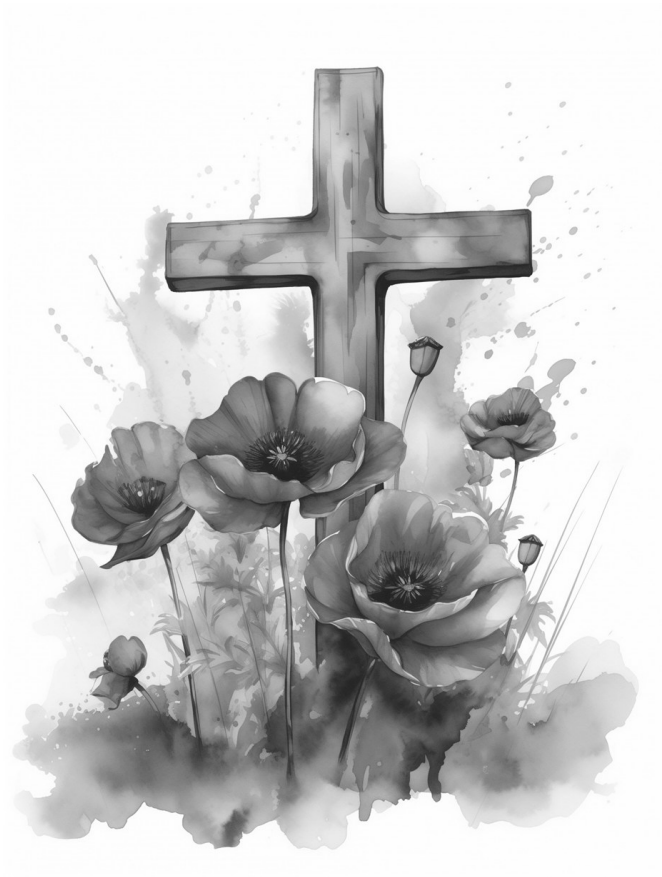
COUNTRY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2026

Parish Magazine of

Shillingford St George and Dunchideock



Remembrance Sunday: 8th

Remembrance Day: 11th

'Lest We Forget'



LETTER FROM THE RECTORY
Rev'd Ruth Frampton



Remember, remember ... it must be November! *Remember* ... and not just Guy Fawkes Night - although I wonder how many now remember the origin of Fireworks Night? The whole month of November is dedicated to *remembering*: at the beginning of the month we remember All Saints and All Souls, and then as a nation we gather together for Remembrance Day. As the leaves fall, we remember the fallen: the days shorten, the sky seems darker. It is as though creation joins us in reflective mood.

And yet *remembering* is not necessarily dark. Yes, we remember the horrors and injustices of war and conflict; we remember the lives lost, the soldiers and civilians killed, the children scarred, the disfiguring injuries, both physical and mental, which endure long after official conflicts are ended. We remember and we grieve. We grieve especially that such wars continue and we pray for a just peace in the many current areas of conflict. Our poppies are a splash of colour, vibrant with life, reminding us that lives continue to be lost so that we can live and make a better world.

The memories of pain and loss which bubble up in this season of Remembrance go hand in hand with memories of the loyalty and love which fired up those who have gone before, loyalty and love which continue to inspire us: love of family, of home, of community and of homeland. We look back over time to bring to the forefront of our minds the people we have loved and still love but who are with us no more. Our memories rekindle them in our hearts and minds – we *re-member* them and all that they contributed to our lives. Looking back and remembering those we see no longer gives form and shape again to those gifts of love that they displayed in their lives, gifts breathed into us by our Creator and sustained by his Spirit. And we pray that their memory will kindle in us the same sense of love and responsibility which directed their lives.

