

Coastline



A Magazine for the Dawlish Coast Churches

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St George's Holcombe St Gregory's Dawlish St Mary's Cofton



pray



grow



serve
with joy



EASTER

Christ has turned all our sunsets
into dawns

(Clement of Alexandria, 2nd Century)



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This Magazine

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Holy Week and Easter Services -
see back page

Cockwood and Cofton Easter Garden Trail

8th to 16th April



Our churches will all have an Easter Garden, why not make one to put where people can see? This Garden was next to the public footpath at St Mary's Woolborough, Newton Abbot in 2020.

This month's reflection from the Diocese is written by the Rev'd Preb. Samantha Stayte, who is the Dean of Women's Ministry

"Early in the morning, on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb": words that take us quietly from travelling through Holy Week to the cross with Jesus into the mystery of Easter.

Mary has been present from the earliest days of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, has travelled with the disciples to Jerusalem, has walked the way of the cross with Jesus and stood near as he suffered crucifixion. She has seen his body tenderly placed in the tomb. She has stayed close all the way. She has walked the path we now try to follow each year through our Lent and Holy Week observance.

Perhaps, all that she has seen and felt she brings with her to the tomb, walking into the light while it is still dark. Even the empty tomb, the first sign of resurrection, is first for her the place of deepest loss, a place for deep sorrow and the confusion of grief. There it is his turn to come close to her. Jesus draws her into his risen presence and speaks her name. There is dawning, light, the emerging of a new, greater reality as he tells her we are all drawn into his relationship with the Father. In him we are all the beloved sons and daughters of God. The oth-

Benefice Service—Sunday 30th April,
10.30 @ St George's Holcombe

ers need to hear this from her. “I have seen the Lord” is her joyful message to friends. In coming days, they too will experience slowly dawning recognition, encountering him for themselves in the dimpsy evening, and recognising him at daybreak on the beach before each is given their own way to share his resurrection life with others.

I wonder if Mary’s story shows us that to walk with her in the early morning on the first day of the week while it is still dark is an important for our journey in faith. May it show us the deep grace in allowing Easter to dawn slowly in us, allowing Jesus to draw us as we are, carrying the pain and confusion of our world, into his risen presence to know the love of God as his brothers, sisters, companions; there to discover the deep and particular way he has for each of us to share his resurrection life and joy in the world.

From Teignbridge District Council National recognition for surgical hub

A hospital site in Exeter that is helping to reduce planned care waiting lists has received national recognition for meeting top clinical and operational standards.

The South West Ambulatory Orthopaedic Centre at the Nightingale Hospital is one of eight to be awarded accreditation as part of a pilot scheme.

After being decommissioned as a COVID hospital, the site was transformed into a state-of-the-art facility and is now home to a range of orthopaedic, ophthalmology, diagnostic, and rheumatology services. Since then, almost 1,000 patients have been through its doors for hip and knee replacements.

In his spare time, he enjoys walking with his two spaniels, reading historical fiction, learning to paint and building garden furniture. He said

“The Vicar who inspired me to offer for ordained ministry said: ‘A priest is someone who provides places for other people to do interesting things’. It’s a very good summary of my vocation and passion as I love creating the places, relationships and activities that enable people to do their interesting life and faith journeys.”

Ian will take up his new role in May. He succeeds the Rev’d Prebendary Philip Sourbut who is retiring in June after eight years in the post. They will be working alongside each other initially to ensure a smooth transition of this key role.

New Director of Mission and Ministry Brings Experience, Imagination and Flair

The Rev’d Canon Ian Bussell has been appointed as the new Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese of Exeter. Mr Bussell is currently Head of Ministerial Development at the Diocese of Gloucester.

His new role will see him overseeing mission and ministry across Devon, including taking responsibility for continuing ministerial development, and lay and clergy training in the Diocese. He will be leading the Diocese of Exeter’s Mission and Ministry Team, which supports and resources work with adults, children and families, lay discipleship, social justice and creation care/net zero carbon. Ian said:

“Last summer I was invited to be part of the chaplaincy team at the Exeter diocesan clergy conference. That was when I first glimpsed the creativity, humour and faithfulness within the Diocese of Exeter. The mood was honest and hopeful, and I felt very much at home. Little did I know that I would soon be given the opportunity of coming to the Diocese to work alongside such creative clergy and lay ministers in taking the next steps together of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and living out the kingdom of God in Devon. I look forward to meeting you, working alongside you, wondering with you, laughing and crying with you as we discover what God has waiting for us round the corner.”

The Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev’d Robert Atwell, said

“I am delighted that Ian is joining us. He is a creative person who will bring imagination and flair to the role of Director of Mission and Ministry. I look forward to working in partnership with him.”

Ian grew up in Kent and read History at Reading University. He taught secondary maths before training in mission and ministry at All Nations Christian College. He then served as a Lay Assistant in the West End of London during which time he also trained as a Psychotherapist. He followed a call to ordained ministry and trained at Queen’s College Birmingham, followed by a curacy in Twickenham, Surrey. His first incumbency was in Godalming in Surrey. In 2011 he became Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO), Co-Ordinator of Curate Training and Deputy Director of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Gloucester, subsequently exchanging the role of DDO for responsibility for clergy training (CMD). Ian is also an accredited coach and mindfulness teacher. He is married with four young adult sons, plus “two dogs and too many house plants.”

*The Church of England's
Lent Course*

As I write, we have just looked at week 3, entitled "Sin, Guilt and Human Nature".

A few thoughts from the book "Failure"

- We have downgraded "sin". ("naughty but secretly nice?"
- We are likely to categorise people quickly into one of two camps: People I Agree With and People I Don't. Those we place on pedestals one day can very quickly become the devil incarnate when they say or do something which popular opinion thinks is Very Bad.
- Maybe its not that simple. Perhaps we are all a mix of dust and glory ... the dividing line between good and evil is not between people but within each person - see the quote from Solzhenitsyn.
- We need to own our part in the big sins of the world—sin is both a power and a behaviour.

Last month's edition carried the story of Perpetua and her companions, and people have told me that they appreciated learning her story. However, the danger is, that if we put saints on a pedestal, we do not see them as sinners, as we are. In chapter 2 of the book, Emma Ineson talks about the daily prayer at Lambeth Palace often being followed by a reading from the book "exciting Holiness", which contains the stories of many of the saints. She then writes this "I have to confess, however, I spend most of the time thinking that I could never live up to their examples of holiness and devotion. My book of saints would be called "Rather Dull and Ordinary Holiness" and would be a set of realistic stories of the saints. Every saint's day listing would have an example of one thing that they got really badly wrong to encourage all us mere mortals: "This is Perpetua—she got eaten by lions and was really holy and all that, but she was also really grumpy and a bit of a drama queen, to be honest. That would be far more inspiring—and encouraging for the likes of the rest of us.

Failure, Emma Ineson, SPCK, p 49



Did you know?

Cadbury Crème Eggs celebrate their 60th birthday this Spring. They have a lot to celebrate: the Creme Egg is the best-selling confectionery item between New Year's Day and Easter in the UK, with annual sales of more than 200 million eggs, worth about £55 million. Cadbury Crème Eggs were first created by the British chocolatier Fry's in 1963, before being renamed by Cadbury in 1971.

The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either—but right through every human heart—and through all human hearts. This line shifts. Inside us, it oscillates with the years. And even within hearts overwhelmed by evil, one small bridgehead of good is retained.

A Solzhenitsyn

The Archbishop of Canterbury tells a story of going to a church where he was preaching about the subject of sin. During his sermon, he made the point that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, including himself. After the service he was approached by an outraged woman who exclaimed in disgust, "Archbishop! I did not know that you were a sinner!", adding, before harrumphing away, her illusions about the Primate of All England in tatters, "If I had known you were a sinner, I would not have come today!"

Poem

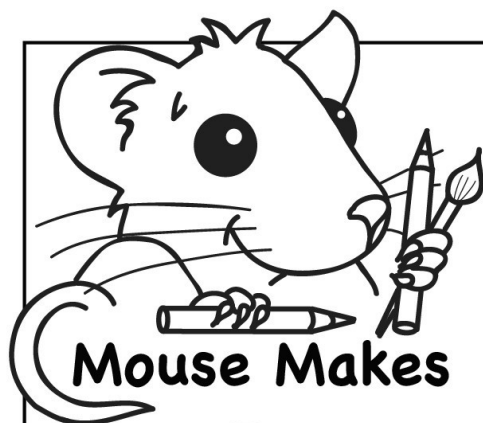
This was sent in by Marjorie. She wrote it over 15 years ago but thinking about the themes in Dust and Glory, she was reminded of it.

