

Ugborough Parish Newsletter

April 2022



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Ugborough Square and roads Spring Clean

If you would like to help, please come and join our working party for a couple of hours on Saturday 2nd April meeting at 10 a.m. in The Square. The more the merrier. *(Sustenance will be provided by way of Tea/Coffee and a bacon/Vegetarian bap)*

Please bring your weeding equipment with you.

For more information, contact

Clive Hart on 01752 463128 or
cwjhart@sky.com



The Thursday Coffee Morning

in St Peter's Church is BACK, alongside our continuing weekly Post Office.

Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m.

Please make use of the hand gel and wear masks until seated. All are welcome!

Ceremonial Flying of the Flag - *From the Parish Council report-*

‘We are in the process of sourcing a new flagpole for Ugborough Square. We will be sorry to see the existing flagpole go, which has been there since 1902, but sadly we are not going to be able to renovate it’.

(See also Parish Clerk’s report on Page 12)

The flag would normally be flown on the following dates in April-

April 21st *Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II*

April 23rd *St. George’s Day*

Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays - *Val Holman 01752 894973*

We will be in the village hall from 10 a.m.-12 noon on the dates below. Come and fill your boots with delicious pies, bread, ready meals, pasties, jams and cakes all made by local producers, most of whom live in the village. Clever crafts include cards, prints, oilcloth bags, jewellery and sewn items. There are usually plants available too! Phil’s famous bacon butties and decent coffee & tea are for sale from the Cafe. Please come and support this local initiative, we would love to see you.

Upcoming dates are 9th and 23rd April, and 7th and 21st May

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

Charity Number 1043499- *Tess Watkinson*

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

Contact

07763215455

admin@ugboroughandbittafordpre-school.org.uk

As Spring finally seems to be arriving, we have been enjoying increased time outdoors and spotting signs of new life. We have welcomed lots of new faces lately and they have settled in brilliantly.

We enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day with lots of children dressed up as their favourite book characters and that has coincided with a particular focus on language and literacy with our new ‘pre-school library’ book bags. The children love choosing a book to take home and share with their parents and are very proud of their own red bags to put them in. We also celebrated Mothers’ Day making individual, home-made clay pots which the children really enjoyed taking home to surprise mum with (as well as getting messy with the clay!) Our cooking sessions continue to be lots of fun and have included pizza muffins and fruit salad and will soon include Easter nests!

Unfortunately, we have had some bad news regarding our build plans. WEST Academy, have been unable to support our plans to build on the Ugborough Primary school site as they anticipate needing the space for their own growth. However, with the help of our dedicated, voluntary Preschool Committee, we are refocusing our efforts into some other potentially exciting options so we will keep you posted!

We have lots of excitement lined up for April and beyond, including a Dartmoor Zoo trip on April 1st while Ugborough Dramatic Society use the Village Hall. We will also have a

sponsored Easter Egg Hunt just before the holidays and we are starting to think forward to a Garden Party to celebrate the Jubilee. Our Baby and Toddler Group continues to run on Mondays at 10.15 a.m. and we hope to see many of you at this year's Ugfest on 21st May.

Ugborough Primary School *Headteacher - Mrs. Lucy French*

Red Nose Day – Mufti Day

Many thanks for supporting Red Nose Day. It was great to see the children come to school in mufti today and donate to such a worthy cause. Thank you to Ms Smith and Hillhead who also held a bake sale in aid of Comic Relief.

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 5th April -Friends of Ugborough Easter Tea (see below)

Monday 11th –Friday 22nd April -Easter Break

Monday 2nd May- Bank Holiday – School closed

Friends of Ugborough Easter Tea: Tuesday 5th April, 3.15-4.30 p.m. in the Church. We will be holding a bake sale with teas and coffee along with fair stalls and competitions. We would love to see you there. Look out for details of a children's craft competition too.

Ugfest 2022 will be on Saturday May 21st at Hillhead Farm. We are very excited about bringing this epic one night music and beer fest back - we have local bands The Long Faces and Groundrush booked in with sound services from Blue Thunder, and we will finish with another incredible set from Electric Geraint!
Further information from Catherine (07817175460)

G-UP - Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably



Please find G-UP on Facebook or drop us a line if you would like to be added to our email circulation list and hear about future events directly:
greenerugp@gmail.com
<https://www.ugborough.com/g-up>
greenerugp@gmail.com

We recently issued our G-UP Spring enewsletter: If you would like to receive this - which includes info about local sustainability related issues and events, as well as ways to get involved, please email us.

