

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

November 2026



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St Peter's Church – Sue Johns

The Three Rivers Mission Community said a fond farewell to David and Heather Sayle at a Joint Service at the end of September. We wish David well in his new job as Rector of the South Molton Mission Community.

St Peter's will continue to hold services most weeks for the immediate future at least. From time to time there will be the occasional shared or whole Mission Community Services at different local Churches- so do please check in this Newsletter or on the Notice Board in Church Porch, for up-to-date information.

The Church Wardens are now the first point of contact for St Peter's; and we are able to contact the Rural Dean, Marisa Cockfield, or the Archdeacon of Totnes Douglas Dettmer for any clergy queries.

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Jeremy Wells: jeremy.ena@gmail.com 01364 72180

St Peter's has had a busy October!

The Bells rang out to welcome everyone to a successful All Age Harvest Service at 4:30 on the first Sunday – followed by a Harvest Tea, where some 45 of the congregation of all ages sat to share food and fellowship!

Thanks to all who donated items for the Ivybridge Food Bank as part of our Harvest Appeal. We had a table piled high with goods – all of which was gratefully received by the Organisers.

Thanks to all who helped decorate the church with donated seasonal vegetables and flowers.

Particular thanks to Sara who arrived to deck the church with stunning floral arrangements; donated from her daughter's wedding the previous day! The Church was Resplendent!

Thanks also to Tanya for collecting and delivering the vegetables to be used for soup making for those in need.

The Harvest Collection amounted to £120 and was donated to the Farm Community Network.

Their work is crucial as advisors to all those in farming situations in need - with practical farming advice, support for those with physical and mental health issues and advise on finances to name a few of their available services.

The following Saturday a select few enjoyed a very convivial and joyful Bring & Share Supper. The varied food was as wonderful as ever!

And to round up the Harvest Themed Events, on the 17th October Taff challenged us all to one of his infamous Quizzes, with a Harvest Round. 6 tables of keen punters battled it out for a magnificent hamper presented to the Winners.

Thanks particularly to Phil & Taff and to all those who supported.

We raised £495 for the Fabric Fund!

Mindful of the clock ticking fast towards Christmas the Church Choir have been joined by members of the Community Choir at 5:30 on a Friday to practise for Christmas – and in particular the Carol Service on Saturday December 12th. Come and join us!

We look forward to welcoming visiting clergy to lead our services in November at the usual time of 9:30.

Our All-Age Afternoon Service with Activities on 1st November at 4:30 will celebrate All Saints Sunday; followed by Tea! Everyone is very welcome.

On Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, there will be a Holy Communion at 9:30 led by Rev'd G Still.

The Act of Remembrance will be led by Church Wardens and held on the Church Green commencing at 10 to 11. The names of the fallen of Ugborough Parish will be read – a Bugler will play the Last Post and Reveille, hymns sung and a wreath laid on the war memorial. The Collection will be in aid of the Earl Hague Poppy Appeal.

(NB on the 5th Sunday there will NOT be a Service in Ugborough – but a Joint Mission Community Service at Diptford, led by the Archdeacon of Totnes).

USS- Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - Juliet Collis

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays – Notice of AGM – Saturday 7th November (approx. 12.15)

Our annual AGM will be held after the market on Saturday 7th November where we will present the Committee's report for the past year and the Treasurer's report, as well as appointing Committee Members for the year. All USS stallholders, supporters and volunteers are most welcome to attend. Please email us if you would like more information at ugboroughss@gmail.com

We would like to take the opportunity to give a big thank you to everyone who comes along and supports USS, which provides a friendly meeting place and excellent locally produced foods and crafts available for sale. Any surplus that is generated by USS is ploughed back into USS and the local community, with donations from the last financial year to 31st August going to the Parish Newsletter, Christmas lights, EVRDA and to support fundraising for Alzheimer's research.

November dates: Saturdays 7th and 21st December dates: Saturdays 5th and 19th.

The Thursday Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church All are welcome!

Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m. and support our continuing weekly Post Office.

Hand gel is available and respect others' space.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - 8TH NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

I'm sure you will make an effort to be at St Peter's steps for this formal occasion. See information in this Newsletter-

BUT THE SAME WEEK ---- NOT ONLY BUT ALSO!

