

UGBOROUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2012



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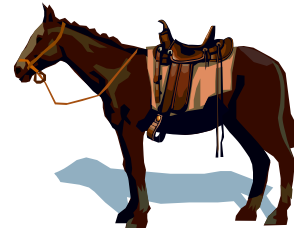
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Ceremonial flying of the Flag. The flag will be flown on the following occasions-
 Monday February 6th - Accession Day of Queen Elizabeth II
 Sunday February 19th- Birthday of the Duke of York.

Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. *Peggy Douglas*
(tel. 07882286421)



At last we now have confirmation from the Charity Commissioners of our new charity number as we have become a Limited Company. This is to give our Trustees greater protection but will not alter the way we run.

Mary Quale's (mum's) memorial fund totalled £3200 - a good amount and she would have been very pleased.

We also had the proceeds from John Murray-Brown's funeral (£500). John had supported our group for several years as a fund raiser. Joy, his wife, is going to continue to collect on our behalf.

Our Christmas raffle totalled £1200. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and also gave prizes. Particular thanks to Paul Docker and Frazer Hart for their generosity, Jim Long, Ollie and the Horse and Groom.

All sessions are full at the moment and we are a bit short of helpers again. Some of our teenagers are doing exams or have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award, so if you know of anyone who can help out, particularly now when the horses need more care (mucking out), then please get them to contact us.

Garden Club *Anne Holway*

Our next meeting will be at the Old Post Office on Thursday 16th February at 8 p.m. You are very welcome to come along and the topic is 'Vegetables and how to grow them'.



Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School. *Naomi Williams*

We have welcomed five new children during January who have settled very quickly, and we will have a few more children starting pre-school during February. Our sessions are filling up very quickly, with Thursday being full during the morning, so if you wish your child to start pre-school in the near future please contact either Tania or Naomi to avoid disappointment.

The new "Home Corner" has been a great success, the addition of cookery books and other resources has enabled the children to extend their imaginative play. The opportunity to have a cooked meal on a Monday and Wednesday lunchtime at the school is proving increasingly popular, with the primary school staff being very accommodating for which we are most appreciative.

During the week of the 23rd January to celebrate "Chinese New Year" we invited the children to sample a variety of traditional Chinese foods, provided craft activities and introduced the different sounds and movement of Chinese music.

February we will be celebrating "Valentine's Day" making cards and jam tarts, then "Shrove Tuesday" we will be cooking pancakes, so a busy month ahead. We will also be closed for a week from Monday 13th to Friday 17th February inclusive for half-term.

Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School welcomes children all over the area from 2 years old to school age. We fill these precious years with fun and friendship in a stimulating, well-resourced environment and our activities in the pre-school are reinforced by close daily communication with parents that succeeds in achieving the best outcome for the child, and their family. At Ugborough and Bittaford Pre-School we offer an experience that has been judged "*Outstanding*" by Ofsted in March 2011 who awarded us this standard in every single category. We are open term-time only on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9am and 3pm, and on Tuesday and Friday between 9am and 12.45pm. Likewise, the Toddler Group meets on Monday between 10am and 11.30am. For more information on the pre-school please call Tania/Naomi on 07763 215455 or phone Sara on 07739 826422 for Toddler Group enquiries. Alternatively, please visit our website at www.ugboroughandbittafordpreschool.org.uk

The Ermington and Ugborough Primary Foundation

Executive Headteacher - Mrs. Jane Byrne

Parents Evening

Parent/teacher evenings will be held on Tues. 7th, Weds. 8th and Thurs. 9th February. Appointment times will be distributed shortly. We look forward to seeing you at these consultation evenings and hope that you find them useful. Provision will be made outside classrooms for siblings to wait if you cannot find child care. Please note that Film, Choir, Football and Craft clubs will be cancelled this week and Ensemble will move to the "bottom hut".

Spring Concert

A concert involving the six music specialism schools will be held on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st March at the Watermark (evening performances). Many of our children will be involved and rehearsals are already underway. Further information will follow soon.

