

St George's Church

March 2019

"Turret Times"

Holcombe

In the HOLiDAY COaST Mission Community in the Anglican Diocese of Exeter

Tuesday at Ten – Pause for Prayer

1	Friday	2.30	World Day of Prayer Service St Agatha's, Dawlish
3	Sunday	9.30	First Sunday Service (also Sunday 7th April)
5	Tuesday		no services this morning
		2.00	Bible Study, 5 Cedar Close
6	Ash Wednesday	10.00	Holy Communion at St Gregory's, Dawlish
		7.00	Holy Communion at St Mary's, Cofton
9	Saturday	2.30	Messy Church
10	Sunday	9.30	Sung Holy Communion
11	Monday	12.00	Holcombe Lunch, booking essential
12	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10.00 Pause for Prayer
		10.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
		2.00	Lent Course, St Gregory's, Tuesdays – see below
And also on Tuesdays 26 th and 2 nd April			
13	Wednesday	2.00	Drop In, Church Rooms
17	Sunday	9.30	Sung Holy Communion
19	Tuesday	10.00	Sacred Space
24	Sunday	9.30	Sung Holy Communion
		10.45	Church AGM
28	Thursday	10.00	Cleaning and cake!
31	Sunday	9.00 BST	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 BST	making posies in the Church Room
		11.00 BST	Mothering Sunday Family Service



Ladies' Lunch to be announced on pew sheet.

Early Morning Prayer Book Communion Service in March will be not be on 4th Sunday but on 5th Sunday- 31st at 9.00 BST. (The clocks spring forward on the Saturday night!)

Please make every effort to come to the AGM (make sure you are on the Electoral Roll, nominations are invited for the DCC) and invite a friend or neighbour to the Mothering Sunday Service. As usual, this will have the theme of Love of God, Love of Others, so it is not exclusively for Mothers!



Quinquennial Inspection Every 5 years every Church in the Church of England has to be inspected by an architect and have a report prepared. Due to the building project, ours was delayed for some time, but we have now received it. It is no surprise to be told that the North roof of the Church needs replacing, and various other jobs need attending to such as flashing around the old chimney, the leaking bell turret, an issue with the small, high window in the East end. And we already knew that the roof over the new Foyer needs urgent attention, more than could be given it at the time of the actual project. So currently our valiant Church Warden, Mike Burden, is obtaining quotes and will be meeting builders with Mike Burden and Brian Pearce. The good news is that we *probably* have enough money in the Legacy Fund to cover it. The not so good news is that when that has been spent, it will have been spent! So watch this space for news of costs and possible fund raising. At least by the time we have finished the building should be fit for purpose for the rest of the century! If anyone wants to see a copy of the Q1 report please ask Mike K or Chris, or for the schedule of recommendations, any DCC member. **Edging strip** to chancel step – the QI also recommended that a proper safety strip be installed at this point, in line with modern design standards. Steve Pocock has agreed to look after this task.

Health and Safety. Steve, our Health and Safety officer, has noted that at times the **back door** has been blocked by boxes or bins or coats. We need to remind us all that this is a primary fire exit and **must not be blocked at any time.** And a reminder that the new outside doors are double locked so to exit in an emergency, turn the bolt twice. Steve has also located a **First Aid Box** and the **Accident Book** in the cupboard at the back of church. Anyone who has an accident in the Church or Garden, even minor, should ensure that this gets written in the book. This has evidently not been happening! The purpose of this is not only to keep a record but to see if there is any pattern or issues that need to be dealt with.





War Memorials – addition of names of Hubert Bright and Thomas Jarman. The Dawlish WW1 project discovered the names of several who were not remembered on the War Memorials and about 10 are to be added to the Dawlish memorial. The DCC agreed that these 2 names should be added to the Holcombe memorials, to the outside memorial by means of replacing the WW1 plaque, to the inside by an additional brass plaque to be located under the Salt memorial. Steve has offered to get costings for this and we will need to get faculty permission, adding it to the faculty for the roof to save the money involved. We are very pleased to report that the Residents' Association have earmarked £200 towards the cost and when we know what that will be, we will invite the balance by public subscription.



Church cleaning will move to the morning as from March. The DCC feels that combining it with a Drop In was not overly successful as people were being “cleaned round”! And for this month we are experimenting with a Thursday morning, 28th March at 10.00. **There is still a real need for a cleaning co-ordinator** – please see Chris to see what this involves. The kitchen area is already being looked after by Mike K and Marilyn. On the subject of cleaning, the DCC has approved this motion:

“that where at all possible, eco-friendly cleaning materials be used and the use of single-use plastic avoided”.

So please do not bring any cleaning materials into the church that are not eco friendly – for instance there is vinegar which cleans windows beautifully with old newspaper and combined with the bicarb does marvels with drains – have you tried it?! Likewise, please try to avoid single use plastic in craft, flower and food matters; cling film to be replaced by foil or a reusable container. Please try to think of alternatives. For instance, Messy Church has sourced eco friendly glitter as most glitter is actually plastic.