REMEMBRANCE 'SING ALONG' AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.

Already advertised in the last two parish magazines, this is the last written reminder before the 14th.

Sing Along with the Sea Shanties, and while you're enjoying those, get In The Mood with a 40s musical time. All designed to keep memories alive!

(Plus other songs easy to sing from 50s/60s etc)

Lyrics will be shown on the Hall screen, so no excuse that you don't know the words!

Our visiting singer, Nick from Bristol, is a professional artist with a great voice, and he will lead us all in the evening's entertainment.

There are information posters around the village, so come on, people, get your tickets now!

Call 07704 159817 (Sean) to book tickets or call at 28 Lutterburn Street - most times of day are OK, but you can leave a note if no one is there. I can deliver locally if you leave your name and address and number of tickets required. They're already selling, and there is a fixed audience total permitted in the Village Hall.

A pasty at half-time is included in the ticket price of £12.00. WELL WORTH IT.

Sean Marcus

Ivybridge u3a -

Ivybridge u3a General Meeting

Monday 16th November, 2 p.m. at the Watermark Centre

Guest speaker, Chris Robinson, will talk on

The History of Plympton

Chris is an acknowledged expert on the history of the Plymouth area,

As well as talks he provides tours of the city. His book "The History of Plympton" was published in 2025. Here, he will take us through the Town's long and fascinating story.

The event is open to members and to those no longer in full-time employment who wish to find out more of what u3a has to offer.

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag

2nd Sunday in November
November 14th

Remembrance Sunday
Birthday of King Charles III



Historical Nugget– Gareth ‘Taff’ Jones

Historical Nugget: 11th November 1988 – Margaret Thatcher visited the Gdansk shipyard in Poland and praised Lech Walesa (the leader of the Solidarity trade union movement) and his continuing struggle for freedom. In talks with the Polish leader, General Jaruzelski, she called on him to establish talks with Solidarity and all other sections of Polish society, Thatcher afterwards visited the grave of Father Popieluszko, a RC priest killed by the secret police in 1984.

The Polish trade union movement, *Solidarnosc*, was founded at the Lenin shipyard, Gdansk in August 1980 and was the first independent trade union of a Warsaw Pact country to be recognised by the state. Its membership peaked at 10 million in September 1981, roughly one-third of the working population had membership and in 1983 Lech Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Solidarity had been established because of a deep economic crisis, goods were heavily rationed and its foreign debt had reached \$18 Billion. Edward Gierek, First Secretary of the Polish United Workers Party, who had organised the international loans and permitted the existence of Solidarity was arrested a month later and subjected to house arrest.

General Jaruzelski, the new First Secretary, was determined to end the demonstrations by force and from the start, the Communist Government attempted to destroy the union through the imposition of martial law (December 1981-July 1983) and the use of political oppression. It is widely known that the Russian’s had forced Jaruzelski to impose martial law with the Russian military ready to invade and restore “socialist” order as they had done in Czechoslovakia (1968) and Hungary (1956). With a crackdown on dissidents to the regime the Reagan Administration introduced economic sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union further worsening the Polish economy – In 2011, 51% of Poles still considered the imposition of martial law as justified!

During the mid-1980s Lech Walesa and others formed a broad anti-Soviet movement encompassing a wide spectrum of people from the political left to members of the Roman Catholic Church; remember that Pope John Paul II (Karol Jozef Wojtyla, a Pole and former archbishop of Krakow) had been elected Pope in October 1978 and was influential in the Soviet Union’s later responses to the crises in Poland. By early 1989, after years of oppression, roundtable talks were held between the government and the Solidarity based opposition leading to “semi-free” elections 4th June 1989. Not all seats were allowed to be contested but where they were Solidarity won a resounding 33victory taking 161 seats, by the end of August, Tadeusz Mazowiecki was elected Prime Minister. Lech Walesa was eventually elected President of Poland in December 1990 serving five years.

Born on 29th September 1943, the former shipyard electrician and President is still active on the world stage and has received many honours from many countries including the Order of Bath from the UK and the Presidential Medal of freedom from the US. He is admired worldwide for his part in destroying communism in Poland. In my home town of Wrexham there is a large population of Polish descent, and the Royal Oak on the High Street has for many years had the sobriquet “The Polish Embassy”. The Polish and Vatican flags, alongside the *Solidarnosc* flag, flew for many years in support of their relatives in their native Poland.

