

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

June/ Mid July 2015



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Garden Club Anne Holway



Our next meeting is on Thursday 18th June, at 8 p.m. at the Old Post Office.

The subject of our evening will be 'Any Questions' where we hope members will be able to answer each others' questions on problems in the garden. If you have a good reference book, please bring it along.

The **Annual Flower & produce Show** is planned for **Saturday 29th August** in Ugborough Village Hall, so please make a note of it in your diaries, even if you only come to see the produce and enjoy a cream tea.

Coffee Drop-In Centre

10.30 a.m. - Noon every Thursday morning in Ugborough Church

Post office available 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Why not meet up with friends and neighbours over coffee, tea, cake & biscuits?

Everyone welcome.

Ugborough Fair 11th July 2015- Shelley Hutcheon (Ugborough Fair Limited)

The Fair Committee are gearing up for another exciting Fair and Fair Week! We have pizza night and a dog show, quiz night, bingo and the infamous Fair Concert all planned for Fair Week. Fair Day will see all the usual stalls and stands plus a Winners' Parade, Plank Racing (!) and a fab, local musical line-up on the Lorry!

The Ugborough Fair Facebook Page will be kept updated as well as flyers and emails.

I am taking bookings for trade stands now info@oakenham.com 0772 0765014

If you are having a belated spring clean/tidy/clearout, please let me have ALL of your Bric-a-Brac and we can store it at the farm (Hillhead) until Fair Day. (David and Norma will be running the stall as normal but storage until Fair week will be at Shelley's).

Any help in Fair Week and on the actual day is always hugely appreciated; a stint on the cream teas (Jane Johns) or the BBQ (Hugh Cornford) would be amazing.

After two years of letter writing and form filling, we nearly have one functional bank account, and once this is fully operational, the Fair will be able to allocate all of your donations to the Village Hall and Church. Also, the Church will be running the Fair Raffle this year in order to raise sufficient funds for the bell repairs.

As always, thank you for your support for the Village Fair.

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays- Charlott Fletcher

The next Sustainable Saturdays are June 13th, June 27th, July 11th, July 25th
Volunteers

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays is fast approaching its second anniversary in July. We wouldn't be able to put on this fortnightly event without our dedicated volunteers. We are always on the lookout for more volunteers! Please get in touch if you want to join our team and help sustain USS for another year.

Please speak to Charlott 0773 0767694 or email ugboroughss@gmail.com

Erne Valley Riding for the Disabled- Peggy Douglas

(tel. 07882286421)

The Delamore Arts exhibition is now over- I hope that you enjoyed the private viewing evening. Thank you to those who came and for all the donations.

We have had both our regional competitions and several riders have qualified and will be going to Harbury in July.

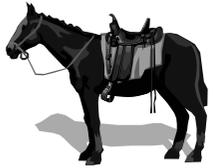
In July we also have our usual coffee morning on 1st at 22 Fore St, Ugborough.

On 4th July we have dressage and cream teas and all are welcome to the Brook.

The Military Wives performance will now be on 10th July at Kingsbridge Community College.

Finally on 23rd July we will be having our 30 years celebrations with a BBQ, Bouncy castle, Rodeo and stall. This starts at 4.30 and will be held at 22 Fore Street or the Brook if wet.

My usual request for offers of help around the yards, fields and with equipment maintenance- all volunteers will be most welcome.



Ceremonial flying of the Flag.

The flag will be flown on the following occasions-

<u>June 2nd</u>	<i>Coronation Day Anniversary</i>
<u>June 10th</u>	<i>Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh</i>
<u>June 13th</u>	<i>Queen's Official Birthday</i>
<u>June 21st</u>	<i>Birthday of the Duke of Cambridge</i>
<u>June 27th</u>	<i>Armed Forces Day</i>
<u>July 11th</u>	<i>Ugborough Fair Day</i>
<u>July 17th</u>	<i>Birthday of the Duchess of Cornwall</i>



The Union flag will be flown **18th June** to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the defeat of Napoleon's forces at Waterloo in 1815 by British forces led by the Duke of Wellington and Prussian forces under the command of Field Marshall Gebhard von Blucher.