Christmas Retiring Collections; Peter Dummett, our treasurer writes: the total of the Christmas Retiring Collections was £273.67. I have rounded this up to £300 and made £100 donations each to H.I.T.S., Children's Hospice S.W., and FRRME. - Ninevah Seed Project. (note – we use the Gift Aid reclaimed from previous charitable cash donations to “round up”.)

Copper Mine A reminder that this now has a permanent home in the Foyer and receives all copper coins which go into the Mission/Disaster Relief Account.

A message from Sherborne

Hello everyone at St. George's. I am sorry we have taken so long to thank you all for your best wishes for our move to Sherborne. I was hoping I could tell you how we had spent the voucher you so kindly gave us but as yet we haven't found anything to remind us of Holcombe. We will one day! We have both settled here really well and luckily have stayed in good health, no coughs and colds. The flu jabs we had in Dawlish have worked wonders. We have tried out 5 different churches, all within walking distance and all have been really welcoming. Not a patch on the welcome at St Georges of course. We are still in touch with a lot of people from Dawlish and around but below I will give our address and telephone number for anyone to ring or look us up. We will not be moving from here ever! Tel.01935 814234. 17 Harbour Court, Harbour Way Sherborne, DT94FH, Best Wishes to you all, Roger and Christine Tyler. (Received 18th Feb)

Mission Community Matters

The DCC approved the suggestion from the Mission Community Forum (formerly Council), that Benefice Service cash collections should go into the MC account held at St Greg's to fund MC activities. Once a year, any surplus over requirements would be split into 4 and returned to the churches.

From St Mary's Cofton Saturday 6th April from 2pm to 5pm Plant sale at St Mary's Church Hall Dawlish Warren lots of bedding and other plants for sale. Refreshments available, Garden bric-a-brac stall and raffle. **Easter Sunday 21st April Early morning Service on Dawlish Warren beach**, if wet in the Hall, followed by breakfast at St Mary's Hall. 01626 864537. Breakfast free, collection for Christian Aid. **Saturday 29th June** starting at 5.30pm the Summer BBQ and Music Evening at St Mary's Church Hall.

Part time Parish Administrator – Do you know anyone who would like to apply?

The PCC of St Gregory's Church seeks to appoint a part time administrator to be based at the parish office in St Gregory's Church. 10 hours per week, paid at £11.50 per hour. **Overall Purpose of Post:** - To provide administration support to the Benefice and more specifically to St. Gregory's (and St. George's).

Responsibilities and Accountabilities ; * To carry out General Office duties including being IT literate * To be a point of contact, to welcome visitors, receive enquiries, telephone calls and bookings in a prompt and courteous manner. You will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Info- Revd Dallas Ayling, 01626 867386. Closing date 12th March 2019

Fairtrade Fortnight starts at the end of February – 2 events at the Strand Centre

Friday 1st March, 7.30pm Concert by the High C's with Back Beach Boyz £6.50/ticket which includes light refreshments (Glass of Fairtrade Wine, tea or coffee + Fairtrade nibbles) + Fairtrade Draw

Wednesday 6th March 2019, 2.30pm Afternoon Tea Homemade Fairtrade cakes + presentation by two banana growers from St. Vincent.



And next time you enjoy a bar of chocolate, think whether it has been produced by something like slave labour. The overall theme for Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 is **She Deserves £1.86**



£1.86 is the amount a cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn each day in order to achieve a living income. Currently, a typical cocoa farmer lives on around 74p a day. Almost all cocoa farmers in West Africa live in poverty. This is why we at Fairtrade are campaigning for a living income to become a reality for them. If we can work together with governments, chocolate companies and retailers to make the commitments and policies necessary, then we can make it happen. Chocolate is one of the world's favourite foods but growing cocoa is a hard task. Fairtrade is helping to make it more sustainable. Ninety per cent of the world's cocoa is grown on small family farms by about 6 million farmers who earn their living this way. Cocoa is a delicate and sensitive crop, and farmers must protect trees from wind, sun, pests, and disease. With proper care, cocoa trees begin to yield pods at peak production levels by the fifth year, and they can continue at this level for 10 years. But for all this hard work, cocoa farmers gain very little from a very profitable global cocoa trade. Between 2016 and 2017 global cocoa prices dropped by more than a third, disease and age are damaging cocoa trees and the number of farmers is falling because the benefits are so poor that few young people want to stay in the profession - the average age of a cocoa farmer is over 50. They remain in poverty as their income fails to keep up with rising costs and household expenses.

How does Fairtrade make things better?

Fairtrade helps to make cocoa farming more sustainable through payment of the Fairtrade Premium: an additional sum of money paid over and above the Fairtrade price. It goes into a communal fund for the workers to invest – e.g. in business or community projects – enabling them to better provide for themselves and their communities. In 2015-16, cocoa farmers earned around £22 million in Fairtrade Premiums.

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

HoliDay CoaSt Mission Community Lent Course 2019 - Life Engaging Worship

Tuesday 2pm, St Gregory's, Dawlish, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, April 9th

Thursday 7pm, St Paul's, Starcross March 14th, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, April 11th

The course helps us explore the connections between worship and everyday life. The sessions (approx 90 mins) will usually include scripture, discussion, videos, opportunity for practical application. Refreshments

Week 1: considers that worship is a response to God's mercy and involves the whole of our lives.