Beryl's Bookworms – Sue Johns

‘This is Happiness’ Niall Williams:

This is a lyrical coming of age novel set in rural Ireland of the 1970s.

78-year-old Noel (Noe) Crowe looks back at his life in Faha, where he returned at 17 years old, after losing his faith and leaving the seminary, too afraid of the world, and plagued by thoughts that somehow life is passing him by. Living with his Grandparents Noe encounters a wealth of characters: hardworking, steeped in the traditions of a time past, and reluctantly leaning towards a fast-changing future. The characters are vibrantly depicted with their quirks, and simultaneously portrayed in all their ordinariness and extraordinariness. Family and Community are all important in a time when life was simpler.



Noe's life is particularly affected by Christy, a solitary man passing through trying to atone for the mistakes in his life – who lodges with his Grandparents, whilst rolling out the new electricity service. Some of the Group could remember the electricity arriving at the more remote farms and cottages in and around Ugborough – for whom the story was particularly real, (we're mostly all of an age!)

Christy's past gradually comes to light, in all its pathos, adventure and heartbreak.

For us Bookworms this was a marmite book!

For some, the vivid, eloquent imagery with words painted on the page was palpable. These members found that on most pages a phrase or paragraph was worthy of note – very often amusing or atmospheric; poignant or absurd – every word being savoured.

For others, the story line hidden in pages of prose was just plain frustrating, and they found they were skipping chunks to make sense of the slow-moving tale. This was not a fast-paced novel!

They were glad to move on to the Cake and Coffee part of the evening!

Our scores consequently were reflected in these widely differing opinions.

3 x 5s (almost unheard of) versus a 1 (!) & a 2 – with others ranged in the top end of middle.

Average: 3.7

Next Month: 'James' by Percival Everett

Two advance notices for your December diaries-

Ladies' Lunch *Pat Stephens*

The date for the next lunch is Wednesday December 16th
at The Ship, Ugborough for 12 noon.
Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

The Anchor Inn are hosting a Christmas Market

Saturday 12th December 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

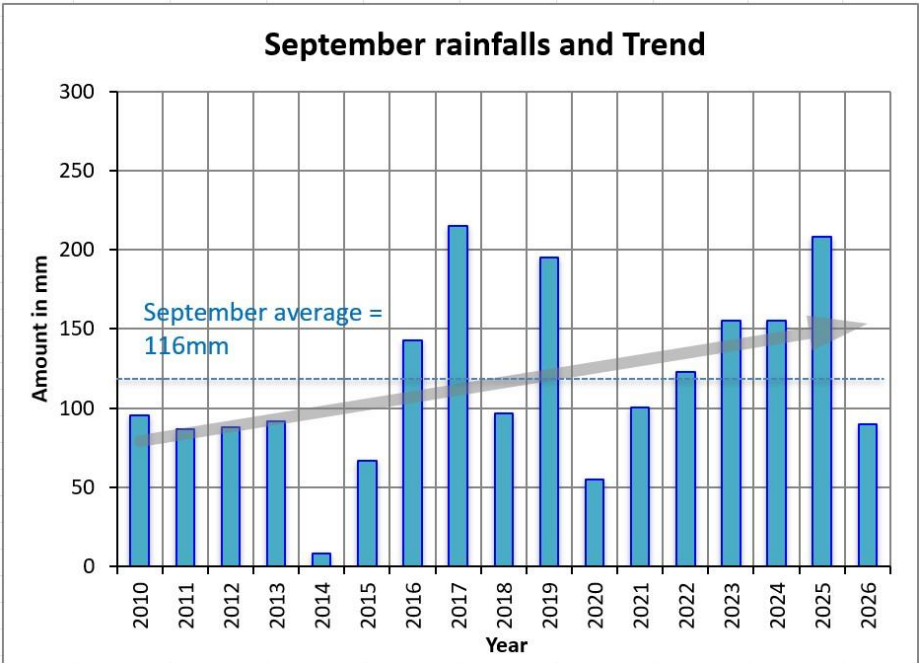
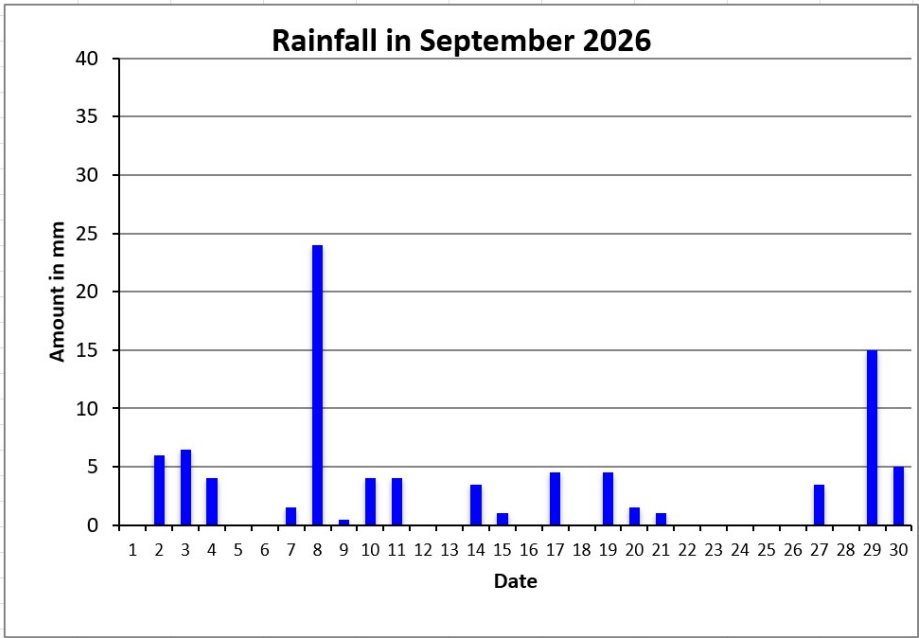
A selection of stalls, mulled wine and mince pies, bar.

