

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH PARISH NEWS

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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 Services January 2025

	05.01.2025	12.01.2025	19.01.2025	26.01.2025
Date & Liturgical Colour	Epiphany	Baptism of Christ	Epiphany 2 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	Epiphany 3
	Isaiah 60. 1-6 Ps 72.10-15 Ephesians 3. 1-12 Matthew 2. 1-12	Isaiah 43. 1-7 Ps. 29 Acts 8. 14-17 Luke 3. 15-17 & 21-22	Isaiah 62. 1-5 Ps. 36. 5-10 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11 John 2. 1-11	Nehemiah 8. 1-14, 5-6 & 8-10 Ps. 19. 1-6 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a Luke 4. 14-21
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Praise	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Praise	11am Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer
Ugborough	9:30am Family Service Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Service	9:30 Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church
Halwell	Holy Communion	As above or below	As above or below	As Above and Below
Moreleigh	As Above or below	As Above	As Below or below	3.30pm Holy Communion
Harbertonford	As Above	3pm Benefice Plough Sunday Service	As above	As above

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

Our lovely Christmas tree this year
Thanks Trevor and Toby Crocker, Graham Lethbridge, Ed Foster and Shane Perkins for
sourcing and erecting it. And to Tim & Ann Baker for connecting the power.
The village tree gets better year on year and creates a lovely centre for the village at
Christmas.



Diptford Parish Council **Ali Kohler, Parish Clerk**
clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Diptford Parish Council Notes on December Meeting

Easy Fundraising has now been set up to help with fundraising for the Amenity Trust. This is a registered charity number **Registered Charity Number 276979**

We are now able to accept gift aid donations from taxpayers, which will increase donations from taxpayers at no cost to the donor.

Account Name: Diptford Amenity Trust

Sort Code: 30-98-69

Account Number: 00196602

Important – Please note

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 S Hill – steve.hill@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr C Peach – chris.peach@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr T Crocker – trevor.crocker@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr L Lethbridge – louise.lethbridge@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr L Carrol – lucy.carrol@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr G Paterson – gavin.paterson@diptfordparishcouncil.org

The December meeting was dominated by discussion of the Playing Field

Tree Survey – Due to the recent stormy weather, large branches have come down from the Monterey Pine in the playing field. The large branches which landed on the road were removed by DCC. The tree survey was due to be carried out this week but now the tree has been assessed as no longer viable and the tree is severely compromised. It was agreed that the remainder of the Pine needs to come down. Cllrs are now arranging quotes for the remainder of the tree to be taken down and removed, leaving a safe area of the vast trunk as a monolith feature.

Fund Raising/Grants – A donation of £15,000 was received by the Amenity Trust towards the refurbishment of the tennis courts to a Multi Surface playing surface. Current quotes of around £20,000 have been received to complete the work and carry out all the improvements we would like to do. Cllrs are looking to other grant sources for the short fall including fundraising. Easy fundraising has now raised £251.47, and we are now up to 17 households and raising monies regularly. Gift Aid and Paypal giving are now approved and Gift aid will be able to be backdated for donations already received.

Playpark – Quotes have been obtained to replace the tennis court with a multi surface playing surface. We are hopeful that the work will start at the beginning of March 2025. Cllr Hill is to speak to the playing field group regarding outstanding repairs and the structure of the group.

Highways – Cllr Peach contacted Cllr Pannell with a map detailing roads, which require the road sweeper due to them being muddy in parts the parish which are a safety concern. Cllrs Franklin and Carroll met with Cllr Thomas (DCC) with the concern over road safety in the village particularly for school children and parishioners who are on foot. Keep reporting potholes to Devon County Council highways if they are a concern, potholes which meet the requirement of being repaired are not always being repaired. Some roads in the parish have been affected by ice and concerns raised that none of the roads are gritted including the route of the school bus which covers the road from Avonwick to Diptford. Our Clerk has confirmed with DCC that this road is a secondary gritting route but is not treated as a priority for treatment. Parishioners and snow warden asked to check that the grit bins are full for people to use.