On **June 9th** the Union flag will be flown at half-mast to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of CPO Stoker J L Eastley RN - HMS Dublin. In February 1915, *Dublin* was sent to the Dardanelles to assist with the landings at Gallipoli. She was then sent to Brindisi in May 1915. While taking part in a sweep off the Albanian coast, *Dublin* was hit and damaged by a torpedo from Austrian submarine U-IV on 9 June 1915. *Dublin* was able to get underway at 17 knots and to return to Brindisi but was out of action for several months and had to return to the UK for refit. CPO Eastley died in this action.

Ivybridge U3A - Jean Sherrell

The June General Meeting of Ivybridge U3A will be held at the Watermark on Monday 15th June at 2 p.m.

The Speaker will be Vicky Norman on "Lady Astor - Sunshine of Plymouth"

The July meeting will be on Monday 20th, and our subject will be "Work as a TV and Film Extra" led by Eileen Line- same place and time.

SPORTS REPORT- UGGIE AWARDS- Janner Motson

The glitterati gathered for the 8th annual Ugborough Football Awards at the glamorous Beverley's Hills Village Hall. The great and the good came from as far and wide as Moorhaven and Hillhead, as the press looked for the favourite names, or indeed anyone they had heard of. Hosting proceedings were old-timer Billy Crystal-McKenna and comedian Peter Kay-Williams, his first time fronting such a prestigious event after a year when he frequently made us laugh. The awards went as follows:

The award for Young Player went to June Eeyore.

The golden boot went to Ben Gitome.

Player of the year was goalkeeper Lee Vitt.

An award for best official went to Mr I Streyne.

A special award for a lifetime of service marking the pitch went to Jack Dittin.

Winner of the clubman award for his work on FaceTube and Titter was club IT specialist, Mal Ware.

Thank goodness the cricket is on....

Ugborough Parish Walking Group- Merryl Docker

We have beautiful summer walks ahead of us, the hedges, trees and flowers are in full bloom ~ take advantage of this fabulous time of year to see more of the wonderful parish we live in. Join us for our next 2 walks on Sunday June 7th & Sunday 5th July, both meeting in Ugborough Square at 10.45 a.m. Bring along your doggie friends too! All ages welcome, our walks are friendly strolls not exhausting hikes. For more information about our public rights of way contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 941872).



Vandalism in the Square

I thought it might help other Ugborough residents to know that I have experienced 2 incidents of vandalism to vehicles parked in Ugborough square over the last 3 months. On the first occasion the rear wiper was removed from my Volvo, and yesterday my Mazda was "keyed" causing several hundred pounds worth of damage. Please be aware of this problem. Michael Greaves, 4 Fore Street.

Our Hall- (adapted by Sharon Hughes from online poem by Kate Beamish)

Built solidly of stone or bricks, no pebble dash or fancy tricks
constructed to perform a duty, not meant to be a thing of beauty
The roof's not made of pretty thatch, the door has sturdy metal latch
no knocker gleams, no knob of brass, the windows don't have coloured glass

Plain paint inside on walls and ceiling, outside the paint is always peeling
plain carpet there is on floor, no roses climbing round the door
A basically furnished kitchen, one toilet each for men and women
some new seats that fold and stack, playgroup tables along the back

Window catches are rusty, air inside smells damp and musty
as if the building is too old, even in summer it can feel cold
The lights sometimes flicker in their shades, curtains without frills or braids
hang at the windows- never lace, loud ticking clock has ugly face

If this description's accurate, this place is in a dreadful state
extremely drab, rundown and dull, and yet its life is over full!

Throughout the year its use is endless, it's never left alone and friendless
used in turn by everyone, full of laughter, noise and fun
Every morning out of five, the playgroup brings this place alive
sand and water, games and toys, for the preschool girls and boys

OAP's drink tea, play whist, Yoga classes writhe and twist
evenings are filled with many clubs, pilates, painting, youth group hubs
sustainable every other week, cakes, pastries maybe pie with leek
art and craft, cards for sale, sometimes the odd bargain rail

Drama, history group, dance lesson, occasional life drawing session
harvest suppers, hand bell ringing, Christmas parties, carol singing
Public meetings, polling station, flower show, cream tea location
you see this place is used and loved by all, over 700 bookings in this shabby village hall.