Waste and recycling ~

Terracycle have decided to close the crisp packet strand of their recycling programme! This means we'll be closing our local crisp packet collection scheme. Please drop off **all crisp packets to Hillhead delivery point by 31st March**. Please ensure only CRISP packets are dropped off. Packets need to be entirely empty please and made in to crisp packet 'bricks' (i.e., with several packets laid flat and inserted into another packet to 'contain' them).

Huge thanks to Jane and David Johns for providing a drop off point for these which, once processed, will contribute to resource funds to Ugborough Primary School via G-UP. The collection box for old pens/writing instruments is currently in Ugborough Bus Shelter. Thanks also to Simon Pickstone and Ashley Todd who undertook the glamorous task of emptying Ugborough Primary School's compost! This now means the school has a fresh system up and running – which will prove so useful in terms of waste management, as well as being educational for the children.



Link Your Garden To The Wild

and inspiration check out our website

Wildlife and Biodiversity Working Group

<https://www.ugborough.com/wildlife-and-biodiversity-working-group>

Do something simple for wildlife and help create a community nature reserve. For more information

<https://www.ugborough.com/wildlink>

Thank you for everyone who stopped to chat to us about **WildLink** at USS last month and collected some free pollinator-friendly seeds. Our volunteers are busy planting seeds for plant giveaways later in the year. Let us know how you are getting on, if you need any help with making your garden more wildlife friendly and for offers of help with **WildLink**, however small - please email -

Bittaford and Moorhaven - Jackie j.andrade@me.com

Ugborough and the rest of the Parish - Susan susan@inxite.co.uk

As the weather begins to warm up and we start to think of new plants for our gardens can we consider pollinators in our choices by setting up a nectar cafe? Here is some advice from [Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

Setting up your nectar café:

Choose a sheltered sunny spot.

- Place each plant in groups or drifts so that the colour and scent are easy to detect. Or for smaller garden's group pots together for your nectar café.
- Prolong the flowering season – select plants so that you have a show of flowers from early spring to late autumn.
- Choose flowers with a simple (often flat) structure, like old cottage varieties, as they are the easiest for insects to feed from. Double flowers are bad news for bees as most of the pollen producing structures (anthers) have become petals and the nectaries (nectar producing structures) are hard to access, so they provide little food.
- Remember to provide a night-time feast for moths. Plant some night-scented flowers. e.g. honeysuckle, Tabaco plant or hebe.
- Add herbs to the mix as they are highly attractive to insects or design a dedicated herb garden.

Nectar plant suggestions: Early season	Mid-season	Late season
<i>Aubretia</i> spp	Buddleia - <i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Coneflower - <i>Echinacea</i> spp.
English bluebell - <i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Heather - <i>Erica cinerea</i>	French marigold - <i>Tagetes patula</i>
Currant - <i>Ribes</i> spp.	Lady's bedstraw - <i>Galium verum</i>	Golden rod - <i>Solidago</i> spp.
Grape hyacinth - <i>Muscari armeniacum</i>	Lavender - <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Honeysuckle - <i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>
Lungwort - <i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Common mallow - <i>Malva sylvestri</i>	Ice plant - <i>Sedum spectabile</i>
Primrose - <i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Purple toadflax - <i>Linaria purpurea</i>	Ivy - <i>Hedera helix</i>
Sweet violet - <i>Viola odorata</i>	Rock cress - <i>Arabis</i> spp.	Meadow saffron - <i>Colchicum autumnale</i>
Winter aconite - <i>Eranthis hyemalis</i>	Sea holly - <i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Michaelmas daisy - <i>Aster pyrenaeus</i>
Wood anemone - <i>Anemone nemorosa</i>	Verbena - <i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	Common sunflower - <i>Helianthus annuus</i>
Alyssum - <i>Alyssum montanum</i>	Wallflower - <i>Erysimum cheiri</i>	Red valerian - <i>Centranthus ruber</i>