Join us to remember on:

- 1 November at 10.30am **Celebration of All Saints** at a service in Ashton, Doddiscombsleigh or Dunsford
- 1 November at 6pm a candlelit Taizé **Service of Remembering** in Bridford
- 8 November in all our churches for the **Service of Remembrance** – please see the service schedule on the back cover for the times of the services
- 29 November at 6pm for our **Advent Carol Service** in Christow to begin our Advent preparation for Jesus's birth at Christmas

Shillingford St George Church Calendar for November 2026

Date	Name	Service	Time
1 November	All Saints Day	Morning Service	9.30
Sidesmen	Liz		
Readers	Di & Peter		
Reading	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 23:1-12	
Prayers	Lay Team	Road through Shillingford St George	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
8 November		Remembrance Sunday	9.30
Sidesmen	Norman		
Readers	Sue and Norman		
Reading	Romans 8:31-39	Matthew 5:1-12	
Prayers	Clergy	Surrounding parishes of Dunchideock, Kenn & Exminster	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
15 November	Second before Advent	Evensong	6.00
Sidesmen	Di		
Readers	Ken and Di		
Readings	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30	
Prayers	Clergy	Barrack Lane & Barton Lane	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
22 November	Christ the King	Holy Communion	9.30
Sidesmen	Derek		
Readers	Rose and Derek		
Reading	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46	
Prayers	Nick	Oak Close & Waybrook Lane	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
29 November	Advent Sunday	Mission Community Holy	11.00
		Communion @ Alphington	
Date	**Name**	**Service**	**Time**
6 December	Advent 2	Advent Candle Service	9.30
Sidesmen	Liz		
Readers	Sue and Peter		
Reading	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8	
Prayers	Lay Team	Road through Shillingford Abbot	

Flower Rota – November 2026

1 & 8 Nov - Pauline 15 & 22 Nov - Di 29 Nov – No flowers in Advent

Churchyard & Carpark

Those walking through the churchyard in early October may have seen Ade, Dave & Brent hanging from ropes on the tower. They were preserving the new louvres on the bell-chamber and repairing the pointing before our 5-yearly building inspection on 14 Oct. At some point over the next few months, our architect will need to return with a drone to survey the roof and other difficult access points. The funds for these two activities came from a generous legacy from the estate of Andrew Day.

Harvest

Harvest Festival on Sunday 11 October was well-attended, and also our Harvest Supper on the following evening in the Village Hall. Our thanks to Norman & all his band of helpers for preparing & serving the meal, and clearing up afterwards.

The tinned produce has been donated to *Exeter Food Bank*; and the £157 proceeds from the Raffle (an excellent result), has been donated to *Mercy Ships*.

Mercy Ships is an international faith-based charity that operates civilian hospital ships. They deliver free, life-changing surgical care and medical training to people in low- and middle-income nations, primarily focusing on sub-Saharan Africa. Its ships are currently in Ghana & Madagascar.

Interregnum

The process for the appointment of Mike's successor is progressing; with plans for interviews in mid-January.

Until his replacement is appointed, services will be led by visiting clergy and lay leaders. Our plan is to continue with our present service pattern; and we already have service cover most Sundays until next Easter. I am confident that we will continue our weekly Sunday services until such time as our new rector arrives.

In the meantime, requests for baptisms & weddings should be addressed to the Alphington Admin phone: 01392 662280

or email: christenings@alphingtonstmichaels.org

weddings@alphingtonstmichaels.org

For funerals: it will be for the Funeral Director to arrange.

SHILLINGFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

My Devonshire Darlings - the Women's Land Army in Devon

Monday 5 October 2026

This talk was given by Rebekah "Becks" Pearson who is a former Royal Navy officer and lives locally in Lympstone.

After buying some Women's Land Army (WLA) uniform at an auction she could not find any information about the WLA in Devon. She then discovered some letters at the

Devon Heritage Centre written by former members of the WLA. As a result she began trying to trace the land girls who farmed in Devon during and after World War II and to record their stories, when she realised that no one else had done it.

The WLA started in April 1917 and was a voluntary civilian organisation to provide women to work on the farms during World War I. The WLA placed women with farms that needed workers and the farmers were their employers. In Devon, some of the farmers were not keen to have women working on their farms. Eventually, across the country there were 23,000 Land Girls or Land Lassies who took the place of the 100,000 men who had joined the forces during World War I. The WLA was disbanded in November 1919.

