

Revd Jane writes:

Where has the time gone? As another year draws to a close and we anticipate the threshold of a new one, you too may be holding your breath to see what might be possible for Christmas this year.

As I draft this letter in Lockdown, we live in hope and continue to plan but the reality of what Christmas will be this year, remains a mystery. Still, a reliable consumer programme on my car radio recently assured me that the favoured decorating colour for this year's festive season will be lilac; dolphin & mermaid themed images will be popular; the range of external lighting for the domestic front garden market will expand and demand increase.

Are we nearly there yet? How many sleeps to go?

You might not be longing for Christmas this year but many of us have been living ahead of ourselves with thoughts such as these... Has this COVID wave reached its peak yet? When can I stop self-isolating? Will he/she pull through? What's going to be the outcome of numerous national and international power struggles? When can I have a flu jab/COVID vaccination/the op I need?

Being present each day with each day's events, interactions and people can evaporate under the heat of uncertainty and anxiety. Yet the present, the now, is all we have...for now.

In a month which will also see the remembering and celebration of a particular birth in a particular world that needed that love, light and life, way back when, I hope we might all find ways to practise the art of the possible this month.

Some words from Helen Mallicoat: I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly my Lord was speaking. 'My name is I AM'. He paused. I waited. He continued 'When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not 'I was'. When you live in the future with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not 'I will be'. When you live in this moment it is not hard. I am here. My name is 'I am'.

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		continue to take place every Sunday at www.haldonteam.org.uk so if you have t or know someone who does, do feel free to watch previous ones and join in
There is a	lso a Midw	eek Communion every Tuesday at 9.30am at St Michael's, Teignmouth.
The follow	ing church	es are Open for personal prayer:
St Michael	l's, Teignm	outh 10am-2pm on Tuesdays (note change)
St Mary's,	Ideford	10am-4pm on Wednesdays and 10am-4pm on 2 nd & 4 th Sundays

St John's, Bishopsteignton 10am-12 noon on Wednesdays.

Outdoor Quiet Space open every day.

WEBSITES AND SAT. NAV.

Haldon Team Website Ideford Parish Website		onteam.org.uk rd-parish.co.uk	
Church post codes for Sat	t Nav:	St Mary's, Ideford	TQ13 0BB
St John's, Luton TQ1	3 0BN	St Nectan's, Ashcombe	EX7 0QD

The Art of the Possible

Christmas hasn't been cancelled – but it will look different this year.

At the time of writing, while it is highly unlikely that we will have carol services in our churches, we are putting plans together for a number of different ways of celebrating both Advent and Christmas. The following services and events are being planned but are *subject to change* in the light of government and Church of England guidance. Plans have also had to take in to account the 72-hour rule concerning the use and cleaning of seating, hence why some churches will not be available to use on certain days and it will be necessary to book a place at some services as shown below. You are welcome to join us...

Special Events

- Advent Procession of Light bring a torch or lantern and walk through the streets of Teignmouth to celebrate the light shining in the darkness. This will take place as soon as possible after lockdown is lifted. Please contact the clergy or Team Office (01626 770115) or visit our website at www.haldonteam.org.uk for details.
- Advent Windows in Ideford take a walk around the village and find a new window each day from 1 December culminating in the final one at St Mary's Church on Christmas Eve. Christmas raffle also available. More details from Jane Hill 01626 859571 tomandjanehill@talktalk.net
- We hope to have a **contemplative**, **Taize style service** on a Sunday evening during Advent at St Michael's. More details will be available from the clergy, Team Office and on our website.
- **Christmas Tree Festival** at St Michael's, Teignmouth subject to Covid restrictions please contact the clergy, the Team Office or look on our website for an update.
- Walk Through Nativity on Sat 19th December, 4-6pm at The Old Commercial Inn in Bishopsteignton.
- Walk Through Carols, Crib & Christingle on Christmas Eve, 2-4pm at St Michael's, Teignmouth. Come and see a real-life nativity scene!

