



UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER



December 2016

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.



What's on (lots!)

Saturday December	3 rd	Traditional Christmas Market in Ugborough Square and St. Peter's Church from 12 noon -5 p.m. Lupridge Singers Christmas Concert at Holy Cross Church at 7.30 p.m. Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert at St. Andrew's Church at 7 p.m.	Page 3 Page 4 Page 5
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Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

The Union flag will fly at half mast in December to honour and remember the 100th anniversary of the deaths of the following Ugborough residents:

29th December 1916 - Beable, J., Pte 9th Battalion Devonshire Regiment.

31st December 1916 - Kelland, G., Pte 1st/4th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. We will remember them.

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.

Please note there will be no coffee morning on Thursday 29th December.

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled- Peggy Douglas (tel. 07882286421, or 01752 894348.)

Erme Valley RDA continues to expand and we have had 25 new riders since September! As always our limiting factor is the lack of volunteers.... So do consider us if you are perhaps partaking in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, or need added value to your CV, if you want to make new friends, fill a gap or learn new skills. We can find anyone a helpful job - you do not need to be horsey!



Our summer projects of housing our unique mechanical horse and replacing our old school lights have been completed - come and see!

We are now busy organising repairs of field fencing.

We are delighted to be currently supported by Ivybridge Co-op and once more Elfordleigh Golf Club. We are still working hard on the ongoing process of sourcing suitable mounts for our special riders.

Huge thanks to The Anchor for hosting our charity Pie & Pudding Event on Monday 28th November - and to Sian Holway for organising.

Church Clock- Martin Crossman (893272)

The church clock on the tower is an important landmark for our village and we need a deputy winder. Is there anyone interested in learning how to wind the clock? At the moment when I am not available I have to stop it as there is no one to wind it.

Please contact me if you would like to learn how to continue this tradition.

Ram Roast and Quiz Evening

The Ram Roast and Quiz evening was a huge success and raised much needed funds for the church (over £900). Thanks to all concerned in organising it, but especially Sue Johns and the rest of the Johns family, Clive and Helen Hart and all who helped in the provision of the food, preparation and clearing up afterwards. A wonderful village event!

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

Contact

07763215455

admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday - Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall

Baby and Toddler Group - Monday 10 -11.30 a.m.

The children have been making a poppy from red leaves which you may have seen in the church on Remembrance Sunday.

They made fireworks pictures with marbles rolled through paint. Holly loved adding copious amounts of glitter to hers, and rockets with streamers to tie in with fireworks night (which Bethan enjoyed watching from indoors - she liked the pretty roman candles but was scared of the bangs!).

Our Christmas day out this year will be to Pennywell Farm where the children will watch to the nativity story (complete with animals) as well as meeting Father Christmas. We wonder who will be brave enough to sit on his lap this year! See you all at the Christmas Fair on December 3rd where we will have our organic soup stall (thanks Alex and Riverford), roasted chestnuts, popcorn and a photobooth- we are delighted our new committee members are so enthusiastic and creative!!

You are all welcome to join our Christmas Sing-a-Long on Wednesday

14th December at 11.30 a.m., followed by tea/coffee and mince pies. Look forward to seeing you there!

Traditional Christmas Market- *Philomena Jones*

The Traditional Christmas Market will be held on 3rd December from 12 until 5 p.m. in The Square and the church this year offering a full range of local crafts and food stuff.

The Bell ringers will be selling hot turkey rolls and mulled wine. Church ladies are selling cakes (donations required - see Val Mulcrone or Flo Crossman for more details). Pre School have a roasted chestnuts, popcorn and soup stall as well as a fun photo booth.

There will also be a traditional children's carousel and ginger bread hut for those of you nostalgic ones. Also a Vintage tea van and lots more.

Please come along and support this event. All money raised will be split between church bells and village hall.

If anyone would like a pitch then please contact philomenabjones@aol.com.

Christmas Dinner- *Philomena Jones (Sponsored by Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays)*

The Christmas Dinner for all residents who are drawing a state pension will take place on Saturday 17th December at 12.30 for 1 p.m. in the Village Hall.

It is free but it would be appreciated if those who can afford it bring a bottle to share. This is an opportunity for everyone to get together and celebrate Christmas but not let's forget the lonely.

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

The weeks are truly running away with us all and before we know it we will be seeing in the New Year! The whole school will be celebrating Christmas when we sit down for a traditional Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 7th December. You are very welcome to our Carol Concert and Nativity which this year will be in the afternoon of 15th December from 1.30 p.m. in the church.