I cannot see my sin, it was the others fault
I dare not look within to see the lie I bought
I can't escape my hurt, despite the healing verse
I cannot give it up - it is so sweet to nurse.

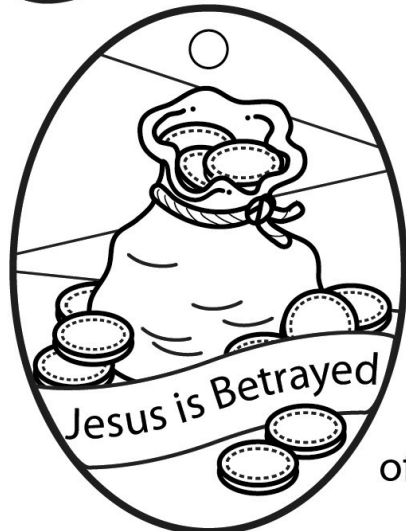
Don't ask me to forgive, you do not understand
The anguish that I live is from the other's hand
For surely you can see - it wasn't me to blame
That it most certainly was to the other's shame

Oh Jesus ! give us grace, the more to recognise
And Jesus help us face the log within our eyes.
Our logs became your Cross of suffering and shame
So for each one of us, salvation may be gained.

Lord help us to forgive and let your healing in
Then henceforth choose to live.
Victor- and not victim !!

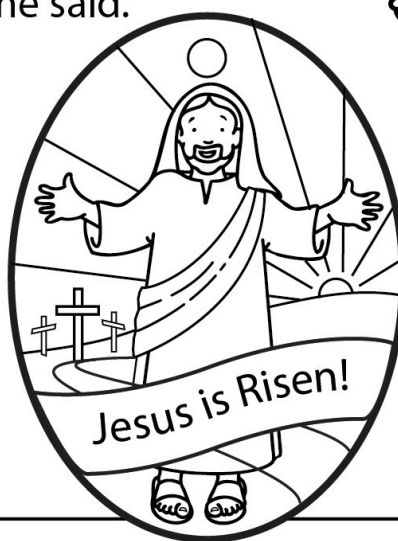
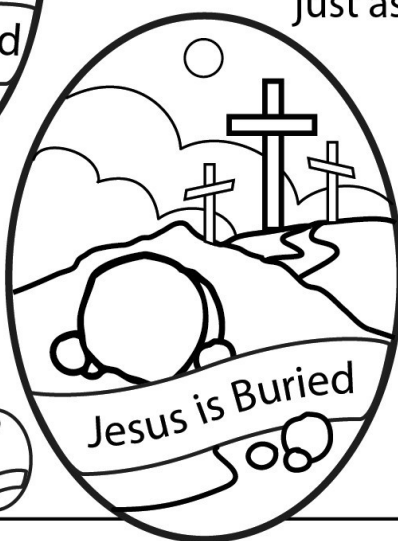
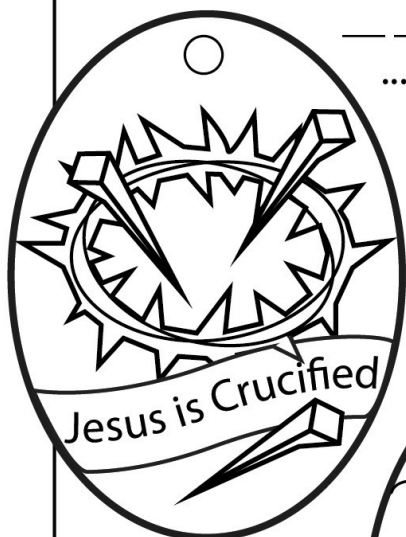


HE IS RISEN!
Read the story of
The Resurrection in
Matthew 28:1-20



How many other
words can you
make from
RESURRECTION

An _____
of the Lord came down from
_____ and going to the
_____ rolled back the _____
... the _____ said, "Do not be
_____, for I know you are
looking for Jesus who was
_____, He is
not here; he has _____,
just as he said."



Glue this page onto
card. Cut out the
ovals then colour in.
Punch a hole at the
top and hang up
for Easter

The best news the world has ever had came from a graveyard. – Anon

Give God what's right – not what's left. – Anon

Keep the faith – but not from others! – Anon

From The Devon County Council website.