Graveyard

Graves are currently still being mapped and hopefully the mapping will be completed by the end of December.

Road Safety / Hedges

Letters have been sent regarding overgrown hedges causing concern for road safety.

P3 Parish Paths

Cllr Parker Davidson still working on improvements to our Rights of Way network. FP1 from Village Hall – discussions re improvements to the surface.

Airband Broadband

Following confirmation that rural parts of the parish will not be connected via Airband due to cutbacks Cllr Rufus Gilbert has not responded to requests for comment, despite email and follow up email having been sent. Cllr Peach to investigate taking the matter further. Concerns regarding the future of broadband access in the parish which will affect everyone when the old-style phone lines shut down.

Precept Information – Budget monitoring information was circulated prior to next parish council meeting when the precept for the year will be set.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 14 January 7pm at the Parish Hall.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend and should notify the Clerk if they wish to speak at Open Forum at the start of the meeting

NEWS FROM DIPTFORD SCHOOL



We have had a lot to celebrate over the recent weeks at Diptford Primary School, starting with our fantastic choir performance at Totnes Civic Hall as part of the wider Link Academy Choir project. Our children were wonderful, performing their songs with both confidence and enjoyment and I know that the parents who were able to come along were really impressed. Well done to all involved, if you would like to see the performance, here is a link to our

Diptford School song written by the children themselves [Facebook](#)

Our annual Nativity service was well attended as always with the lovely addition of refreshments before each show. Thank you FODS, our hard-working Parent Teacher Assoc. It is always magical to see the children share the traditional Nativity story of the first Christmas as the school comes together with our youngest to oldest pupils working together.

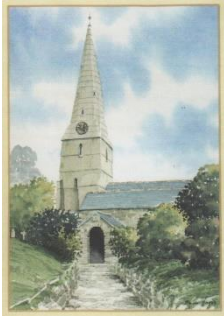
We are pleased to be able to share the result of our latest Ofsted report with '**Good**' in all areas. The staff have worked really hard during the last few years to develop the curriculum and environment here at Diptford. I know that they really care about both the pupils' personal and academic development so I would like to take this chance to say a huge thank you to them for their dedication and hard work. They are a great team to work with.

We have enjoyed so much during the last week of term with theatre trips, Christmas lunch, FODs Christmas Craft morning and the very exciting - *Diptford's Got Talent!* The children really have shown a multitude of talents such as comedy, singing and dancing.

Finally, I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and some special time with your family and friends. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Holly Edgington, Academy Head
Diptford Primary School





DIPTFORD CHURCH CLEANING

Would you like to keep our lovely Church sparkly?

You will be very welcome to come along to

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We are running a refresh of our successful 100 Ball lottery - bigger cash prizes! If you would like to join up for 2025, please contact Lucy Carroll Chair of FODS !

Its a brilliant way of supporting School, and for about £1 a week you can have a chance to win every term.

Fundraising is really challenging, we are a very small school and we need this kind of regular support!

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL 100 CLUB
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- ✓ 40% is given back as prizes termly - the more numbers sold the higher the prize money
- ✓ licensed by South Hams Council

FODS WILL BE RUNNING A COMPETITION IN DECEMBER TO SIGN UP MEMBERS MORE TO COME ON THIS SHORTLY

FODS have funded £1500 this this school year already - including theatre trips, science workshops and sports equipment

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 repair and maintenance which, in a typical year, can amount to nearly £2,000. Currently, there is a power supply but no electric circuit installed so, this year, a proportion of the funds raised are to be set aside to pay for the installation of electric sockets where they are most needed for safety and convenience when running events.

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

Business adverts as in Page 11 will be considered by the Editorial Team and are charged at £50 per advert –

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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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

Diptford Parish Hall has launched a website!

www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

It is brand new & will we expect have a few teething problems, but I would encourage you to take a look & take advantage of 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 Lands Eleemosynary Charity

An independent charity

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Contact: Reverend David Sayle at parish_sayle@me.com

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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