Ugborough Village Hall- Stafford Williams

The AGM saw the biggest turn-out in years and the launch of the consultation with the community on what people want from their hall in the coming years. A board will be available at forthcoming events for anyone who wishes to post their ideas and thoughts. Nothing about potential changes has yet been decided except that after over 45 years the Hall needs a refurbishment and there is opportunity to make structural upgrades. A number of changes to the hire charges were voted in affecting all users, with a basic hire of the main hall rising to £8 per hour subject to a minimum charge of £25 for one-

off hires. The full charging regime will be on the Ugborough.com website, but rises were considered necessary to meet the anticipated costs running a hall of this age.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School-(incorporating breakfast club and after school club) Charity Number 1043499 *Catherine Gwynne*

Opening Times	8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday - Friday
Contact	07763215455 admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk
Baby and Toddler Group	Monday 10-11.30 a.m. Find us on Facebook

The zoo trip was a great success and the children loved seeing the various animals. Back in the Village Hall, the children have enjoyed junk modelling and a smell game involving smells from chocolate pudding to sardines. We planted cress seeds - well done to all the parents who remembered to water them so they grew. Gold star goes to the parents whose child came back to pre-school with home grown cress in his egg sandwiches! We've enjoyed the outdoor space at Ugborough School, in the playground, school field and through our weekly donning of wellies and overalls to explore the natural environment in Forest School. The children loved finding bluebells, complementing their learning from the music man's song.

Plans for **Ugfest on 13th June** (evening) at Hillhead Farm are well underway. Thank you to Jane and David Johns and Shelley Hutcheon for your help with organising the event and clearing out the barn! We look forward to seeing lots of people from the village and surrounding area there. There'll be live music from the Long Faces, a Hog Roast and a raffle/auction of promises. Thanks to the Friends of Ugborough School who will be running the Pimms bar. Tickets are available from Pre-School or me (07817175460) if you'd like to join us!

Ugborough News - *Nellie Dadge and Tessa's blog*

Some of you may already be aware of Tess and Hannah's most recent cause (and adventure), but for those of you who haven't heard, their challenge has been to cycle 500km from Budapest in Hungary through Slovenia to Croatia to raise money for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Here is the link which will tell you more about it, and a link to donate if you would like to.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Tessa-Hannah-Cycle-NepalEarthquakeAppeal/>

Many thanks in advance for any sponsorship. When earthquakes and disasters such as the one in Nepal happen, it really reminds us of how lucky we are in our little corner of Devon.

Their goal was to raise £2000, which they achieved and now hope to raise even more.

And from Tessa (posted 19th May),

WE MADE IT!!! Today we completed our 500km bike ride. We're feeling really excited to be in the capital of Slovenia. We are so happy with how much we've raised so far. Looking forward to a little rest now.

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for the amazing support so far!

The Beacon Federation - Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne
Ugborough Primary School.

We have been blown away with your support for our Nepal donation at both schools. We have been awash with amazing cakes, colourful children and staff. As a result of our Mufti Fridays and cake sales we, as a Federation raised the most spectacular and amazing sum of **£886.15!!!!** Thank you so much as we all know what a difference this will make as this has covered the cost of a ShelterBox and more. A special thank you to Adam S in Year 1 at Ermington who started the ball rolling with his idea!

Sports Day and Summer Fair

Following a Friends meeting this week, plans are well underway for this year's Sports Day and Summer Fair on **Friday 26th June**. We hope you will join us for a BBQ lunch after sports day, and enjoy an afternoon in the sunshine (?!). As well as traditional stalls, children will be performing pieces for you from the choir, dance and gym. Can we put out a plea, on behalf of the Friends, for your help - with setting up, manning stalls on a rota basis, clearing up etc etc. Please contact the office if you are able to help in any way.

