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PARISH NEWS

April 2026



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Booking Clerk	Jane Hill	07871 103235	

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Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC 10392 Ben Chadwick 07710076780
e-mail: 10392@dc.police.uk

Dear Friends,

For the last twenty-three years that I have been a Methodist Minister the start of Lent has really caught me off guard. It often feels as if we have only just said "Amen" on Christmas day and suddenly the season of Lent is upon us. This year was no different and already we are seemingly hurtling through the weeks of the Lenten season.



I have always found it helpful to think of Lent as a journey. As we imagine ourselves following Jesus and the disciples as they travel towards Jerusalem, and everything that will befall both Jesus and his dearest friends during the week we now call Holy. I find it more helpful to take things up during Lent rather than give them up! Maybe that's just a good excuse not to have the sufficient discipline! I love to study God's word more and to spend time in reflection and prayer during this season. But, this year it is also very challenging to preach the Gospel of peace in a world of such violence and division. As we walk in Jesus' footsteps through the Holy Land how can there still be such unrest and oppression? It is in such times that we must go to some of Jesus' last words to his beloved disciples from John's Gospel chapter 14: "I am the Way, the truth and the life."

A few years ago, I wrote the following prayer to use at the beginning of our Lent services. I offer it to us all again this year and pray that as we approach Easter this year, God would indeed bless us with a renewed appreciation of all that Jesus did for us upon the cross.

May you know many Easter blessings,
Yours in Christ,
Revd. Helen Bell

A Lenten Prayer

Lord of Lent, lead us on your way.
Where the path is dangerous, be our guide.
Where the path is deserted, be our companion.
When we are tempted to give up, be our strength.
Lead us on your journey to Jerusalem; to the cross and beyond to the glorious morning of Easter Day.
For we know we do not travel alone; for you are our hope, our rock and our Redeemer.
Lord of Lent, lead us on your way. Amen

April Services

Friday April 3rd Noon	Good Friday Lay led Good Friday Meditation <i>Details on page 6</i>	Ideford
Sunday April 5th 11.15 am 6.30pm	Easter Sunday Holy Communion Evening Service	Ideford Luton
Wednesday April 8th 10.30am - noon	Messy Church <i>Details on page 7</i>	Ideford Village Hall
Sunday April 19th 11.15am	3rd Sunday after Easter Holy Communion	Ideford

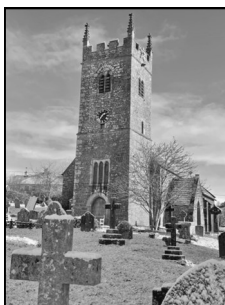
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*Details of services at Ashcombe will be found on the
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St Mary's Church Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll will be open for amendments from 1st to 15th April. This is not the full revision which was undertaken last year, but just for removing folk who have left or adding those who wish to join. Membership confers voting rights at the Annual Meeting. If you are already on the roll you do not need to do anything but if you would wish to join, forms will be placed at the back of the church.



St. Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St Mary's Church Ideford is holding its Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **Sunday 3rd May at 5.30pm** in the Church. Everyone on the Electoral Roll is welcome to attend.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ideford Church Key Rota

April Tim & Amanda (Saffron House)

Luton Flower Rota

April Angie Carter-Woodwark

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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 0BA
St John's, Luton TQ13 0BN St Nectan's, Ashcombe EX7 0QD

Useful Contact Numbers

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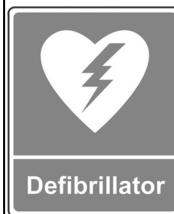
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Thank you so much - please be one of our Supporters!



Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting and Parishioners Annual Meeting, **Thursday April 9th at 7.30pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS

Small friendly group meeting every Tuesday in the village hall from 7pm till 9pm with a break for tea.

We encourage new members of any age, from 11 years upwards, to join us, no experience necessary, just turn up and 'have a go'.

IDEFORD LUNCH CLUB

Monthly meetings - please contact Kath Mortimore for details - 07775 593551

CHURCH CLEAN AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday April 1st, 10am - 12noon.

Come when you can, leave when you must. All equipment will be provided.

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices are normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. Why not come along and have a chat over coffee and biscuits - we're a friendly bunch and would love to meet you.

Please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (07517 231757) for more information.

Changes to Refuse Collection dates in April

Due to the Easter Bank Holidays, there are changes to our refuse collection days during April.

Normal collection day - Friday

Revised Collection dates:

Tuesday April 7th

Monday April 13th

Saturday 18th

Friday April 24th



Can you help?

