

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER 2025 No. 659

If you know anyone who would like to receive the Parish News – contact
Val Haddy 01548 821418 or email valjohnhaddy@aol.com

There are many new residents within Diptford Parish – who are all welcome to join the
mailing list for the Parish News – find out what is going on in the village and come and join
in this vibrant community

Three Rivers Mission Community Sunday Services December 2025

Date & Liturgical Colour	07.12.2025 Advent 2	14.12.2025 Advent 3	21.12.2025 Advent 4	28.12.2025 Christmas 1
	Isaiah 11. 1-10 Ps. 72. 1-7 & 18-19 Matthew 3. 1-12	Isaiah 35. 1-10 Ps. 146.4-10 or Magnificat Matthew 11. 2-11	Isaiah 7. 10-16 Ps. 80. 1-8 Matthew 1. 18-25	Hebrews 2. 10-18 Ps. 148 Matthew 2. 13-end
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Christingle	11am Holy Communion	6pm Carol Service	11am Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	4.30pm Christingle	11am Holy Communion	As Above
Ugborough	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Praise	As Above
Halwell	9.30am Christingle	As Above	As Above	As Above
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Below	As Above
Harbertonford	As Above	As Above	9.30am Christmas Praise	As above

Further information can be found on the Mission Community website
www.3rivers.org.uk or at www.achurchnearyou.com/8942

DIPTFORD QUIZ 2025

The Diptford Quiz will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday
5th December.

First Question 7.30 sharp

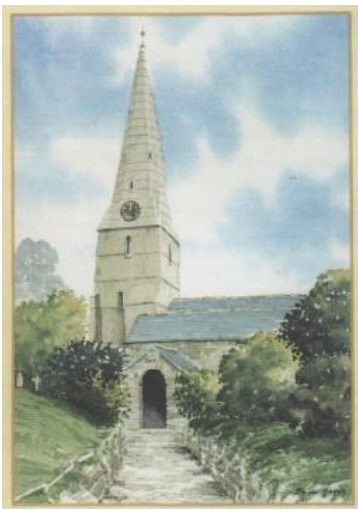
This year entry is **free** for every team

Teams of four please, and please bring your own
refreshments

There will be a raffle, it would be appreciated if each team
could supply a prize

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE

QUIZ!



DIPTFORD CHURCH CLEANING

2026 is a very special year for our Church as it is 800
years old

Would you like to keep our lovely Church sparkly?

You will be very welcome to come along to

St Mary's Church, Diptford From 9.30 am til 11 am

Saturday December 6th

2026

Saturdays January 10th February 6th March 7th

April 4th

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

partridge.steve@btinternet.com

DIPTFORD AMENITY TRUST Registered Charity Number 276979

Account Name: Diptford Amenity Trust Sort Code: 30-98-69

Account Number: 00196602

GIFT AID REGISTERED TOO!

**These are the details to use if you would like to donate towards the upkeep of our village
Playing Field**

Diptford Amenity Trust is registered on #easyfundraising which means you can raise free funds for them as you shop online this year, at no extra cost! All the big names like John Lewis & Partners, M&S, Argos, eBay and more are ready to donate. Every donation makes a difference!

PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD

NEXT MEETING

DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2025 at 7.30pm

All Parishioners welcome to attend

**Minutes of Meetings are published on the Parish Council website
diptfordparishcouncil.org and on the Notice Board by School**

SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE VILLAGE

Parish Council website www.diptfordparishcouncil.org

Village Hall Bookings www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

Facebook - Diptford Sustainable Community

WhatsApp - Diptford Support Network

DIPTFORD AREA OIL CO-OPERATIVE



Heltor in Newton Abbot are now our supplier of choice for the Oil Co-Operative and are proving to be reliable and better matching the original brief we had with Watsons. They are prepared to support the group need for regular top up or fixed amount deliveries at competitive pricing.

Also to support sporadic urgent requests that sometimes arise with group members, without ridiculous spot charges/prices.

Please see flyer attached or website www.heltor.co.uk for more details. I am monitoring and agree prices, as previously, to ensure we retain the lowest possible pricing.

**If you are interested in joining the Diptford Oil Co-Operative
please contact Steve Hill on 01548 821272 or email mr.sjhill@yahoo.co.uk**



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NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 2025

**The next Diptford Parish Council Meeting will take place on
Tuesday 16 December.**

Notices and Minutes will be published on the Parish Council noticeboard near School, and on the Parish Council website.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can raise any item for a limited time within Open Forum at the start of the meeting.

Parishioners are recommended to contact clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org beforehand.