Local Clubs

Some local clubs are looking for new members-

Ivybridge Junior Badminton Club is run by qualified UKCC Level 2 coaches, one of which being myself. We would like to focus our coaching on boys and girls in Years 5, 6 and 7. Our sessions are on Friday evenings in the Sports Hall at Ivybridge Community College from 8.00 - 9.30pm. The first session is FREE, then afterwards costs £3 for the 1 ½ hours. All equipment is provided. Please contact Jeanette Green on 01752 691000 Ext 314.

Ivybridge Community College hosts Junior Indoor Rock Climbing Sessions on Friday evenings 6.30pm-8.00pm. For 6-16 year olds, the session costs £1.50 to climb and £1.00 for equipment hire. The session is supervised by a fully qualified climbing instructor. Please be aware climbers have to be accompanied by an adult. For more information either visit the College's website under the Community Sport section or telephone 01752 698315.

UGBOROUGH FOOTBALL Training is on Saturday mornings at either ICC (9.30am) or Ugborough (9.00am) with games being played on Sunday mornings for those in the teams. No previous football experience is required! We are currently looking for players in U7 and U9 age groups, this covers 6 through to 9 year olds. Anybody requiring more details please contact Dave Privett on 07810 356465 or email: privett@live.co.uk or www.ugboroughfootball.co.uk

A new karate club is opening in Modbury on 1st February at the Memorial Hall from 6.30-7.30pm for juniors (7 years +) and 7.30-8.30pm for adults. A demonstration evening will be held on Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm - all welcome. Please contact 01752 518465 or 07552799332 for more details.

Ugborough Parish Walking Group *Merryl Docker*

The Snowdrop Walk will be on **Sunday Feb 5th at 10.45am** in **Ugborough Village Square**. We will seek out where the best drifts of these beautiful delicate harbingers of Spring will be and decide a route for our walk on the day. Touching



wood, I am going to say this winter is nowhere near as harsh as last year. By the time of our February walk this time last year the snowdrops hadn't dared poke their heads out but, as I write they are already showing their faces at Hillhead. Come and join us and we will see what we can find. Dogs and other family members will be made very welcome. Contact Merryl Docker (01752 893651) or Tom Holway (01752 893114) for more information.

Friends of Ugborough School, Charity no. 1047174

CHOCOLATE BINGO!

Saturday 25th February 2012 BITTAFORD VILLAGE HALL

Hall opens at 4.45pm- Bingo starts promptly at 5pm-6.30pm

Join us again for a fun, family (and delicious!) activity

This event is open to everyone in the Parish - all welcome!

Winners celebrate with chocolate prizes! Raffle with chocolate prizes!

Bingo tickets £2.50 per book, price to include a Hot Dog

(Vegetarian option available - let us know when you arrive)

No charge for parents/carers supporting - do join us for a Hot Dog at £1.50

Free chocolate if you know the bingo phrase for number 13

(remember to tell us when you are paying)

Tuck Shop / tea & coffee available

Free Drinks (orange/blackcurrant squash) for the children.

Book Lovers *Anne Nonymous*

The Villa Triste by Lucretia Grindle.



I came across this book by chance, not having heard of the author, but the storyline was something of interest to me. It is a book of two decades - the 1940s and then the present day. In the Autumn of 1943, Italy signs the Armistice, which will take them out of the war and into chaos. In Florence, two sisters, Isabella and Caterina, as members of the Partisans, take on the Nazis and the Fascists.

In the present day, Pallioti, a senior police officer in Florence, investigates a murder and then finds himself pulled back in time. He works to uncover a crime lost in the twilight of the war. A really excellent read.

Twinkle, twinkle, little stars by Gervase Phinn and illustrated by Chris Mould

This is a collection of stories from Gervase Phinn's bestselling Dales books. Of course it is a delightful read, I found myself reading it aloud to anyone who would listen and there was laughter all the way.

My thanks to Beryl's Bookworms, for their list of their top reads. I enjoyed *Betrayal* by Helen Dunmore, and agree with them that it was a good read - I'm glad it was a happy ending!!

Ivybridge & District Inter Parish Quiz.

Ugborough are at home to Brixton in the first round on Wednesday 22nd February at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please come and support your team.

