended no action be taken. Further correspondence, after the hearing, revealed that the officer who attended to look at the position was shortly after taken ill and still remains off sick. After a period of enquiries from the village it was indicated that nothing had been done to replace the hedge because it was the wrong time to plant trees, but an eye would be kept on the situation. Eventually it appears that a different tree expert advised no action be taken. There was considerable concern by the planning committee, some of whom had also experienced similar damage to hedgerows and not succeeded in reinstatement. There is a review committee which is looking at future procedures for the Council and it was recommended that they look at matters with issues of this sort. However, the recommendation by planners that No Action be taken was endorsed because of the recommendation of the other arboriculturist. It appears that no further procedure is available to challenge the decision. Research by the District Council Network nationally suggests that rising costs means budgets will have serious pay pressures and shortfalls. Teignbridge is considering changes to Council procedures similar to those being addressed by other Councils at this time. The purpose appears to be to make local councils more business-like and give more powers to Town Clerks and Staff on minor matters, such as replacement of bins, repair to park seats etc. rather than bringing everyday incidents to the council for decision. Also, to reduce the number and time spent by councillors at meetings on routine concerns which could be dealt with as they occur. Cause for much discussion!

PC Clarke Orchard - Neighbourhood Beat Manager & PCSO Saul Bunce:

Offence	Sept. 2022	Sept. 2021	Difference
Violence without injury	1	0	-
Total	1	0	-

Incident	Sept. 2022	Sept. 2021	Difference
Crime not recorded	1	0	-
Crime recorded	1	1	0%
Public safety	0	1	-100%
Transport	5	5	0%
Total	7	7	0%

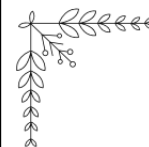
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PARISH MATTERS

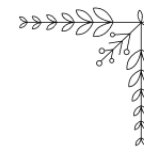
080.1 TDC has approved our request to increase Cllr numbers; the change will take place in time for the parish council elections in May 2023.

080.2 Discussion on applying for the Connecting You Community Grant deferred.



You are warmly invited to join us at the

Ideford Christmas Fayre



SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2 - 5PM

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Christmas café (mulled wine, mince pies, roasted chestnuts)
homemade Christmas crafts and delicious treats
thoughtful handmade crafts
Christmas games
crafts for children
children's craft competition (12 years and younger)
carol singing

All proceeds to be split between Ideford Village Hall and St Mary's Church

Donations of cakes, homemade crafts, Christmas tombola items, raffle prizes or help on the day would be fantastic.

Children's Craft Competition (12 years and under)

Exhibits will be displayed at the Ideford Village Fayre

Class 1 - Create a tree decoration Class 2 - Create a Christmas painting

Rosettes and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both categories.

Exhibits must be taken to the hall on the morning of 3rd December, prior to judging at 1pm. Tree decorations will be taken to St Mary's to be displayed during the tree festival, unless collected at the end of the day.

Entry forms are available in the Village Hall porch and must be returned to Ideford Village Hall post box or given to Rachel Blake or Jane Hill before Sunday November 27th 7pm.

Ideford Advent Calendar

For anyone new to the village, the Calendar works like a regular advent calendar. On each day in December a new door opens.

This door may be a decorated window or something in the garden or on an outdoor tree. Each door /window / garden etc will display the number that it is. There is a map on page 12 which allows people to find the doors and walk around the village.

Teign Choral Society Christmas Concert

St James' Church, Teignmouth Saturday December 10th 7.30pm

Tickets £10, to include programme and refreshments, available at the door and from Teign Music, (Carlton Place), Ashleigh Way Post Office and members of the Choir.

Once again the concert will be held in association with the League of Friends of Teignmouth Hospital. The Choir will perform the lovely, atmospheric 'On Christmas Night' by Bob Chilcot, which brings together much loved seasonal music and other evocative pieces.

There will be readings and also carols for everyone to sing.