POLLINATOR FOCUS

- The 270 species of bee that we have in the UK all fly at different times, so it is important to have food available for them all year round.
- Many of the solitary bees are short-lived, after mating and egg-laying they're gone before spring ends.
- Bumblebees are around for much longer, the founding queens we see now will go onto produce broods of worker females then later in the year males and next year's queens.
- These are the bumblebees to look out for now are White-tailed bumblebee queens, Buff-tailed bumblebee queens, Tree bumblebee queens, Early bumblebee queens and Red-tailed bumblebee queens.
- Solitary bees to look out for now are Gwynne's Mining Bee, Tawny mining bee, Early mining bee, Clarke's mining bee, Yellow-legged mining bee and the Hairy-footed flower bee.

- The Red-tailed mason bee (*Osmia bicolor*) males emerge first and guard empty snail shells in their foraging grounds. The females which emerge later will make a nest within this shell, which they camouflage with ground litter. This has not been recorded in our parish but don't tidy up those snail shells and you never know!
- Now is a great time to look out for The Tawny Mining bee (*Andrena fulva*). The female bee is unmistakable with a densely orange-furred abdomen and reddish pile on top of the thorax and is honeybee sized. They dig their nests into the ground often in garden lawns or flower beds. They feed on spring shrubs including willow, hawthorn, and fruit trees as well as dandelion



iNaturalist

Remember to keep recording all your sightings on iNaturalist and the wildlife WhatsApp Group Chat.

UGBOROUGH DRAMATIC SOCIETY are hosting a STAYCATION!

A fun evening of food and entertainment in 3 Acts.

From 7 to 11 p.m. on

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd April.

Bar and Draw.

and do bring some loose change!

PLEASE MEET at 7 p.m. OUTSIDE THE OLD CHAPEL, LUTTERBURN STREET.

Bring a Brolly if wet!

Entry by pre ordered and prepaid only tickets- £15 each from Sue Johns

Please call, text, WhatsApp 07889 737967.

Or e mail suejohnsdunwellfarm@gmail.com

to check ticket availability (any available tickets are limited to 2 per application).

Payment by BACS

Ugborough Dramatic Society,

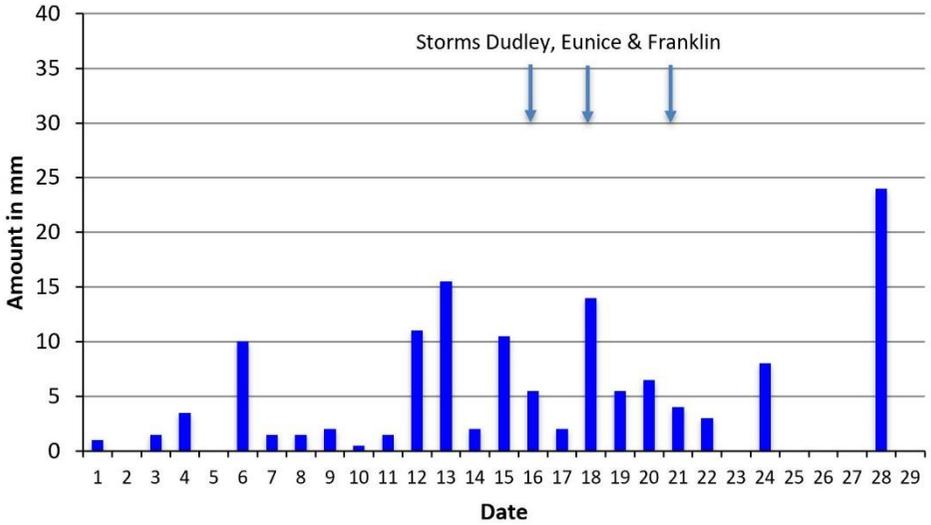
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By cheque or Cash to the Hughes' The Old Chapel, Lutterburn Street.