The village **Christmas Tree** will be erected as usual in the Square by Cllr Crocker and his team before the children break up, and we have to thank Tim and Ann Baker for once again agreeing that it can be wired to their electric supply.

Thermal Imaging Camera Hire – the Parish Council has applied to hire one of the cameras on offer. The scheme is now administered via South Dartmoor Community Energy and the plan is that they will arrange to come to the village in January to talk to people interested in using it. There have been expressions of interest on the Diptford Support Group WhatsApp so please let the Clerk know – clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org if you are interested.

Want to help your community stay warm and save on energy bills this winter?

In partnership with [South Dartmoor Community Energy](https://www.southdartmoorcommunityenergy.co.uk), SHDC is offering free thermal imaging camera hire to Town & Parish Councils and community groups. Use the cameras to spot heat loss in homes and identify ways to improve insulation and comfort.

The scheme is now open for applications! Diptford Parish Council is applying to the scheme: southhams.gov.uk/thermal-imaging-camera-hire

The Parish Council has agreed to construct an **Emergency Plan**, with particular emphasis on encouraging all vulnerable residents of the parish to register as such with their Power and Water companies to ensure they get priority treatment.

Following pressure from the Parish Council the **Ridge road between Diptford and Moreleigh will be cleaned on a six monthly basis.**

DIPTFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL



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Thankfulness

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this Christmas....**

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EXPERIENCE THE "JOY OF DIPTFORD" AT OUR CHRISTMAS OPEN AFTERNOON

THURSDAY 11 DEC 1.30-3PM

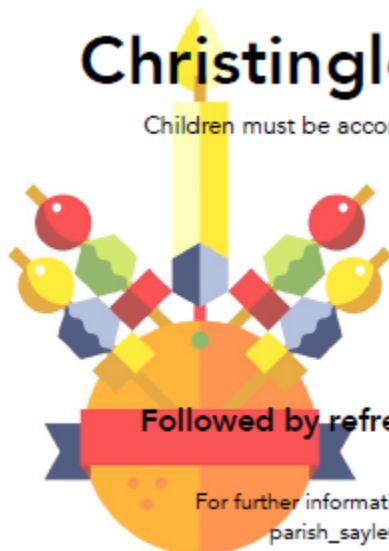
Join us for Christmas Crafts, enjoy Christmas Carols lead by our wonderful School Choir, School Tour, Refreshments



Contact 01548 821352 for more info or just come along on the day TQ9 7NY

Christingle Service

Children must be accompanied by an adult



Sunday
7th December 2025
4.30pm
@ Diptford Church

Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

For further information contact David parish_sayle@me.com



JOY

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN DIPTFORD CHURCH

7th December	4.30pm	Christingle Service <i>supporting the work of The Children's Society.</i>
15th December	5.30pm	Diptford School Nativity Service
21st December	6.00pm	Carol Service
24th December	7.00pm	Carols around the Tree
25th December	11.00am	Christmas Praise

ALL WELCOME

Further information can be found at
www.3rivers.org.uk





**Diptford Parent,
Baby & Toddler Group**
Every Term-time Wednesday
NEW VENUE - DIPTFORD PRIMARY
SCHOOL, TQ9 7NY
10.30am - 12.00pm

**Returning from
Weds 5th Nov 2025**

Join us for messy play,
songs & stories,
music making and crafts

Snacks and refreshments
available for all - and a
warm welcome awaits!

Telephone Diptford Primary School
01548 821352 for more information



NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP

**CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT**

At
NORTH HUISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 4pm

Please bring a torch!

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS

A Retiring Collection for the
Churches Conservation Trust

Business adverts as in Page 10 will be considered by the Editorial Team and are charged at £50 per advert – for 12 issues of the Parish News

**If wishing to advertise please contact the Editor Val Haddy
valjohnhaddy@aol.com**

DIPTFORD PARISH ELEEMOSYNARY CHARITY TRUST

Grants for teenagers in Diptford going on to higher or further education are available from a historic local charity that was originally created last century to benefit rural apprentices. The current Trustees now wish to broaden the eligibility and invite applications from a wider group of young people, who are resident in Diptford Parish and need financial assistance with equipment/books to support their university courses or further education including technical courses and apprenticeships.

Applications are also invited from any local parishioner who is undergoing or preparing for higher education or a further training scheme that provides a suitable life skill or employment qualification. Regular University course and accommodation costs do not qualify, but other supplementary one-off costs could be considered. Successful applicants will need to show evidence of the benefit and grant expenditure.