Accompanist will be the highly regarded Wyn Turner and once again David Bowles will conduct, having led the choir in it's very much appreciated contribution to Her Majesty's Platinum celebrations.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Come and join us to make your own Christmas door wreath

Ideford Village Hall, Friday 9th December,
11.00am - 1.00pm and 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**** Luton Church Hall, Saturday 10th December, ****
11.00am - 1.00pm

All materials and festive refreshments included - £20

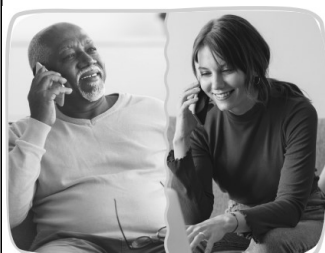
Book your place now - for Ideford call Liz on 854934
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for Luton call Kath on 775426

**** Please note the change of date for Luton**

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IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in the village hall on 13th October 2022 at 7pm

Present: Cllr David Fox - Chair Cllr J Gardner
Cllr A Carter-Woodward Cllr T Hill
Cllr H Bellamy Cllr M Batting

In Attendance: Cllr B Austen Mrs J Thompson - Clerk
Eight members of the public

Item	Discussion and Decision
	PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)
075/22	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm. Apologies were received from Cllr R Peart.
076/22	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodward, seconded by Cllr J Gardner and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 14 th July 2022 as a true and accurate record.
077/22	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None
078/22	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Cllr H Bellamy's brother to remove the abandoned red Citroen.
079/22	REPORTS County Councillor Ron Peart September report Devon County Council have been recently awarded funding through the Department for Transport "Tackling Loneliness with Transport" fund. "Connecting You" Community Grants Fund. One of our initial projects is the launch of a new grant fund, Connecting You Community Grants Fund will provide grants to projects and organisations to help connect people to activities that help tackle loneliness. The fund is open for applications from projects and charities across Devon. Grants can be applied for to fund specific transport projects tackling loneliness. or transport related activities to enable people to access activities that will help. For further details on how to apply, please find links below to the application form and funding guidelines.
	District Councillor Beryl Austen Teignbridge District Council have launched the Teignbridge Lottery for Communities which has generated 15 applications from organisations who wish to be part of the fund-raising initiative for good causes. The lottery will ensure that 50per cent of ticket sales will go direct to good causes with 10 per cent going into a small grants fund for local projects. A lottery website has been launched for residents to buy tickets which go on sale at the beginning of November. Still few meetings at Teignbridge and cancellations of committees.

**Looking for light in the darkness:
seasonal reflections from Revd Jane Frost**

Haven't the Autumn colours been stunning? Dog walking late on in early winter afternoons has been lifted by glimpses in the gathering gloom of golden beech leaf canopies & shrubs that appear to be blushing deeply, locally. The putting back of clocks was the usual waymarker moment and caused me, at last, to replace a spent light bulb in the ceiling lights of my study. It was also a case of relocating torches. Some of our Devon villages can be impenetrably dark in the Winter months although star gazing without artificial light pollution is a distinct advantage in more rural pockets.

As in all spheres of human life, in this last season, darkness in a metaphorical sense has been part of the experience of a significant number of people in the 6 geographical parishes which make up the Haldon Mission Community. As you read this letter, whether you come to church or not, you might be one of them: impacted by loss, ill health, adverse circumstance. 'Light' may have seemed a rare commodity...then, perhaps something or someone brought it to you. One of the strengths of living in communities is having a friend, a neighbour, a family member to travel with on a gritty road through a dark time.

Not so long ago, I was given an unexpected gift – a book of paintings. Through it, I have really enjoyed re-meeting Holman Hunt's picture 'The Light of the World'. It depicts the adult Jesus, standing outside a closed door...knocking...waiting. The door has no keyhole; no cracks through which light can filter from the lantern Jesus carries; no handle on the outside which can be turned and opened. Perhaps it is re-materialising in your imagination as you read on. You may know it is a painting full of symbolism. The door, for example, represents the human heart. Its handle is therefore within us from Hunt's point of view.

His painting reminds the onlooker that we are invited to take the initiative; to let the Light of the World in.

As we embark on all that January, this New Year threshold month, holds, known and unknown, my hope and prayer for 2023 would be that we can all catch sight of and hold onto a handful of light in the darkness.