Events for your diaries-

Tuesday 6th December - PTA School Disco - School Hall KS1 4.30-6 p.m. & KS2 6.30-8 p.m.

Thursday 15th December - Carol Concert and Nativity at St Peters, Ugborough from 1.30 p.m.

Friday 16th December - Last day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th January 2017 - Back to school

Ivybridge U3A - *Jean Sherrell*

The Christmas Social of Ivybridge U3A will be held on Monday December 19th at 2 p.m. in the Watermark. U3A Members will be enjoying their annual social with Mince Pies, Raffle and Quiz.

Christmas Concert

MAGNIFICAT - the Lupridge Singers Christmas Concert at Holy Cross Church, Newton Ferrers on Saturday, 3rd December at 7.30 pm

Music by Vivaldi, Stanford & Sammartini with Christmas Carols & Readings

Admission £10 in Advance, On the Door £12

Tickets from Tubbs Pharmacy, Newton Ferrers and Pickles of Modbury

Christmas Concert

Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert at St Andrew's Church, Harberton, Nr. Totnes on Saturday 3rd December at 7 p.m.

Tickets £7.50 to include cheese and wine after concert.

Tickets from Sue Mahon (01803 866554) or Freda Wheat (01803 840725) or on the door.

Supporting Friends of St. Andrew and Rowcroft Hospice.

Ugborough Dramatic Society Panto 2017

Hurry, hurry get your panto tickets for Ugborough Dramatic Society's performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

In Ugborough Village Hall

Choose your day- Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th February 2017

Doors close at 7.15 prompt for a 7.30 sharp start.

Tickets £7.50 adults, £5 children available from-

Susan Williams, email- susaninxite@me.com text 07941247207 or at 3, The Square, Ugborough (Cheques made payable to - Ugborough Dramatic Society)

December Diary at the Horse and Groom Bittaford

1st December- monthly Fun Quiz +Turn on the Christmas Lights illuminations

7th to 23rd December: Christmas Fayre Menu available- Bookings essential

18th December: Family Christmas Quiz and Christmas DRAW from 6 p.m.

21st December: Mummers Play performance by the Plymouth Morris Men from 7 p.m.

24th December: Christmas Eve SANTA's Visit at 4 p.m. followed by an evening of Christmas Carols with Mince pies and mulled Wine.

26th December: Boxing Day Live Music with "Rick the Stick" from 8 p.m.

31st December: New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Party and Live Music with "Off the Cuff" 8' til' Late

See you there..... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From All at the Horse and Groom.

St. Nicholas' Fair Ian McClure

Just a reminder that St. Nicholas' Fair is being held at Flete House on Tuesday 6th December from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Hope to see you there!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal- *Francis Douglas*

This year £475 was raised in the Ugborough Parish for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Individual collecting points have been informed of the totals raised on their premises. In addition to this, the Sunday Remembrance service was well attended and the collection raised a further £210 for service charities. Also many thanks to Taff for helping me, as I was unable to collect boxes etc.

Bittaford Defibrillator- *Laurie Nelson*

The porch area of the village hall now houses a defibrillator which is a machine that can be used by people with no medical background to provide initial emergency treatment to suspected heart attack victims.

All that is required to operate this machine is some basic training and whilst the hope is that the defibrillator remains unused we do need a group of volunteers from the village to undergo the training and to agree to have their names "posted" as contacts in the event of an emergency.

A training session, which will last for around one hour, has been arranged for **13th December in Bittaford Village Hall, starting at 7pm** - so **please** consider doing your bit for the community! Age is no barrier but it would be a boost for some of the older, regular village volunteers to see some younger faces becoming involved in this initiative.

If you need any more information, or indeed reassurance, you can contact Laurie Nelson on 01752 895868. (Thanks also to Carole Howard who also provided some of this information).