Would you be willing to deliver the Parish News to properties in Church Road and Butts Lane each month?

I would like to thank Tracy who has been doing this for many years now but feels it's time to step down.

The newsletters would be delivered to you around the 4th Thursday of the month, and ideally, they need to be through people's letter boxes by the end of the month.

Please contact me at j23aylmore@gmail.com or by phone at 01626 852259 if you can help.

Many thanks - Janet



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Ideford Village Hall

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GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday

Friday April 3rd at 12 noon

Lay led Good Friday Meditation

St. Mary's Church, Ideford

All welcome.

WANTED

I am looking for a small house to buy in Ideford village. I am keen to move here as I already have family in the village and would really like my two children to be close to their cousins. I have no chain, already sold and am ready to purchase as soon as possible.

If anyone is thinking of moving in the near future please contact me or my brother in law Vince Aggett.

Jenna: 07890 565899 or e-mail: jennaheasman99@gmail.com

Vince: 07967 404324

Thank you - Jenna Heasman

GRAZING OR YARD REQUIRED

We're desperately seeking grazing, a small yard, or suitable livery in/near Ideford for one horse and one pony.

Both are friendly, well mannered, unshod geldings, and we're equine professionals with experience managing land, having rented and run our current yard for 14 years.

Although we've been back in the village for four years, we're still travelling several hours each day to our horses and would very much like to bring them home.

We're open to all and any suggestions ranging from bare land to livery or yard shares. Ideally we're looking for a long term arrangement, but something shorter term would also be a great help while we continue our search.

Many thanks,

Mike & Tori Aylmore 07525 796447 / 07763 022161

Parish News Notes

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Parish News each month. To avoid any possible problems with copyright, please confirm, when sending articles and photos etc, that they are free from any copyright restrictions.

Anyone who doesn't have the Parish News delivered each month can receive it free of charge by email, or a hard copy by post for a small fee. Please contact the editor, details on back cover.

Thank you!

I have been asked by several members of the parish to thank the Sustainable Ideford Group for the planting around the oak tree in the centre of the village. The spring flowers are looking really beautiful at the moment - a big 'Thank You' to all concerned.



Unfortunately our black and white photos don't really do them justice!



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Ideford Village Hall



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this will help us prepare - lizrice890@icloud.com

Ideford Parish Council Parishioners Annual Meeting Thursday April 9th at 7.30pm in Ideford Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to come along and hear what the various village
organisations have been up to in the last year.

More information will be on the new parish council website :
www.idefordparish.org



Devon Air
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**Saturday 11th April
2.00pm - 3.30pm**



Last call for this event.. To date 18 people are registered as attending.

Free session but individual donations on the day appreciated

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Cyclists will leave from The Haven, Ideford at 9am to complete up to 50 miles with more joining in along the way. Good luck to them all.

Then with tired legs they will return to the Village Hall for refreshments, which will be open from 11 till 4. We hope you'll join us to cheer their return and enjoy a cuppa and a cake or two for a donation.

We have a few stalls including a mega Easter egg/bottle tombola with more than 100 prizes. A raffle of hampers which include donations from Tesco, Luscombe drinks, Hunts cider farm and more. Also face painting and a £1 stall.

If anyone would like to donate a cake, scones, quiche, sandwiches, Easter egg, bottle or help in the kitchen for an hour then please contact Debbie on 07815482652. We've had some amazing cakes in the past few years so thank you in advance. *Steve, Debbie, Tayde, family and friends X*

06/10/25 **Parish Matters continued**

06.02 Litter Pick

The village litter pick will take place on Sunday 1 March at 10:30 am. Equipment will be provided and collected by Teignbridge where possible.

06.03 Pesticides Declaration

The draft declaration was supported in principle but will be shortened and clarified before formal adoption at the next meeting.

06.04 Boundary Stone

The Forestry Commission accepted responsibility for damage to the boundary stone and associated structures. The Chair will continue liaison to secure reinstatement.

06.05 Footpath and Gate

The Council supported installing a kissing gate on the dog-walking footpath near Ideford Arch.

06.06 Snow Warden

Winter gritting arrangements were discussed, including volunteer coordination and county training requirements.

07/10/25 **Planning**

No new planning applications, decisions, or appeals were reported. A Part 2 planning enforcement discussion was held.

08/10/25 **Concerns Raised by Parishioners**

A report of dumped waste in a brook was discussed. The Council agreed to promote responsible disposal and monitor environmental concerns while avoiding recording unsubstantiated rumours.