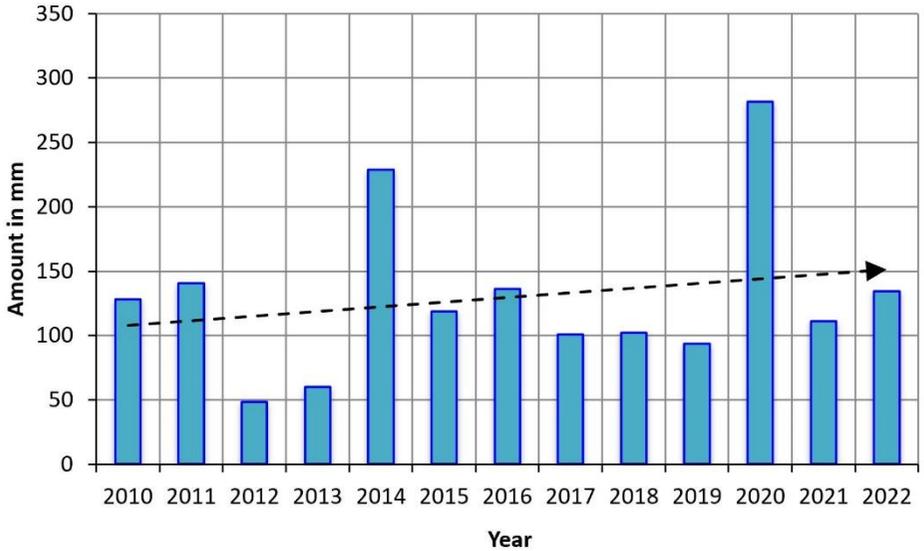
Rainfall at Shellwood Hill *George Arnison*

February this year was wet and windy – as it so often is. It rained most days and across the month I recorded 134.5mm (almost 5½”) of rain, which in total was only marginally above the monthly average of 130mm. However we had three named storms within the space of a week – the first time this has happened since storms started being named in 2015 - and there was a very rare Met Office Red Warning for north Devon where winds reached hurricane Force 12 strength offshore. We escaped the worst of it down here - but it was still pretty breezy!

Rainfall in February 2022



February rainfalls and Trend



Beryl's Bookworms –Norma Roe

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

'Between life and death there is a library...And within that library the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices...Would you have done anything different if you had the chance to undo your regrets?' Would we really make better choices if we could step back in time? This is the big question posed by this book.



Nora Seed commits suicide as everything in her life seems to have gone wrong, but instead of dying, between life and death, she finds herself in the library. She has the opportunity to live alternative lives and (*spoiler alert*) ends up choosing to go back to the life she has lived. 'It's not what you look at, it's what you see'- her perspective had changed, and she was aware of possibilities. By living other lives, she had become more aware of the effect of her life lived on other people's life chances. In the library she had found hope and potential- and she wanted to live-'yes, yes, a thousand times yes.'

Matt Haig's own battle with depression and suicidal feelings and his subsequent learning to live again made this book feel very authentic. Other books written by him have also explored mental health issues- the memoir 'Reasons to stay alive' and his most recent book, the well titled 'Comfort Book,' a book about life, stress and self- acceptance and written during the lockdown.

Although The Midnight Library is a multi-million best seller and the Goodreads 2020 fiction winner, the reception to Matt Haig's writing is very mixed. This was reflected in our Group's discussion where there were very varied views. For some, it was just not the right book and maybe found it cheesy, corny and shallow, or even uninteresting, but others found it very real and deeply meaningful.

The average score of 3.5 was achieved by widely disparate scores from 2 to 4 and a half! Our next book is very different- The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths.

Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

All services start at 11 a.m.

Sunday 3rd April- Revd D Youngs Communion Service.

Sunday 10th April- Mr M. Cade

Sunday 17th April-Miss T White

Sunday 24th April- Mrs M McNaughton

On Sunday 3rd April at 3 p.m. we welcome the Damerel Belles in concert providing a varied programme of classical and light music for women's voices. All welcome FREE entry - no tickets - just turn up.



Your Stars Tonight. Despite the wintery weather my friend was very insistent that we should go gold panning at what he promised would be a new Klondike on the Rame Peninsula. He had spent lockdown researching Cornish Gold locations and their proximity to geological thrust faults – cracks in the earth’s crust. After much rumination he concluded that if you track the gold bearing Rhenohercynian Thrust Faults in Bohemia as they zig-zag west across Europe and then down the English Channel to Torbay and westward across the Tamar then gold would occur in the Permian Sandstone at Kingsand. He then spent months finding who owned the beach above low water mark and obtaining the required gold panning permit. So, how could I refuse his invitation to join him in mid-winter on a very public beach with such promised riches?

