

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

*December 2019. Merry Christmas and
a Happy and Peaceful New Year to all!*



What's on

Wednesday December	4 th	Ugborough Ladies Lunch at The Ship at 12.30 p.m. Ugborough History Group meets at Ugborough Village Hall at 7 for 7.30 p.m. (Christmas party night) Ugborough Parish Council meets at Ugborough Village Hall (upstairs) at 7.30 p.m.	Page 3 Page 3 Page 10
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Coffee Drop-In Centre

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

Post office available 10.30 a.m.–12.30p.m.

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

Everyone welcome.

Please note there will be no Post Office or coffee morning on Thursday 26th December and no coffee morning on Thursday 2nd January.

Garden Club- Shelley Hutcheon

We have enjoyed an interesting and varied year within the Garden Club with some great speakers, trips to local gardens and the Produce and Flower Show. Next year we have already scheduled in new speakers covering Charles Dowding's 'No Dig' theory amongst other topics, plus demonstrations and trips out to local gardens of interest. As usual, gardeners are always looking forward to a new year and what we can grow and do differently from last year. Personally, I would like to finish my very large greenhouse!

New members are always welcome.

Ugborough Village Fair Working Group- Shelley Hutcheon

This year's fair may seem like a distant memory, but behind the scenes we are still packing away bits and pieces from this year's fair and acquiring tat for next year's Bric-a-brac (maybe that's just me). Anyway, the rest of us who are slightly more organised and less focussed on Bric-a-brac have had a washup meeting and made a decision on fair donations.

The fair made a profit of over £3,000 and had been donated as follows –

Village Hall	£1,000.00
Church (General Fund)	£1,000.00
Pre-School	£500.00
Erme Valley RDA	£600.00
Ugborough School PTA	£300.00

Other groups within the village also raised money during Fair Week and Fair Day.

It was a great fair as usual and massive thanks must go to everyone who supported the fair in every way including bunting erectors, square builders, book sellers, purveyors of bric-a-brac, the cream tea crew, the burger flippers and all the buyers. Also, thank you to both pubs for their support and all of those who ran events in Fair Week. This was our first year running the bar which was ably run by the Dadge Family. Varied stall holders were amazing, providing brilliant products and fun for all ages. We had lots of kids' activities including crafts on the tent and the very popular Zombie Shooting!

Looking forward, we would love to have even more children's activities, so get your thinking hats on for next year.

Thank you again for all your support and if you are having a clear- out, don't forget that I am already collecting!! (sorry Rich).

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School-(incorporating breakfast club and after school club)

Charity Number 1043499- *Catherine Nightingale*.

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

Baby and Toddler Group (drop-in) – Monday 1.30-3 p.m.

Contact 07763215455

admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

Over the past month the children have been getting creative making firework pictures and special 'Catherine Wheel' pastries which were very tasty. They were then able to pretend to be fireworks in their dance class, whizzing, banging, popping and spinning around! Then children also helped to create a large poppy picture which was taken over to the church to form part of a display for Remembrance Sunday.

With Christmas around the corner the children are full of excitement, looking forward to the many festive events we have planned. We will be sharing a Christmas meal together and seeing who has the most Christmassy jumper. We will be heading over to Pennywell farm for our nativity. Finally, we will find time for some singing and a party to celebrate Christmas and the end of another term before the children head off to enjoy the holidays with their families. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ugborough Ladies' Lunch- *Pat Stephens- tel 07704113837*

The next ladies' lunch is on 4th December at the Ship for 12.30 p.m. Please contact me if you would like to join us. Thank you

Ugborough Local History Group- *Merryl Docker*

Join us on Wednesday December 4th, 7 for 7.30 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall for our annual Christmas Party. All group members (and their other halves) are very welcome. Please bring with you a plate of something to share. Sweet or savoury, or crisps, cheese, whatever takes your fancy. Or you could bring a bottle of something to share - wine or non-alcoholic juice. We will be entertained by the Modbury Gospel Choir who will be singing festive songs - no doubt we will be joining in to start the month of Christmas cheer to help us through the darker days. Very much looking forward to seeing you.