On 24th February 2022, Russia launched its unprovoked attack on democratic Ukraine, devastating communities, destroying lives and displacing more than eight million people across Europe. Since then, under the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, which in Devon is managed by Devon County Council, more than 5,000 local people have volunteered to provide sanctuary to those who have been driven from their homes and, in many cases, to those who have lost family, friends and loved ones. So far, Devon residents have opened their doors to almost 1,800 people; and one is 44 year old Oksana Torubara.

Oksana, an Associate Professor in Foreign Languages at Taras Shevchenko National University "Chernihiv Collegium", arrived in December after being invited by a family from Barnstaple.

"People I encounter here always ask if they can help and if I am okay," she says. "It is difficult to hold back tears because of all the people that show that they care, not just for me but for the Ukrainian people."

Oksana's home, the beautiful seventh-century city of Chernihiv, in the North of the country, was one of the first to be targeted by the advancing columns of Russian tanks and soldiers, in shocking scenes most in Europe thought had been consigned to the 20th Century. Just 80 miles from the Russian border – closer than Exeter is to Bristol – Chernihiv is literally now a war zone, with its civilian population and the Ukrainian Army continuing to pay a heavy price in its defence. Almost half of the city lies in ruins; and most of its critical infrastructure, hospitals, schools and roads have been destroyed by missiles, shells and rockets. But despite the onslaught in the first few weeks of the war she admits she didn't want to leave – and hid in her cellar with her family as missiles rained above. But as things steadily became worse, Oksana and her husband made the decision to leave:

"We packed the bare necessities and, frightened to death, we managed to escape to Western Ukraine to get away from missile attacks," she said. However, while most of her family are now scattered across Ukraine, Poland, Czech Republic, Germany, and the UK her elderly parents 'categorically refused' to leave home and the country they love. So, in the autumn, she returned, with husband and parents to Chernihiv.

"They missed the place tremendously and our houses badly needed restoration before winter came," she said. ..But the situation did not improve and the missiles kept coming. There were now severe shortag-

es of water, food, medicines and power. In November she travelled to Poland for a conference and added:

"My husband (who was still in Ukraine with her parents) insisted on me staying as much as possible. He said it would be a relief to know that I am safe even if they were not."

She then received an invitation from a colleague from Devon, Grenville Yeo, founder of the Sharing One Language school in Barnstaple, and a big friend of Ukraine. Oksana made the difficult decision to apply under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. She said:

"I am so grateful to my UK friends. The warmest thanks to the Selter family who have provided me with accommodation and everything I need to feel safe and at home, and Olivia Corrie, who kindly agreed to become my sponsor. Anyone fleeing Ukraine are refugees; but that I, and my compatriots, are considered guests and residents of the UK gives me a sense of true identity in Devon. And I am grateful for that."

But the people who are left behind, she says, are always on her mind and she is 'dreaming' of returning as soon as she can "My parents and my husband are in Ukraine now and that is the reason I have not deleted the air raid warning app on my phone. I must know if they have survived after the latest attack."

Now Oksana is putting her language skills to good use and she says she is 'very grateful' to Devon County Council who has offered her a role supporting fellow Ukrainians in Devon. She adds: "...This is genocide. Peace is not a spectator sport and I urge all civilized countries and people to help donate to Ukraine and its armed forces. They have proved their bravery and commitment. I have imagined our Victory Day so many times and asked myself what I am going to do then? And the answer is, I'll cry and shed bitter tears. Because the price of this victory will be very high."

We continue to be deeply saddened by the death of **Albina Yevko** and continue to pray for her mother, Inna, her family and all her friends, Ukrainian and English, —including all who knew her at Dawlish College; and for the whole Ukrainian community in our midst.

Samara's Aid—excerpts from an email, 15/3 ***Samara in Syria***

We are actively serving earthquake affected areas, and our Syrian charity has also just opened a new branch in an area that will enable more of our humanitarian aid to be channelled into the areas that have been significantly impacted, but to distribute our aid on our terms.