The girls had to be 17½ years old to join, and many did, as it was necessary to be 18 years old to join the women's auxiliary branches of the British Armed Forces, and they were anxious to do their bit as soon as possible, in support of the men who were in the forces. One-third of the girls came out of the cities, many from office or similar jobs. They were issued with their own uniform of a hat and badge, shirts, tie, jumper, breeches to the knee with socks, stout shoes, milking jacket, dungarees, and a greatcoat.

The work was arduous; they had to take on a wide range of the jobs which were necessary on a farm, and worked for 6 days a week. The jobs included catching rats, which decimated farmers' grain stores and rat-catchers could get one penny each for a rat's tail. They received wages of 28 shillings a week, of which 14 shillings was for board and lodging. The girls lived on the farms, or in nearby villages, or in 700 hostels, and over 200,000 served during the Second World War.

In Devon, *Whimple House*, based at Whiteways' Cider Farm, was used for 6 weeks' training, while *Cleve House* on Exwick Lane, Exeter was a hostel, *Braunton Bulb Farm* was a major site, and *St Elmo's Hotel* in Torquay operated as a Rest Home. A set of famous propaganda photographs of WLA girls working on a farm were taken at *Mount Barton*, near Staverton. At one time there were 1,708 girls in the WLA working in Devon. "Becks" has identified 7 former land girls who are still alive, with one now aged 104.

The WTC was disbanded in August 1946 and the WLA was disbanded in November 1950. As both the WLA and WTC were civilian voluntary organisations, the girls never received any medals or recognition for their work, despite their contribution being that "They Fought in the Fields". After a long campaign, a commemorative badge was finally issued to surviving members in December 2007.

"Becks" gave an excellent talk, which was illustrated with many slides of the girls at work. An authentic WLA uniform was on display. The talk was very well attended and appreciated by everyone.

Norman Harvey
Committee Member, Shillingford Local History Society

The Friends of Shillingford Wood
&
The Wildlife Group

Would like to invite you all to our
Annual Winter Supper, a 3-course meal
Saturday 21st November @ 19.30hrs
SSG Village Hall
£15 per person



Wildlife clips from the makers of "A Year in the Wood"
For tickets contact – claire.62@live.co.uk 3 Ilex Close
Ian.merrett@btinternet.com Blacksmith's cottage
kfryett@googlemail.com East Pengelly's SA

Bring your own wine

Short resume from the Shillingford Parish Council meeting on 14th Sept

Roadside Mirror - To be replaced. It will face up the main road next to the present mirror which is opposite the church path.

P.C logo - this is still in the design stage.

Cllr Allan Connett - (DCC) He has announced plans to retire after the elections in 2028.

Local Government Reorganisation - The government has announced that there will be a review of the reorganisation plans. As a result work is now paused here in Devon. Elections will still go ahead in May 2027 and will be conducted on the current boundaries.
Council services will continue as normal.

Household Waste Collections - Additional drivers and crew have been employed by TDS to help alleviate recent problems and bring the service back in line.

Heating Oil Financial Support - Residents concerned about the rising costs of heating oil may be eligible to financial help. To apply go to TDC's Webb page follow link to Crisis and Resilience Fund. Applicants must be on a low income.

Lane signs - A number of lane signs in Shillingford Abbot have been repainted courtesy of a local resident. Thank you.

Village Signs - Boyces have been thanked for supplying and maintaining the floral displays in front of both village signs.

Road warden Scheme - Volunteers are still needed for this initiative, at present there is one volunteer.

Neighbourhood Plan update - Progress is going well with this and there is to be a questionnaire circulated throughout the two villages. This will hopefully be by the end of the year.
Donations for expenses occurred on the plan are coming in.
The plan has also been added onto the website and a video has been made to help publicise the aims of the plan.

SANGS - (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space)
Cllr Parrott will be attending a briefing which should provide more information on how this will work.
The first area of the SANGS will be an area in between Markhams Lane and Shillingford Abbot.

Citizen's Advice - The PC is to donate in support of their work.

Cluster meeting - Next meeting is to be held by Kenn PC in January 2027. Local PC's are invited to attend and share.

Next meeting is 9th November 2026 in SSG village hall.

Carol Service in Shillingford Church
Sunday 20th December at 4pm

As at previous Shillingford Carol Services, the Village Quartet will be accompanying the congregation this year. We will be playing a selection of six well-known carols.