Whenever I go panning, I marvel at the journey that the meagre tiny flakes of gold in my pan have made over billions of years. For it is a quirk of nature and atomic physics that “normal” stars like our sun cannot produce heavy elements such as copper, tin, lead and gold. They are created only in exploding super nova stars and our sun and its planets and asteroids originally formed from the resultant stellar debris perhaps 10 billion years ago. When Super Nova occur, they can shine with the light of a billion stars for a few months - luckily for life on earth they are rare. We have not had a close one since 1604 and that could be seen in broad daylight. Last year there was talk that Orion’s Betelgeuse appeared to be suffering astronomical indigestion and might go supernova, but it seems to have settled down.

So, having cheerfully paid for parking at Kingsand, we admired the stream that runs down the steep valley behind village and fantasised about the gold being swept down onto the beach. However we were a bit put out to find that instead of an attractive waterfall cascading onto the beach and piling up the gold nuggets, we had been foiled by the Victorians who had channelled the stream into a sewer pipe that disappeared into the Plymouth Sound. The day was definitely not going to plan! We made a half-hearted attempt at panning sand and gravel below the harbour wall, surrounded by the usual throng of dog walkers and concerned residents (all wanting to know how much we had made so far – a terse “not a penny” was the answer) until the incoming tide and freezing fingers suggested we would have been better off staying in bed.

On returning to the car park staying in bed became a much-preferred option – I had a jolly red plastic bag with a £90 ticket from a much-loved parking enforcement company with profitable branches in Ivybridge. Years of Zen Buddhist training came to my aid, and I levitated above rage to philosophical calm and decided to return home to the welcoming arms of the steamed dieter. As I drove along the coast road above Whitsand Bay all thoughts of revenge and depleted bank accounts lifted in the springtime sunshine and a lark was ascending in the nearby meadow. But where was its song? and rather more worryingly ... where were my “top of the range” high tech hearing aids? Alas - gone to that great auditory repository in the sky , or more likely, the bottom of the Plymouth Sound.

When I arrived home my erudite explanations of Rhenohercynian thrust planes and supernova was not well received, nor was an attempt to revive memories of happier days by an impromptu rendition of “we are stardust” from that summer of love classic Woodstock. “No gold, a parking ticket and deaf as a post – consider your pocket money frozen, gold pan confiscated, and you are confined to the bottom of the garden to stargaze in the rain” was the steamed dieter’s verdict.

Ugborough Parish Council

Clerk: Sarah Woodman Tel: 01364 661127 Email: ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>

The Annual Parish Meeting was held before the Parish Council Meeting. It was a low-key affair as the Parish Council considered it would be irresponsible to encourage the public to congregate while Covid is still very much in evidence. The Meeting started with a presentation by Ella Peters, the Development Worker for the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance. There are 19 Parishes in the Alliance, including Ugborough, with the aim of supporting dementia sufferers in the community and enabling them to contribute to the community. They provide training, information and support – for more information, go to www.4riversdementia.org.uk/

County Cllr Dan Thomas encouraged Parishioners to contact him on issues which affect them, so now is a timely reminder of his email address: Daniel.Thomas@devon.gov.uk

The Parish Council Meeting started with presentations from two of the candidates for the Councillor vacancy. Jon May was the successful candidate - has lived in Moorhaven for fifteen years and previously helped out with Ugborough youth football teams, been involved with the South Brent preschool and After School clubs, was a director of South Brent Community Land Trust and is currently a member of South Brent Community Energy Society. He has been helping litter pick and keeping down Himalayan Balsam. Jon is keen to maintain footpaths and improve cycle routes, and is concerned about the increased traffic and demand on local resources from the new housing to the west of the Parish.

The response to the Councillor vacancy was very rewarding, with four potential applicants, all with excellent credentials. The Parish Council election will be coming up in just over a year's time, and hopefully they will put themselves up for election.

A 20mph Zone for Ugborough received overwhelming support, with 45 children and 55 adults signing a petition at Sustainable Saturdays. The next step is for the Parish Council to submit the online application.