Festive activities for everyone.

If you would like to be a Christmas trader, then please get in touch with Claire
anchorinn@mail.uk

Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

It may not have felt like it after the countryside started greening up and the grass growing again after our hot, dry summer...but September was slightly drier than average, and actually a bit drier than August. I recorded 90mm (3½") of rainfall at Shellwood Hill, compared to the months average of 116mm, and less than half of what we had last September.



Ugborough Village Hall

Sunday 1st November
2.30pm

The now famous
Ukulele & Sing
will entertain.

£5.00

to include
tea/coffee and
homemade cake.



RAFFLE

Raising funds for

RDA



Riding for the Disabled Association
Transforming lives through horses

Erme Valley RDA- *Peggy Douglas 07882 286421*

THE FINAL TOTAL IS IN... £8,712.

WOW! What an incredible result from our **Barn Dance**. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we made an amazing £8,712 profit.

Of this fantastic total, £500 raised through our raffle will go directly towards our Freedom to Ride mechanical horse fundraising campaign!

Huge thanks to...

The Rock Box Devon Rupert Stockwell - for generously providing the bar and booze!

Dunwell Farm - for kindly donating the lamb for the fantastic ram roast!

James Kittow Butcher & Grazier for the hog and machine

The Ring Feeder cafe- for the decorations. Winzer Equine - for delivering the stage!

Mark & Emma Sampson - for generously allowing us to use his stage / trailer!

Olympus Tool Hire - for supplying the generators and equipment.

14 Event Hire Solutions - for providing the toilets.

Ugfest - for supplying all the additional kit that helped bring the event together!

Sebby's coffee van for the milkshakes and hot drinks.

All our amazing raffle prize donors, Parkers Farm Holiday Park, Goodbodies Ltd., Newton Abbot Racecourse and more.

And most importantly, to Peter and Catherine - for so generously allowing us to use their beautiful venue! We really couldn't have done it without you both!

A HUGE thank you also goes to our wonderful musicians, entertainers, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who gave up their time to help make the night such a success.

Paul Docker The Linda Mortimore & Charlotte Smith School of Dance, Unshuffled and Olly Whitfield.

Very special mention to Sophie and Mike in particular, for the immense amount of Organising and Corraling of Family and Friends. What a Team!

