

# 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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*Valerie Jeffery and Ruth Cann write hoping to help build knowledge, across the Benefice, of St Mary's Cofton:*

St Mary's is not a church in the centre of a village and therefore the catchment area is somewhat challenging. Cockwood is very close by and we constantly try to build relationships with the Village.



To give you a little about our history - The Church of St Mary, Cofton, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary was mentioned for the first time in a deed of 1270. In 1384 Bishop Brantyngham authorised the Vicar of Dawlish to perform divine service at St Mary's. Then records talk of services being led by Vicars of Dawlish, Kenton, Powderham, Mamhead and even Buckfastleigh. Twice the church fell into disrepair and disuse until in 1838, when William, tenth Earl of Devon arranged for the rebuilding.



St Mary's has a beautiful stained glass window of Sancta Maria, also a Mother's Union banner depicting Mary with Jesus stands by the altar (*see photo aside*). The altar depicts the crucifixion with two women either side of Jesus so we can presume one would have been The Virgin Mary and the other Mary Magdalene.

A window by the organ portrays "He is not here for he is risen". Then there is a beautiful window entitled "I am the light of the world", (*see photo aside*). One can look at this on any Sunday and whatever the weather it has a light shining through it.



Then there is also a large panel of The Virgin Mary with child, presented by M.M.C. Avant- Washington of The Langstone Cliff on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1930.

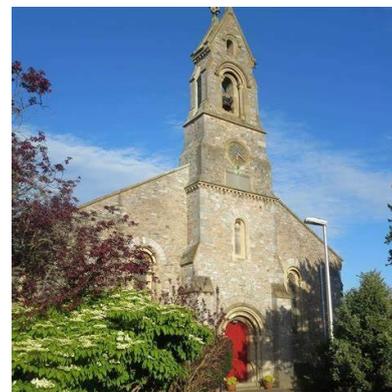
We appreciate our close connection with the Dawlish Coast Mission Community and although we are a small congregation we welcome holiday visitors to our beautiful church.

We have been open for quiet reflection this year since 22<sup>nd</sup> July, and this carries on **until 30<sup>th</sup> August, Monday to Friday from 11am to 3pm**. We are also hosting **coffee mornings every Monday in this period from 10am to 12midday – all are welcome**.

## GOOD NEWS FROM ST.PAUL'S, STARCROSS

The Monthly Sale, held on 13th July, along with the recent Community Cafe Morning and Car Boot Sale means that over £1,000 has been raised for church funds, some of which will help towards re-ordering the church, including new/additional toilets.

Thanks are extended to everyone who has helped achieve this amazing amount.



## MOTHERS' UNION CELEBRATES MARY SUMNER DAY



*Ann Leigh writes:*

This year we are hosting the Diocesan celebration to remember the founder of the Mothers' Union and particularly the caravan which, for nearly 30 years, offered holidays in Dawlish Warren to needy families from many parts of the country. All friends and members of our congregations are invited to join us in **St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren on Friday 9th August** for the service at **2pm** and refreshments afterwards.



## COULD YOU HELP?

*Annabelle Murray,  
Volunteering in Health (ViH) Volunteer Coordinator  
writes:*



If you are considering volunteering in your community, why not consider Volunteering in Health? We have a thriving and engaging cohort of wonderful people that help us meet the needs of local people who are struggling with isolation and loneliness, and we are looking for other community minded folk to become befrienders and drivers, to meet the growing need in the Teignbridge area.

ViH have volunteer roles including Befrienders, Telephone Befrienders, Drivers, Admin, Fundraising and even Runners and Walkers who are in training to run the Bath Half Marathon in March 2025. If you are interested in volunteering, there is plenty of opportunity to use your skills to help others in your community.

Excitingly, we will be starting our **HOPE (Help Overcoming Problems Effectively) course located in Dawlish at Dawlish Hospital on October 23rd 10 – 12.30, which runs for 6 weeks.** This is a great opportunity to self-refer if you have a life goal you would like to set to improve your own wellbeing.

