

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

JUNE 2026 No. 665

If you know anyone who would like to receive the Parish News – contact
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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 June 2026

Date & Liturgical Colour	07.06.2026 Trinity 1	14.06.2026 Trinity 2	21.06.2026 Trinity 3 <i>Father's Day</i>	28.06.2026 Trinity 4 <i>St Peter & St Paul</i>
	Romans 4.13-end Psalm 50. 7-15 Matthew 9.9-13 & 18-26	Romans 5.1-8 Psalm 100 Matthew 9. 35-10.8 {9-23}	Romans 6. 1b-11 Psalm 69.8-11 & 18-20 Matthew 10. 24-39	Romans 6.12 end Psalm 89.1-4 & 15-18 Matthew 10. 40-end
Diptford with North Huish	10am Brick Praise God's Creation Diptford Open Gardens	11am Holy Communion	No 11am Service 3pm 800th Anniversary Bishop Mike	11am Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	No Service at Ermington Services as above or below	11am Holy Communion	No Service at Ermington Services as above or below
Halwell	9.30am Holy Communion	As Above	As Above	As Above or Below
Ugborough	9:30am All Age worship	9:30am Holy Communion	As Above	9:30 Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Above	3.30pm Evening Communion
Harbertonford	As Above	As Above	As Above	As above

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



ALL ARE WELCOME

to this special service 10am Sunday 7th June.

If you can make a Brick/Lego model on the theme of God's Creation for the Diptford Village Gardens event that would be great. They will be displayed in Church.

It would be helpful if you could bring them to Church on Friday 5th June, after school, so we can arrange them in Church

LITTLE DIPPERS PRESCHOOL @
Diptford Primary School

STAY & PLAY
Welly Walks

Areas inc woodlands, shelter, amphitheatre style outdoor seating and polytunnel

Onsite Preschool with regular outdoor learning sessions

Every Term-time
Thursday

10.00am - 11.45am

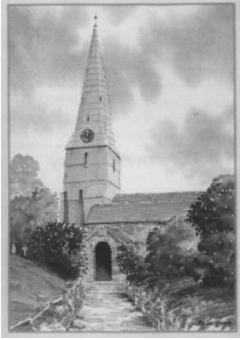
Come and play in our Early Years setting followed by Welly Walk in the outdoor learning areas

Join us for an adventure at our Stay & Play sessions
Parents/Carers and children aged 2-6 years welcome

Explore more at Diptford

Diptford Primary School, TQ9 7NY
Telephone: 01548 821352
Email: admin@diptford.thelink.academy

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
Saturdays 6th June and 4th July .

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions
partridge.steve@btinternet.com



You are warmly invited to a
service of celebration with
Bishop Mike, Bishop of Exeter

SUNDAY
21ST JUNE
3 P M

Followed by a cream tea.

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

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



Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' Union: Join Us, Join In – Lighting the Way for Generations to Come

2026 marks 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner - a home-educated young vicar's wife with a powerful vision. She dreamed of women, regardless of class or status, coming together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the church.

From that small flame of an idea, a global movement was born. Today, 150 years later, Mothers' Union has grown to around 4 million members in 84 countries, working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of all we do is our belief that faith and compassion can transform lives.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

And shine a light is what our members do. Whether someone finds themselves unexpectedly in the hospital, a family is grappling with a parent going to prison, or a baby is born prematurely, Mothers' Union members are there offering care, support, and love without judgment. We speak out against injustice, create safe spaces for conversation, and run parenting support groups - all helping to build stronger, more resilient communities.

All of our work is guided by our three core pillars of transformation: Ending Violence – promoting peace and safety, Ending Injustice – advancing gender justice and Ending Poverty – fostering self-reliance and resilience

Our global programmes include literacy and savings groups, parenting and resilience training, and domestic abuse awareness campaigns. These initiatives are rooted in local communities - we listen first, then respond with practical, faith-led action. Every day, globally, our members carry out thousands of quiet acts of service that bring hope and healing.

Mothers' Union today reflects the diversity of the modern world. We are a movement that continues to evolve, welcoming people of all backgrounds and identities. While we are a women-led movement, men are welcome to join! 150 years of courage, care, and community, and we're just getting started – so why not join us?

As we celebrate 150 years of courage, care and community, we're looking to the future. There's a place for you here.

Whether you're passionate about social justice, community outreach, prayer, or simply want to connect with others who care, we invite you to get involved.

To find out more about the Mothers' Union or how to become a member, visit www.mothersunion.org

You can also follow the Mothers' Union on Facebook to see how our members are making a difference every day.

Join Us, Join In



NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY 2026

First up was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council where your Officers are elected for the next year.

Cllr Sue Franklin was re-elected as Chairman with Cllr Steven Parker Davidson re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Representatives to outside bodies were confirmed and the Accounts of the Parish Council agreed.