A polite request - if you are intending to use fireworks please let other parishioners know by posting a notice on social media, or placing a notice on the notice board, so that owners can take steps to reduce the stress on their animals. Thank you.



Village Festive Lunch

on

Sunday 11th December

Ideford Village Hall

Arrival 12.30 for lunch at 1.00pm

**BAR, RAFFLE, QUIZ, FUN
and
FABULOUS FOOD**



Menu: (vegetarian option available)

Starter: Paté with French Toast and garnish

Main: Nigella's Christmas luxury slow cooked beef in Guinness, roast potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding and vegetables.

Puds: Delia's famous chocolate torte and cream or
Lemon posset with shortbread biscuits

Prices: Adults £12.50 each
Children 10 and under £5.00
Children 5 and under FREE

A limited number of tickets still available.

Please contact: Vanessa Morby - **07713566377**,
e-mail: colleybrookness@icloud.com

Reservations close 4th December

PACT Meeting

Monday 12th December, 11am - 12pm - Ideford Village Hall

The PACT (Police and Communities Together) Meeting is a chance to catch up with your local Neighbourhood Team. Everyone welcome to come along.

Ashcombe Village Club Christmas Draw

The Christmas draw will take place on 17th December 2022
See www.ashcombe-villageclub.co.uk for details of the wonderful Christmas Draw.



Fever Trees Restoration

Come and help restore a famous Ideford landmark!

The Fever Trees stand on high ground to the west of Town Farm and are visible from many points in the village. They are thought to mark the spot where plague victims were buried in the Middle Ages, because the Church authorities would not allow them to be buried in the churchyard.

These days, it might be more accurate to talk of the Fever Tree, because only one tall Scots Pine has survived and even that has suffered lightning damage (there are also two small ones).

The Parish Council has agreed with the Wildlife Wardens that five new trees should be planted, to restore this landmark to its former glory. Each tree will need a fence around it to protect it from cattle and we plan to plant and fence on Saturday, 17 December. All are welcome to take part: we'll meet in the yard at Town Farm at 10 am.

It's best to let Robin Aaronson (854397) or Simon Jervis (852157) know you are coming, so we can contact you to re-arrange in case of bad weather.

We hope to see you there!



Messy Church for Christmas

All children under 12 with their parents and grandparents are invited to join us on

Wednesday December 21st

2pm - 4pm

Ideford Village Hall



Please let Liz Rice know if you plan on coming, this will help us prepare
lizrice890@icloud.com



Crib Service Christmas Eve 4pm St. Mary's, Ideford

Join us for a traditional crib service on Christmas Eve. If any children would like to help read the Christmas Story please contact Janet Aylmore on 852259 or email: j23aylmore@gmail.com. Children are welcome to dress up as shepherds, wise men, Angels etc.



Ideford Sustainability Group cont.

Food - Try not to buy more than you need. If you can, go for produce that is organic and/or locally produced. Cut your food waste by planning ahead and using up leftovers. Avoid cling film and use tupperware or beeswax paper to keep leftovers fresh.

We all need to try to stop and think - do we need this? Is this sustainable? Is there a better option? By so doing we could all cut down on waste this Christmas. Remember that every little effort helps.

*We wish you an ECO Christmas and a waste free new year
from the Ideford Sustainability Group*



Would you like to raise money for St. Mary's just by shopping online?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES - then please start using **Easyfundraising!** Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for our village church. There's no catch and your info isn't passed on anywhere else. The bigger the purchase, the more money is donated.

Just go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to register to raise money for 'Ideford Church' or download the App onto your smartphone. Then, just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

Christmas and New Year Bin Collection and Recycling

Normal Date

Wednesday Dec. 28th
Friday Dec. 30th
Wednesday Jan. 4th
Friday Jan. 6th
Wednesday Jan. 11th
Friday Jan. 13th

Revised Date

Friday Dec. 30th
Tuesday Jan. 3rd
Friday Jan. 6th
Monday Jan. 9th
Thursday Jan. 12th
Saturday Jan. 14th

Garden waste collections will stop on Friday December 23rd and resume on Tuesday January 10th.