Over the last weeks we have had many attending our medical centre with physical problems if not caused by, then certainly exacerbated by the stress and trauma of surviving earthquake after earthquake. Others have come with exacerbations of existing conditions which suddenly became life-threatening, surgical emergencies needing urgent, life-saving operations. We need to focus on the millions affected by the existing, long standing disaster in Syria -, rather than singling out just one disaster. We now need to direct new financial donations coming in towards our medical projects and also our two centres supporting orphans, vulnerable children and widows .

One of the additional benefits of visiting Syria in January, then returning in February, was that I was able to see the heart-warming, life-changing effects that our medical centre is having on some of the patients I met in January. One lady who I met in January had Raynaud's Syndrome, an autoimmune disorder, who not only had white/blue fingers but open sores on all of her fingers and thumbs - I had never seen such a severe case. I sat with her last week, and was astounded and so encouraged to see all her fingers completely healed and looking well perfused. The huge difference our treatment has made was incredible to see. Another poor farmer had visited us suffering a range of cardiac symptoms including chest pain, palpitations, shortness of breath on exertion, fatigue. We gave her a full assessment and cardiac echo, and a hole in her heart was discovered. She is a poor lady who has never had any kind of investigations for her medical problems before, and her hands and fingers had dirt ingrained in them from the manual farming work she does every day to feed her children. When she returned last week, her radiant smile and relief were such a wonderful sight. In this short time, with the right treatment, all her symptoms had disappeared completely. We have more patients like this than I can list.

We have noticed a significant number of people with congenital heart disease, who have had symptoms for a long time, who have had numerous investigations, only to be told there was nothing wrong. Equally there are many who come to us because they have no other hope to see a doctor as they are too poor. For these people, an accurate diagnosis is prov-

ing to be life-changing and they express, sometimes with great emotion, how they had never before felt that any doctor they saw had listened to them properly or examined them thoroughly, asking in depth questions. They feel "seen" and "heard". Their symptoms are not just psychological issues as they had been told. They had the symptoms of treatable conditions from which they are now experiencing relief. This is such an encouragement for us all to see.

(one former soldier who had been shot in the heart) told us that not one doctor he had seen since his traumatic event had wanted to sit and listen to what he had been through. They prescribed antidepressants then sent him away. Professional psychological and psychiatric help in Syria carry great stigma, especially for someone like him. We listened to him and what he had been through, and gave him time. In that time we saw a totally different man - someone vulnerable, hurting and in great need - and I told him that I believed God had saved his life for a purpose. He described some cardiac symptoms which might have been attributed to his injuries, but no one had checked his heart since his injury twelve years ago. We did an echo for him and saw that there are some other underlying issues in his heart, unconnected with the shooting. We gave him time and empathy, we investigated and gave him a new course of treatment, and in turn his heartfelt gratitude was so evident when he left, emotionally kissing Dr A on both cheeks then kissing my hand before he walked out. Personally and spiritually, I think I gained more from the encounter than this patient did. I'm thankful that God opened my eyes to see the injured soul behind the tough man.

This is what it means to run a true, humanitarian, Christian medical service. We demonstrate God's unconditional love for everyone and anyone. Please pray for our team in Syria, for protection from those who persecute them. This is an ongoing, relentless battle for our team. Please pray for them to be encouraged and refreshed and for God to increase their stamina to keep running this marathon. Please pray that their integrity will overcome the dishonesty that surrounds them, and that truth and light will shine above the deception and darkness that is now so prevalent in this broken country.



We are delighted to be able to share with you the news that Mosaic's partner

in Baghdad, [Rev. Canon Faiz Jerjes](#), has been presented with his MBE by Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia and United Nations. We spoke to Fr. Faiz to congratulate him on this honour and to express how well-deserved this recognition is. If you looked at Fr. Faiz's diary you would see an extraordinary range of activities which he is tirelessly busy with: co-ordinating vital food relief for Iraqi families struggling below the poverty line; meeting with local leaders of all faiths and political persuasions to facilitate dialogue and reconciliation; overseeing the provision of emergency healthcare through the clinic at St George's; and advocating for the rights of persecuted minorities at an international level. You can see why he is worthy of the MBE!

The ceremony was attended by Archbishop Michael Lewis, of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, who noted: "Both Lord Ahmad and the British ambassador were emphatic in stressing the remarkable contribution that Fr Faiz and St George's make not only to the Christian communities of Iraq but to the whole nation in its great religious and cultural variety. The presence of the representative of the Grand Ayatollah Husein al Sadr alongside a prominent tribal leader, the Papal Nuncio, and others was testimony to the breadth of St George's outreach."