The RDA CEO was most impressed with our work and purpose-built centre when he visited on the 5th October, and it was great to have the chance to discuss our future plans and interesting to hear where he hopes to develop the National Team.

Massive congratulations to Sarah Chambers for completing her London to Brighton Cycle Ride and raising £1600! Thanks to all her Sponsors.

Our Concert featuring the City of Plymouth Concert Band, held at Ivybridge Methodist Church proved to be a great success. The audience thoroughly enjoyed a varied programme ranging from Bond Themes to Shenandoah and everything in between. A brilliant £499 was raised for funds.

What an amazing effort from all those involved in the Horse & Bike 12-hour Challenge! A joint venture between EVRDA and SDW Pony Club saw everyone hunkering down to raise £1400 to be equally shared.

29 Riders took part on the Mechanical Horse, and 35 Riders rode the static electric bike – travelling a total of 259.5 miles. Thanks of course to the Organisers, all those who took part and to all the Sponsors!

Meanwhile our horses have all had a visit from the Equine Dentist, alongside our ongoing worming and vaccination programme – all designed to keep them in tiptop health!

On the 19th November Mandy Frost is leading a CPD Session focusing on Aims and Goal Setting; this is an important part of the work we do at Erme Valley. Helping us to recognise the progressor participants make and ensure our sessions are meaningful and beneficial.

Jane Lankester and Sue Johns have an important date at the National RDA AGM in November – where they are honoured to be presented with the President’s Award by Jane Holderness-Roddam CVO CBE, for over 40 years of Service to EVRDA in all its different guises over this time.

Date for your Diary: Christmas Fund Raiser 5th December. Hope to see you there!

Ugborough Parish Council

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Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk> - where you can view the Newsletter to use the weblinks

Ugborough Parish Council News from our October Meeting
3 members of the public attended the meeting

Questions from the Public and Matters Arising

1. The meeting began with the members of the public raising their concern regarding the on-going problem of speeding traffic on the A3121 and the dangerous junction at Ludbrook. We discussed various solutions with Cllr Thomas, and he outlined the various policies regulating action that can be taken on major roads. Finally we agreed that our clerk would discuss suitable sites for the possible installation of a speed warning camera with our DCC Highways Officer and request also that signage on the road be reviewed with a view to installing additional warning signage at the junctions.

2. Cllr Dan Thomas then summarised the current status of the paused Local Government Review and answered our questions regarding possible outcomes, timescales (can’t be answered) and any potential impact on local elections. (None)

3. Prior to the meeting a resident had requested that we take a look at parking on Lutterburn Street, Ugborough. Two Councillors had done a site visit but there are no parking infringements and so we are unable to pursue this matter. As always, we ask that people park considerately throughout the parish.
4. In response to a request we will purchase an additional sign advising on the considerate disposal of dog waste for the field on the road from Ugborough Village to The Sign of the Owl. Again, we would ask that dog owners clear up after their dogs and dispose of their dog's waste in the bins provided in the village or take the bags home.
5. We have been told that the previously scheduled Highways work to widen the road on the B3196 Fowlescombe to Loddiswell using monies raised through new development funding had subsequently been cancelled. We had not been made aware of this, and Cllr Thomas will investigate.
6. Devon County Council are ready to install a new grill on Lutterburn Stream and Undertown residents have received a letter detailing the work and seeking approval for the work
7. The Management Company for the Lucerne Fields Estate have no knowledge of our missing bench. We will consider a replacement as part of the budget setting process at our November meeting.

Devon County Council (DCC) Councillor Update:

- The DCC Special Educational Needs Development plan has been approved and £191m in government funding is back in the budget.
- An additional £4.5m spend on Highways has been approved - £3m for capital projects and the remaining for a new rapid response initiative and improved drainage works on highways.
- Cllr Thomas is investigating why the agreed planting of the field adjacent to the Kitterford Roundabout has not taken place.

South Hams District Council (SHDC) Councillors Update:

Cllrs DeWynter and Abbott had sent apologies. Their report is on our website.