This was immediately followed by the May meeting of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that Council would discuss some of the Appendices to the Emergency Plan at the June meeting. This will gradually evolve. The Clerk had succeeded in getting the dilapidated Harris fencing around the building site tidied up.

The new Stop junction at Diptford Cross has now been finalised and most drivers are respecting it.

The new Climbing Frame has been installed in time for half term, thanks to the amazing contributions received. The flat swings had to be temporarily removed for repair and renovation.



The Boundary Walk, organised by Mike Cox raised the most ever received and, thanks to many Gift Aid donations, this will be increased further. All donations to the Amenity Trust can be Gift Aided.

Three Planning applications were discussed, all of which were supported.

The pads in the village Defibrillator have been replaced and Council is grateful to Claire Fletcher for checking and maintaining the unit. Cllr Peach is to check the unit at Curtisknowle but, due to the age of the machines, Council will investigate their possible replacement in due course.

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

SUNDAY 7 JUNE – DIPTFORD OPEN GARDENS

Please save the date for this exciting village day, showcasing several gardens in and around the village all in aid of St Luke's hospice.

This will also mark the beginning celebrations of the church's 800th year, with the path to the Church being decorated by our community and the Church open and its fascinating history shared.

You are warmly encouraged to plant a boot or shoe to add to this display remembering all those who have trod the path over 800 years.

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

DIPTFORD VILLAGE GARDENS

This spring, the picturesque Devon village of Diptford will throw open its garden gates for an exclusive event in support of St Luke's. Wander through a stunning variety of outdoor spaces, from charming cottage gardens brimming with seasonal blooms to the remarkable National Plant Collection of Brugmansia. It's a rare opportunity to experience the beauty and creativity of these private gardens. Make sure you visit the Church of St Mary The Virgin which celebrates it's 800th birthday in 2026!

DIPTFORD VILLAGE, DEVON
TQ9 7NY

OPENING HOURS
11AM TO 4PM

Drive to the village of Diptford follow the orange arrows to the parking area.

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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! Did you know that you can register on the EasyFundraising app to get a donation when you shop in-store too?

Free entrance,
cash donations welcome



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THE 2026
**PILGRIMS'
CHORUS**

Come and hear the EPC Pilgrims' Chorus as they share their programme of sacred and secular music in celebration of the 800th anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Diptford

Thursday 25 June, 7 pm
St Mary's Church, Diptford

The concert will be followed by
light refreshments

Further details from **Sheena McCready** - sheena.mcc@icloud.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

Business adverts as in Page 11 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

PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD

NEXT MEETING DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026 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

St Mary's Church, North Huish

Churches Conservation Trust

NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP

This group was set up in 2023 with the purpose of organising community events for the residents of North Huish and surrounding villages. The venue is St Mary's Church, North Huish, now closed for regular public worship but kept open to the public, providing a meeting space for the local community. This beautiful Grade 1 listed building is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, a national charity protecting historic churches at risk. Funds donated at events held there, help to support the cost of maintaining the building.

Events planned for **2026** are:

- Friday 19th June: **Quiz Night, 6.45 for 7.00pm.**
- Saturday 26th September: **Harvest Lunch, 12.30 – 2.00pm.**
- Wednesday 11th November: **Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance, 10.50.**
- Sunday 6th December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4.00pm.**

The North Huish Community Group look forward to welcoming you at any of these events.

**North Huish Community Group
Midsummer Quiz**

**Friday, 19th June
6.45 for 7pm
North Huish Church**

**Teams of up to 6
£10 per person,
includes a pasty & cake!**

**To book: Whatsapp Diane on 07725 915577
or email dianehunt073@gmail.com**

**In aid of
St Lukes Hospice
and the CCT**

**Please bring your own drinks
&
Pay cash at the door**

DIPTFORD HORSE SHOW & GYMKHANA



SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2026

Cuttery Farm, East Allington TQ9 7QD
By kind permission of John Bond & South Pool Pony Club

Cups/Trophies Galore!
Championships all Showing Rings

Enquiries and in the event of bad weather please call:
Stephanie Farleigh - 07861 663038
Anita Wakeham - 07814 495719

All Entries on the Day

DIPTFORD HORSE SHOW & GYMKHANA

ENTRY FEES

Showing, Working Hunter classes & Show Jumping
£7 each – on field

Novelties, Handy Pony, Mini Jumping & Gymkhana
and Working Hunter Clear Round
£3 each – on field

1st Response – **obligatory payment**
£2 per Rider/Handler

Entry forms available at the Secretary's Tent

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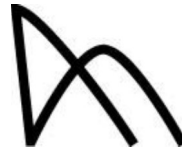
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

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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

Contributions subject to change due to availability of space

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