Ugborough Village Hall *Stafford Williams (Secretary)*

The Parish Council attended the January meeting to brief the Hall committee on the proposals by Tall Oak Homes for development in the village. The proposals include the potential for a new community building and the committee were able to explain some of the issues and difficulties in taking such an approach. The Council intend to put the proposals out to public consultation soon, but organisations with a view should inform the Council Officers.

There have been some changes to the hire charges for some groups as a result of a periodic review, but to most users the Hall remains a very cost effective venue for many different events. The latest Hall minutes and hire charges have been posted on the www.ugborough.com website thanks to Richard Barker.

It has been noted that some events may have been conducted at the Hall without prior knowledge of the Bookings Secretary so now is a time to highlight that any event not properly authorised will not be covered by licenses or insurance, thereby exposing those in the Hall at the time to significant financial risk. Please ensure that you talk to the Bookings Secretary even if you possess some keys through your role with a regular group hire.

Ugborough Website - *Richard Barker*

We are delighted that the new website booking system for the Village Hall and Church is in use regularly. The website has had a major enhancement to enable it to be used properly on smart phones and pad devices, which have become very popular. The site does not look any different, but now the menus work on these devices. The system has been tested on an Iphone and Ipad, so if anyone wants to try it on an Android or other device and let me know how it gets on, I would be delighted.

Any new material for the website to be sent to Richard Barker at richard@fowelscombe.co.uk. Of particular interest are historical bits, good photos (and please send me text to put in as a caption), and details about Parish Families, again with photos and scanned documents.

My thanks to Peter Povey for giving me captions for all the photos of the stain glass on the website.

SPORTS REPORT - Janner Motson

U13s MAKE SEMI-FINAL

For the first time in their history the Uggies at U13 level have made it through to a semi-final of a cup competition and now join the U11s, who were already through to that stage in their age group. In a feisty and hard-fought match at Uggie Park the spirited Brixham Villa team tried hard to unbalance the mercurial Uggies. The game ebbed and flowed after a very early goal by Brixham, until with only a few minutes to go; Man of the Match Matt passed the ball up the line to Jamie, who exchanged a few passes between him and Ollie, which left Jamie with a shooting chance and boom..... 4-3!!!! The Uggies held on to a famous victory.

The U13s followed this up with a 0-3 win away at Waldon the following week, but the honours that day go to the tremendous U11s who chewed up Roselands with an 11-1 home win. They are shaping up to be a very competent football squad. The U9s have been learning to cope with a split in the squad to form the Hillhead team in Division 1 and the Dunwell team in Division 2. The move was brought about due to the popularity of the Club and the number of kids wanting to play. It is hoped that they will get more game time each, even if the results suffer in the short term.

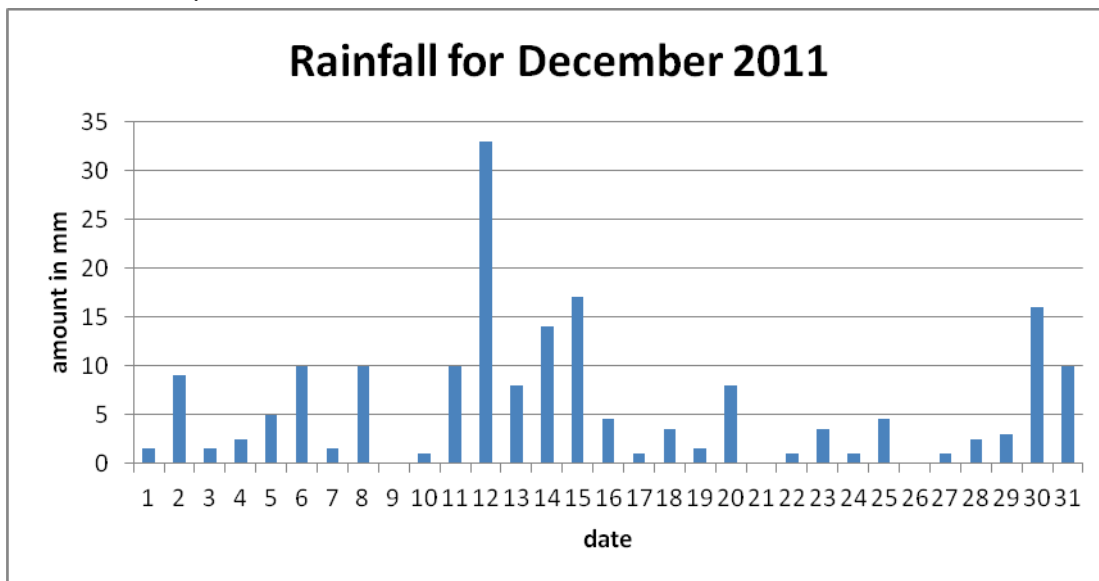
Ivybridge Cricket Club colts have reported back to training after the break and now train at the Community College between 11.30 and 1.30 on Sundays. Also the Ugborough Cricket team now have 6 fixtures for the coming season, where they hope to win back the Ashes, or at least enjoy a BBQ. Team captain, Andrew Stressed, told Sports Report that he hoped many children would try the sport now that the England men are number 1 in the world and the women are World Champions, but he would not comment on the impact of match fixing on Ugborough cricket. Sports Report believes that it will take more than a big bung to turn that lot into a winning side!