Christmas cards & wrapping Recycle your plain cards and paper based wrapping with your card in your green box. Shiny plastic gift wrap and cards containing glitter must be put in your black bin.

Aluminium Foil Recycle your clean foil mince pie cases, kitchen foil and foil lids from cream tubs in your black box.

Real Christmas trees Recycle your tree at one of our recycling points in January. Locations and dates are available online.

More information at: teignbridge.gov.uk/christmasinformation

Ideford Sustainability Group

C is for Christmas

Christmas - so commercialised, so expensive, so wasteful.....but we love it!

Here are a few ideas to make Christmas more sustainable.



If your **Christmas tree** is fake try to make it last 10 years. Don't buy a new one. Instead try buying a potted tree with roots that you can retain in a large pot or replant in your garden. After Christmas, if the tree does not have roots, get it recycled and turned into wood chips. Check with Teignbridge Council website for details.

Upcycle the old **decorations** or make your own using spare material from around the house. Use LED tree lights and remember to switch them off at night. Avoid plastic decorations (unless you are going to reuse them each year) and avoid glitter which is made of plastic.

Choose FSC certified products (Forest Stewardship Council) for cards, paper and crackers. These products enable consumers to choose wood, paper and other forest products with materials made from well managed/sustainable forests and plantations.

Cards - It is estimated that one billion Christmas cards end up in the bin each year. Could you cull the list? Consider donating to a charity instead. Make sure you recycle your cards after Christmas.

Check out your **Christmas present** list. Many people under pressure of time or money might be very happy if a 'Kids' Presents Only' or a 'Secret Santa' for the wider family is suggested.

If you're not sure your recipient will like it don't buy it. Try a gift card or gift an experience, a membership or an "adopt an animal scheme". Try to buy gifts with little or no packaging. If you must use packaging, use recycled paper. Avoid plastic ribbon or tape or foil backed wrapping paper. Avoid sellotape. You could try Washi tape instead (Amazon or Etsy). Use last years' cards (or keep this years) to cut up and use as labels next year.

Crackers are not the planet's friend. They are often shipped in from China and filled with plastic items that get thrown away before Christmas is even over. Try doing without or making your own and filling them with sustainable options (like chocolate or other festive favours) or try reusable crackers. (www.keepthiscracker.com).



CHRISTMAS MATTERS AT ST MARY'S, IDEFORD

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of the following:

December 3rd -17th

Christmas Tree Festival

Tuesday 20th December 7pm

Carols by Candlelight with seasonal Refreshment from 6.30pm

Wednesday 21st December 2-4pm,

Messy Church for Christmas

Please contact Liz Rice beforehand.

Saturday 24th December 4pm

Crib Service & Holy Communion

December 25th 10.30am

Informal Family Service for Christmas

You might enjoy:

Thursday Dec 22nd anytime between 4-6pm 'Walk Through Living Crib & Christingle' at the 'Old Commercial', Bishopsteignton. There will be Christmassy music; guest appearances by the 'inkeeper'; party bags for children, as you leave. Come when you can; do talk to our Nativity characters; dress up if you'd like to; donations to the Children's Society will be welcome & there will be seasonal refreshment to purchase.

Do keep watching out for those **Advent Calendar** windows throughout the Village, and come and see the final one on the 24th December at St Mary's



**CAFÉ
OPEN**

Ideford Community

Pop - Up Café

January/February/March

Village Hall 11am - 1pm

Last Friday of the month

**Please come along for -
soup and a roll or tea and cake**

**Arrange to meet up with friends and neighbours at your
dog friendly Community Café**

(Voluntary donation only)

Contact Janet or Vanessa with any offers of help

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CHRISTMAS ADVENT
CALENDAR

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
FOR MORE INFO
@IDEFORDXMAS



This is a real advent calendar, where instead of a chocolate or picture, every night there is a new display to be discovered. Follow the dated star each night to discover the new display.

Once opened, displays will remain for the rest of December. This is purely to spread Christmas cheer, not for charity.
A massive thank you to all displayers!