The Beacon Federation - *Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Karen Dixon*

Ugborough Primary School.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2020, please come along to our Open Day on Thursday 5th December 2-3 p.m. and see what our school has to offer. We look forward to meeting you!

Carol concert and KS1 Nativity

You are welcome to join us for our carol concert and KS1 Nativity on Wednesday 18th December at 1.30 p.m. at St. Peter's church.

Last day of Term -Friday 20th December **First day of Spring** Term-Monday 6th January 2020

PUBLIC CONSULTATION School Admission Arrangements and Education Transport Policy 2021-22 (Consultation closes on 3rd January 2020)

You are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon** and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2021-22

To view the policies, visit

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy

**and a number of Plymouth academies (see website for full details)

Ivybridge U3A – *Ann Oakins*

The next meeting will be the Christmas tea party at The Watermark, Ivybridge on Monday 16th December from 2-4 p.m. New and potential members welcome.

The U3A offers a wide range of interest groups for you to join including Walking, Looking at Art, Dartmoor Archaeology, Etymology, Bridge, Tai Chi, Gardening, Vintage Film, Local History- and many more.

See our website for full details **www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk**

or email **ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com**; or phone **07866 077030**



Poppy Appeal -*Francis Douglas*

The collecting boxes raised £659.45 this year, just over £100 up on last year. Of particular note, our village school raised nearly 30% of this - a fantastic achievement. The Remembrance Service was also very well supported, with a sizeable collection in support of the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your support.

Love Bittaford initiative – *Jonathan Bell* **fb.me/love.bittaford**

We have the following coming up:

Wednesday 11th December, come and join us for some community carol singing in the village, gathering at Bittaford church from 7 p.m.

Saturday 21st December, 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., pop up cafe at Bittaford church, where everything is FREE. Homemade cakes and soups, and quality ethical teas and coffees.

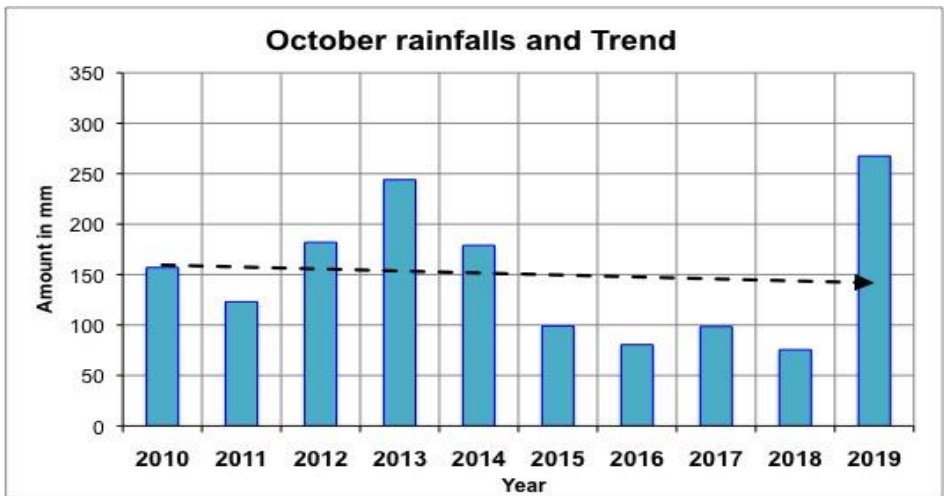
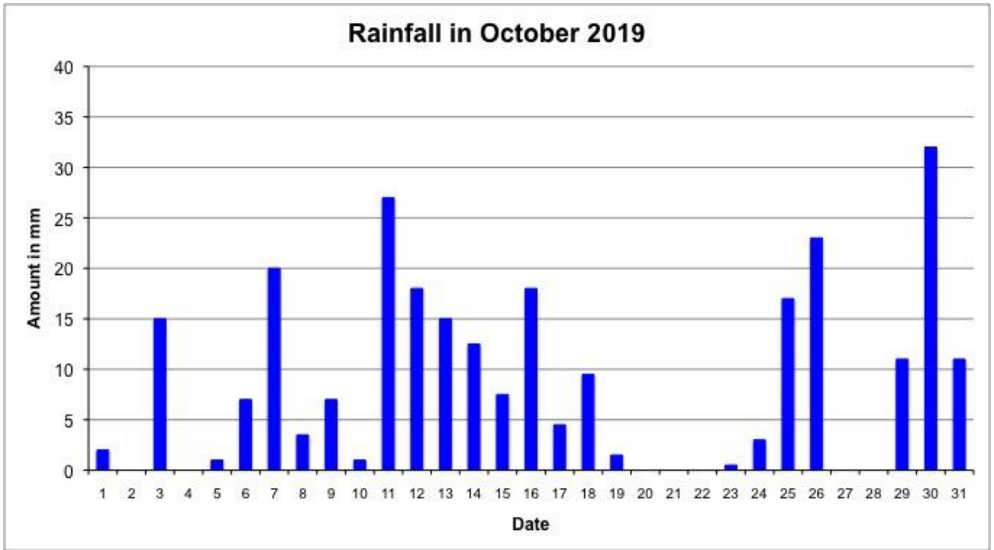
Devon County Council is looking for micro businesses, sole-traders and freelancers!

