

DAWLISH COAST MISSION COMMUNITY

A newsletter brought to you every fortnight throughout the year with information from the churches of St Gregory's (Dawlish); St George's (Holcombe); St Mary's (Cofton) and St Paul's (Starcross).

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HELPING TO 'TURN THE TIDE' *Prebendary Chris Curd writes:*

Those who wandered round Dawlish Lawn and into the Marquee on Saturday 8th June at the 'Turn the Tide' Festival, were able to engage with a wide variety of stalls all focussing on eco concerns, international, national and local. We were there as well!

I was there as our Eco Champion, and with the help of Linda, Ceri, Janice Smith and Cath Chappell staffed a stall which gave information about Eco church and our bronze award commitments, as well as the story of Jonah and the Whale!



What did we do? We told people about Swap Shop, Toilet Twinning (via Tear Fund - is yours twinned?!), Garden Twinning (via Ripple Effect aka Send a Cow) which helps mitigate the effects of climate change in east Africa. We had a short Rubbish Quiz and a Carbon Quiz and were able to tell visitors from churches up country about the Eco Church scheme. There were details of the St Gregory's Churchyard project, Holcombe Garden and the planter at St Mary's Hall. And Cath, Ceri and Janice did a wonderful job engaging children in making an origami whale out of scrap paper!



A wonderful day in which we were able to demonstrate that we care about the Creation of which our Father has made us custodians.



NEW BISHOP OF EXETER ANNOUNCED

The new Bishop of Exeter will be the Rt. Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison. The announcement was made by Downing Street, after his appointment was approved by the King. Bishop Mike is currently the Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. He succeeds Bishop Robert, who retired last September.



Bishop Mike said *"I am delighted, excited, and honoured to become the Bishop of Exeter. Devon holds a special place in my heart and I'm looking forward to working with its amazing churches and their communities to share the gospel message of hope, joy and wonder that is the faith we have in Jesus Christ to transform lives and restore broken situations."*

The bishop is married to Rachel, an Occupational Therapist, and they have four adult children. He was born in Bolton and is a passionate supporter of Bolton Wanderers football team, as well as being a beekeeper, keen cake baker and fan of live comedy.

He is expected to begin his new role in November. Until then Bishop Jackie will continue to be Acting Bishop of Exeter. Read more on the Diocese of Exeter website by clicking [here](#).

FOOD PRODUCTION AND WILDLIFE GARDEN OPEN FOR CHARITY

Cliff and Chris Curd's garden
(at 2 Middlewood, Cockwood EX6 8RN)

will soon be open for two weekends in succession under the National Garden Scheme. Some of you may have seen this wonderful garden featured on the BBC's 'Gardener's World' (see *photo of Cliff with Toby Buckland*) and will know it's well worth a visit. 108 varieties of "edible" have just been counted!



You can visit between 1pm-5pm on:

Sat 29th, Sun 30th June, Sat 6th and Sun 7th July.

Entry is just £5 per adult and free of charge for children.

Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Refreshments will be available and there will be a sales table raising money to be sent to Ukraine via the Ukrainian members of the household.

Parking is limited so please share or come by bus

(alight from the No 2 bus at Cockwood harbour). **If you have any queries or can offer to donate a home-made cake (or cakes!) for the sale please contact Chris on 07771 842334.**



BENEFICE WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY BARBECUE Put a note in your diary!

Our next **Benefice Worship** is to be held at **St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren**

on **Sunday 30th June** commencing at 10.30am. This will be followed by a BBQ.

Sausages, burgers and buns provided - *please bring 'nibbly bits' and desserts to share.*



THY KINGDOM COME CELEBRATION & BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL

Alex Pugh, from the St Greg's PCC
and Communications Group, writes:

The 'Thy Kingdom Come' celebration service took place at Exeter Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday led by Bishop Jackie Searle. It was fantastic to join many from our Dawlish Coast Mission Community as over 550 people gathered to sing and pray together for 'Renovation and Transformation' in our world, our communities and our own lives.