Ugborough Local History Group Merryl Docker

Our next meeting will be on **Wed 29th Feb at 8 p.m. in Ugborough Village Hall** when Dr. Tom Greeves will present an illustrated talk on "***The Archaeology of Moorland Ugborough***" Everyone will be welcome to join us (£1 on the door for non-members) ~ come along to learn more about the fascinating story of ancient life in our small corner of Dartmoor. For more information contact Merryl Docker on 01752 893651.

Rainfall at West Cannamore, Ugborough, 510 ft. above sea level

Again very grateful thanks to Len Wakeham for so regularly providing this detailed information.



Total for month- 185mm (7.28 ins.)

(Last year the total rainfall for December was 66mm=2.59 ins. but this included 46mm of melted snow!)

Total rainfall for 2011 was 1263mm=49.72ins.

Total rainfall for 2010 was 1312mm =51.65ins.

A reminder that in 2009 Len provided us with very detailed figures he had kept since 1983. The average annual rainfall in Ugborough was 63.93 ins from 1983-2009. I remarked that that 2010 was the driest year since 1983 and 2011 has proved even drier! Thank you, Len for keeping this archive.

The 2nd Annual Mary's Church Coffee Morning is to be held on **7th March** at **10.30am** at a surprise location!!

OK, it is not much of a surprise location - more than likely we will hold it at Hillhead Farm as I am sure that many of you will have noticed that Tumbleweed is having a bit of a facelift. The chances of us having a coffee morning there in March NEXT year are slim, let alone this year!!

Back at Hillhead there will be plenty of tea and coffee and lovely homemade cakes as well as the raffle and a huge plant stall all in aid of the church.

Any plants and cakes would be greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing you all at 10.30am on the 7th March for the first event of the 'Ugborough Season'. *Shelley Hutcheon*

Cynthia and Alan Yates would like to thank all their friends in Ugborough for the good wishes bestowed upon them for their re-location to Rotherfield, East Sussex and especially to Merryl for her kind words in the December Newsletter. We would also like to thank St. Peter's Church for the gift of books and the History Group for the wonderful pottery dish.

We have settled in very well and have unpacked all the boxes except for books. All we have to do now is to find places to put everything! Lots of extra shelves are being inserted into cupboards, the garage and the loft.

We hope that many of you will be able to visit us but we're sure to see you on one of our return visits. With our best wishes to you all.

Ivybridge U3A monthly general meeting will be held in the Methodist Church, Fore Street, Ivybridge on Monday February 27th at 2pm. The speaker will be Sue Wyeth from Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. *Doreen Flood*

Where there's a Will ... there's a way ... Are you a trendsetter?

During recent years there has been a significant increase in charitable gifts left in wills. In 1991 65,000 legacies were given to charities; by 2001 84,000 legacies were received. Why not be part of this growing trend and leave a gift to the church and other charities you support when you write or amend your will? For more information on wills and leaving a gift to the Church, visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk, or request a pack by e-mailing info@churchlegacy.org.uk or ringing the Church's national legacy helpline on 08445 870875.