Winter Exhibition

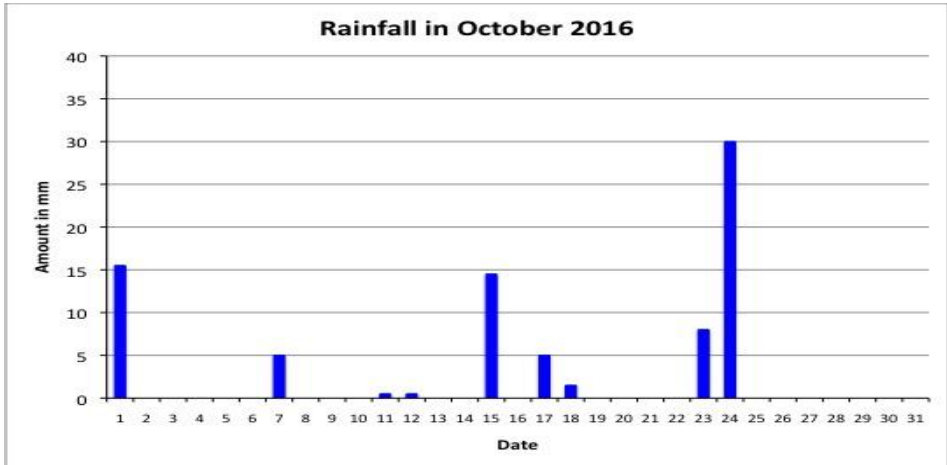
Ugborough-based artists Sara and Graham Gilbert are taking part in the Winter Exhibition at Moorside Furniture Showroom, Unit 8, Brent Mill Industrial Park, South Brent on 3rd and 4th December, open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. Sara will be showing her paintings and monoprints and Graham his Photographic Art alongside traditionally built furniture by Colin Ross (who also makes wonderful jewellery boxes and turned bowls), jewellery by Fiona Cocks, pewter and copperwork by Sandra Litchfield, illustrations by Paul Stratton, lampshades by Suzi Davies, and pottery by Giulia Matthews. Plenty of free parking, refreshments. Sorry but no disabled access.

Shoebox appeal

Over 30 shoeboxes were blessed at the church service on 13th November. A wonderful effort! Thanks so much to Kate Brampton for organising so efficiently, and to you all for your generosity.

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

Well, it's turning into a fine autumn, and in October I recorded just 80.5mm (just over 3") of rain at Shellwood Hill. This was the driest October since I started keeping records in 2010, and compares to the last four of 99mm (2015), 179mm (2014), 244mm (2013) and 182mm (2012).



Beryl's Bookworms - *Norma Roe*

Our book for November was *The StoryTeller* by Jodi Picoult.

This is her 20th book and as always is about 'an issue' - this time the Holocaust. Sage Singer, herself undergoing grief therapy, befriends an old man who's particularly beloved in her community. Josef Weber is everyone's favourite retired teacher and Little League coach. They strike up a friendship at the bakery where Sage works. One day he asks Sage for a favour - to kill him. Shocked, Sage refuses... and then he confesses his darkest secret - he deserves to die, because he was a Nazi SS guard. To complicate the matter, Sage's grandmother is a Holocaust survivor.



The themes of this book are redemption and forgiveness and it is told from 4 different viewpoints and times. It is often emotionally devastating although there are some lighter touches.

Most of the book group really admired the book and it made them think about a difficult and important subject, which certainly should not be forgotten. However there was a small minority who are not Picoult fans, despite her undeniable popularity, and preferred other Holocaust books, such as Markus Zusack's *The Book Thief*. Average score 4 out of 5.

.....Now it's party time!

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays Sarah Scanlon

The days are getting cooler and the nights are drawing in and even though we may not want to face up to it, our thoughts are starting to turn to suitable presents we can buy for friends and family for Christmas.

Before you go on line or face the shopping centres, why not come and see what USS has to offer? We are very lucky to have so many talented artists in the area, attending USS producing original, and beautiful items. We also have a selection of seasonal foods and preserves and fresh food that can be frozen for a later date during those busy holiday periods. Give USS a try, you may be pleasantly surprised! The next date is December 10th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

You may have noticed over the past couple of months that we have been increasing our postings on our face book page

(www.facebook.com/ugboroughsustainablesaturdays) and now we have Wi-Fi at the hall, it has enabled us to stream photos and videos for you to instantly see what is happening that particular day.

Our Digital officer (Ashley) is working on an exciting project that he hopes to have in place during the next couple of markets. He will be setting up a "photo booth" where people of all ages can have their photo taken or a video made and they can have their comments and thoughts about USS recorded. So if you fancy being on the Ugborough Celebrity A list or just fancy having your say, then please see Ashley or any of the Committee members to book your session.

Sports Report - Janner Motson

With interim manager Gareth Westgate at the helm the Uggies have turned their season around with several good performances and even the hint of a goal. Loanee Trump Trumperson over from the States has been a whirlwind favourite with the crowds, whilst Norwegian striker Nev Erskor has been injured. Meanwhile in the Boardroom there were accusations of fraudulent e-mails threatening to de-rail plans for the new 20-seater stadium. Working with the council and local financiers the Board is compiling a bid for several pounds to get the stadium ready for Christmas...but they did not say which year.

