

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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TWO SEAS Written by Gayle D. Erwin - [click here](#) for his website 'Servant Quarters'.

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters. Along its shores the children play, as children played when He was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when he spoke His parables. And on a rolling plain not far away He fed five thousand people. The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travellers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its water, and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink.

What makes this mighty difference in these neighbour seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie, not the country about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it, another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure.

The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps.



The Sea of Galilee gives and lives.
This other sea gives nothing.
It is named The Dead.
There are two kinds of people in
the world.
There are two seas in Palestine.



PCC MEMBER VACANCIES—ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

From the Diocese of Exeter website: "The PCC takes the lead in carrying out the mission of the church – the whole church. Working alongside and supporting the clergy, pastoral care, telling the story of faith, social action and co-operation with churches of other denominations all fall within its remit. In many ways it is the PCC that shapes the health of the church."



St Gregory's Church APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is scheduled for **Sunday 12th May at 11.30am**, i.e. after the morning service. There are 8 vacancies needing to be filled for new PCC Members. If you feel this important role in the life of the church could be of interest to you and you would like to find out more (*in confidence and before any commitment is made*) then please do speak to, or get in touch with, one of the Churchwardens, Richard Sulch (01626 864942 sulchr@yahoo.co.uk) or Leena Halse (01626 866054 mlhalse@yahoo.co.uk).

ADDITIONAL BELL RINGING AT ST. GREG'S Monday 6th May and Sunday 12th May

Cath Chappell writes:

We are very lucky at St Greg's to have a lovely ring of 8 bells. This makes us popular with visiting bands and we are looking forward to welcoming two different bands to ring here in May. Please listen out for the bells ringing during the afternoon of **Monday 6th May**. They will be rung by members of the Exeter branch of bellringers who will be on their 'train outing' of church towers and who will be ringing our bells from **3.30 to 4.30pm**.

Then on **Sunday 12th May** another band from Kingsteignton and Combeinteignhead will be ringing them from **2.30 to 3.45pm**. One of their ringers, Jim, was taught to ring at St Greg's by our own Derek and Mo Hawkins (regular St Greg's choir members), so he is very much looking forward to ringing here again.

We all very much hope you will enjoy hearing the bells ringing on these occasions.

REACHING DAWLISH 4 - *an invitation from ROC Dawlish*

Dear Friends, last November at Reaching Dawlish 3, we asked you to save the date for **Friday 26th April, 6-9pm** for Reaching Dawlish 4. This time we're gathering in the Upper Narthex at St. Greg's Parish Church, who we sincerely thank for their kind hospitality. Here's the EventBrite link to book yourselves in: [click here](#). Any problems, just ask and we'll save you a seat at the table. This time we'll be having a very relaxed simple supper with inspiring stories and a time of prayer as the Lord leads us. We'd love to welcome you to stand with us (actually to sit down and eat with us!) in Jesus' name. God bless you all.

Dr Mark Jones, ROC Dawlish Local Co-ordinator (07729 998334)



PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

As most will be aware, following Sabrina's recent departure we no longer employ a Church Administrator at St Gregory's. Some of you may, therefore, be wondering what's happening to any calls made to the St Greg's landline on 01626 864322 or any emails sent to st.gregs@btinternet.com

Never fear! Phone calls, messages and emails are, by the wonders of modern technology, automatically redirected to Revd Linda.

ECO CHURCH CELEBRATION **ECO CHURCH** AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

Exeter Cathedral: Sunday 28 April, 12:30pm–3:30pm

Organised by the Creation Care Team at the Diocese of Exeter, celebrate the Eco Church scheme in Devon and all that has been achieved so far. Dave Bookless from [A Rocha](#) will be sharing an inspiring message alongside churches from around the Diocese. The Right Reverend Bishop Jackie, acting Bishop of Exeter, will also be honouring new Eco Churches at every level by presenting them with their awards during the afternoon. Enjoy a wide range of displays and stalls from environmental organisations working across Devon. You are also very welcome to stay on for Even-song from 4pm led by Reverend Canon Cate Edmonds, focusing on caring for creation. To read more and book a free ticket: [click here](#)