Week 2: explores the notion - worship enables us to see the world differently, in the light of God's big story.

Week 3: discusses how worship flows from understanding our identity as beloved children of God into 'whatever we do.'

Week 4: explores how gathered worship can shape the words we say and think every-day in more Christ-like ways.

Week 5: considers how true worship of God is fuelled by love and how worship also inspires a deeper love for God and others.



Let's Do Lunch in Lent

Methodist Church Hall, Dawlish Fridays, 12.00 to 1.30

15th, 22nd, 29th March, 5th, 12th April Soup and bread lunch



Donations to Christian Aid

Advance Information: Holy Week – Mon, Tues, Weds, 6.30pm in each of our 4 churches on each day, a short service of Evening Prayer,

Maundy Thursday 18th April – at 6.30 pm (1) St Gregory's – Informal meal and Holy Communion, led by Dallas

(2) St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren." Agape" with Holy Communion in the context of a meal round tables, led by Chris

Good Friday – CTDD Walk of Witness, stations of the cross, 12 noon, Dawlish. 2 pm in Church reflective service, followed at 3.30 by Good Friday Garden for the Messy Community and any others who care to join us

Easter Sunday – services at 8.00 (BCP) and 9.30

Sunday 28th April - 10.00 Benefice Service at St George's. (yes, we will get in!) A good chance to celebrate and share the fellowship of St George's after St George's Day the previous week!



The Foundation
for Relief and
Reconciliation in
the Middle East

St George's Church,
Baghdad, Iraq

News from the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East (FRRME).

This supports the ministry of St George's Baghdad but in recent years has had to expand to care for those caught up in recent event..

Two shocking stories - Fariza is just 10 years old. When ISIS gunmen come to her village, she and her family flee to a refugee camp in Kurdistan. Like so many others, they walk through the night to find a safe haven, not knowing if they will make it. The camp that takes them in provides food, water and basic shelter but is not a safe place. Fariza is sexually assaulted by a man she does not know. The physical and mental trauma of this attack causes her to stop talking. In the Middle East, victims of sexual assault are often stigmatised. Sadly, many people see them as tarnished in some way. Consequently, those who suffer abuse rarely speak out or seek help. This has a corrosive effect over time. In Fariza's case the need to hide her shame was literal – she became mute. To tell anyone what she had gone through might incur scorn. So, Fariza shut down.

Sometimes the abused become the abuser. Some of the men we are helping in Jordan are frustrated by their plight. They feel emasculated by years of unemployment, of not being able to provide for their families. Often this frustration grows into anger. In some cases, this anger is directed at wives and children. One father we are helping is prone to fits of rage and is causing his son great upset. The son is depressed and suffers from insomnia as a result.

There is hope...All of the 6,000 or so Iraqi refugees we support in Jordan are victims of ISIS. All were driven from their homes. Many lost family and friends in the slaughter. What do we do about this tragedy? Some say that the relative safety of Jordan is enough to rebuild a broken life. But what if your mind is still stuck in Iraq, reliving the terrible things that were done to you, or that you have seen? The solution is trauma counselling. At a church in Amman we are achieving something extraordinary. With help from a grant given to us by The Jerusalem Trust we are providing therapy, and support to hundreds of Iraqi Christian refugees. Trauma counselling offers a safe space in which victims can say, perhaps for the first time, that they are suffering, with the opportunity to explore their emotions in a constructive way. The initiative includes art and music therapy, exercise, language and cookery classes. There are day trips too, such as the recent excursion to the village of Salt where the refugees shared their love of God with fellow Christians. There are also workshops which address trauma more directly, run by a qualified trauma counsellor from a German charity called Christian Professionals International. If you Google 'trauma counselling Iraq', we are among the top results. This is heartening. It is even more heartening to see Fariza talking again. The father and son mentioned above are being closely monitored and are both receiving the help they need. This past year has taught us about the hidden injuries of war.

Donations can be made via the website or you can send us cheque made out to 'FRRME' to: FRRME, PO Box 229, Petersfield, Hants, GU32 9DL, United Kingdom.

Art Therapy workshop for Iraqi refugee children in Jordan.



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Knitting – now that Samara's Aid is not able to send knitted items from the UK (see the latest edition of Coastline if you have not caught up with this), Chris would like to invite ideas of organisations for whom we could

knit. Answers on a piece of paper or email please!

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God's Wonderful World – What are we doing to it? Did you know there is a Group called Dawlish Against Plastic? I know this poster shows a Feb date, but you get the idea. How can we start to reduce our own plastic? I walked round the supermarket recently with my eyes just focusing on all the single use plastic. It horrified me. Here are just some ideas. Bamboo toothbrush, if you don't use an electric one. Available in Poppadums. I use one and like it. Shampoo bars, similarly available but I have some left over from a bulk purchase for Samara's Aid for £3 which I will donate to Samara's Aid for widows and orphans. Saves the plastic bottle and is not full of chemicals.