The event main speaker was Canon Ruth Valerio who is an environmentalist, theologian and social activist. She is Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund and also Canon Theologian at Rochester Cathedral and her talk focused on a vision to inspire and equip Christians to a whole-life response to poverty, helping build a movement that brings about lasting change on the issues that impact the poorest and most vulnerable. The music group was led by Executive Director for 'Christians in Politics', Andy Flannagan and we were treated to songs both familiar and new as we powerfully united together as Christians singing our socks off in the magnificent setting of Exeter Cathedral!

In addition to the Thy Kingdom Come celebration, also during May my father and I attended the annual **Big Church Festival** this was our first time at this event, and it didn't disappoint! Attracting 30,000 Christian festival-goers each summer, Big Church Festival is the largest Christian music festival in the UK. Held within the grounds of the beautiful Wiston Estate in West Sussex, it hosts a varied line-up of contemporary artists across 8 stages; including a main stage arena for headlining bands, platforms for emerging artists, a stage for the spoken word and a superb prayer tent.



Both the Saturday and Sunday evenings were experiences in their own right. By the time the headlining acts came on, the crowd was huge and dusk met with the stage lighting and created such a wonderful spiritual atmosphere. It was fun and enlivening and the event allowed me to feel at home within a like-minded community. As well as building up my faith - a truly wonderful experience. I think the festival has a place for everyone but there is something quite special about choosing to place yourself in a Christ-centred environment like this, where everybody's common ground is loving Jesus. With the motto "Celebrate All That Is Good", BCF is the feel-good festival for coming together as God's big family and I can thoroughly recommend it for all ages!

Blessings, Alex

POSTSCRIPT: Alex has recently joined Legal & Contract Services, a family run business established in 1990 and based in Dawlish. Are you **Estate Planning**? Do you have a **Will or Lasting Power of Attorney** in place? Do you need help with your **Blue Badge application**? If you need any advice and would like to avoid increasing solicitor's fees, please contact Alex on 07487 223851 or email her at alexpugh@lcslegal.co.uk and for all new Will enquiries please quote the reference DCMCAP. Legal & Contract Services will then gift your chosen church in the Dawlish Coast Mission Community with £15.00 for every new will instruction requested!

SERVICES 16th to 29th JUNE

Sunday 16th June

9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
11am St Mary's – Morning Worship
6.30pm Benefice Phone Service - dial 01200 480091

Tuesday 18th June

9am Prayer Meeting by phone - dial 01200 480091

Wednesday 19th June

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd June

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Wednesday 26th June

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion



TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING BY PHONE

All welcome to a half hour of prayer.
Rather than on Zoom, we will be meeting on the phone for Tuesday morning prayer beginning this coming Tuesday, June 18th, at 9am.
Just dial 01200 480091 to join.
It's good to pray together!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon

JUNE

Tuesday 18th Kids' Swap Shop at St Greg's, 9am-11am
Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am
Ladies' Lunch at Amelia's, Cofton, 12.30pm

Saturday 22nd Armed Forces Day all day on Dawlish Lawn
Organ Recital by Stephen Tanner
Retiring collection in aid of St Greg's Organ Fund, 6.30pm at St Greg's

Tuesday 25th Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am
Julian Prayer Group at St Greg's, 2pm

Saturday 29th South West Awake! Prayer Chain
along the Coastal Path, 10.30am

Sunday 30th Benefice Worship (followed by BBQ)
at St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren, 10.30am

JULY

Wednesday 3rd Mission Community Monthly Prayer Gathering
at St George's, Holcombe, 7pm

JOIN US FOR OUR

BENEFICE WORSHIP & BBQ

Worship together with others from our Churches and then enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch



ST MARY'S HALL

WE PROVIDE THE BURGERS/SAUSAGES & BUNS, YOU BRING NIBBLES AND PUDDINGS PLEASE

30TH JUNE | 10.30AM

See page 2 for details of a special garden in Cockwood, open for charity on 29th & 30th June, 6th & 7th July.

If you would like any support, or someone to talk to,
or you know of someone else who does,
please contact one of the following:

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