Out on the pitch the youth set-up has invested in additional coaching and the U12s now sit second in the table as we approach the half-way mark. Manager, Andy Tooavem, told Sports Report: "I took a pay cut to come here, but I knew the challenge. If they said I walked on water some fans would say it was because I couldn't swim. There is nothing between the teams in this division except the points difference. The Uggies are a top club, but not a top, top, top one. Folk ask why do I do it and I tell them it is because I was a useless player." Good luck to the U12s then....



Your Stars Tonight. The steamed dieter is crouched expectantly over her lap top. She tautens and then announces "It's another email from 'Disgruntled of Donkey Lane' about the Newsletter". I put on my concerned of Ugborough voice "Not another outbreak of shock horror dog mess - I will organise a vigilante group straight after tiffin". I am fixed with a gimlet stare and know that I have a problem. "They want to know why there was no warning of the Super Moon in the November issue"

I admit to being bemused by the media frenzy whipped up about this event in a month when we might have had other things to worry about. Every month the moon goes round the earth in a squashed circle (or technically an ellipse) orbit so that the distance between us varies between a mere 221,000 miles to 252,000 miles. When it is at its closest it appears about 7% larger and 15% brighter than average. What made the "Super Moon" unusual was that it coincided with a full moon which rarely happens - the next time will be in 2034. But what rather undermines the "SuperMoon" hype was that most people (including me) would not visually notice any difference - because the eye and brain has nothing to compare it with.

What does make a noticeable difference is our judgement of how large the moon (especially a full moon) is when it is low in the sky. Then even "proper" astronomers will claim that the moon is bigger. Interestingly it turns out that this just is not true - take a photograph of the low full moon and then one later in the evening and the two images will exactly superimpose. What is actually happening is that when the brain sees something big and just above the horizon it assumes that it must be closer than something high in the sky and then insists that the optical allusion is real.

And of course the other problem was that this is Ugborough so on the big night we can almost certainly guarantee an overcast murk interrupted by occasional drizzle.

But we astronomers are forever optimistic and there is another moon event coming up at 9 p.m. on 12th December when the moon ploughs a path through the constellation of Taurus. You might think that since the moon is quite a big thing, and there being thousands of stars, then it is quite a common occurrence for the moon to pass in front of (or to be technical - occult) a bright star. In fact it is happens less than once a month and I have only managed to catch it once. Viewed through a telescope or binoculars it is quite startling how the dark edge of the moon approaches the star and then almost instantaneously the star disappears only to reappear on the other side of the moon about an hour later.

This time the moon will occult at least four bright stars - so let the moon shine on the righteous on 12th December!

Vital Ivybridge hearing aid service to end without new volunteer support

Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID) is urging local people to join the charity's volunteer team in Ivybridge to help continue the delivery of vital support for people who are deaf or have a hearing loss at their hearing aid support service, which currently faces closure.

The Hear to Help service, which operates in Ivybridge Library and has been running on a monthly basis for four years, helps local residents to make the most out of their hearing aids by offering advice and practical support, such as re-tubing and new batteries. Based within the local community, it allows those with hearing aids supplied by Derriford Hospital to access this vital maintenance closer to home than the hospital, saving them time and giving them a chance to get valuable guidance from the trained volunteers which run the service.

Without new volunteer support, the service faces permanent closure. Action on Hearing Loss is therefore urging local people to get in touch if they can give two hours of their time each month. The charity will provide training and guidance for volunteers, regular support meetings, equipment, expenses, opportunities to develop new skills and the chance to meet other like-minded people.

The drop-in clinic is held at Ivybridge Library, Erme Court/Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SZ on the second Thursday of every month, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

To register your interest in volunteering for the charity and for more information, contact John McCormack on telephone 01752 228657 or email [**john.mccormack@hearingloss.org.uk**](mailto:john.mccormack@hearingloss.org.uk)

Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group - December 2016 Update-George Beable

Our latest, amended, draft Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan has now ended its South Hams District Council six week public consultation period (Regulation 16).

By the time of this Newsletter we would expect SHDC to have collated any responses and sent them to the ND Plan Working Group for consideration.

Where appropriate, responses will be used to amend the draft Plan before it goes forward for inspection followed by public referendum.

Please take time to look at our latest draft Plan as it progresses through these next stages.

