

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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'A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIEND(S)?'

Any Beatle's fans will immediately recognise the lyrics from their 1967 album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. Written jointly by John and Paul and, unusually, sung by Ringo Starr. However, did you know when used in the singular, that same phrase can be used to describe the working of the third person of the Trinity?

The assistance promised by Jesus to his disciples following his death and resurrection came in the person of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, an event we celebrate this year, on Sunday 19th May.

It is far easier to visualise the image of God as Father in heaven, or Jesus as Son on earth living amongst us as one of us than it is to envisage the Holy Spirit. He is often depicted in art in the form of either a dove or a burning flame, echoing the two visible appearances recorded in scripture at both Christ's baptism and amongst the disciples in the upper room.

Jesus described Him in various ways, as a 'helper', someone just like himself. The term is sometimes translated as 'Comforter' one who offers solace in times of stress, or 'Advocate' one who stands alongside us and acts on our behalf or in our defence.

He brings courage and imbues those who receive Him with: boldness in the face of danger, wisdom in times of confusion, and recollection (especially of Christ's teaching) when our own memory fails us.

His presence in the lives of those early disciples enabled them to face a far from certain future with courage and conviction; to overcome their craven fear of those who had killed their Lord and master and to boldly proclaim a new message of love and reconciliation to a hostile world.

Friendship is a wonderful gift and I trust that you are surrounded by people who love you and look out for you. There will, no doubt, be times in our lives when we will rely on the depth and quality of those friendships, times when they evidence their true worth.

For Christians there is also the consolation of knowing that when we come to an end of ourselves and our strength fails, and even when others cannot provide the support we need, there is always another comforter, just like Jesus, who is there for us, sustaining us and supporting us in our time of need.

At this Whitsuntide, may you know the joy of true friendship and the presence of God the Holy Spirit who fortifies us through life's trials and brings us into 'times of refreshing' from the Lord. (Acts 3:21)

Patrick

*Minister,
St Paul's Church, Starcross*



LICENSED LAY MINISTRY NEWS

The Ven. Andrew Beane has decided to step down from his role as Warden of Readers (LLMs) for the Diocese of Exeter. Andrew has been doing the role alongside his work as the Archdeacon of Exeter, for the past four-and-a-half years. Andrew said, *"It has been an absolute joy to have held this position. I have loved working alongside our Licensed Lay Ministers, supporting their ministry and getting to know everyone. It has been a great privilege to accompany those who have felt called to Licensed Lay Ministry and to see so many of them trained and now exercising that vocation in their parishes and local communities."*



Bishop Jackie said: "I would like to express my gratitude to Andrew for doing such a great job, encouraging vocations and championing LLM ministry, and for his commitment and joy in the role."

There will now be a pause in appointing a new Warden to give time for consultation about the role going forward. The Diocese are grateful to Carol Price (pictured with Andrew and Bishop Jackie), the Assistant Warden, who will be continuing her role and providing support to LLMs alongside our LLM Administrator, Hannah Cross.

Would you like to know more about what being a Licensed Lay Minister involves?

If so then please [click here](#) for information on the Diocese website or why not talk to Revd Linda, or Will Halse, Margaret Noel or Ceri Lee (all LLMs - *contact details at the end of this Newsletter*) or Richard Orr (*an LLM-in-training*).

HORSEBOX CONVERTED INTO PRAYER CABIN

St Basil's ([click here](#) for their website) is a rural church worshipping at "Big Sundays" (on 2nd and 4th Sundays) at West Town Farm in Ide and on "Small Sundays" (1st and 3rd Sundays) in various locations. Their Big Sunday cafe is open from 9.30am, with the service beginning at 10am and there are five different kids and youth groups covering ages 0 - 16.



St Basil's has transformed something old into something new; an old horsebox trailer has been restored and turned into a Prayer Cabin. The idea came about through a dream that Rev'd Pete James had, during the time that he was discerning the vision for St Basil's church. He dreamt the church was building a place of prayer, and he knew that prayer needed to be the priority. The church community came together to transform the horse box into a beautiful prayer space, which sits on the top of an orchard. It is a place for people to gather or spend time alone. Inside, the cabin features different prayer prompts. [Click here](#) to find out more or to book a slot.

THY KINGDOM COME PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Exeter Cathedral,

Sunday 19th May, 6pm



DON'T FORGET!

The Telephone Service on Sunday 19th May will be at the earlier time of 4pm.

This is to avoid a clash with this special Renovation event

'**Renovation**' is an ecumenical event which will be an inspiring evening of prayer, learning and worship led by Bishop Jackie and Bishop James.

Music will be led by Andy Flannagan (pictured), and there will be input from Tearfund's Ruth Valerio and Churches Together's Rev'd Dr Ben Aldous. It's hoped that the worship together will draw you closer to God, and inspire you to pray for God's kingdom here in Devon.

Please [click here](#) to book your free ticket on Eventbrite.



HOUSE GROUPS

House Groups are a great way to get to know our church family better! At the same time as deepening our knowledge of the Bible and our faith. The groups are open to anyone from the church to join and meet in homes around the parish for friendship, encouragement, prayer, Bible study and worship... even pancakes & donuts! Each group is different, but above all they are where we get to know each other and God better.

We have a variety of groups which meet during the week, on various days at various times!

If you'd like to find out more, do please get in touch with one of the leaders or Rev'd Linda Cronin and they'll be delighted to chat through which group might be the best for you.

* Please note Monday is Rev'd Linda's only day off so please avoid if possible!

Monday Evenings contact Ian Andrews 07904 205276

Tuesday afternoons contact Roger Hunt 01626 864142

Tuesday evenings contact Marjorie Thorne 01626 866416

Wednesday evenings every fortnight contact Keith Chambers 07858 379896 or Linda Chambers 07510 386459

WELCOME/ SIDES PEOPLE

Please contact Leena or Richard (Church Wardens) if you have a friendly smile and would love to greet our wonderful congregation for Sunday worship, we need more help please!

SERVICES 19th MAY to 1st JUNE

Sunday 19th May: Pentecost

9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's – Greg's @ 10
11am St Mary's – Morning Worship
4pm Benefice Phone Service - dial 01200 480091

Wednesday 22nd May

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 26th May: Trinity Sunday

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

Wednesday 29th May

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion



TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM

All welcome to a half hour of prayer online on Tuesdays at 9am. Just click on [this link](#) or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter: Meeting ID: 575 020 5964 and Passcode: 850653.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon

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Sunday 19th	'Eat Dawlish' event on the Lawn, 10am-4pm 'RENOVATION' Thy Kingdom Come event at Exeter Cathedral, 6pm
Tuesday 21st	Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am Kid's Swap Shop at St Greg's, 9am-11am Praying for Dawlish at St Greg's, 12noon Ladies' Lunch at Amelia's, Cofton Holidays, 12.00pm for 12:30pm start
Saturday 25th	Vintage Fair at the Strand Centre, 10am-3pm Fairgrounds of 'Yesteryear' meal and talk, at the Strand Centre, 6.30pm
Monday 27th	Spring Bank Holiday (and start of school half term week)
Tuesday 28th	Julian Prayer Group at St. Greg's (in Upper Narthex), 2pm No Little Greg's due to school half term break
Wednesday 29th	Stories from the Sea at Dawlish Library, 11am Educating Rita at the Shaftesbury Theatre, 7.30pm (on until Saturday 1st June)



**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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