

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

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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 July 2026

Date & Liturgical Colour	05.07.2026. Trinity 5	12.07.2026 Trinity 6	19.07.2026 Trinity 7	26.07.2026 Trinity 8
	Romans 7. 15-25a Psalm 145.8-15 Matthew 11.16-19 & 25-end	Romans 8.1-11 Psalm 65 [8-end] Matthew 13. 1-9 & 18-23	Romans 8. 12-25 Psalm 86. 11-end Matthew 13. 24-30 & 36-43	Romans 8. 26-end Psalm 119. 129-136 Matthew 13. 31-33 & 44-52
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Brick Church	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	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
Ugborough	9:30am All Age Worship	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Praise	9:30 Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church
Halwell	9.30am Holy Communion	As above	As Above or Below	As Above or Below
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Above or Below	3.30pm Evening Communion
Harbertonford	As Above	As above	9.30am Holy Communion	As above

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

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Diptford Primary School

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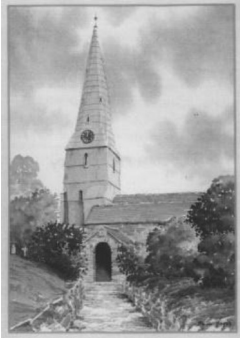
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 Avonwick & Ivybridge**

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 4th July 1 August and 5 September.

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

DIPTFORD COMMUNITY BARN DANCE



SAT 19TH SEPTEMBER



HOLSOME PARK, DIPTFORD

7.00PM ONWARDS

BAR & FOOD

BY KIND PERMISSION OF MR & MRS LETHBRIDGE

ADULT £8.00 UNDER 16'S £4.00

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



Diptford Short Mat Bowls Final



For the first time in our 30 years as a club we reached the final of the KO cup. This is a competition played by League clubs in the South Hams from the first and second div (only two div) it is literally a KO. In the past we have not gone further than the first round but this year we reached the final.

This is always played at Presentation night which is held at Stoke Fleming village hall, it being a large hall can accommodate large numbers. Allowing an audience who are there to support you.

We were definitely the underdogs being against Slapton Swifts who are very competitive and really good players. But we gave it our best, thoroughly enjoyed the match albeit we lost, but we did receive runners up medals.

Numbers are dropping in the League so if you fancy a go please come down to the hall on a Wednesday 7-9. We are spare bowls for you to try out this very social evening. You never know you might just be a natural.

Diptford 800 Celebrations

We began June with the Village Open Gardens event, where the church was open and welcoming everyone from all over who came to explore the village and peek inside our 800-year-old church. The path was beautifully lined with boots, wellies and shoes planted with flowering plants, a lovely tribute to the thousands who have walked the church path over the past eight centuries.

As visitors and locals entered, they were given a brief history of the church, highlighting some key things to find and guiding them to the timeline that put the centuries into perspective, connecting them to other significant events in our country's history. Inside the church, there were also various brick builds on the theme of creation, created by our Brick Church members.



On 21st June, we welcomed over 90 people who came to support the church, living near and far but with some connection to the village and our parish church. It was a delight to be joined by Bishop Mike Harrison, Bishop of Exeter, and Revd Marisa Cockfield, our Rural Dean. The church looked splendid, thanks to our wonderful church flower ladies. The school had also worked hard on their artwork and sewing skills, creating pictures of the church and churchyard and bunting to celebrate the 800th anniversary.

School pupils and members of our Brick Church joined in our service with enthusiasm and joy for their church, which they all know well from their collective worship and festival services. Former pupils and teachers joined us, and the church was buzzing with excitement and awe at such a momentous anniversary of its history.

We were supported by our Benefice Choir and Bellringers from South Brent, who always kindly join us when they are able. The Diptford C of E School Music group were on top form, playing and singing so wonderfully. Thanks to Jo Zeiher, who encourages and conducts them. Thanks also to the acting Headteacher, Kate Wilson, who came and represented the School. All this made our worship and thanks even more special. A huge thank you to everyone who...



came and helped make the day so wonderful, including our drone photographer, who took amazing pictures of the crowd from above.