SUMMARY

- Flu Vaccine Programme
- Saxon Gate
- Repeated Call for Sites
- New Planning Laws
- Heritage at Risk
- Junior Life-skills
- Council and Citizens Advice team up on money support
- CCTV and Fly-tipping
- Torcross Sea Defence Work
- Dartmouth Lower Ferry
- Consultations – registered taxi fares

- Proposed Animal Licensing Policy

Planning

We considered 5 applications, supporting 3 and objecting to the construction of 8 open market dwellings on Palace Lane, North Filham on the grounds that there is inadequate infrastructure or employment use opportunities to sustain further residential development in this area. We commented that we would prefer that the proposal to reduce the previously approved 3 parking spaces to 2 on one of the Lutterburn Farm development properties was not approved.

We noted the appeal decision to allow the build of the Aldi store on Rutt Lane, and we will be contacting them to remind them of the actions we had listed in our response to the original application which would have earned our support and ask that Aldi consider these options moving forward.

Finance

We are pleased to grant fund £500 to Ivybridge Ring and Ride who support individuals in our community by running weekly shopping trips (supermarkets and market towns), monthly social excursions (garden centres, cafés, seaside, Dartmoor) and individual car journeys which take people to and from various appointments (hospital; dentist; doctor; hairdressers etc). Every journey is door-to-door and drivers support individual passenger needs (e.g. taking shopping into the kitchen, assisting getting in and out of the vehicle).

We encourage anyone struggling with access to transport to contact this charity: Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association

Unit 15, The Watermark Business Centre, Erme Court, St Leonards Rd, Ivybridge PL21 0SZ

01752 690444 Email: info@ringandride.net

They would also be interested to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer as a driver.

Assets and Maintenance

1. We had received no proposals for the installation of a permanent Petanque Court in Ugborough Village – this will be kept under review. Meantime we agreed that we would support a temporary installation for Ugborough Fair 2027 with the period being agreed in advance.

2. We have agreed the refurbishment of the Ugborough and Wrangaton bus shelters

3. Bittaford Play Area

We are very pleased with the new equipment that has been installed and the repair of the path - fingers crossed that the grass planted in the foundation tiles grows

quickly. To complete the project there will be further flood prevention work, removal of the old fence, and a rewilding project.

4. We have asked South Hams District Council who look after the play park in Ugborough Village to hard prune the Bay Tree which is slowly overtaking the area.

4. We will be budgeting for a new shed for The Burial Ground in 2027-2028

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th November, 7.30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN BITTAFORD VILLAGE HALL – all are welcome to attend as usual.

Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers. To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 07814849131 parishclerk@ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

All services start at 11 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Sunday November 1st - Rev'd D Youngs. Communion

Sunday November 8th - Mike Cade

Sunday November 15th - Mike Cade

Sunday November 22nd -Dawn Martin

Sunday November 29th -David Greet.

Services at St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Services start at 9.30 a.m. except for the first Sunday of each month

We have a variety of services, traditional and informal, so please check below to see what is available.

Date	Service
Sunday November 1 st at 4.30 p.m.	Informal All Age Worship with craft activities followed by tea for all
Sunday November 8 th Remembrance Sunday	Holy Communion at 9.30 followed by the Act of Remembrance on the Church Green at 10.50
Sunday November 15 th	Holy Communion
Sunday November 22 nd	Holy Communion
Sunday November 29 th Advent Sunday	Joint Mission Community Service at Diptford with the Archdeacon of Totnes at 11 a.m. No service at Ugborough

Hand gel is available and please respect others' space.

The Three Rivers Mission Community covers the parishes of Diptford with North Huish, Ermington, Halwell, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, and Ugborough. You can find details of all services across all the parishes at its website, www.3rivers.org.uk

For all church business and parish matters, please contact Sue Johns (Church Warden)- email- suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com
Tel. 07889737967

Village services.

The Post Office continues its service at Ugborough Church on Thursday mornings, and coffee and cake will be available from 10 – 11.45 a.m. Do pop in for a chat. Look out for notices in the church porch and in The Bugle for news of the Post Office service.

Contributions

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter and to Colourbridge in Ivybridge for printing them so efficiently.

Advance notice that the next issue will be for two months- December and January.

Special thanks to the team – Anne and Tom Holway for organising the delivery to the distributors, and the distributors for making sure that your copy is delivered to you. Contributions should be sent by e mail to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter at normaroe9@gmail.com

The deadline is 15th of the month please. Thank you for keeping to this.

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