09/10/25 **Clerk's Report and Finance**

The Clerk reported a balance of £14,881.99 with £7,000 transferred to reserves. Bank reconciliations were approved. Councillors authorised implementation of accessibility compliance processes and agreed to move to official parish email addresses.

10/10/25 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 March 2026 in the Village Hall.

11/10/25 **Items for Next Agenda**

Pesticides declaration, boundary stone reinstatement update, litter pick report, and parishioners' meeting arrangements.

12/10/25 **The Chair closed the meeting.**

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 12th February 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr T Hill – Chair
 Cllr D Fox
 Cllr M Batting
 TDC Peart
 Mr Morby (Wildlife Warden)
 1 member of the public

Cllr A Carter-Woodwark – Vice Chair
 Cllr C Hill
 DCC T Dempster
 Mr Aaronson (Wildlife Warden)
 Mrs Clarke – Clerk

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
01/10/25	Welcome and Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Bellamy, Helen Frank-Pitt, and Cllr Gearon.
02/10/25	Minutes of the Last Meeting The minutes of the December 2025 meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed.
03/10/25	No Declarations of Interest were made.
04/10/25	Public Participation Mr Aaronson reported progress on the wildlife database, including a prototype system for online logging of sightings. Mr Morby reported on dementia-friendly initiatives linked to the University of Plymouth and will explore guidance from Teignbridge and the possibility of a specialist speaker. The Council agreed the issue should be progressed.
05/10/25	Reports 05.01 County Councillor Report Councillor Dempster will accompany the new Highways Officer to examine poor road surfaces, including Rixafor Lane and the route between Wapperswell and Ugbrooke House. Flooding issues at Pottery Cottages were discussed alongside wider highways funding pressures. 05.02 District Councillor Report Cllr Peart confirmed Teignbridge provided sandbags and removed flood-damaged waste. Charitable funding was secured to assist an uninsured resident affected by flooding. 05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager Report A written report from PCSO Bunce recorded two offences in January: one harassment case and one Control of Horses Act notice.
06/10/25	Parish Matters 06.01 Highways, Parking and Potholes Unannounced A380 drainage works were noted. The Council agreed to promote roadworks information and reporting links through parish communications. Persistent pothole issues were discussed.



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 Admission £5 per adult with children under 16 free.

Village Hall News



A long term resident of Ideford has, through his association with the Vale of Haldon Lodge, been able to secure a donation of £500 for Ideford Village Hall. This has enabled us to complete work on our heating system. We would like to extend our thanks to the Lodge for recognising the importance of our Hall as a vital part of our small, but vibrant community. The Lodge draws its members from villages under the Haldon Hills and supports communities and individuals. For more information, please contact valeofhaldon.org.uk if you are interested in the Masonic work and ethos. The organisation is open to both men and women regardless of religious views, race or political leanings. Many thanks again for your most generous donation.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who came along to the hall on Sunday, March 8th to enjoy egg, bacon and sausage baps with us. We really enjoyed your company and the happy atmosphere was a real tonic for everyone. By 12.30, we had raised by donation approx. £214! Thank you! We must also send thanks to Tesco Community Champions for providing the sausages and bacon.

All the money we raise by donations and grants goes towards the continuing upgrade of facilities for you to enjoy. We hope to redecorate the rear passage and replace the rather tired furniture in one of the toilets very soon. The fencing around the replacement oil tank will be repaired and made more secure.

Our next event will be the Spring/ Summer Quiz, date for your diary -
SAT MAY 16TH

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Connecting People & Landscapes



Connecting People and Landscapes (CPL) is a 4-year project that brings together farmers, and communities across Devon to create a more resilient landscape in the face of a changing climate.

Made possible with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project looks at the impact that climate change is having on wildlife in farmed landscapes, focusing on nine threatened nocturnal mammal species.

It aims to build understanding of how nature-friendly regenerative farming supports biodiversity and creates resilient landscapes. We welcome all ages and levels of experience, bringing communities and farmers together to connect and learn through events, activities, and wildlife monitoring for example: Nature walks & farm visits, learn how to soil sample, tree planting, learn about hedgerows, biodiversity surveys on farms, conservation task days, online and in-person training sessions, bat walks etc.

You don't need any previous experience to get involved with CPL. Just an interest in the natural world.

CPL is working with 6 focus farms across south & east Devon, one of which is at Gappah near Chudleigh. We're running a free sunset bat walk at Gappah on Wednesday 20th May, if you're interested, please click on the QR code.



We'd love to see you there.