Afterward, we celebrated with cake, beautifully made by Tommy, cream teas and a glass of sparkly to mark the occasion. Many people stayed to chat the Bishop and friends and family alongwith some of those who had been invited. It was a truly blessed day.

Then we enjoyed a wonderful concert by the Exeter Philharmonic Choir, which some members are part of or, have close ties to our congregation and community. The programme focused on Pilgrimage, featuring pieces over 800 years old. It was a delight to hear so many voices singing together, interspersed with poems from all over the centuries.

This included a poem read at our Anniversary Service, written and read by Ruth Partridge. Overall, it has felt like the church and community have worked together to celebrate the value of rural village life for everyone.

Our Diptford 800 Celebrations continue in the autumn with a Parish Barn Dance on the 19th September, at Holsome Park - so **please put this date in your diary** and keep a look out for further details, coming soon.



Thank you to all who have contributed both visibly and also all those who quietly beaver behind the scenes; it has been noticed and it has definitely been appreciated by people from far and wide. May we all know the Lord's blessing on this community as we give thanks for all that has been and hope for all that will be.

In thankfulness,

David

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

NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 2026

Delighted to welcome both Dan Thomas and Guy Pannell to our June Parish Council meeting and to be able to thank them in person for their input to the Playing Field improvements and also especially to Dan for facilitating the new Stop sign and markings at Diptford Cross, something we have been trying to get for the last 20 years plus! He has not forgotten that we would like to have the 20mph zone extended further up the hill towards Christone Cross, and up past the corner at Diptford Court Farm bungalow. It is a long process which could be made easier if the building site opposite Wheat Park were to be developed. Dan is to ask our Highways Engineer, Nick Colton to visit. Council is aware that a lower limit would considerably enhance safety in the village.

Guy immediately responded to our concerns about non collection of the recycling from Holsome Lane and Tuckers Meadow. The waste team blamed the narrow access which has not changed! Then decided to replace the large collection vehicle with a smaller one, then blaming overgrown hedges for not collecting. This could be a timely reminder for everyone to ensure that their road hedges are kept trimmed. Even in nesting season, this can be done for safety reasons.

The Annual Audit had taken place successfully.

Three Planning applications were considered. 1) Council objected to the application to build a further four properties at Bradridge Farm, on road safety grounds, citing the very poor visibility and access on to the Diptford / Moreleigh road. 2) Council requested that a permanent Agricultural Tie be placed on the proposed construction of a rural worker's dwelling on land south of Beenleigh Copse Farm. 3) Council had no objection to the addition of a shed / store at Fletcherscombe.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 21 July at 7.30pm**

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 the clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org beforehand

PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD
NEXT MEETING DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY
TUESDAY 21 July 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

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?

Two tourists find themselves hopelessly lost on a long rural lane in Devon, without a map and no signal for the satnav.
 They spot a farmer leaning on the gate to an adjacent field and they ask him "Does it matter which way we go from here to get to Newton Abbot?"
 The farmer stares at them for a moment and replies, before walking away back to work "Not to me, it don't!"

Business adverts as in Page 9 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

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:

- 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.

REST IN PEACE

Peter Andrewartha

Peter Andrewartha, long term resident of Diptford,
 dearly loved husband of Marion and beloved father of Sam
 passed peacefully away in Torbay Hospital on 23 May

The Funeral Service, conducted by Rev David Sayle, took place at St Mary's
 Diptford on 26 June
 May Peter Rest in Peace

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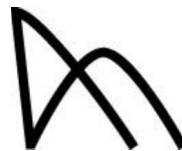
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DIPTFORD PARISH HALL BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

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.

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Diptford Parish Councillors

The Parish Council Councillors 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

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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

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