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A Message from Anna Venables, Team Reader

The word **Lent** is derived from the Anglo–Saxon words *lencten*, meaning 'Spring', and also associated with the season associated with the 'lengthen of days'. We are so greatly blessed here in south Devon when we see the flowers that bloom from Candlemas through to Easter Day.

Anyone visiting Ashcombe Church cannot fail to notice the abundance of snowdrops, a symbol of hope and beauty. Snowdrops are also sometimes referred to as 'Candlemas Bells'. At a time of year within the lectionary of the Christian church, in all their glory 'Candlemas Bells' ring in the changes as we turn from the coming of Jesus here on earth – towards his dying and rising again during Holy Week and into the Easter season.

The primrose will shortly be visible blooming in the hedgerows, and this flower is associated with loyalty and faithfulness, purity and honesty. During the season of Lent there is the call for us to be refreshed in our own lives as we reflect on the teachings of Jesus, especially the call to pray and to grow deeper into the knowledge of God's love so freely offered to all who call on his name in faith.

For us today these words of William Wordsworth can offer such hope in this current time of uncertainty: '...... when all at once I saw a crowd, a host of golden daffodils; fluttering and dancing in the breeze'. The Marie Curie Charity adopted this flower as their symbol for offering light into the dark areas of people's lives, and in Germany the daffodil is referred to not only as the Lent Lily, but also the 'Easter Bell'.

And as Lent comes to an end with Holy Week, the churches are then filled on Easter Day with white Lilies; a symbol of resurrection and renewal of life.

This year, as we reflect on the message of the flowers that bloom during this season of Lent, there is also the call to look forward to the good news of the celebration of the promise of life in abundance that Easter brings. The flowers that appear in the hedgerows in the Spring can also offer hope and light in these times of uncertainty.

This year the Haldon Team churches in Teignmouth are working towards the hosting of a 'Community Art Project'. The crocheted and knitted flowers will be displayed during Easter week as the church opens its doors and welcomes both pilgrims and tourists. Then the flower posies will be distributed to bring light and hope to those who have been isolated, in care homes and to key workers in the area. If you want to know more about the Community Art Project, please contact Christine Vince. Her contact email address is christinevince@hotmail.com.

A message from Barry Mohan -

The family and I would like to thank you all for your many kindnesses following the death of dear Iris in Torbay Hospital on January 31st. We very much appreciate all the cards, calls and offers of help.

In our 20 years in Ideford Iris was an active member of the village community, made many friends and was very happy here. She will be sadly missed.

Iris' funeral will take place at St Mary's on February 25th at 11am. Obviously, in the present circumstances only family members will be able to attend the service, but we are happy for villagers to stand outside as Iris arrives, if they so wish. Standing must be socially distanced and we ask that you respect our privacy and do not approach us with condolences at this time.

For anyone wishing to make a donation there is a memorial page at irismohan.muchloved.com or by cheque payable to the charities sent to Caz Denning, Funeral Director, JH Way Funeral Service, Teignmouth.

The charities supported are Children's Hospice SW and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Thank you



News from the Haldon Team

In this time of increased uncertainty, the clergy and churchwardens are reviewing our physical church services on a week-by-week basis. We would strongly advise that you look at our website to check which churches are open for public worship and any services which are taking place. The most up to date information will always be available at www.haldonteam.org.uk.

Some of our churches remain open for personal prayer - again, the details are on our website.

As a way of increasing our sense of community and coming together as Church at this time, we are now offering **Evening Prayer at 5pm every Thursday** via Zoom. This will last around 30 minutes and provide time to pray about matters international, national and local (and not least about the impact of the pandemic). You are very welcome to join us by either video link or through your phone. Alternatively, why not set aside half an hour at 5pm on a Thursday at home to pray by yourself? Please contact Revd Jane for the Zoom link and phone numbers. Please also let Jane know if you would like specific people or issues to be prayed about.

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ST. MARY'S IDEFORD

It is hoped that the following services will be held at St Mary's, Ideford but please check on the team website (www.haldonteam.org.uk) for up to date information. In these times of uncertainty, it is possible that the church may also have to close for private prayer, so again, please check the website.

Sunday March 7th 4.30pm Evensong

Sunday March 21st 10.30am Holy Communion

IDEFORD CHURCH ROTA

Volunteers to unlock, clean and lock the Church for services and private prayer.

March 3rd, 7th, 10th, 14th Vicki Gardner

March 17th, 21st, 24th, 28th, 31st Janet & David Aylmore

Looking After Yourself

We are aware that the current ongoing Coronavirus situation is very difficult. If you are concerned about your mental health or that of another person, there are people you can talk to:

TalkWorks (NHS) 0300 555 3344 Samaritans 116 123

Rethink Mental Illness (support for carers) 01823 365369.

WEBSITES AND SAT. NAV.

Haldon Team Website www.haldonteam.org.uk
Ideford Parish Website www.ideford-parish.co.uk

Church post codes for Sat Nav:St Mary's, IdefordTQ13 0BBSt John's, Luton TQ13 0BNSt Nectan's, AshcombeEX7 0QD

Snowdrops

If you walked through Ideford churchyard recently you might have noticed the milky white snowdrops and pretty pink cyclamen braving the snow, wind and rain on a cold February day. These little flowers to the south of the church path remind us of the dear, departed Ideford friends in whose memory they were planted.

