**IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH / THE HUB@IDE**
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**CHURCH SERVICES** are held each Sunday at 11am and 5.00pm.  A Communion Service is held once a month, either in the morning or evening service. Evanne Voysey arranges for lay preachers to take our services so we have various speakers taking part each Sunday. Joint services take place with the Parish Church of St. Ida, for special occasions, such as Harvest Festival and Carol services.

We currently have All-Age services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings at 5pm led by Fiona Field. These are a relaxed, contemporary style of service (no sermon) aimed at all ages and stages of faith. We serve food after the service.

We hold a **COFFEE MORNING** from 10.30 - 12 noon on the first Thursday in the month. No Coffee Morning is held in August. Occasional lunches by arrangement.

**EVENTS @THE HUB:** Activity dates are published in the Ide Times, www.thehubidecc.com, and include a farm visit in the summer, evening prayer & discussion sessions, a monthly gaming evening called ‘Download’ for KS2 kids, a special event for Halloween (NOT Trick or Treat) called ‘The Lights are On’, Ide Rocks – A Christmas sing-a-long celebration. Contact Fiona for more information or look on www.thehubidecc.com.

**WHO ARE WE:** We are a rural church of some 13 members and are part of the group of South West Congregational Churches. The Church is run independently and decisions are made at a meeting of members.

The Congregational Federation based in Nottingham offers ministerial training facilities, deals with "Safe from Harm" policies for children under 18 years and vulnerable adults, guide lines for fees, financial help for churches and details of missionary work and much more. All information is found in the Federation’s Annual Year Book. Each year, the new President of the Federation visits many of the Congregational Churches and receives a warm welcome at each one. Area representatives bring back news from Federation’s Council meetings for discussion at the SW Area Churches quarterly meetings.

**IN THE BEGINNING** the first Congregational Service was held in 1864 at Exeter House, 14 Fore Street, Ide in what became known as the ‘Upper Room’. Sunday services, the Lord’s Supper and a weekly Prayer Meeting was held on Tuesday evenings until it was felt a more permanent place of worship should be found. The church was built in 1883.    John Webber paid for the site and contributed towards the cost of the building. See the Foundation Stone set in the front wall of the Church - or Chapel, as it is sometimes known locally.

On 15 October 1971 it was decided by a majority of members not to become a United Reform Church but to remain in the Congregational fold.