<u> Christmas Services</u>

Sunday 20 December

- 9.30am & 11.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth
- Services of Music & Readings for Christmas*
- 10.30am St Mary's, Ideford (with optional Holy Communion) –
 Please Book a Place through Vanessa Morby Tel: 01626 853991
 <u>colleybrookness@icloud.com</u>
- 11am St Nectan's, Ashcombe (with optional Holy Communion)
- 4pm St John the Evangelist, Luton
- 6pm St James, Teignmouth
- 6pm St John the Baptist, Bishopsteignton –
 Please Book a Place through Keith Hutchings Tel: 01626 204358
 <u>keith_hutchings@yahoo.com</u>

Christmas Eve

- 4pm Service of Music & Readings for Christmas (a repeat of the 20th)* at St Mary's, Ideford Please Book a Place through Vanessa Morby Tel: 01626 853991 <u>colleybrookness@icloud.com</u>
- 11pm Midnight Communion at St James', Teignmouth
- 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist at St Michael's, Teignmouth

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Christmas Day

- 10am Family Communion for Christmas at St John's, Bishopsteignton
- 10.30am A short informal celebration of Christmas at St Mary's, Ideford.
 Please Book a Place through Jane Hill. Tel: 01626 859571
 tomandjane@live.com
- 11am Family Eucharist for Christmas Day at St Michael's, Teignmouth

Saturday 26 December (St Stephen)

• 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth

Sunday 27 December

• 10am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth (the only service in the Team this day)

Monday 28 December (Holy Innocents)

• 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Teignmouth

*The Services of Music & Readings for Christmas will have similar content on each occasion. If you have a favourite reading (Bible or Christmas-related) or piece of Christmas music, including any for children, please contact Richard Frost on 01626 870288 richardnfrost@outlook.com with your suggestion and reason for choosing it and we will try to include it. Please let him have any suggestions no later than 12 December.

<u>Online</u>

Our online services continue to take place every Sunday at <u>www.haldonteam.org.uk</u>.

- On **Advent Sunday** (29 Nov) a special online service on the theme of light will be available.
- Linking in with a national initiative from The Children's Society, a special **Christingle** service will be available on **Sunday 13 December**.
- Also on the **13 December**, the **Annual RNLI Carol Service** will be available on our website from 4pm. This service will feature readings and pre-recorded carols.
- Haldon Team Online Carol Service on Sunday 20 December. If you have a favourite carol please contact Richard on 01626 870288 <u>richardnfrost@outlook.com</u> with your suggestion and reason for choosing it and we will try to include it. Please let him have any suggestions no later than 12 December.

You are also welcome to join others for an...

- Advent Quiet Afternoon on Thursday 26 November from 2-4.30pm via Zoom. Taking the theme 'Light Shines in the Darkness' there will be two short talks and breaks for periods of silence (during which you will not need to be on Zoom). Please contact Richard on 01626 870288 or email <u>richardnfrost@outlook.com</u> if you'd like to come.
- Advent Discussion Group on Wednesdays 2 & 16 December from 7.30-8.45pm via Zoom. We had hoped to start Bible discussion groups earlier in the year but the current times intervened. It's hoped this group will continue in the New Year, eventually meeting in person. Please contact Richard if you'd like to be part of it.

In Brief...

- **Daily Hope** offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**
- South West Carols takes place online on 5th and 6th December at 7pm at <u>www.southwestcarols.com</u>
- **Christmas Cards** due to the possible risk of contamination, you are asked <u>not</u> to bring Christmas Cards for other people into our church buildings.

More Christmas matters: the Art of the Possible continued

What, no Carol Service?

As congregational singing is unlikely to be possible this year, do book in for 'Music & Readings for Christmas' at St Mary's at 10.30am on December 20th OR 4pm on Dec 24th. See other Christmas service material for booking arrangements.

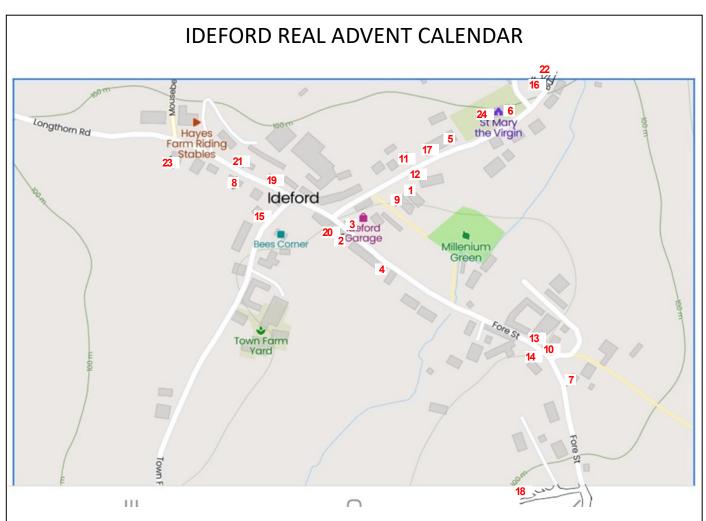
What, no Crib Service or Christingle?