Every Thursday morning between 10 and 12 the Drop-In Centre is open in Ugborough Church serving coffee/tea/biscuits and cake. You will be very welcome!

Dartmoor National Park. A new guide has been produced by the National Park Authority to help provide advice to those seeking to carry out development in Dartmoor National Park. Encouraging a high standard of design in new development is essential in protecting the special qualities of Dartmoor and the newly published Dartmoor National Park Design Guide is now available. For more information see the National Park Authority's web site at www.dartmoor.gov.uk/designguide



Your Stars Tonight.

The steamed dieter emerges from behind her laptop and exclaims "Our foreign correspondent Anne Nonymous always sets an example by bringing literary worth to her newsletter contributions - perhaps you could try to emulate her." I counter by remarking "I was thinking about describing the flublingness of Mars when viewed through the telescope. Flubling is of course an old Norse word used by Viking navigators to describe the flickering and blobbing of light caused by the turbulence of the atmosphere from wind and moisture between the viewer and the light source". To be honest, through my telescope, Mars at midnight looks like a toffee flavoured Angel Delight held aloft by an over-excited belly dancer 20 metres away. Just to add to the flubling I know from photographs that I should be able to see its polar ice cap - and when I stare for long enough it comes in and out of view as a pale pink blob on top of the orange blob that is Mars.

Is it really there? As any magician (or Sherlock Holmes director) knows - what the eye sees can be very different to what the brain sees. Which is why I often have discussions late at night about the fragility of reality with the late Philip K Dick. His tormented pulp science fiction writings - "Do androids dream of electric sheep" (aka Blade Runner), "Flow my tears the policeman said" and "Total Recall" (which saw our Arnie at the peak of his acting powers) - were obsessed with what happens when the mask of reality slips to reveal the other realities behind.

Photographs show a blue-grey shading on the predominately orange surface of Mars and after a couple of minutes my brain is convinced that it can see these despite the quivering of the atmosphere above the telescope. In 1894 Percival Lowell viewed Mars through the still, dry, air of Arizona (rather than damp Devon) and as he painstakingly drew what he thought he could see through his telescope the surface of Mars became covered with a network of blue lines. He caused a sensation when he claimed these were canals built by a proud and ancient civilisation struggling to bring water from the Polar Ice caps to enable them survive in a drought stricken world. Astronomers across the world strained to see them too - and some did - but most saw only shadowy markings.

Sadly the ice caps are now known to be carbon dioxide, not water, and the canals are truly nothing but a figment of the viewer's imagination. But it gave rise to H G Wells's "War of the Worlds", the dreadful hokum of Edgar Rice Burroughs, and the melancholic wistfulness of Ray Bradbury's "Martian Chronicles". And of course I have no doubt that many of Ugborough's younger

generation will remember Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future, battling with the Red Moon Menace which had mysteriously destroyed Martian Civilisation millennium ago.

These literary ruminations are suddenly interrupted as I am struck on the head by a well-aimed copy (unread of course) of *The Suitable Boy*.

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The Police Report identified 3 crimes of note in the Parish, including burglary of lead from a roof - theft of metal is a continuing problem, as highlighted recently in the national press.

County Cllr Mumford provided the good news that the flood prevention work on the A379 should end soon, and improved signage and speed limits would be introduced between Modbury and Yealmpton. Bittaford residents, in particular, may be concerned over the future of the New England Quarry, now that the incinerator is to be in Devonport

Budget & Precept 2012/3 Considerable discussions at the meeting centred on the Parish Council budget for the next financial year and the precept, or Parish Council element of your Council Tax. In order to fund improvements to Bittaford and Ugborough playgrounds and Moorhaven Playing field, the precept will be increased by £500 to £13000. This means that an average household (Band D equivalent property) will be paying 82p extra in their annual Council Tax. Full details of the budget are included in the minutes - which are displayed on the noticeboards and online.