Space is limited, but if one or two players of orchestral instruments would like to join us for this occasion, please contact tama.shill@btinternet.com Tam Mucklow

Open Door Café Dates

Shillingford Village Hall
10.30-12Noon

Wednesday 11th November (with Community Police)

Wednesday 25th November

THE EXCHANGE

Shillingford Village Hall

Saturday 7th November

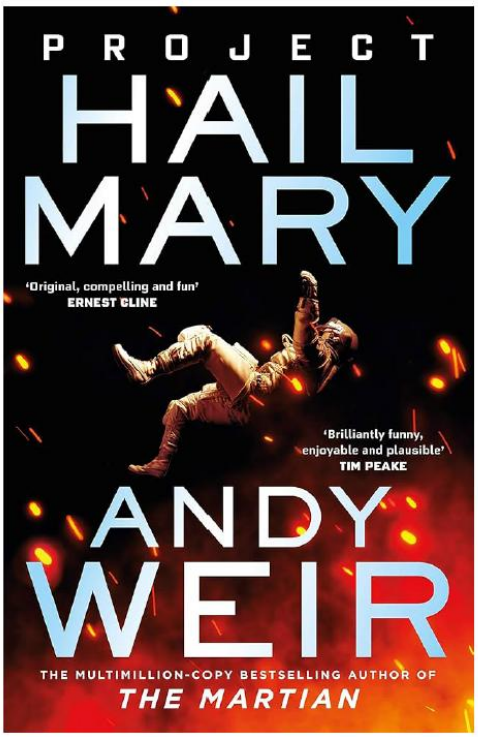
10.30 – 12.00



Books • Toys
Puzzles • Plants

Swap or Take Away

Coffee & Chats



Film Night

Shillingford St George Village Hall

November 23rd 2026

7:30pm

(doors open 7:15)

Free Entry!

Everyone Welcome

Come and enjoy watching a film with your neighbours

Ice Cream: £1.50 Popcorn: £1.00 (cash)

Something to Ponder……from Shillingford Wildlife Group

Keep out of reach of children (and nature)

Washing up Liquid: Contains anionic & non ionic surfactants.
Effects on rivers… lowers the surface tension, making it harder for surface living insects & microorganisms.

Bleach
Contains sodium hypochlorite or sodium per carbonate.
Effects on rivers …Highly toxic to fish, amphibians & invertebrates.

Disinfectant
Contains quaternary ammonium compounds.
Effects on rivers …highly toxic to fish, algae & microcrustaceans.

Sewage Treatment Plants remove these chemicals, however if they enter a Soakaway, Cesspit or Septic Tank they can find their way into the watercourse.

Makeup, Waterproofing Spray, Floor Polish, Carpet Cleaner, Paints & Varnishes: contain 'forever chemicals', (PFAS).
If these products are disposed of down the drain they pass straight through the Sewage Treatment Plants and discharge into the watercourse. Then are taken in by anything living in the river and subsequently they can be passed up through the food chain and can affect human health.

Dog & Cat Treatment often contain Fipronil & Inidacloprid which are banned from use in agriculture because of their harmful effects on the environment. Each treatment is normally effective for up to ninety days. If a dog treated with these enters a river it can wipe out the aquatic invertebrates.

There are eco-friendly alternatives to all these chemicals as well as oral flea and tick treatment



ROAD SIGNS AND BOUDARY STONES

As you have travelled through Shillingford Abbot, have you noticed the beautifully restored road names? Barton Lane, Barrack Lane. Oak Close and Waybrook Lane have all had a makeover.
We didn't want to lose our lovely metal signs so with some help from the Parish Council supplying the paint, Tam got to work rubbing them down while I cleared away brambles and did some much needed panel beating to straighten some of them out.
The finished result from Tam is fabulous.

While Tam was painting the road signs, I decided to tidy up the old stone bridge over the Matford Brook between Shillingford Abbot and Shillingford St George. After clearing brambles and ivy away, I strimmed the verge and noticed the very top of a stone sticking through the grass. I thought I would clear around the stone so people could see it and not drive over it.
While digging around it I realised it was much bigger than first thought and after digging a little more I suddenly realised there was writing on the side of it. As you can imagine, it was getting a bit exciting now so I dug a bit more and exposed an old two sided Parish Boundary Stone.