Some dates for your diary:

18th June: Mufti for donations for Tombola Stall - bottles, chocolate, toys anything!

1 July: End of Term School Disco KS1 4.30 -6 p.m. and KS2 6.30- 8 p.m.

Questionnaire- Sue Roberts Chair of Governors

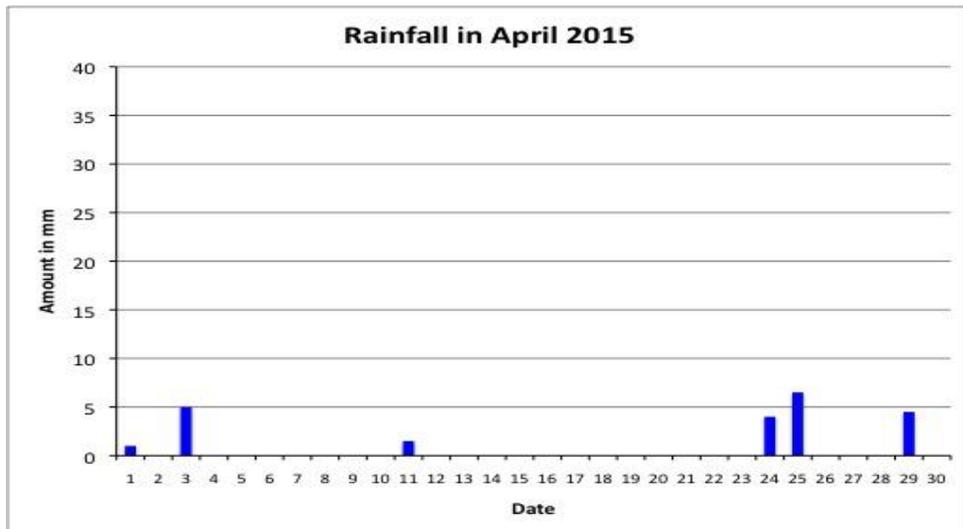
Many thanks to everyone who returned the completed questionnaire sent out by the Governors last term. Having collated all the returns it is clear that there is a high degree of satisfaction with what happens in both schools and the experiences of the children. Some issues have been highlighted and will be discussed by the governors and staff in order to ensure improvements. The full analysis of the results will be available to everyone on the website soon.

It was particularly pleasing to find that virtually everyone reads the Friday newsletters so this will continue to be an important way of keeping everyone informed and up to date.

Village services.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. every 4 weeks. The dates for June and July are- June 2nd, June 30th and July 28th.

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill - *George Arnison* (Thanks to George for this record- the comparisons are always fascinating. 2012 was certainly a year to remember!) This April was reported by the Met Office as the sunniest since records began in 1929 and at Shellwood Hill I recorded a mere 22.5mm (0.9") of rain in the month. This compares to 112.5mm in 2014, 65.0mm in 2013; 200.5mm in 2012 and 19.0mm in 2011.



What's on at the Anchor

June- 1st and 3rd Tues - Stitch n The Rest

10th - Ladies that Lunch, with a special guest speaker. Starting at 12.30 p.m. £15pp including 2 course lunch and a glass of wine - booking is essential

10th - Adrian's Quiz in the evening, starting promptly at 7 p.m. - teams of up to 4 people, raising money for the Church Bell Fund

21st - Father's Day - try out our delicious Sunday Lunch - 2 courses for £14 or 3 courses for £17 (and a little present for all the Dads!)

July- 1st and 3rd Tues - Stitch n The Rest

9th - Fair Quiz- starting promptly at 7 p.m. teams of up to 4 people

11th - Ugborough Fair - bar open all day, Hog Roast during the day (**TIME TBC**) and live music in the evening

15th - Ladies that Lunch (**AS ABOVE**)

27th - **MUSIC** -Live music in the bar from Nick the Fish from 9-11 p.m.

Remember- **PIE NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Tapas Nights- First Thursday evening of month - booking is recommended.