Community self help is always good to see, and Ugborough Parish has benefitted from it over the last month. Shelley Hutcheon and her parents have been busily planting up the heart of Ugborough - for which the Parish Council has granted £50. And the Waycott family has spent time and effort clearing away the mud from the lane near Peek Mill quarry. Thank you for your enthusiasm and hard work - it is much appreciated by the whole community.

The Bittaford Play Area is giving the community another opportunity for 'self help'. As some of the equipment needs a bit of a face lift, a Community Working Party has been arranged on Saturday 24th March and Sunday 25th March from 10am to 3pm. No experience is needed and all equipment will be

provided. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Sue Daniels via the Parish Council email, ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk - or just turn up!

The Neighbourhood Planning initiative relies heavily on detailed consultation with the community. More details will be included in the March Newsletter, together with a timetable of consultation surgeries.

Planning Applications - just one, for a first floor extension at Orchard Cottage, Filham, which received Parish Council support.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations are now being prepared for June this year. If your neighbourhood has yet to come up with any ideas, The Big Lunch team may be able to help. Further details on this Eden Project are available at www.thebiglunch.com.

The next Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th February and you are welcome to attend. Agenda and minutes are displayed on the Council's noticeboards and website.

Bittaford Play Park Needs You!

The Bittaford play park equipment is in need of some attention! You are invited to join a Community Working Party to rub down and paint the equipment in the park. No experience is needed and all equipment will be provided.

Just a few hours on Saturday 24th March or Sunday 25th March will make all the difference! If you are interested in taking part please either contact Sue Daniels via ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk or just turn up at any time between 10am and 3pm on either day. Thank you.

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU!! TO EVERYONE who joined us in our candlelit Christmas Eve Carol Service. Our little Chapel was ringing out with our voices to start our Christmas Festivities.

Our Collection this year was for the "Ships of Mercy" and it mounted up to £ 126.60 which has already been received by them. (There notification is on our Notice Board)

Please come and join us for our Services.

10.30 - 5th February - Rev. David Youngs

10.30 - 12th February - Mr. John Pointon

2.30 - 19th February - Rev. Ralph Ward - Sacrament of Holy Communion

10.30 - 26th February - Rev. Dr. John Haley

Our Hall is available for hire. We do have a small Tea Kitchen.

All enquiries contact: Jutta Berger or e-Mail to: juttaberger@tiscali.co.uk

Green Pastures Coffee Bar for families with small children.

It is open every Friday from 10.00am 'til 12 noon including School Holidays!

Please come and join us we are looking forward to welcome you.

For details call Jutta on 01752 698 381

A Community Outreach by Bittaford Methodist Church

St Peter's Church, Ugborough

Dear Friends,

As the days become longer and the feel of Spring is in the air (at least occasionally), I can't help reflecting on how fortunate we are in this country to have such a variety of seasons, weather, flora, light etc. etc.

As Christians we are doubly blessed as we move through the routine of the Church's year, with its different emphases on praise and penitence, thanksgiving and reflection, enabling all our human needs and aspirations to be offered to our understanding and gracious heavenly Father.

So Spring brings Lent, that annual time of spring-cleaning for our innermost selves where we don't willingly allow anyone else to tread and where we are sometimes reluctant to go ourselves and even try to keep God out. But "confession is good for the soul" so do root around in those dark recesses and see what needs to be turned out and redeemed in the light of our loving Saviour, Jesus.

We could do worse than base our scrubbing out on the poem "It's not fair!" (see next page) which has arrived in the resources for the Women's World Day of Prayer. This is another annual event in the Church's calendar - do come along to the Service at St. Peter's, Harbertonford at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 2nd. March - more details elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - 22nd February. Details of the services on that day are elsewhere in the Newsletter. With good wishes, Caroline

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 2nd March 7.30 p.m. St. Peter's Harbertonford

Each year we are presented with a challenging, thought-provoking, beautiful and unusual service and this year's is no different. It has been prepared by the women of Malaysia and is entitled "Let Justice Prevail". It's easy to see that this has very individual as well as national and global implications and there is something to which everyone can relate.

So do try to come along - and men are not debarred!!!

There will be light refreshments and extra parking will be available at the Village Hall,

It's not Fair!