Devon County Council has launched a new trial looking at how to better support rural micro businesses in Devon. If you run a micro business in a rural area, help to shape the future of business support by joining their **Engaging Rural Micros research trial**.

Businesses can sign-up until the end of December 2019 at www.engagingruralmicros.com

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

October continued where September left off weather wise...rain, rain, and more rain....not in particularly unusual quantities, but just unremittingly wet. At Shellwood Hill I recorded 267.5mm (10.5") during the month which compares to my rolling average for Octobers of 150mm. It was the wettest month of the year so far - by some way (September being the second wettest); and also the wettest October in the last ten years, after a few years of relatively dry Octobers.



Beryl's Bookworms – Norma Roe

Attendance at this month's meeting was somewhat depleted by conflicting pantomime rehearsals, but several of our keen thespians still sent their views on our book choice- Three Things about Elsie by Joanna Cannon.



First, we learned a little about the author, who surprisingly left school with one O level and had a series of different jobs, including barmaid and pizza delivery before returning to education and studying to become a doctor, specialising in psychiatry. A horrific and damaging accident in her 20's greatly affected her self-image, and when her first novel, (The Trouble with Goats and Sheep), became such a huge success, she found the resultant publicity and requests for photos challenging. She is now a full-time writer but her experiences in general practice and in her specialism have led her to a real understanding of people- she treats her characters with care and compassion.

The book opens with 84-year-old Florence Claybourne, a resident of Cherry Tree Home of the Elderly, on the floor of her room where she has fallen. She reflects and remembers her life, particularly a man who has recently arrived in the Home who is not who he says she is but someone who had a profound effect on her in the past- something that is a great secret that she has never told.

Her greatest friend is another resident at the Home- Elsie. We are told two of the things about Elsie- she is Florence's best friend, she always knows what to say to make her feel better, but the third is not disclosed until near the end.

This book is beautifully written and there were so many passages that could have been quoted- we enjoyed reading a few aloud. The characters of Florence and Elsie were very sympathetically drawn, but also Jack, Miss Ambrose, Handy Simon and the baddie- Ronnie Butler came alive off the page.

The pace was a little slow for some members, but the majority found it a very worthwhile read- at times funny, often poignant and very compassionate. We gave it a score of 4 out of 5.

Our book for next month is *Intrigue in Covent Garden* by Susanna Gregory and our Christmas celebrations begin!



Your Stars Tonight I have been reading Stephen Fry's recent book - *Mythos* – which is a retelling of the Greek myths. I have to admit I started reading it with little enthusiasm and even less expectation that I would finish it, let alone enjoy it. But it was addictive reading, full of unexpected surprises especially about the origin of so many “English” words and sayings – and of course a plethora of astronomical names.