'Shillingford P' on one side and 'Exminster P' on the other.

I am sure there is someone reading this that might have known the boundary stone was there but everyone I have spoken to so far didn't know. Even the Mile Stone Society had no record of it when I contacted them but they do now and it has been recorded and has its own reference log number. The Mile Stone Society have searched for it on old maps and it doesn't appear on a 1888 map but it does appear in an earlier 1840 map and they reckon it is much older than this.
I wonder if there are any more Boundary Stones to discover around our villages? The next time you are walking or driving through Shillingford Abbot, past all the lovely painted signs, take a look at the Boundary Stone and just imagine all the different forms of transport that has passed it, over the last two hundred years or so.

Auboné Braddon.







Petrol Prices (Numbers)



In January 2026, 1 litre of petrol in Alphington Sainsburys cost 134.9 pence.
If you buy 1 litre of petrol from there today, it will cost you 175.9p which is 41p more.
That is 30% increase in price. Surprisingly, if petrol ever returns to 134.9p per litre, the price will have decreased by 23%. Why are these two percentages not the same?

Surely it is reasonable to expect 30% decrease to get you back to where you started? If the price did decrease by 30%, 1 litre would cost a mere 123.1p. How does that work?

It's all about the way percentage increase and percentage decrease are calculated.

$$Percentage\ Increase = \frac{Actual\ Increase}{Original\ Amount} \times 100$$

$$Percentage\ Decrease = \frac{Actual\ Decrease}{Original\ Amount} \times 100$$

You can see that in each of our examples, the starting place is different. The original amount is different each time. In the first increase, the original amount was 134.9p. In the decrease, the original amount was 175.9p

So $Percentage\ Increase = \frac{41}{134.9} \times 100 = 30\%$

$$Percentage\ Decrease = \frac{41}{175.9} \times 100 = 23\%$$

If you are a journalist, you will choose your own starting value, or original amount, to emphasise your point.
Using the petrol prices below, try working out the percentage increase from January to April, from April to August and from August to November. Are they similar or quite different?
January 134.9 April 153.9 August 160.8 November 175.9

(Answers later in Country News) *Dawn Bird*



The Garden Room

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A warm welcome awaits you in
The Garden Room
The Lord Haldon Country Hotel
Dunchideock, EX6 7YF

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For Coffee, Cake and Good company!

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Tuesday 3rd & 17th November 2026

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From 10:30 am until 12:00 midday

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Everyone Welcome!



Lifts available if required please contact:
Anne Taylor: 01392 833282
Shirley Phillips: 07503183224

Tea/Coffee: £3.15

Dunchideock Church Calendar

(for other church services in the Mission Community see the main schedule)

Date	Name	Service	Time
Nov 8	**Remembrance**	**Remembrance Service**	**10:45am**
Sidesperson	Dawn Bird		
Readers	Peter Michelmore	David Hares	
Readings	Micah 4: 1-7	Romans 8: 31-39	
Refreshments	Dawn Bird		
Cleaning	Tina Cook and Liz Thompson		
Flowers	Anne Taylor and Bev Brown		
Nov 29	**Advent Sunday**	**Mission Community Holy Communion**	**10:30 am**
Sidesperson	Steve Cook		
Readers	Christow	Doddiscombsleigh	
Readings	Isaiah 64: 1-9	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9	
Intercessions	Steve Cook		
Refreshments	Stevi Cummings		
Cleaning	Tina Cook and Liz Thompson		
Flowers	None Needed		
Dec 24	**Christmas Eve**	**Christmas Night Holy Communion**	**9:00 pm**
Sidesperson	Shirley Phillips		
Readers	Tina Cook	Dawn Bird	
Readings	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Titus 2: 11-14	
Intercessions	Jerry Bird		
Refreshments	None needed		
Cleaning	Ann and Ray Mallet		
Flowers	Everyone - date to be arranged		

Thank you!