Devon Wildlife Community of the Year Awards are being run by the Devon Local Nature Partnership until 15th July, looking for projects, schemes or initiatives that have taken steps to improve the wildlife value of an area, and result in a social benefit such as an increase in skills, awareness of nature, social interaction, well-being, or health. For more information, go to <https://www.devonlnp.org.uk/get-involved/wild-about-devon/devon-wildlife-community-of-the-year-awards-2021-22/>

A consultation is being held in constituency boundary changes. It would appear that Ugborough Parish is unaffected by the proposals, but you can submit your views by going to <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/6489>

Ugborough village is to receive a Spring Clean, thanks to local volunteers. The tidy-up is planned for the 9 April – look out for details in the Newsletter and on noticeboards.

Planning applications considered at the Meeting (with the Parish Council recommendation in **bold**):

1. [0105/22/TPO](#) G32: x3 Pine - fell due to level changes on development site at Saxon Gate (East), Rutt Lane, Ivybridge **Object**
2. [0481/22/PDM](#) Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 1.no dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b)) at Barn at Venn, Ugborough. For information only. **Not a structure that warrants protection**
3. 0461/22/LBC Listed Building Consent for proposed roof slate replacement, with bat mitigation works to roof at Lower Bowcombe Farm, Ugborough No comment. **Neutral. Planning statement relates to the previous, withdrawn application, which included additional development**
4. [0482/22/ARC](#) Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 11, 21, 28 and 33 of Planning Permission 3703/18/OPA at Land At Sx 651 560 Filham Ivybridge Devon **Object. Davids Lane is used by walkers, runners, the disabled and cyclists (as a temporary quiet-way for cycling between Ivybridge and Bittaford). Access to phase 2 of the scheme should use the main highway through phase 1**

Ugborough flagpole has received quite a battering in the recent storms, and is considered beyond repair. As an alternative, the Parish Council is hoping to recycle an aluminium yacht mast. The old mast will probably have gone by the time this Newsletter goes to press and, as planning permission may be needed, its replacement may take a little while.

Correspondence I have received over the last month:

- A consultation on planning for climate emergency, to support the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan is running to 21st April. Go to <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/climate-planning>
- Step On Grant To Help South Hams Step Out Of Housing Crisis is the catchy phrase for South Ham's latest housing initiative. Up to £5,000 will be given to anyone who is currently renting a social housing property to help them purchase a shared ownership home. As well as giving practical support to help more local people step on the housing ladder, it will also free up more homes for rent at an affordable price.

The next Meeting will be held in the main hall at Ugborough Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6th April. *Privacy policy – visit ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk*

Litter picking equipment is available to local volunteers.

To borrow, please contact the Parish Clerk Tel 01364 661127 ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk

U3a summer programme

Ivybridge u3a is all systems go as a full summer programme of speakers are lined up for the monthly general meetings following the enforced 18-month Covid lockdown.

On April 25th, Anne Marcer will be relating some of her many and varied experiences as she tells members all about the 'Education of Girls in Nepal'. Details of other meetings will be in future Newsletters.

Services at St. Peter's Church, Ugborough
Services start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise shown.

Date	Service
Sunday 3 rd April	All Age worship (led by Local Worship Leaders)
Sunday 10 th April	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Day service
Sunday 24 th April	Holy Communion

Holy Week services in April- these are the proposed services.

Please look out for a Bugle in case of any changes.

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th April– virtual Mission Community services at 7 p.m. each evening via zoom.

Thursday 14th April (Maundy Thursday)- Holy Communion service at **Ugborough** church at 7 p.m.

Friday 15th April (Good Friday)- Quiet hour at the cross at **Ermington** church from 2-3 p.m.

Saturday 16th April – Benefice Holy week and Easter carol service at **Ugborough** church at 7 p.m.

Please note that we are being very cautious about lifting restrictions and we would ask you to consider wearing a face covering at all services.

Please use the hand gel provided and respect others' space.

At last- Messy Church is back!
 Look out for announcements of dates.
 Stories, crafts, messy activities, songs, food and fun
 at St Peter's Church, Ugborough,
 All Ages welcome.
 Children to be accompanied by an adult



An Easter Reflection: Risen from the dead? A meditation for Easter from the vantage point of Mary Magdalene

'Risen from the dead? Don't be ridiculous, woman!'

That was what the disciples said when we gave them the wonderful news.