A good illustration is the southern night sky as seen from my back garden in December. Spoiler Alert – if you have already looked at George Arnison's “*Rainfall at Shellwood Hill*” in this Newsletter then you can guess what the future holds for Ugborough's starry nights in December - pneumonia, trench foot and risk of drowning. However, always optimistic, let us assume a star does manage to penetrate the seasonal murk in the southern sky. It is likely to be the bright red- orange of Aldebaran that will first catch your eye. It glares from the head of Taurus, the bull, which is the fainter V of stars surrounding it.

Long before the Greeks, the Egyptians had named this constellation after Osiris, the bull-god (and god of the Nile). The Greeks told their own story about this constellation in which Zeus turned into a beautiful white bull. My rather battered childhood copy of “*Introducing Astronomy,*” printed in “mcmli”, feels like a relic of bygone ages, particularly when it coyly tries to describe the rest of the myth – in which Zeus “burning with desire for the Phoenician princess Europa” carried her off to Crete.

Meanwhile, back in the mythical clear night sky above Ugborough, the scattering of stars around Aldebaran is called the Hyades after the five sisters of Atlas. According to the Greeks, Zeus put them there after they had pined to death when their brother Hyas had been gored and killed by a boar. And in the Mediterranean they are associated with rain – possibly because the first sight of these stars in autumn heralds the rainy season.

The Hyades are a fine sight through the binoculars, but the gems in this area are the Pleiades open cluster of stars, which are reminiscent of a shrunk down copy of the Plough constellation, covering less than the area of the moon. With the naked eye six or seven stars should be visible - unless you are blessed with really good eyesight when you may see up to ten stars in the group. But with binoculars they become dozens of pinpoint sharp stars shining with a hard blue tinted light from these relatively young and hot blue stars.

Through binoculars there is just the faintest hint of a haze around the stars which is caused by the intense light of these stars reflecting off a cloud of interstellar cosmic dust. On the only clear evening we had in November I was able to take a long exposure photograph of the Pleiades just before the clouds rolled over Ugborough again. I managed to capture these in their full glory of a beautiful shade of blue against the black background – check out Pleiades on Wikipedia to see a much better image than mine. What caught my eye were the patterns and shapes in the nebula clouds – in particular the one nearest the brightest star Merope looks like wisps of cloud with a patch of interstellar rain sweeping towards Ugborough.

I think the weather is getting to me!

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays –Sarah Scanlon

USS hosted another pot-luck supper last month and it was well attended. Thank you to everyone who supported us and made a marvellous job of helping with the washing up and clearing away at the end of a very enjoyable evening. We appreciate all the lovely comments received.

This month is always very busy with many producers making fantastic individual items for the festive season.

Before looking online or fighting the crowds in town when looking for that special present, come and visit us in the village hall between 10 a.m. and noon, have a cup of coffee and browse at your leisure amongst the stall highlighting varied and talented producers.

USS will be showcasing Glass work, paintings, prints, maps, cards, gift bags and tags, jewellery, crafts, plants, knitted and sewn items, dog biscuits, preserves, desserts, ready meals, cakes, savouries, locally produced meats, eggs and the famous bacon rolls.

There will be fantastic bargains on the Bring and Buy table this month with the proceeds going towards the senior Citizen's Christmas party.

So please come and support the village and at the same time, enjoy yourselves

Dates for December are 7th and 21st

TLC.

There will be no usual TLC in the Christmas holidays, but the team will be hosting a Christmas meal for the senior Citizens of the Parish on Sunday 15th December.

This will take place in the Village Hall at 12.30 for a 1 o'clock start.

We will be providing a three course sit down meal and you are invited to bring along your own drinks to toast the festive season.

For more details please speak to one of the team at USS or telephone Val on 01752894973 or Sarah at sjascanlon@btinternet.com before Tuesday 10th December.

Everyone is welcome but do let us know you are coming!