The trustees of the Devon Historic Buildings Trust would like to thank those who have donated gardening tools to the team.



If anyone still has any surplus gardening equipment you would be prepared to donate or sell to this charity please contact belvederehaldon@gmail.com

Local residents are welcome to walk around the grounds of Haldon Belvedere to enjoy the spectacularly beautiful views and lovely paths.

Dunchideock Church

We are fortunate to have a beautiful historic church in the middle of the village, full of delicate detailed wood carvings, with a peaceful wildlife haven all around it. The church is open every day during daylight hours and has a service the second Sunday every month. Many people pop into the church and have expressed delight and appreciation at its presence. Keeping this facility available takes a certain amount of effort.

We are now preparing a rota to spread the joy throughout 2027. If you would like to help (or more likely, can be press-ganged into helping!) by doing one of the following tasks on one month of next year, please email Steve Cook on tvhchurches@gmail.com

Tell him which task you can take and which month you would like to do it. More information will be given to volunteers. Thank you for your help.

Tasks:

- Cleaning
- Flowers
- Preparing for Service and Tidying after
- Provide Refreshments for Service
- Read Bible during Service
- Intercessions (Prayers) during Service

Dawn Bird

News from Christow WI

Would you like to join us for a pre-Christmas musical afternoon? On Thursday November 12th at 2 pm in the Teign valley hall we will be welcoming Paul Collins and Simon Barron with their guitars and exquisite vocals. The very popular local duo “Paul and Simon” are known for their iconic harmonies recreating the songs of Paul Simon from his early song writing for the duo Simon and Garfunkel to his later solo career. They are dedicated to bringing the unforgettable songs of Paul Simon to life. From the tender ballads such as “sound of silence” to the beauty of “slip sliding away” and many more.

Come and join us and let them entertain you while we feed you tea and cake. Just bring £5 in cash and don’t be late. We will be in the Bowden room so numbers will be restricted to 40 people. WI members will have priority.

You can check them out on their web site www.paulandsimon.uk

We hope to see you there. Please consider joining us.

For more information contact us at christowwi@gmail.com Anne Rice

Dunchideock Village Hall Events

Registered Charity No. 301096.

NOVEMBER 2026:

Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November: Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Enjoy music, improve cardio fitness, develop drumming skills and experience amazing feelings of wellbeing. £10 per session. Call Tamsin on 07891 861881

Monday 9th November: Parish Council Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 20th November: Film Night!@ 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. Drolly funny and sweet as a lamb, **'The Sheep Detectives'** is a delightful family entertainment that bundles disarmingly profound themes in a cozy package. Starring Hugh Jackman. £5 Admittance. Extra charge for ice cream and bar.

Friday 27th November: **Village Singers!** 5.30-6.30pm No audition necessary. Call Tamsin for further details 07891 861881

Friday 27th November: '**Pub Night'** 7.30pm until 10.00pm. A relaxed evening with open bar, snacks, music, pub games and a chance to catch up with village friends!

DECEMBER 2026:

Thursday 3rd,10th,17th December: Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Enjoy music, improve cardio fitness, develop drumming skills and experience amazing feelings of wellbeing. £10 per session. Call Tamsin on 07891 861881

Friday 11th December: Film Night!@ 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. Film to be confirmed. £5 Admittance. Extra charge for ice cream and bar.

Friday 18th December: 'Pub Night' 7.30pm until 10.00pm. A relaxed evening with open bar, snacks, music, pub games and a chance to catch up with village friends!

****Pub Nights:**

From September to April 2027, we have decided to hold regular **Pub Nights** on the fourth Friday of each month. We will have Pub games available, a well-stocked bar at bargain prices, bar snacks and music to create a relaxed atmosphere for catching up with village friends! Come anytime between 6.30pm and 10pm!