And at The Horse and Groom- 6th Summer Charity Beer Festival

A Great Weekend awaits at The Horse & Groom in Bittaford from Friday 3rd July to Sunday 5th July in aid of local charities the Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled Association (The Brook, Ugborough), and The "Brain Tumour Charity" in memory of Jim. Great entertainment throughout the weekend, over 30 local Real ales, Hog Roast and Live Music

Friday 3rd: Opening of the BEER TENT supporting local breweries with over 30 Local Real Ales, where 30p per pint sold will be donated to the charities all weekend.+ Live Music.

Saturday 4th: From mid afternoon, the "Plymouth Morris Men" will be dancing and singing LIVE in the afternoon, Hog Roast throughout the day and LIVE entertainment in through the evening with Local Band "Retrospect"

Sunday 5th: The Annual "Betty Stogs" Waitress Race, LIVE MUSIC with the World famous duo "Off the Cuff" then Rick The Stick, a Charity Auction and Raffle.

If you would to get involved, sponsor a barrel or enter the race please contact us on 01752 892358

Also remember our monthly quiz on the first Thursday of every month from 8 p.m.,

Beryl's Bookworms -Norma Roe (in Sue's absence)

The holiday season has arrived and we were a smaller group than usual, but this didn't dampen the lively discussion and sharing of ideas. Indeed, some of those who weren't able to make it still sent in their scores, so dedicated are we to our group!

This month's book was **The Children Act** by **Ian McEwan**, a short novel by a popular author which has received mixed reviews and this was reflected within the opinions of group members. The novel presents a succession of cases from the family division in great detail along with legal precedents and the issues they raise but also strives to consider issues of childlessness, parenting, religion, moral responsibility, the austerity of law and messiness of life, alongside the moving power of art (music, poetry and singing).

The main character is Fiona Maye, a leading High Court judge who is highly respected for her intelligence and sensitivity. She is called upon to try an urgent case where, for religious reasons, a 17 year old boy is refusing the medical treatment that could save his life and Fiona must make a judgement on whether he will live or die. At the same time her own long marriage is in jeopardy as her husband decides he wants a last chance to experience a passionate affair.

We all felt it was very carefully researched, and that McEwan can be a beautiful writer. However there were times when some of us found the action implausible and were unconvinced. So some loved it and others were not so enamoured!

The score evened out at just under 3.75 out of a maximum of 5.

Next month's book is in a completely different genre- **The Girl on the Train** a thriller by **Paula Hawkins**. Will this prove the next **Gone Girl** or **Before I Go to Sleep**?



Ugborough Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Woodman Tel: 01364 661127 email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk Website: ugboroughpc.wordpress.com

The May Parish Council Meetings started with the Annual Parish Meeting, when Parish Councillors took on responsibility for Parish Council roles. George Beable continues as Chairman, with Richard Hutcheon as Vice-Chairman.

Three Parish Councillor vacancies have arisen, as there were insufficient nominations at the election. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please let the Clerk or Chairman know as soon as possible, as it is hoped to make the appointments at our next meeting on the 3rd June.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will be the focus of discussion at our Annual Parish Meeting - which is being held too late in May to be included in the Newsletter. The Interim Report has been produced and distributed to all the homes in the Neighbourhood Development Plan area, and the housing needs survey responses are due by the 15 May. These will form the basis of the policy making process.

Planning applications No objections were raised to the: amended plans for extensions and alterations at Edge Hill, Bittaford; the outline application for the demolition of garage and replacement with split level dwelling at 7 Filham Cottages; the new dwelling and double garage with office accommodation over at Godwell House, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge; or the enlarged extension to Erme View, Donkey Lane, Ugborough. Councillors supported the proposed refreshment kiosk, which would operate at weekends and in school holidays at the car park, Filham Park.

The Bittaford Play Area condition report was considered at the meeting, and it was disappointing to see that dogs mess is still a problem. Unfortunately, the public footpath runs through the play area, so the Parish Council cannot banish dogs - but it is incredible that inconsiderate dog owners are leaving dogs mess in an area where children play. A bin is provided, so there is no excuse.