You are invited to come to the 'Walk Though Nativity' at the 'Old Commercial' in Bishopsteignton any time between 4 & 6pm on Saturday 19th December. You can talk to our Nativity characters & you might even meet a donkey & some sheep...[we live in hope, on the planning front!] There will be Christmassy music; guest appearances by 'innkeeper' aka pub landlord, Michael; party bags for children, as you leave, containing seasonal goodies including a DIY Christingle. Whatever your age, do feel free to dress up as an angel...shepherd...king...sheep...donkey...

Costumed stewards will be on hand to regulate flow & we aim to reduce COVID transmission risk as we all look forward to sharing an afternoon of festive, comfort & joy!

We will be collecting for 'The Children's Society' if you'd like to put donations in our buckets.

We all look forward to counting down the days with Ideford's Advent Calendar trail. Many thanks to all who will flex their creative muscles!



What is a real advent calendar?

Well instead of opening a window in a chocolate or paper advent calendar, take a walk around the village to view a real advent calendar. Each number represents the location of the door to be opened on that date. Windows may be a window, or something lit up outside. Each window will continue throughout December. So wrap up and take a socially distanced walk around the village. Merry Christmas!!

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Ideford Parish Council will hold their next meeting on **Thursday 10th December 2020** at 7pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

The next PACT meeting is planned for **Wednesday 9th December** from 2 – 4pm in the Village Hall.

Ideford Parish Council will shortly be asking all residents for their views on the future of the village oak tree. A risk assessment has been carried out by Dart Tree Consultancy, who looked at the fungus growing on the trunk and gave some options for its management.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Full Council is to be held at 7.00pm on **December 7th.** However with compulsory restrictions imposed by the government due to Coronavirus this meeting will now be held remotely using Zoom. See the BPC website for more details - <u>www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk</u>

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday December 16th 2020 and January 27th 2021

Ideford (The Pound) 2.40pm - 3.10pm

CHUDLEIGH LIBRARY

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Tuesday2.00pm - 4.00pmThursdayClosedSaturday10.00am - 12 noon

For more information about Chudleigh library, please call 01626 852469 or e-mail: <u>info@librariesunlimited.org.uk</u>

Thank you!

I have been asked by a parishioner to include the following 'thank you'.

Thank you all, who will remain nameless, for organising Remembrance Sunday. It was a delight to see so many villagers coming together to commemorate the two minutes silence, from the very young to the very old like myself.

Such events help to keep the caring ethos of the village alive.

Once again sincere thanks.

Christmas Face Masks For Sale - supporting St Mary's Church

Face masks in 3 different designs - Stars, Holly and Snowman, all available in large and small. These festive masks are priced at £4.00 each and are kinder to the environment than disposable masks. All proceeds going to support St Mary's Church.

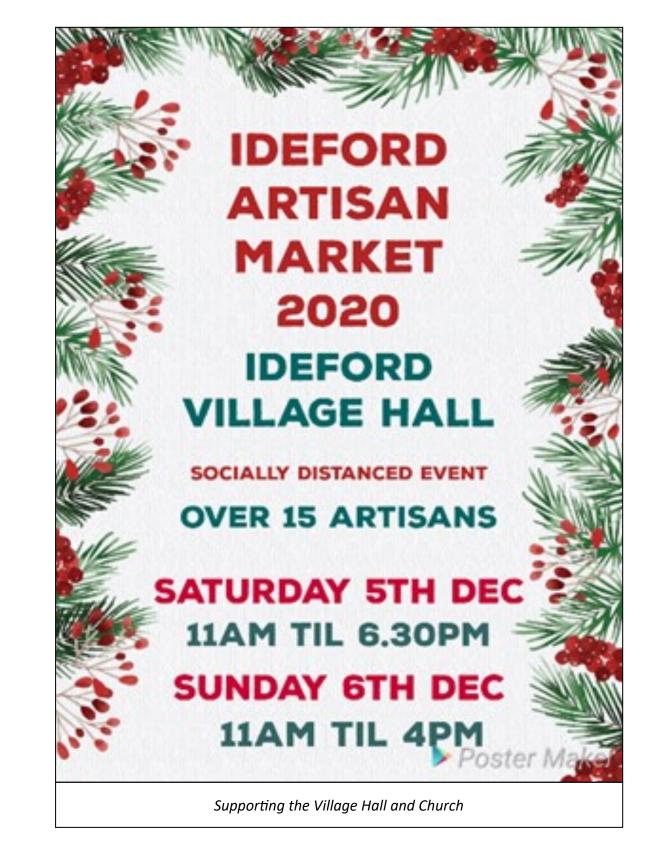
Please contact Jane Hill, on 07871 103235 or 01626 859571

Christmas Ideford Raffle

Due to Covid this year, most fundraising events have had to be cancelled. Therefore the Village Hall, Millennium Green and Ideford Church are going to come together to organise one big raffle with profits to be split equally three ways. You should receive tickets early in December.