Ugborough Parish Council

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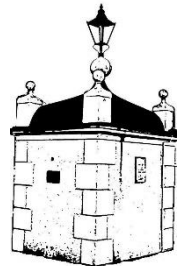
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Twelve members of the public attended the start of the November Parish Council Meeting, down from the September & October meetings, but still pretty impressive – the



meeting was held downstairs to enable a less mobile resident to attend (something that can be arranged if the Clerk is given reasonable notice). Concerns included the closure of the Ugborough public toilets, amendments to the double yellow lines in Wrangaton, and planning application 2468/19/HHO at Wynric, Ware Hill, Ugborough – amended plans are due for this application, so it is likely that the recommendation will be reviewed.

County Councillor Richard Hosking reported that:

- Grit bins would be replenished on a request basis, in preparation for the wintry weather. This can be done on the DCC website, <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>
- DCC were 'on task' to solve the flooding on the Moorhaven to Glazebrook lane, although no time limit was given, nor for the works to Workhouse Brook lane, which is also flooded.
- Connecting Devon & Somerset is aiming for download speeds of at least 30 Mbps and re carrying out a consultation on existing speeds. The consultation is announced on <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/>, but I could not find any way of participating.

Planning applications considered at the Meeting (with recommendations in **bold &** weblinks available on the e-newsletter):

1. Proposed conversion of garage to dependant residential unit at Ludd Farm, Ugborough Ref [2873/19/FUL](#) **Support, subject to the dwelling being ancillary to the main residence**
2. Proposal: T1: Beech - Crown height reduction by 1.5m and lateral reduction by 1.5m on all sides, crown raise to approx. 2m from ground level, crown thin by 20%. T2: Pittisporum - Crown height reduction by 1.5m and lateral reduction by 0.5m on North, East and West sides. Reasons -To reduce shading of properties and avoid damage to neighbouring property's roof at 6 Lutterburn Street, Ugborough Ref [3282/19/TCA](#) **Delegated to Cllr Johns**
3. Proposed installation of a Peaking Gas Generation Plant with associated development to include vehicular access and security fencing at Land at Ermington Road Ivybridge [3354/19/FUL](#) **Neutral, subject to a condition requiring the planting of mature trees (10 years plus) along the boundary of the site to progressively screen the generators in future years. This would provide landscape improvement and some carbon sequestration to offset a little of the mains gas used to power the generators.**
4. Demolition of stable block and erection of replacement barn at Cheston Farm, Wrangaton Ref [0496/19](#) **Support**

District Councillor Vic Abbott highlighted concerns by the RSPCA over distress to pets, farm animals and wild animals from fireworks. It is campaigning for regulation changes, and you can get involved by going to <https://www.rspca.org.uk/getinvolved/campaign/fireworks>

Christmas is just around the corner, and the Parish Council is contributing towards the Christmas spirit by giving grants to Bittaford Methodist Church & Community Hall, and to

Ugborough Church towards Christmas lighting. It has also arranged the Christmas tree in front of Ugborough Church. Merry Christmas!

The Parish Council has declared a Climate Emergency and will discuss the principles of its declaration at the December meeting. District Cllr Tom Holway reported that SHDC was setting up a web page on Climate Change and would be asking for residents to submit ideas. And the Net-Zero Task Force would be delivering the Devon Carbon Plan – more details at <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/>

A ‘Warm Home Fund’ has been secured by SHDC: ‘Those residents of households who are struggling to pay heating bills and living in a cold home without a gas supply will be offered help. The aim is to provide central heating for up to 232 homes. For more information and to apply for help, go to <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4188/Reducing-Fuel-Bills>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th December, starting at 7.30pm. Agenda and minutes will be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Free Energy Saving Advice to Help Tackle Fuel Poverty in Devon this Winter

Do you want to know how to save energy this winter? Are you struggling with energy bills?

Devon Communities Together is working in partnership with Citizens Advice to deliver this winter’s Big Energy Saving Network (BESN) programme.