Parish Council finances were a major consideration at the meeting, as the accounts must be submitted to the auditor at the end of May. Under the new Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Parish Council must publish on its website details of its audit, spending over £100 and property in its ownership - so, once the audit has been completed, you will be able to view all these details online! Over the last financial year, the Parish Council received £22692 and spent £19096, leaving a balance at the end of the year of £21478. Receipts were more or less in line with the previous year, but spending was up - mostly due to the payment of grants, e-seniors training, Neighbourhood Plan and fees for the Donkey Lane easement, most of which was reimbursed.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd June, starting at 7.30 p.m. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the noticeboards and website.

Get involved be an Ugborough Parish Councillor

Following the election, three vacancies have arisen. Get involved with issues which affect you and your Parish- *Planning - Highways - Footpaths- Environment - Recreation -Police - Neighbourhood Planning.*

Parish Council Meetings are held once a month and training is available

The new Parish Councillors will be appointed at our next meeting on the 3rd June - so if you are interested, let us know as soon as possible

For more information, call -Chairman George Beable 01364 649273
Clerk Sarah Woodman 01364 661127 or email ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

SeaMoor Children's Centre, Ivybridge- Vicky Rawlings

The Centre offers advice and support for all parents and carers of children from pregnancy until they are 5 years old. We can help you access services and information and offer advice on anything from weaning to childcare options, money issues to housing and parenting skills or refer you to a service that can help. The Children's Centre is open to all and is free. Why not take a look at our website www.southhamschildrenscentres.org.uk or pop in, we are in the town hall, Ivybridge.

01752 896356 victoria.rawlings@actionforchildren.org.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Jutta Berger 01752 698381

Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you.

7th June 10.30 a.m. Revd. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

14th June 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Ann Cullum

21st June 10.30 a.m. Mr. Don Reeby

28th June 2.30 p.m. Revd. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion

5th July 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Sue Bolt

12th July 10.30 a.m. Revd. David Youngs Sacrament of Holy Communion

19th July 2.30 p.m. Revd. Ralph Ward Sacrament of Holy Communion

We are Fundraising to keep our church here open. Our next concert is on Saturday 13th June with the Porthpyra Singers, at 7.30 p.m.

Also A SUMMER GARDEN PARTY with LIVE BAND on Saturday 18th July starting at 2 p.m.

Any gifts for the raffles will be gratefully received. Be sure to put these dates in your diary!

Our Hall is available for hire. We have a small Tea Kitchen. All enquiries contact: Jutta Berger as above or e-Mail to: juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

Open every Friday from 10.00am 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

Ugborough Local History Group- Merryl Docker

Our season of talks is now at an end as we have our summer break. We start again on the last Wednesday of September. See you at the Ugborough Fair on Saturday 11th July. We will keep in touch! For more information about the History Group contact Merryl Docker on 01752 893651.

Ermington Church is holding a Tea Dance at Flete House on Wednesday June 3rd from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Len Jackman has kindly offered to play. There will be a sumptuous tea, a chance to walk in the garden and for the non dancers, an opportunity to meet up with friends in beautiful surroundings. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis. They will cost £5. Anyone who would like to reserve a ticket should contact Lydia McClure on 01548 830578. It will be a fun afternoon.

Mission Community News

It was a great pleasure for our parishes to welcome the Bishop of Masasi and his wife, Veronica to our parishes in April. Part of Bishop James' address at the Eucharist is printed below. Thanks to your generosity at the service and at the MU lunch the following day, we were able to send over £300 to The Friends of Masasi & Newala Dioceses and also supplied Veronica with lots of sewing equipment, about which she was very excited. The event seemed to demonstrate the Anglican Church at its best; we were inspired by the delightful couple and they very much appreciated our hospitality. Thank you all - especially Gill who organised & hosted their stay.

It was an absolutely splendid service. James and Veronica were very, very happy and Veronica said that she loved everyone she met!

Part of Bishop James' address

Our Friends in Christ, On behalf of Veronica and myself, I would like to say it is our pleasure to be here and that we praise God that He has blessed us with safe travel to meet you all.

