

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

AUGUST 2026

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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**

Date & Liturgical Colour	02.08.2026 Trinity 9	09.08.2026 Trinity 10	16.08.2026 Trinity 11	23.08.2026 Trinity 12	30.08.2026 Trinity 13
	Romans 9. 1 - 5 Ps. 145. 15 - end Matthew 14. 13 - 21	Romans 10. 5 - 15 Ps. 85. 8 - 13 Matthew 14. 22 - 33	Romans 11. 1-2a & 29-32 Ps. 67 Matthew 15. [10-20] 21- 28	Romans 12. 1 - 8 Ps. 138 Matthew 16. 13 - 20	Romans 12. 9 - end Ps. 26. 1 - 8 Matthew 16. 21 - end
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Praise L. & M. Gopal NO BRICK CHURCH	11am Holy Communion Rev'd David Sayle	11am Songs of Praise M. Pinhey & H. Sayle	11am Holy Communion Rev'd David Sayle	11am Benefice Holy Communion Rev'd David Sayle
Ermington	11am Holy Communion Rev'd David Sayle	No Service at Ermington Services as above or below	11am Holy Communion Rev'd David Sayle	No Service at Ermington Services as above or below	As above
Ugborough	9:30am Songs of Praise S. Johns, N. Roe & S. Marcus	9:30am Holy Communion Rev'd David Sayle	9:30am Songs of Praise S. Johns, N. Roe & S. Marcus	9:30 Holy Communion Rev'd David Sayle NO MESSY CHURCH	As above
Halwell	9.30am Pet Service Rev'd D Sayle	As above / below	As above / below	As above / below	As above
Moreleigh	As above	As above / below	As above / below	3:30pm Holy Communion Rev'd D. Sayle	As above
Harbertonford	As above	As above / below	9.30am Holy Communion Rev'd D Sayle	As above	As above

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

A Letter from the Rectory

Dear All,

On Sunday, 28th June, the following announcement was made in the Three Rivers Mission Community.

“The Bishop of Crediton is pleased to announce that, subject to the completion of the statutory formalities, the Rev’d Philip David Sayle has been appointed as Team Rector Designate of the benefice of South Molton with Nymet Saint George, Chittlehamholt, Chittlehampton with Umlerleigh, Filleigh, Kingsnympton and Warkleigh with Satterleigh, in the Diocese of Exeter.

David is currently Rector of ha Diptford with North Huish, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh and Ugborough in the Diocese of Exeter.

He will be moving to North Devon with his wife Heather, and details of his licencing service will be announced in due course.”

Yes, I’m moving to a new role in a new place! The move is set for later in the autumn, so we still have some time to go before we leave. It feels like the right time to move—sad as we will be to leave—and start a new adventure. We’re not moving far; we’re just a little way up the M5, close to Exmoor, Barnstaple and the North Devon coast. And as we have always said, ‘the kettle is always on’.

Thank you and God Bless,

David

FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL (FODS)



Congratulations to the summer 100 club winners:

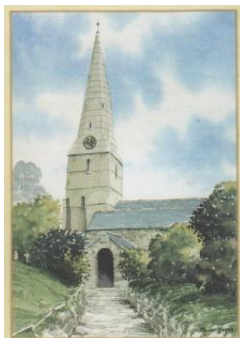
First prize - Rachel Botell

Second Prize - Chris Carrol

Third Prize - Antony Power

Thanks again to all our supporters - please do join the draw to help raise money for school

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 1 August and 5 September.

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

partridge.steve@btinternet.com

DIPTFORD COMMUNITY BARN DANCE

SPONSORED BY DIPTFORD WITH NORTH HUISSH PCC
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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 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

PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD

NEXT MEETING DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST at 7.30pm

All residents welcome to attend

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



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

NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2026

It was so good to have almost as many folks from the village as Parish Councillors at the July meeting, all fully engaging with the meeting with some valuable suggestions made. A request was made for additional dog waste bins in the village, though of course dog waste can be put in your own black bins. Our clerk is going to look into further provision.

Preparation of the **Emergency Plan** is well under way, and will be available for comment or further input. A request was made for a showing of the National Emergency Briefing film in the Hall and Council could on request fund the hire of the Hall for this.

Tuesday 4 August at 10.30am Councillors will be meeting with our **Highways Engineer** to again press for a **20mph limit** from above the corner by Diptford Court Farm Bungalow to extend through the village to the bottom of the hill by the river and east from Diptford Cross towards Christone Cross. We will also again be exploring having a **flashing speed sign** so watch this space.

Our **County Cllr Dan Thomas** told us the latest on the **Unitary plans for Devon** which gives us the worst of all worlds. Expanded Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay unitaries, with the rest of Devon stretching from Prawle Point in the South to the northernmost point of Devon being placed in a rump to be called Devon Coast & Countryside. Potentially one of the largest rural unitaries in the country, with no significant industrial, technical wealth or conurbations – just how it is supposed to work we as yet have no idea.

District Cllr Guy Pannell reminded us of the Crisis & Resilience Fund which can support low income families facing unexpected financial difficulties see southhams.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/other-available-support/crisis-and-resilience-fund. We learned that LiveWest are continuing to dispose of ex council houses on the open market. Alas there is nothing that SHDC can do to stop this but they are lobbying strongly.

Broken supports to the netting surrounding the MUGA in the **Playing Field** have been reported and attempts will be made to temporarily mend as replacement would be extremely expensive. It is good to see the Playing Field being used much more since the new equipment was installed.

Three **Planning applications** were discussed and supported.

Items of correspondence were a request for support for an organisation suggesting apple pressing days in return for support for their application to the Community Fund. The applicant was referred to the Parish Hall committee as this could be a suitable venue. Although Council would have been prepared to support a suggested Art Exhibition should a specific amount be requested, due to a current lack of interest, this is unlikely to happen in the form planned. Some of your Cllrs will attend a Planning Briefing in September on changes to the decision making process for planning applications.

Finally, Council's **finance report** was given with the figures having passed the recent audit.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 18 AUGUST at 7.30pm**

All Residents are welcome and encouraged 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

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.

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?

Business adverts as in Pages 7 and 8 will be considered by the Editorial Team and are charged at £50 per advert – for 12 issues of the Parish News

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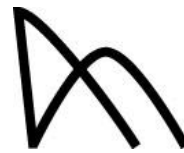
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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 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 roads 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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