SUNSHINE AND SATURDAY SALES AT ST. PAUL'S

Becky Bird writes:

The sunshine certainly brought people out to the sale at St Paul's, Starcross on Saturday 13th April. Whilst a lot of work goes in to preparing, clearing up - and a lot of baking - we raised just under £700. Thanks to everyone who helps, particularly mentioning Erin who helps each month as part of her Duke of Edinburgh 's award. Our next sale is on **Saturday 11th May** and we hope to include a display of photographs and pictures of the Royal Western Counties Hospital and the installation of the Memorial Stone (in the Memorial Garden of St Paul's Churchyard). The Hospital closed in 1986 and the dedication of a Memorial Stone was part of a 'Past and Present' weekend at St Paul's, 10 years ago in May 2014, with the Memorial Stone in memory of those who lived and worked at RWCH and everyone from the hospital who was buried in St Paul's churchyard in unmarked graves.



RUNNING FOR ROWCROFT

Many of you will know Joyce Williams, whose name now regularly features on the Sunday prayer list at St Gregory's and who still joins the congregation, in person, when either her daughter Wendy, or son David, are able to bring her and she is able to get up and dressed in time! Before her Parkinson's diagnosis Joyce was an active member of the church family and a well-known name and face at both church services and events. Joyce's daughter, Wendy, tells us that she is herself perhaps less well-known to the church community, although back in the early nineties she led the Sunday School for a bit before heading off to University! Now, that she has moved back she sometimes attends with Mum and says she is probably most recognisable for attending communion services with her little dog, Milo!



Wendy has just signed up to run the Torbay Half Marathon which takes place in September, and understands from some of the ministry team, that there are very likely to be church family members who would welcome the chance to support both her and the very good cause she is running for. That being the case..... if anyone would like to support Wendy with a donation (however small) for the benefit of Rowcroft Hospice, or would like to read more about her entry in the Half Marathon then please follow this link to her page on the Sportsgiving website: [click here](#)

TURN THE TIDE, DAWLISH is happening again this year at the beginning of the Big Green Week and will be on the Lawn on **Sat 8th** and **Sun 9th June**. This year we are going to be involved and will be in the marquee to give information about what we do for Eco Church. Also, possibly to have some activities for children and/or adults. Have you seen that there is going to be a whale on the Lawn? It looks as if you can go inside it and imagine what it was like to be Jonah!! If anyone would like to be involved, even if only in a small way, or has any ideas, please let Revd Linda or Chris Curd (07771 842334) know. Watch this space for more information or to read more about the event (and the whale!) [click here](#) to go to the Turn the Tide website.



SERVICES 21st APRIL TO 4th MAY

Sunday 21st April: 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 24th April

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion
1.30pm St Gregory's - Funeral of Kenneth Butt

Thursday 25th April

- 12.30pm St Gregory's - Funeral of Nigel Fleming

Sunday 28th April: 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 1st May

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon

APRIL

- Tuesday 23rd** Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am.
Julian Group, quiet prayer, 2pm
St George's Day Celebration
at St George's (Holcombe), 2pm-4pm
- Friday 26th** Reaching Dawlish 4 at St Greg's (Upper Narthex), 6pm-9pm
- Saturday 27th** Kid's Swap Shop at St Greg's, 11am-1pm
- Sunday 28th** Eco Church Celebration at Exeter Cathedral, 12.30pm-3.30pm
- Tuesday 30th** Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am.



MAY

- Thursday 2nd** Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner election:
Polling Station at St Greg's, 7am-10pm
- Tuesday 7th** Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am
Kid's Swap Shop at St Greg's, 9am-11am
- Saturday 11th** BIG church clean at St Greg's, 10am-1pm
Monthly Sale at St Paul's (Starcross), 11am-2pm
- Sunday 12th** Annual Parochial Church Meetings at St Greg's & St Paul's
Following the service, so at St Paul's (around 11am); St Greg's (11.30am)
NB: A Bring-and-Share Lunch will be held following the St Greg's APCM

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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