***For more information about volunteering or on reserving a HOPE space please contact me, Annabelle Murray (Volunteer Coordinator).***

**Email: [info@volunteeringinhealth.co.uk](mailto:info@volunteeringinhealth.co.uk) or call our office on 01626 771695.**

## A NOTE ON SAFEGUARDING FOR ST.GREGORY'S AND ST. GEORGE'S



In the last edition of the eNewsletter we reported how Tess Hickson has recently taken over from Will Halse as our new Safeguarding Representative.

To clarify..... Barbara Rains remains as the Safeguarding Representative for St George's whilst Tess has overall responsibility for this role in the parish of Dawlish as a whole.



## CONGRATULATIONS, STEVE!

Sunday 21st July saw a lovely service relicensing the Totnes Archdeaconry Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs, previously known as Readers) and welcoming three other LLMs who have transferred to the Diocese of Exeter from other dioceses. These three included Steve Cronin (our Rector's 'other half') who was relicensed to this Benefice.

The church was full of people in support of all these ministers and, as Bishop James (Bishop of Plymouth) said, it was great to see LLMs, en masse, front and centre. He went on to ask whether there was a collective noun for such a gathering, and suggested 'a blessing of LLMs' might be a good choice.

**Congratulations, Steve....** we're very happy, and blessed, that you've joined the team!



**Our Green Futures**

Are you concerned about our climate and/or nature?  
*Do you ask yourself what life has in store for you, your family and friends, in 10 years time?*  
*Do you wish to be part of a positive green future?*

Up to £500 funding available for new or existing Community Green Projects.

You are invited to  
**Our Green Futures Event**  
at  
Holcombe Village Hall  
on  
Thursday August 1st  
from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Entry is free, refreshments are provided and everyone is welcome.

Thanks to National Lottery players and Transition Together Seed Funding....we will be inviting funding bids to make a lasting impact towards achieving a Positive Green Future for you and your Community.

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Contact: dawlishogf@gmail.com  
Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ourgreenfutures/>

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## SERVICES 28th JULY to 10th AUGUST

### Sunday 28th July

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

### Tuesday 30th July

9am Prayer Meeting on Zoom - *see details aside*

### Wednesday 31st July

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

### Sunday 4th August

8am St Gregory's – Holy Communion  
9.30am St George's – Holy Communion  
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship  
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10  
*with Bring and Share lunch to follow*  
11am St Mary's – Morning Worship

### Wednesday 7th August

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion  
3pm St Paul's - Mission Community Prayer Gathering

### Thursday 8th August

12noon St George's - Funeral of Brian Pearce

### Friday 9th August

2pm St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren - Mothers' Union 'Mary Sumner Day' Service

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** From **Sunday 1st September** the regular start time of the Sunday morning services at **St George's, Holcombe** and **St Mary's, Cofton** will be changing.

**St George's** will be at **9.15am**; **St Mary's** at **11.15am**.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon .....

### JULY

**Monday 29th** Coffee Morning (every Monday until 30th August)  
at St Mary's Cofton, 10am to 12noon

### AUGUST

**Saturday 3rd** CTDD 'Let's Do Lunch' at St Gregory's, 12noon  
**Local Produce Sale** in the Strand Centre, 10am-2pm  
**Eat Dawlish**, 10am-4pm, on the Lawn, Dawlish

**Saturday 10th** **Dawlish Celebrates Carnival**  
(to Friday 16th) Plenty going on all week on The Lawn and around the town

**Sunday 11th** **Carnival Praise**, in the Marquee on the Lawn, Dawlish at 4.15pm

**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:**

**Revd Linda Cronin:** 01626 927281 or email: [revdlinda@icloud.com](mailto:revdlinda@icloud.com)

**Margaret Noel:** 01626 863148; **Will Halse:** 01626 866054;

**Ceri Lee:** 07739 936286; **Steve Cronin:** 07817 678774.



### 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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### REMINDER:

**4th August** is a 1st Sunday of the month so there'll be



**BRING AND SHARE LUNCH**

**at St Greg's** (after post-service coffee)  
**ALL WELCOME!**