The Plan, and associated documents, can be found on our website, [**www.ugboroughplan.org**](http://www.ugboroughplan.org), along with regular updates on its progress.

Kind Regards, George Beable (Chair, Parish Council).

Ugborough Parish Council

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Great news - Ugborough Parish is to remain whole! South Hams District Council has undertaken a Community Governance Review (boundary review) - with the possibility of losing the area to the far west of the Parish to Ivybridge. Ugborough Parish Council objected to the proposal and, in order to maintain community, SHDC has decided not to change the area of Ugborough Parish.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan will have completed its Regulation 16 Consultation by the time you read this. Providing SHDC is happy, the next step is to proceed to examination by an external examiner.

The travellers at Hillhead are causing such a headache that Councillors have requested an update at each Parish Council Meeting. DCC & SHDC still seem to be going round in circles, but efforts are being made to find the travellers an alternative site - which can be seen as limited progress.

Planning application recommendations are given in *italics* below. Where the Parish Council raises 'No objection', SHDC has asked that we use the term 'Neutral':

- Readvertisement with some reserved matters for residential development of 4 dwellings with associated access etc at Ivydale, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge *Neutral. Concern raised that land may be required for an eastern access onto the A38*
- Widen the gate by 47cm, using existing stone and replacing all the corner stones as existing at The Manor House, The Square, Ugborough *Neutral*
- Replacement of existing redundant farm building adjacent to Wool Barn, Langford Barton, Ugborough *Neutral, subject to a condition restricting usage to storage and garaging*
- Reserved matters following outline approval for erection of bungalow to serve Ivybridge Equestrian at Ivybridge Equestrian, Davids Lane, Ivybridge *Neutral*
- Conversion of redundant barns to 2 habitable dwellings at Cleeve Farm Barns, Ivybridge *Neutral*
- Retrospective application for garage not built in accordance with previous consents and addition of open sided log store to east gable end of garage at The Linhay, Haye Farm, Ludbrook *Neutral, subject to screening of a bank and native planting*

Bittaford was the focus of discussion, as a list of environmental concerns were highlighted, including fly tipping and brambles overgrowing the pavement - which the Clerk will follow up. Concern was also expressed at the low height of the retaining wall next to the bus stop, which could be potentially dangerous.

BT phone boxes are likely to disappear at Wrangaton, Godwell Lane and Bittaford. SHDC and Dartmoor National Park Authority are asking for feedback, with the final notification being made in mid-December. As none of the phones received much use and no alternative uses could be suggested, the Parish Council decided not to object to the proposals.

Council Tax Support Grant from SHDC is likely to decline by nearly 10% year on year until 2019/20, when the likely grant will be £497. This means the Parish Council may need to make up the shortfall by increasing its Precept from your Council Tax - something to consider when it decides on the budget in January.

Town and Parish (TAP) grant applications must be submitted by the 16 December, and any ideas would be most welcome as the Parish Council will be discussing its submission at the December meeting. The rules of this scheme require that they be for one-off capital expenditure and/or revenue costs (some day to day costs, temporary items, events etc). Priority is given where Parishes work together to solve local issues, as catalyst funding for a new project. Repeat funding is not considered, which is disappointing.

The Dartmoor Local Plan consultation is open for comments until the 16th December. For more details, go to www.dartmoor.gov.uk/planning/pl-forwardplanning/local-plan-review

Winter has arrived, and SHDC has provided a comprehensive guide on how to avoid all the hazards of this season - go to www.southhams.gov.uk/readyforwinter. On a lighter note, the Parish Council will be providing the Christmas tree in Ugborough Square and contributing towards the cost of decorations in both Ugborough and Bittaford. Merry Christmas!

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th December, starting at 7.30pm - Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Jutta Berger 01752 698381

Please come and join us - we look forward to welcoming you. Our services start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Sunday December 4th- Rev'd Simon Leigh (To include Sacrament of Holy Communion)

Sunday December 11th- Mr.Mike Cade

Sunday December 18th- United Service at Ivybridge at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday December 25th- United Service at Ivybridge

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 Every Friday

10 a.m.-12 noon-Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough

Harberton Vicarage

November 8th

To our dear friends across the Three Rivers Mission Community

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful send-off you gave us on Sunday; we were truly overwhelmed by your enormous generosity and by the extraordinarily kind remarks you made and messages that were in your cards. How very blessed we have been to live, work and minister with such a fantastic group of people!