For more information or to donate a raffle prize please contact Jane Hill, on 07871 103235 or 01626 859571







• St Mary's Christmas Meal due to be held on Saturday 12 December has been cancelled

We are sorry, but we're not going ahead with the Christmas meal this year. COVID restrictions have made it impossible to plan and be confident to safely deliver food either in the Village Hall or via a takeaway service - we'll leave that to our local experts!

On a more positive note, the Village Hall is booked for Saturday 11 December 2021 - something to put in your 2021 diary - always good to be optimistic!



Thank you for understanding.

CAROLS AT THE HALL

on

SAT 5TH DECEMBER 2020

4.30-5.30pm

Ideford Village Hall Trustees welcome you to the Christmas tree light switch on by Councillor Peart and carol singing around the tree (outdoors).



MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE FOR ADULTS HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES FOR CHILDREN.

There will be no charge, however should you wish, there will be a donation pot raising funds for Rowcroft Hospice.

Venus

I watch for it every evening greeting it as a friend in this time of isolation such a bright light like a twin star constantly changing shape as sunset fades.

I put out the recycling box after eleven and it's still there low in the sky like a giant bird hovering wings spread keeping a protective eye over troubled planet earth.

Simon Milward

Another poem taken from 'Isolation Diaries' released by 'Moor Poets', a community of poets based in and around the Dartmoor area. Thank you to Simon, and to Veronica for sending them in for us to enjoy.

Can you help?

Is there anyone in the area who has a garage I could rent to put my lovely old classic car in? I would really like to move it from where it is to a drier place.

Please contact Kath Mortimore on 01626 853394.

Thank you



Not Kath's actual car!



IDEFORD CHURCH ROTA

Volunteers to unlock, clea	n and lock up Church for services
December 6th	Liz Lucas
December 20th, 24th, 25th	Vanessa Morby, Alan Wooderson, Nicki Horseman
January 3rd and 17th	Janet and David Aylmore
Volunteers to unlock, clea and 4pm.	n and lock up Church for personal prayer and reflection - approx. 10am
December 9th	Liz Lucas
December 13th and 16th	Vicki Gardner
December 23rd, 30th	Vanessa Morby, Alan Wooderson, Nicki Horseman
January 6th,10th,13th,	Janet and David Aylmore
January 20th, 24th, 27th, 31st	Vanessa Morby

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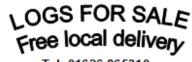
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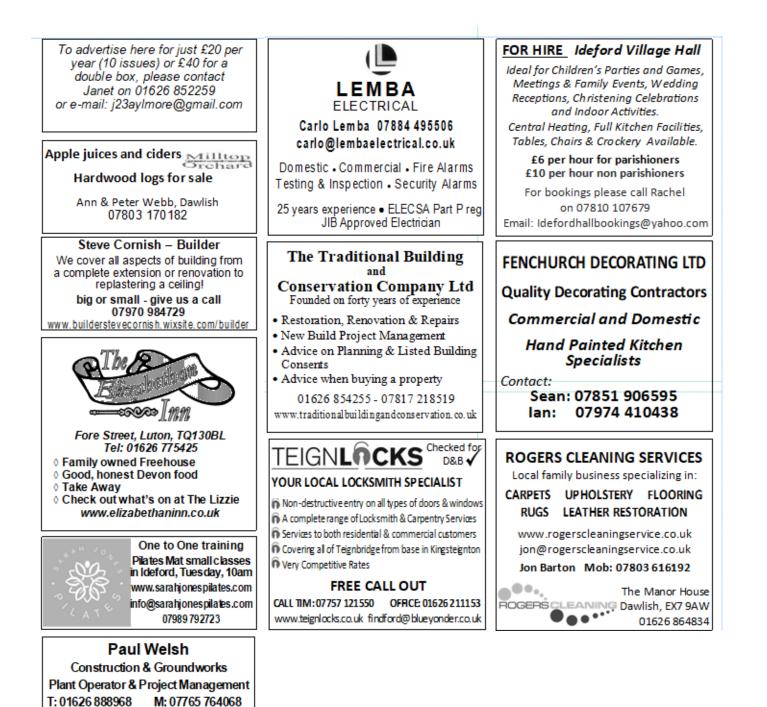
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