Applications to The Eleemosynary Charity Trust should cover the following headings:

- Full name: and name of parent for applications from children under 16.
- Address: (applications can only be accepted by residents of Diptford Parish).
- Email & Telephone:
- Reason for the application providing any evidence of need, the benefit, and details of what the grant will be expended on:
- A proposed breakdown of grant expenditure with associated cost evidence.

The merit of all applications will be assessed by trustees of the Eleemosynary Charity Trust on the individual's financial need and their personal benefit from a grant.

Applications should be sent by email to the Chairman of the Eleemosynary Charity Trust by 30th April each year (Revd P David Sayle, Rector of The Three Rivers Mission Community, parish_sayle@me.com).

Applications of special merit and immediate need may be made at short notice using the above application

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE SQUARE IS FOR COMMUNITY NOTICES ONLY

NO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING WILL BE ALLOWED

WE WOULD ASK ALL ORGANISATIONS NOT TO 'HOG' THE SPACE AVAILABLE

This additional facility has been installed by Diptford Parish Council
with funding from our County and District Councillors

There is a combination lock – details of which have been given to voluntary organisations within the village

WINTER WARMER MULLED WINE

It's Chriiiiiistmas - and that calls for a drink. You can't beat a mulled wine at Christmas and this one is a cracker.

1. Peel large sections from the clementines, lemon and lime using a speed-peeler.
2. Put the sugar in a large saucepan over a medium heat, add the pieces of peel and squeeze in the clementine juice.
3. Add the cloves, cinnamon stick, bay leaves and about 10 to 12 gratings of nutmeg. Halve the vanilla pod lengthways and add to the pan, then stir in just enough red wine to cover the sugar.
4. Let this simmer until the sugar has completely dissolved into the red wine, then bring to the boil. Keep on a rolling boil for about 4 to 5 minutes, or until you've got a beautiful thick syrup. The reason for doing this first is to create a wonderful flavour base by really getting the sugar and spices to infuse and blend well with the wine. It's important to make a syrup base first because it needs to be quite hot, and if you do this with both bottles of wine in there you'll burn off the alcohol.

When your syrup is ready, turn the heat down to low and add your star anise and the rest of the wine. Gently heat the wine and after around 5 minutes, when it's warm and delicious, ladle it into heatproof glasses and serve. Cheers!

FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL (FODS)



Looking forward to a busy month of Christmas festivities in School, including the FODS Xmas craft morning on the 17th as well as FODS serving refreshments at the Nativity.

This term we have brought new books, funded trips, paid for the Animals to You visit and we continue our plans for the outdoor spaces - thanks so much to all our supporters!

The 100 Ball bumper draw will also be held on the last day of term...

DIPTFORD ADVENT FAYRE

Another remarkably successful event was held in November. Great to see so many of the village together once again.

A wonderful seasonal atmosphere, excellent stalls and as ever, brilliant catering.

Extremely big thank-you to everyone involved. The Ladybirds for arranging and especially to all those who braved the winter weather to attend and donated so generously.

Over £ 850 was raised for ELM hedgehogs' protection, the Ladybirds' charity this year.

Hope to see you all at the forthcoming quiz on 5 December, where the seasonal enjoyment will certainly continue.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

Diptford Parish Hall has a website!

www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

Please use the online Calendar & Booking System.

Also, there is a facility to 'Add an Entry' if your group /organisation would like to add any local events or organisations.

Please feel free to share this amongst your groups & friends.

I hope you find the website useful & helpful in your interactions with the Hall.

Feedback welcomed.

Steve.

Chair of Trustees Diptford Parish Hall.

DiptfordPH@yahoo.com 07944 098174

Diptford Parish Councillors

The Parish Council Councillors now have dedicated email addresses and if you wish to contact any of the Councillors directly, please use the email addresses listed below or alternatively contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr S Franklin (Chair) – sue.franklin@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr S Parker-Davidson (Vice Chair) – steven.parker.davidson@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr C Peach – chris.peach@diptfordparishcouncil.org

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Cllr L Carrol – lucy.carrol@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr G Paterson – gavin.paterson@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr D Dugdall - debbie.dugdall@diptfordparishcouncil.org

HIGHWAYS CONTACTS

To report any Highways problem, either report direct on Devon County Council website – devon.gov.uk (Report a Problem) or telephone the Call centre on 0345 155 1004

This applies to faulty streetlights, potholes and problems of visibility though landowners are encouraged to keep road signs on their land clearly visible and to cut roadside hedges on an annual basis out of the nesting season. There are exemptions from the timing if there are road safety issues.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT all copy MUST be received before the 25th of the preceding month

Contributions may be submitted by e-mail to valjohnhaddy@aol.com

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