Our offer to you

We want to help those in Devon’s rural communities, away from the towns where help and advice is more often available. We are offering to come to your community to talk to groups and individuals about:

- getting the best price from your current provider
- the pros and cons of looking for a cheaper supplier
- our oil purchasing scheme
- how to use energy effectively in the home
- measures that can be taken to make homes more energy efficient
- the supplier services available to vulnerable customers

We also invite people to bring along their energy bills for some confidential advice on how they might reduce their costs.

We want to meet groups and individuals in your community that we can help. This may be at a regular meeting of a local organisation, an event in your village, or at a special drop in event that we can help you organise. We are also able to offer advice via a telephone session to any individuals who may prefer this method of contact.

To find out more or to arrange a visit please contact our advisors:

Aggie Szpinda aggie@devoncommunities.org.uk 01392 248919

Martin Rich martin@devoncommunities.org.uk 07984 001542

www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/big-energy-saving-network

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

December 1st at 11 a.m. Rev'd Young Communion
December 8th at 6 p.m. Rev'd Lawrence Communion
December 15th at 1 1a.m. Mrs G Higgins
December 22nd at 11 a.m. Mrs B Young

December 24th at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve carols with mince pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic). **All welcome**

Our hall is available for hire. We have a small tea/ coffee kitchen. All enquiries to Liz Cade on lizcade50@gmail.com or the above number.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2019 Shoebox Appeal Update –

Kate Brampton

Thank you to everyone in the Community (including St Peter's Church and Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays) who supported the Appeal this year by providing filled shoeboxes and/or monetary donations – it has all helped.

Between us we have provided a fantastic **total of 30 Gift Shoeboxes** including their associated project/shipping costs for needy children/young people overseas. The shoeboxes started their journey after a lovely Blessing during the All Age service at church on 3rd November from our local drop off point for the next part of their journey.

We are endeavouring to track where as many of the shoeboxes are going as possible, and this will be done via those shoeboxes that were registered/paid for online. Hopefully we should hear early next year which country/countries these shoeboxes have gone to. In previous years, it has been Belarus, Albania and Bulgaria.

Thank you once again for your generous support.

St. Peter's Church, Ugborough



This month's Breakfast Church is on Sunday 15th December at Ugborough Church at 9.30 a.m. You are very welcome to this informal service.



CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir will be giving a Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church, Ugborough on Friday 13th December at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are available at £10 for adults and £5 for under 12yrs, from:

Sue and Stafford Williams 07941 247207

Jeremy Wells 01364 72180, or on the door

Price includes a mince pie and a glass of wine/cider/ or juice.

A letter from our Rector- Rev'd David Sayle

Christmas at your church,

Christmas in your Mission Community



Christmas is one of the loveliest times to visit a church. In our Mission Community we will have special services for children and families, such as Christingles, Carol services. Here's an outline of what to expect at your church over the festive season.

Christingle services use a special symbol, a decorated orange, to explore the story of God's love for the world at Christmas.

- The orange represents the world.
- Fruits or sweets which are pinned to the orange represent God's creation and the blessings of the seasons.
- The candle embedded in the orange represents Jesus, the light of the world bringing hope to those in darkness.
- The red ribbon round the orange represents the love of God and the blood of Jesus.

Our Christingle services will take place at

Sunday 1st December 4.30 p.m. Diptford Church

Saturday 14th December 4 p.m. Ermington Church

Tuesday 24th December 4 p.m. Ugborough Church, (there will be no Messy Church this month)

The Christingle services will be supporting the work of the Children's Society – you can read more about their work and the meaning of the Christingle here at www.childrensociety.org.uk.

Crib service

This service is based on the Christmas story and people are encouraged to gradually bring the nativity set figures to the crib and arranging them around the manger. Our Mission Community Crib service is combined with the Christingle service held at Ugborough Church on Christmas Eve. All our welcome.