I have now been serving as the Bishop of Masasi for almost 7 months and God has kept us in good health to carry out His plans in Southern Tanzania.

During these 7 months I have begun to map out the vision for Masasi Diocese for the next five years. This vision is based on the Anglican Communion Mission:

"to carry forward the work of Jesus Christ in all aspects of our life and society so that His newness of life overflows into our hearts, homes, and community as a church"

The vision for our diocese is rooted in 11 core values: these values are the foundations of our faith and comprise: Faith, Prayer, Peace and Justice, Love, Unity, Trust, Accountability, Transparency, Stewardship, Excellence and Participation.

We believe we must build the church beginning with the family and through congregations, parishes and deaneries. Our hopes and prayers to build our church are universal hopes of the Christian church - to develop leadership, spiritual disciplines, joy in worship, care for those in need, develop our links with our communities, educating our priests and congregations and looking at our material resources in terms of buildings and concrete items, to ensure we are fully utilizing and maintaining these for the glory and purposes of God.

These are the goals of Masasi Diocese and they are not greatly different to those of all across the world who are seeking to strengthen and extend the Kingdom of God.

These are the hopes we are striving for and we are asking for your prayers and support with all our efforts, just as we too support you and pray for you as we all work to make Jesus known on earth.

Our economic situations are very different, but our human hopes are the same. Economic hardship and the desperations of poverty can make these hopes very hard to hang on to. Masasi diocese is part of the peaceful and stable country of Tanzania, but it is one of the most rural and economically depressed areas of our nation. To bring about our hopes for the 21 parishes of Masasi, many of which are very remote is a big challenge that we face. We are richly blessed with natural resources, beautiful expanses of land and strong culture and history, but our country struggles to transform these blessings into economic development. With the help of God we will continue to develop our diocese spiritually and materially and we know that we are together in this hope. May God bless us all in our lives, however we serve Him.

St. Peter's Gift Day- Saturday 27th June

The annual Gift Day in support of St Peter's Church will take place on Saturday 27th June. Our beautiful church relies on your continued support and generosity to keep it running. Church Representatives will be in the church between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday 27th June to receive your gifts. Thank you.

Christian Aid Collections

Many thanks to all who generously supported our Christian Aid collections. At the time of writing, the envelopes in Ugborough have not yet been counted, but the lunch in Harberton raised £212 - just one way in which we continue Jesus' job (see letter). Christian Aid has been involved with the other aid charities in the relief operation in Nepal and will be holding itself in readiness for the next disaster. It also has continuous work in enabling communities to become more self-sufficient and in campaigning for fairness for all and an ethical approach to our use of the planet's resources.

The Appointment of a new Incumbent

This month sees what will hopefully be the culmination of months of prayerful preparation to find a new incumbent for this Mission Community following John Ough's retirement. Churchwardens and others have put a good deal of thought into drawing up a profile of each parish and of the whole unit; it has been scrutinised by the diocesan officials and published on the diocesan website.

We know there have been expressions of interest and applications; these will be considered right at the beginning of June and, if satisfactory, candidates will be invited for interview on June 11th.

Please keep this process in your prayers, that God's choice will be honoured and that the decision will be the right one both for the candidates and their families and for our parishes.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Ascensiontide 2015

Dear Friends,

This week I was asked to speak in one of our schools about the Ascension as an introduction to the theme "Jesus' Job" - nothing like starting at the end, I thought.

But that is sometimes a very good place to start because then the previous narrative falls into place - even if the surprise element is lost. For Christians, the life and death, actions and teaching of Jesus only have their full impact and meaning when seen in the light of his resurrection, ascension and glorification.

Until then he can be seen as a man in whom God's grace was certainly alive, as a man with a great empathy for his fellows, a man who had a great gift for story-telling and moral guidance, a man with a gift for healing and capacity for forgiveness - an extraordinary man, but one whose life came to an unfortunate, horrible and undeserved end.

It is only when that life is set in the context of his new, radiant and enhanced resurrection life, when we see his vindication by the Father, when we acknowledge his divinity (which is the meaning of his being absorbed by the cloud as he took his leave of his disciples, the cloud being the Biblical symbol of God's very Being) that Jesus' real identity as the Son of God can be realised.