In Medieval times it was traditional to bring snowdrops into the church for the Feast of Candlemas as a symbol of purity and hope for the world. A symbol of God's creation that symbolises a light that shines in the darkness. Snowdrops are also known as Candlemas Bells and have many ecclesiastical associations.

A legend surrounding snowdrops tells us that as the disgraced Adam and Eve leave the Garden of Eden amid the snow of winter, the Angel takes pity on their state and reaches out to gather a handful of snowflakes. These he breathes on, transforming them to soft, pearly flowers. "Take these little flowers as a sign of hope", he tells the couple, casting the flowers into a halo that carries the blessing of hope out into the world beyond.

These brave little milky white flowers remind us not only of dear departed Ideford friends, but also that there is HOPE for the future, a light shining in the darkness and spring IS on the way.



The Snowdrop

Many, many welcomes, February fair-maid, Ever as of old time, Solitary firstling, Coming in the cold time, Prophet of the gay time, Prophet of the May time, Prophet of the roses, Many, many welcomes, February fair-maid!

Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809 - 1892)



What the census is

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The census is unique. There's simply nothing else that gives so much detail about us and the society we live in. The first census was in 1801 and the most recent in 2011. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) runs the census in England and Wales and the next one will happen on Sunday 21 March 2021.

All kinds of organisations, from local authorities to charities, use the information to help provide the services we all need, including transport, education and healthcare. Without the census, it would be much more difficult to do this.







By taking part, you'll be helping make sure you and your community get the services needed now and in the future. Nearer the time, you'll receive more information. There'll be plenty of help to take part for people who need it.

Find out more at www.census.gov.uk

Follow the census







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Garden Bird Wordsearch





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Can you find these garden birds in the grid - they could be spelt horizontally, vertically or diagonally, and forwards or backwards.

The solution grid is on page 8.

Devon Libraries, Covid - 19 update

During the current 'lockdown', the following temporary arrangements have been put in place:

- Existing loans have been extended to March 29th 2021
- Reservation charges are suspended until March 29th 2021.
- The digital library remains open, you can download and stream free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and e-newspapers from our extensive collection. You can use our online resources from home and access to Ancestry Library Edition has been extended to March 2021.
- To use our new free of charge 'Choose and Collect' service telephone or email your local library, we
 will select your books or DVDs and you can collect them from the library
 entrance at a pre-arranged time.
- All our library buildings are closed. All services in libraries are therefore suspended.
- Mobile libraries will not be on the road

Devon Libraries website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk

Chudleigh Library contact details -

Tel:01626 852469 e-mail: chudleigh.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Full Council is to be held at 7.00pm on **Monday march 1st.** This meeting will be held remotely using Zoom. See the BPC website for more details - www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk

Enjoying our garden

Here at Corner Cottage, with more time on our hands, we are really enjoying watching the birds on our bird feeders this year, and there seem to be more birds than ever visiting our garden. This is probably because I am remembering to fill the feeders each day, and our garden has moved further up the list of recommendations on the garden bird version of Tripadvisor!! We have counted 18 different species in the last couple of weeks. I was particularly pleased to see this goldfinch a few days ago - one of the new visitors to our garden.



We have fitted a new camera to the nesting box and are hoping that a pair of bluetits will decide to take up residence in the next few weeks, so that we have another excuse to sit and enjoy the nature in our garden.

JAMS AND MORE ...

Jams (blackcurrant, plum and ginger, gooseberry or gooseberry and strawberry mix), redcurrant or mint jelly and tomato relish and beetroot chutney and more for sale in aid of St Mary's.



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Smaller pots of chutneys and jellies £1.50.

All payments in cash in sealed envelopes please.

Ring Liz Lucas on 01626 854869 to place your order and to arrange Covid safe payment and delivery to suit you during the current lockdown.

The solution to the word search on page 6

Garden Bird Wordsearch

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Contact details - tel: 01626 770627

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Palm Sunday in a time of Plague (an extract)

No more carefully crafted y knotted palm-leaf crosses; no freshly-vested, surplice-starched priests.

Today, no Palm Sunday processions - neither cathedral decorum and prayer-book pomp (duplicated instructions timing the march to the minute - salvation by neatness!) nor cheerful chapel informality excited children clutching crosses at different angles, nor even a *real* donkey who hopefully will misbehave, adding a touch of earthy reality to the braying of over-pious prayers -

Streets empty, the high hills abandoned, churches locked and in my deserted road, televisions not candles flicker behind drawn curtains. A million genteel cells where each prisoner, if they're lucky, smuggle in messages by Zoom or Facebook or Mobile - but it still feels like doing porridge.

Today, tied to the altar of my own kitchen table, alone, waiting, I'm a walled city besieged - but the walls are just my own house walls, fragile defences against an invisible enemy, the Covid-19 virus.

Looking at it magnified it seems so elegant prongs and tentacles reaching neatly in all directions, a masterpiece of industrial design, a machine designed to travel fast, invade, occupy, breed, kill.

Mindless, it's mastered tactical 'organization' more than all our thought-out, debated, desperate plans, lock-downs, tracing and testing, personal protective gear, proper plastic or improvised bin bag, and Lady-Macbeth-like desperate scouring hands for invisible curses. Isolate, isolate, isolate.

Rev. David Arnott

Thank you to Veronica for sending this poem for us to enjoy, and to Rev David

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