The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf is twinned with the Diocese of Exeter.

Following our conversation with Fr. Faiz this week, these are areas we ask you to particularly remember in your prayers:

- There is a real fear of sectarian conflict in Baghdad and Fr. Faiz said that it is a critical time. Please pray for peace and for continued protection for the team at [St George's](#) as they minister to those in need in the city.
- The depreciation in value of the Iraqi currency has left those already living in poverty fighting a daily battle for existence. Mosaic supports St George's provide food relief to those who have nowhere else to turn for help. Please pray that this support continues to also be a message of love and a reminder that they have not been forgotten.
- Fr. Faiz has been meeting with heads of tribes who represent different factions of society. Please pray that he will be able to continue to facilitate dialogue and reconciliation where there has been distrust and conflict in the past.
- St George's clinic provides free emergency health care for those who can't afford treatment. When there are protests or the risk of conflict it makes it difficult for people to travel to the clinic. Please pray that those needing care are able to receive the treatment they need.



Reverend Canon Faiz Jerjes receiving his MBE from Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia and United Nations

Answers to Carbon Quiz. Emissions will be lower if food is locally sourced, deforested land not used etc

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Decarbonise Devon: A new one-stop-shop to help your organisation save energy, money and carbon.

A free service is offered to charities and all 4 of our buildings hope to get a visit and advice from this organisation after Easter.

Carbon Emissions of a day's protein

Try putting these in order from lowest to highest

1. 625 g lentils or chickpeas
2. 7 large eggs
3. 180 g chicken
4. 200 g lamb
5. 250 g mixed nuts
6. 800g peas
7. 2.5 pints milk
8. 190 g beef from deforested land
9. 200 g imported king prawns
10. 200 g pork, bacon, ham

Answers at bottom of page 7

Holy Week and Good Friday at St Greg's

The Easter Cross will be outside St Greg's church from late afternoon on Palm Sunday and folks are very welcome to tie a red ribbon to one of the nails on the cross at anytime during Holy Week as a way of personally remembering that Christ died for each of us. But I'd encourage everyone to revisit the Cross after dusk any day from Easter Day onwards to see the light coming from it reminding us all that Christ Risen has defeated death and opened the door to everlasting life for all who follow and believe in him.

The Easter Garden creation is open to everyone and will be happening inside St Greg's on Good Friday from 3pm. Refreshments will include hot cross buns and will be enjoyed whilst sharing in making Easter decorations curtesy of Doreen and helpers with their crafty bits.

Cath Godden



Can you lend us a hand?

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities. Starting on Monday 8th May there will be opportunities for everyone to join in. No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes! From checking in on someone who'd like a bit of company or volunteering for a charity the more of us who join in, the bigger help we will be.

<https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

If you have a mobile phone, the app is free to download from the Play Store or App Store. Just look for the Big Help Out. More opportunities are being added the whole time.

AND IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BUSY ALREADY

There are opportunities that can be woven into existing activities such as monitoring footpaths and rights of way while you are out on a walk.

AND—don't forget all the wonderful ways in which we can contribute to the life of our churches **AND** the event on the Lawn on May 8th.

From the Editor

Apologies that this edition runs to ten pages and not eight as is requested. The information on pages 7 and 8 came in after all the other pages had been edited! I hope you think it is worth the extra length!



From A Rocha News March 2023

Targeting action to help threatened nature

With nature under great pressure, there is a real need for habitat restoration. As part of our ongoing mission to support declining native UK species, our 'Target 25' project is going full speed ahead on habitat restoration. Target 25 operates primarily in the Partners in Action scheme, where nearly 40 organisations work alongside A Rocha UK to slow and eventually reverse the declines in habitats and species. This spring, we have received a grant from the Anchor Trust, which will provide every Partner in Action with vital equipment to help them deliver their Target 25 objectives. At partner sites in Scotland, several locations will receive red squirrel boxes and we are working with Scripture Union and Abernethy Trust sites to help give this native squirrel a viable future. At the other end of the UK, two Partners in Action in Sussex will focus on owl boxes as part of their efforts to restore native mixed woodland. Climate change, overgrazing by deer and rabbits, and invasive species are all reducing the availability of nest sites for predators. Our work will help to ensure that 'apex' predators can thrive in the woodland areas at these sites. Our efforts so far (with more planned) promise an exciting year for nature at A Rocha UK's own reserves and Partner in Action sites.