What Jesus had been doing with his disciples until that point was much like parents do for their children - loving and caring for them, teaching and equipping them to be independent beings, capable of going out into the world, holding their own and coping with the difficulties as well as the joys of life. He was encouraging them to let go of his physical presence while assuring them he was still supporting them, still eager to know how they were getting on, in fact still with them in spirit, in the Holy Spirit.

Which brings us to Pentecost, to Whitsuntide. When you read this, that festival will be in the past, but its effect and implications are still with us, each and every day as we continue in the footsteps of those first apostles, as they continued in the footsteps of Jesus, telling everyone they met of the love and compassion of God, assuring them that each person is precious in his sight, that he cares about the welfare of the world and its people, that we all have a responsibility as his children to care for our brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

Jesus' job, you see, will never be finished until the world comes to an end; the Ascension and Pentecost merely marked a period of change, from Jesus being hands-on in a physical sense to the Holy Spirit enabling Jesus' followers to complete the task, day in, day out.

So may we all "go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen"

With love, Caroline

Ruth Frampton's Ordination

Ruth, from Ermington, has been in training for the priesthood on the South West Ministry Training Course for three years. Her Ordination will be on Sunday 13th September in the Cathedral and we are all invited to attend this very significant occasion for her and Giles and for this whole Mission Community.

Ruth is going to serve her title in the Salcombe Mission Community, which is their gain and our loss. It is right we should have a Farewell and God Speed occasion and, as there is already a Festival Choral Evensong for all the parishes planned for Ermington's Patronal Festival on Sunday 28th June at 6 p.m., we have decided to give that a double focus.

We shall present Ruth with a gift from all the parishes at that service; when asked what would be most useful, she suggested we contribute towards a warm cloak - very useful for outdoor events in country churchyards. Please do make an effort to attend - a chance to enjoy Anglican Choral music, to celebrate the Patron Saint of 3 of our parishes, to pray for Ruth and wish her well and to enjoy our community life.

Armed Forces Sunday *Peter Povey and additional material from Taff Jones.*

On Sunday, 21st June, St. Peter's Church is marking the start of Armed Services' week with a special Service starting at 11 a.m. Throughout the United Kingdom during this week there are special events recognising the unique contribution the members of our Armed Services make to our common good by protecting us on the sea, under the sea, on the land and in the air. Unlike Remembrance Sunday with its sombre focus on those that died, Armed Forces Sunday is a celebration of all those that are involved with the armed forces, be they serving members, veterans, cadets or family members. Large communities such as Plymouth with its large military bases will be hosting events up on the Hoe on Saturday 27th June, The week culminates in a national event, being held this year in the City of Guildford.

Ugborough is a special place, and is home to many servicemen and women and their families, and to many Veterans too. You may like to know that, to my reckoning, out of some one hundred and fifty houses in the village and immediate vicinity there are twenty-three households that have serving members and veterans of the armed forces. Also included are a number of households where "children" are serving.

Our Sunday Service will be one of Prayer and Praise, as we remember the members of our Armed Services and their families: families who often, in times of conflict, watch and wait. We will specially pray for the safety of loved ones away from home.

There is a warm welcome to everyone in the Parish to come to St. Peter's for this Service, and a particular invitation is extended to serving personnel, service family members young and old, and to Veterans. Put the date and time in your Diaries: Sunday, 21st June at 11 o'clock. We look forward to seeing you.

For details of all events celebrating AFD across the country just type in Armed Forces Day and click on the official website.

St Peter's Church Services in June/mid July

Date and time	Service
Sunday June 7 th 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday June 14 th 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday June 21st 11 a.m.	Armed Forces Day service
Sunday June 28 th 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday July 5 th 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday July 12 th 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday July 19 th 9.30 a.m.	Family Communion (said)
Tuesdays (except school holidays) 9 a.m.	Celtic Prayer

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Any articles as attachments in this format would be particularly welcome.)

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