We tried to explain, to make them see, to persuade them to go and look for themselves. And they did in the end, but at first, they wouldn't believe, just as we didn't believe when we arrived at the tomb to find the stone rolled away.

We'd gone to the garden very early, as soon as the dawn had begun to break, taking the spices and perfumes we'd carefully prepared before the Sabbath had begun.

We walked in silence, each of us lost in our own thoughts, still reeling from Jesus' death. We were speechless when we saw the stone moved and the tomb empty.

Two men were standing there, we were very frightened, and we fell to our knees with fear.

'What had happened?' 'Where was Jesus?' 'Who were these people?'

Questions we would have asked, had we the courage.

Then the men spoke to us, 'Why are you looking for the Living One in a tomb?

He is not here, he has risen!'

And we remembered Jesus' words, words that had faded from our minds as the events of three days ago took over.' The Son of Man must be handed over and be crucified, and three days later he will rise to life.'

We all began talking at once, 'Could it be true? 'Was it possible?'

We hardly dare imagine that it might be. We hurried back and found the disciples gathered together in the one room, discussing all that had happened, talking about a future without Jesus.

Once they dismissed our news as nonsense, we began to leave, but Peter, who had gone off to look for himself, returned.

'The tomb is empty,' he told the others, 'The linen wrappings are there, but Jesus is gone.

'This can only mean one thing,' he said, 'and I hardly dare say it, Jesus must be alive!

'It's all true, every word he said to us is true!'

An Easter message- *David Stafford*

The Spring sunshine reminds me of the time of renewal after the cold winter winds and rain. The church calendar is also special as we look to the events of 2000 years ago when a new dawn would break into the affairs of humans to bring about an end to the spiritual tyranny of evil in the world. However, the way humans treat each other is still all too evident.

Jesus was at the centre of the events in Jerusalem, riding into that city and heralded by the people as a potential king. But at the same time he knew what was to befall him at the hands of the authorities.

After washing his friends' feet and then enjoying a meal in an upper room, Jesus went into Jerusalem to face the people in power with their moral and spiritual lostness.

This made them want to kill him, even though he had concern for them in their rebellion against God.

During his execution even one of the Roman soldiers in charge remarked as Jesus died: "Surely this was a righteous man." Those watching also went away beating their breasts as if they knew too that this murder was all wrong.

But all was not lost, as Jesus came back to life after being buried for three days, appearing to his dispirited friends and many others. The evidence was overwhelming that he was alive. All of the things he had previously told them how he would return to them alive came to their minds and galvanised them to tell others about the new life possible with Christ.

This has been the mission of the church ever since.

Come to a		
FARMHOUSE LUNCH		
At Dunwell Farm, Ugborough		
Home of Cliff & Sue Johns		
On Wednesday May 4 th at 12 noon		
£12		
Proceeds to St Peter's Church, Ugborough		
Bring & Buy		Draw

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.3rivers.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.

Horse and Groom Beer Festival- *Rose, Dawn & Olly*

This year the Horse and Groom Team at Bittaford are celebrating 20 years in business. Join them on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May for their big party Beer Festival. Including Live Music from Devon's Top Glam Rock Band "SWEAT", Morris Dancing with the Plymouth Morris Men, More Live Music with "Rick The Stick" + the Famous "the Beer Fest Waitress Race" returns by popular demand.... sponsored by "Hunter's Brewery". This two days event will once again be raising money for "The Brain Tumour Charity"

Ugborough Village Hall - *Stafford Williams*

Advance notice- The Village Hall hosts the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th May at 8 p.m. in the main hall. The committee welcomes everyone from the community to review the year's activities and finances. This is the opportunity for you to have your say on the Hall and to help establish the committee for the coming year.

Village services.

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m., normally every 4 weeks.

The next date is April 26th .

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon from 12.30- 2.30 p.m. and Thursday morning from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Please look out for notices about Easter arrangements.

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The Big Breakfast for Ukraine has raised over £3,000. An amazing amount!

Not too late to donate: all through the church by Cheque, cash or BACS - clearly referenced UKRAINE.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to organise such a successful event.

Contributions

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Contributions should be sent by e mail to Mrs. Norma Roe, The Editor, Ugborough Parish Newsletter at norma-davidroe@tiscali.co.uk

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