We thank you for all the times we have spent in each parish and the ready welcome you gave us when we first arrived and then as the Mission Community came into being and our horizons widened. Although we obviously haven't lived in 6 of our communities we have always felt welcome and have enjoyed your company at fetes and concerts, lunches and coffee mornings, flower shows and dramatic productions etc. etc. and I have loved the stimulus and fun of going into our schools on a regular basis.

(Can I share one amusing moment? - I took our two year old granddaughter to an assembly at Harbertonford, when I had been asked to talk seriously about the loving and forgiving nature of God the Father, so embarked on the Parable of the Prodigal Son with due solemnity in my tone. We arrived at the country far away & headed to the pig farm, at which point Ioni, sitting on my lap, piped up, "Oink, oink". Let's just say the solemnity evaporated & the children loved it.)

Above all, we thank you for accepting us into your lives and homes, often at moments of great gladness or sorrow and for our regular times of worship and study. I can't begin to tell you what an enormous privilege this is, as we journey together towards our heavenly home - growing, learning, sharing, sometimes struggling, occasionally falling by the way, crying and laughing. We thank you for all the support you have given us on this journey; I was particularly grateful for the teamwork and enthusiasm you all offered in the time between John and Kathy's departure and the arrival of David and Heather.

We came expecting to serve for five years and have stayed for nearly ten, so you can see how much we have enjoyed your company and the beauty of this part of Devon. Now we must turn our thoughts to the seaside again; we shall have a wonderful view over Lyme Bay and up to Haytor, so please come and visit us and enjoy that; the kettle will be at the ready...and do, please, keep in touch.

Our address will be 1 Elm Grove, Teignmouth TQ14 8SA & the phone number 01626 778265. We hope our e-mail will remain the same (please, BT!) - ***pgandcmsl@btinternet.com***

May God bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace now and always.

With our love, Philip and Caroline

A letter from our Priest in Charge- Rev'd David Sayle

Dear Friends,

We haven't even got to Advent yet and I am sitting at my computer, thinking about a Christmas article for the magazine, when it occurred to me that we have spent the last few evenings marvelling at a 'supermoon' and then it dawned on me that our crib services this year will be entitled, "Follow the Star" and however strong or otherwise your belief is, I think Jesus was a "Star".

What he did, what he said, all these years later are still very powerful and challenge us to follow a better path in life. Even if you struggle with the church and its history which, at times, has strayed far too far away from Jesus' teachings, you still cannot avoid the fact that his teachings are profound and I suggest life-enhancing.

So amidst all the frantic preparations of Christmas, I invite you to use the season of Advent, to take time to reflect on just some of the aspects of what Jesus said or did. You may even find them helpful and remove a lot of the needless stress that we create for ourselves, as he shows us what is important, what is of real value and what really matters.

What continues to speak to me, is that the Christmas message is still so very simple. It is Emmanuel - God is with us. So I hope that at this Christmas time you will join me in celebrating his birth. For He is with you and me, and no matter how weak or how strong, how existent or non-existent our faith is, God is with us, and so may I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas when it comes.

Yours ever, David

Crib Service including CHRISTINGLE

at Ugborough Church on Saturday 24th December at

4 p.m. for all the family, with oranges, sweets and glow sticks. We will make the Christingles as part of the service! This year we are collecting funds for The Children's Society



THERE WILL BE NO MESSY CHURCH THIS MONTH

St Peter's Church Services in December
All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated

Date	Service
Sunday 4 th December	All Age Worship
Sunday 11 th December	Holy Communion with Rev'd David Sayle
Sunday 18 th December 9.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Non communion service Carol Service
Saturday 24 th December 4 p.m. 11.30 p.m.	Crib and Christingle service Midnight Communion at Ermington
Sunday 25 th December	Christmas Communion
Tuesday 27 th December 6 p.m.	Carol Service at Ermington Church
Sunday 1 st January	All Age Worship
Thursdays at 12 noon	Mid-week communion

Please note there will be no Thursday communion service on 29th December.

Dates for your Diaries

Sunday 29th January - Tuesday 31st January 2017

Bishop Sarah will be visiting our Deanery. There will be a number of events around the Deanery including within our own Mission Community.

Further information will be in the January newsletter so please keep a look out.

The **Three Rivers Mission Community** covers the parishes of Diptford, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, North Huish and Ugborough.

Priest in charge-

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01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.

Business matters should be referred to the church wardens-

Mrs Helen Hart-hmhart@sky.com

Jeremy Wells- 01364 72180

Parish matters may also be referred to our Reader

Dr. David Stafford- 01752 691525

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

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