Services in the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community

November	Time	Details
1 All Saints	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St John the Baptist, Ashton** - Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Michael, Doddiscombsleigh** - Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Service of the Word
	6:00pm	**St Thomas Becket, Bridford** - All Souls Service of Remembering
8 Remembrance	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St Thomas Becket, Bridford** - Remembrance Service
	10:45am	**St Michael, Doddiscombsleigh** - Remembrance Service
	10:45am	**St Michael & All Angels, Dunchideock** - Remembrance Service
	10:50am	**St John the Baptist, Ashton** - Remembrance Service
	10:50am	**St James, Christow** - Remembrance Service With Communion
	10:50am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Remembrance Service
15 2 Before Advent	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Mission Community Holy Communion
22 Christ the King	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St Michael, Doddiscombsleigh** - Mission Community Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Service of the Word (including baptism)
	4:00pm	**Ashton Village Hall** - Forest Church
29 Advent Sunday	9:00am	**Scattered Church by Telephone** - Service of the Word
	10:30am	**St Michael & All Angels, Dunchideock** - Mission Community Holy Communion
	10:30am	**St Mary, Dunsford** - Service of the Word
	6:00pm	**St James, Christow** - Advent Carol Service

For telephone services, please dial 0333 011 0616 and enter the code 334 7721, followed by #

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

The Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community includes the parishes of Ashton, Bridford, Christow, Doddiscombsleigh, Dunchideock and Dunsford.
Rev'd Ruth Frampton (Rector) - 01647 253164 or tvhhrectory@yahoo.com
Rev'd Amanda Drake (Curate) – 07973 785950 or amandacdrake@hotmail.com

Pastoral Care

If you would like, or know someone who would be glad of, a call or "virtual" visit from Rev'd Ruth or another member of the church community or from an Anna Chaplain, please contact the rectory (contact details above), or the Churches' Administrator (see *Getting in touch…* below).

Sunday Services

There is a 9am telephone service each Sunday - you do not need internet access, just a landline or mobile telephone. Between 5 and 10 minutes before the service begins,

please dial 0333 011 0616 and enter the code 334 7721, followed by the # key, when asked. The cost of the call is the standard cost for any 01, 02 or 03 number, but will vary according to your telephone contract. If you miss the Sunday sermon, catch up by phone. Call local number 01647 407047 to listen during the following week.

All our church buildings are open for public worship and details are provided in the separate schedule of services or see the "A Church Near You" website for your parish.

All Souls – Sunday 1 November

At 6pm on Sunday 1 November in Bridford, there will be an All Souls Service of Remembering with music, silence and an opportunity to light candles and remember by name all those on our hearts. Please add the names of those you would like to be remembered to the lists at the back of each of our churches, or email tvhchurches@gmail.com

Remembrance Services – Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Services will be held as follows on Sunday 8 November:

Ashton – 10:50am
Bridford – 10:30am
Christow – 10:50am
Doddiscombsleigh – 10:45am
Dunchideock – 10:45am
Dunsford – 10:50am

Forest Church – 22 November

A monthly opportunity to explore outdoor spirituality, for all the family, at 4pm on Sunday 22 November in Ashton Village Orchard (behind the Village Hall). You don't need to be a church-goer to come to Forest Church, just someone who appreciates creation and would like to have fun and explore their spiritual side outdoors. You can stay for all or part of the session and join in as you feel comfortable. Bring a camp chair or rug to sit on if you can, everyone of all ages is welcome, dogs too!

Advent Sunday – 29 November

This year Advent Sunday is on 29 November. There is a Mission Community Holy Communion service in Dunchideock at 10:30am and an Advent Carol Service (with choir) at Christow at 6:00pm. Everybody is especially welcome to the start of this important preparation period.

Scattered Church – Home Communion

Rev'd Ruth will be taking home communion at the end of the month to those who are not able to attend church. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact Rev'd Ruth (details above).

Villages Prayer – Tuesday 17 November

An opportunity each month to join together specifically to pray for our world, our communities, our churches and those we know. Everyone is welcome. We normally meet to pray on the 3rd Tuesday of each month between 5pm and 6pm. The next meeting is on 17 November at 5pm at Webberton Meadows, Dunchideock, EX2 9TX. Please contact Rev'd Ruth or Rev'd Amanda (details above) or the Churches' Administrator (details below) if you have requests for prayer.