"It's not fair" cries the child who can't have his way.
"It's not fair" cries the world - its cry every day.
"It's not fair" we all say when things don't go right.
It's not fair for oppressed who then stand up and fight.
"It's not fair" if we miss out on luxury treats"
"It's not fair" cry the hungry with nothing to eat.
"It's not fair there's no pay rise; I'm just missing out."
"It's not fair" plead the unemployed. "We're going without."
"It's not fair. Our home's small and we'd aimed to go higher".
"It's not fair" weep the homeless, "Just a roof keeps us drier."
"It's not fair" calls the criminal, "I've been caught."
It's not fair for the victims when havoc's been wrought.
It wasn't fair for Jesus to die on the cross.
It wasn't fair for God to suffer such loss.
But through his redemption He saved us from death.
And He hears our "Not fairs" with His last dying breath.
He's there for the downtrodden, hungry, oppressed.
His justice and mercy will see them all blessed. (*Helen Mason*)

Three Rivers Mission Community Lent Course 2012 - Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.

Issues of Life and Death

- Feb 23rd Ugborough Church The Revd. Dr. Peter Povey
Our Nation's Health and Welfare - issues surrounding Public Health
- March 1st Diptford Hall The Revd. Professor Timothy Gorringe
The survival - or otherwise - of Planet Earth
- March 8th Diptford Hall Mr. Martin Fearn
The Life and Death of Society as mirrored in our Penal System
- March 15th Ugborough Church The Revd. Dr. John Searle
Ethical Issues surrounding the End of our Physical Life
- March 22nd Ugborough Church The Revd. Ian Eglin
Our Spiritual Health and how we may nurture it
- March 29th Diptford Hall The Revd. Canon Anna Norman-Walker
The Life or Death of our Parishes - Ideas for Survival

This course will hopefully consider our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual vitality and challenge us to think about the well-being of ourselves and others, both locally and globally. The speakers should stimulate us to reflect on God's gifts to us and how we view and use them

Organ Recital by Jonathan Watts

Jonathan is an outstanding organist and no stranger to Ermington; most recently, he accompanied the performance of Stainer's *The Crucifixion* last Good Friday.

He comes to Ermington Church again at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 10th February, when he promises a recital which is enjoyable rather than heavy-going, so it should be well worth bringing your friends and their friends along.

There won't be a charge for admission, but there will an opportunity for you to show your appreciation at the end to help defray the cost, with any surplus going towards the running of the church.

We hope to see you there and we'll even give you a glass of wine!

Ugborough Bells. "To call Christ's flock aloud I sing"

"Religion Death and pleasure makes me ring"

We live in a beautiful village with the central square dominated by our remarkable church. The granite church tower is an important landmark and is very elegant and imposing, 25ft square, 94ft high and with 12 ft pinnacles.

The tower has eight Bells, four of which were originally placed in 1553/4. They have rung out over the years to announce the services on Sundays, weddings, funerals, events of national importance and of course to welcome in the New Year. A further bell was added some time before 1742 when recasting took place with added metal to make six bells. Two additional bells were added in 1813 to make the present eight. The Tenor bell is traditionally believed to weigh 24 cwts.

The third, fifth and eighth bells were cast by T. Bilbie of Cullumpton and are inscribed respectively:-

"To call Christ's flock aloud I sing" 1762

"God preserve the Church and King" 1764

"Religion Death and pleasure makes me ring"

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of ringers who regularly practise every Thursday evening. For several this strenuous activity is after work. Fortunately there are others who are learning the tradition and we are indeed lucky to have them all. A very big thank you to our ringers!

St Peter's Church Services in February

Date and time	Service
Sunday 5 th February at 9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 12 th February at 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19 th February at 9.30a.m.	Family Communion
Wednesday 22 nd February at 7 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (Joint Benefice service.)
Sunday 26 th February at 11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 7 th February 9 a.m.	Celtic Communion
All other Tuesdays	Celtic Prayer
Every Thursday 8.30a.m. 5.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

The **Three Rivers Mission Community** covers the parishes of Diptford, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, North Huish and Ugborough.

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