Carol services

We hear Carols so often in the shops and on the radio that they're like a soundtrack for December. It's really special to hear them in church as part of the telling of the Christmas story. Sometimes the words of the carols are prayers for ourselves or for the world we live in, like these from 'Away in a manger': *"Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me, I pray."*

This year each of our seven Churches will be holding a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols – details of which are below

- 4 p.m. 8th December at North Huish Church.
- 4 p.m. 15th December at Harberton Church.
- 7 p.m. 15th December at Harbertonford Church.
- 7 p.m. 18th December at Halwell Church.
- 7 p.m. 19th December at Ugborough Church.
- 7 p.m. 20th December at Ermington Church.
- 7 p.m. 22nd December at Diptford Church

Midnight mass - this late-night service starts on Christmas Eve and ends just after midnight, so you're among the first to celebrate Christmas! 'Mass' is simply another name for 'Holy Communion' or 'Eucharist' or 'Lord's Supper' and it is when the congregation shares bread and 'wine'. This year our Mission Community service starts at **11.30 p.m. and will be held at Ermington Church**. Again, all are welcome.

Christmas Day - Your local church will hold a service on Christmas morning - again please find the below details

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Harberton Church
- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Moreleigh Church
- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Ugborough Church
- 11 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Diptford Church
- 11 a.m. Christmas Morning Service at Ermington Church (*Non-Communion*)
- 11 a.m. Christmas Morning Service at Harbertonford Church (*Non-Communion*)

The run up to Christmas is always a busy time but for some people for a whole variety of reasons it is very difficult so each of our Churches will as usual be open, during daylight hours offering a little bit of space for rest and remembering. You will find a Christmas tree in each of our Churches. Apart from being beautifully decorated, we hope you will find them as a help to pray and you are welcome to add your prayers to the trees' decorations. By each tree you will find a star shape decoration, you are welcome simply to add your star prayer to the tree or if you wish you may write somebody's name or a particular place or situation on the star decoration before you offer your prayer to God by placing it on the tree. Throughout our Christmas services, we will take a moment to be quiet and remember your Christmas Tree Prayers.

May I wish you all a very blessed and peaceful Christmas and if you wish to know more about our Mission Community Christmas services and activities, please take a look at either the Three Rivers Mission Community website www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk or from the 1st December the Church of England's www.achristmasnearyou.org website.

Every Blessing, David

St Peter's Church Services in December

Date	Service
Sunday 1 st December	All Age Worship
Sunday 8 th December	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th December	Breakfast Church
Thursday 19 th December at 7 p.m.	Carol service (Nine Lessons and Carols)
Sunday 22 nd December	Holy Communion
Tuesday 24 th December	Crib and Christingle service at 4 p.m. Mission Community Midnight Mass at Ermington church from 11.30 p.m.
Wednesday 25 th December	Christmas Holy Communion service at 9.30 a.m.
Sunday 29 th December	Non- communion service
Thursdays at 9.30 a.m.	Mid-week communion

All services now start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

The **Three Rivers Mission Community** covers the parishes of Diptford, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, North Huish and Ugborough. You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website, www.threeriversmissioncommunity.org.uk

For all church business and parish matters, please contact
Rev'd David Sayle, The Rectory Diptford Totnes Devon TQ9 7NY
01548 821199 email parish_sayle@me.com.



Carols by Candlelight
at 4 p.m. on Sunday 8th December
at St Mary's, North Huish, South Brent, TQ10 9NQ
www.achurchnearyou.com/8942

Village services.

Don't forget that the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service is not operating this month due to Christmas holidays.

Recycling and waste- advice from South Hams District Council.

The collection due on 27th December will take place on 30th .

The collection due on 3rd January is moved to 6th .

Week beginning 6th January- All collections will be one day late.

Week beginning 13th January- Back to normal.

Christmas trees up to 6 ft. can be put out for collection alongside the brown bin.

Remember to dispose of peelings and unwanted food in the brown bin, or food caddy.

Unfortunately wrapping paper cannot be put in the blue recycling sacks.

The South Hams District Council website has lots of advice on how to reduce, reuse, and recycle over the Christmas period.

Contributions

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter.

Contributions should be sent to - Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, 20 Lutterburn St, Ugborough, Ivybridge, PL21 0NG.

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