Getting in touch…

If you wish to discuss plans for a baptism/christening, banns of marriage, wedding, funeral, interment of ashes or memorial service, or have any other enquiry, please contact Steve Cook, the Churches' Administrator, on 01392 832332 or email tvhchurches@gmail.com

From the registers…

Baptisms:

11 October Lucas David Francis (Dunchideock)

Funerals:

22 October Diana Hartley (Christow)



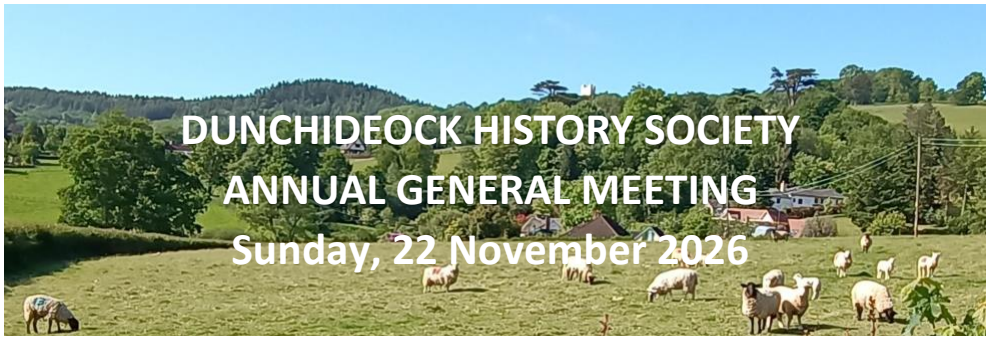
Petrol Prices Answers (Numbers)

January to April percentage increase = $\frac{19}{134.9} \times 100 = 14\%$

April to August percentage increase = $\frac{6.9}{153.9} \times 100 = 4\%$

August to November percentage increase = $\frac{15.1}{160.8} \times 100 = 9\%$

Notice these increases do not add up to the 30% overall increase.



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EXHIBITION : GUEST SPEAKER : AGM

2:00 PM **Doors Open**
The Dunchideock History Exhibition.

2:30 PM **Guest Speaker: Marilyn Thompson**
"The Life and Times of Robert Palk (1716–1798)"

3:30 PM **Refreshments** *(ground floor)*

4:00 PM **Annual General Meeting**

NB: The Talk and AGM are in the Ballroom (first floor). They will be shown on the ground floor for those unable to climb the stairs.

Guest Speaker: Marilyn Thompson

We are delighted to welcome **Marilyn Thompson** as this year's speaker. Born and educated in Exeter, **Marilyn's** lifelong interest has been history, in particular that of her home town, closely followed by family history. Robert Palk's life and achievements are close to her heart, especially since the discovery that he is one of her ancestors.

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Every Thur	6.00pm	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Every Friday	**2.15pm**	Whist *	Shillingford Village Hall
Sat 7th	10.30am	The Exchange	Shillingford Village Hall
Sun 8th		Remembrance Sunday - check for service	details in magazine
Wed 11th	10.30am	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Thur 12th	2.00pm	WI. An Afternoon with Paul and Simon	TVH Christow
Tues 17th	5.00pm	Villages Prayers	Webberton Meadows
Tues 17th	10.30am	Coffee in the Garden Room	Lord Haldon Hotel
Fri 20th	6.45pm	Dunchideock Film Night	Dunchideock Village Hall
Sat 21st	7.30pm	Wildlife Winter Supper	Shillingford Village Hall
Sun 22nd	2.00pm	Dunchideock History Society AGM	Haldon Belvedere
Mon 23rd	7.30pm	Shillingford Film Night	Shillingford Village Hall
Wed 25th	10.30am	Open Door Café	Shillingford Village Hall
Fri 27th	5.30pm	Village Singers	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 27th	7.30pm	'Pub Night'	Dunchideock Village Hall
Fri 27th	7.30pm	Music and Reflection for Advent	St Ide's Church, Ide

December 2026

Thur 3rd	6.00pm	Cardio Drumming	Dunchideock Village Hall
Every Friday	**2.15pm**	Whist	Shillingford Village Hall
Friday 18th	7.30pm	'Pub Night'	Dunchideock Village Hall

***NB Please note the earlier time of 2.15pm for Whist on Fridays, SVH, until the end of March**

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