See the A Rocha UK website for more info

Corrie Ten Boom

Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch writer, watchmaker, and Holocaust survivor, died on **15th April 1983**. She wrote about her experiences in books that became best-sellers. Corrie's family were Christians in the Dutch Reformed Church, and served their neighbourhood by offering shelter, food and money to the needy. They believed the Jews were precious to God and that all people were created equal. During the Second World War, she – and the rest of her family – helped many Jews and others to escape from the Nazis at great risk to themselves. She later received the rare accolade from Israel of being named Righteous Among the Nations. The Dutch Resistance helped them to build a

Obituaries

St George's has been saddened by the death of two Church members.

Tom Collins died on 9th February, aged 92. His funeral was on 1st March. The order of service contained tributes to his naval career and the fact that he was one of the guinea pigs when his ship was ordered to sail through the radioactive cloud in 1956; also moving tributes from former pupils at Sutton High School where he taught Maths and Rugby as well as a tribute from Geoff Francis, now moved away. Tom was a true gentleman and loving friend. Our condolences are with his wife, Jean.

Fred Comber died on 16th February aged 87. His funeral was on 14th March. Our condolences go to Fred and Carole's children, Jane and John, and the whole family. Fred was part of the warp and weft of Holcombe Village Life. He was the postmaster, active on the Village Hall Committee, a professional printer and someone who taught himself to play the organ when the need arose. He was also writer and producer of the village pantomimes and many present at the service were amused by the memory of him and Doris Moran singing a duet to "I've got a brand new combine harvester".

The Editor will gladly include any short obituaries or any other church family news that is submitted.

secret room in their house behind Corrie's bedroom, which became known as The Hiding Place – later the title of her most famous book. The room held six people, had its own ventilation and an alert buzzer, and was astonishingly successful. It is estimated that about 800 Jews in all were saved through Corrie's efforts, which included obtaining at least 100 false ration cards.

Eventually an informer gave them away, and the family were arrested in February 1944 – though not the six people in the Hiding Place at the time. After months in prison, Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to Ravensbrück concentration camp in September 1944, where they continued to worship and share the message of forgiveness, hope, love, and salvation. Betsie died in the December, but Corrie was released later that same month, apparently because of a 'clerical error'. A week later all the women in her age group were sent to the gas chambers. After she was set free, Corrie travelled the world for 33 years, from 1944 to 1977, speaking in 64 countries. She suffered three severe strokes from August 1978 and died on her 91st birthday.

Holy Week and Easter Services

These arrangements reflect the fact that all the Communion Services are being taken by those who have retired and that the overall pattern is one that is being sustained by the ministry team of Licensed Lay Ministers and retired priests.



Palm Sunday 2nd April

The services follow the usual pattern and timing; St Greg's @10, St George's Holy Communion 9.30; St Mary's Morning Worship 11.00

Maundy Thursday Evening—6th April

Supper and Holy Communion at St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren. 6.30 pm. Please sign up in your church for the supper of shepherd's pie and dessert

Good Friday—see also page 8

Dawlish—Christians Together Service on the Lawn.

St Mary's, Cofton; 11.00 am Stations of the Cross use adjacent Holiday Park car park, or no 2 bus alighting at Cofton Cross/Cofton Country

St George's Holcombe; The Last Hour—2.00 pm Village Hall car park; no 2 bus alighting Smugglers Lane

Easter Sunday Holy Communion;

8.00 St Greg's 9.30 St George's, 10.00 St Greg's, 11.00 St Mary's

All items for
May
Coastline to
Editor by
23rd
April,
please.

There is currently no Rector or Licensed member of the clergy in our three churches. Services are being taken by the Ministry Team (Lay Ministers and retired priests). The service rota is being put together by the Revd Helen Bays.

Contact details during the Vacancy are as follows.

Church Office 01626 864322. usually open Tuesday and Thursday mornings. At other times messages can be left. st.gregs@btinternet.com.

Baptism and Marriage—enquiries should be made to the Church Office as above.

Funerals—contact Lay Minister Mrs Margaret Noel—01626 863148; oldstokeroad57@outlook.com

Other urgent or pastoral enquiries

Please contact one of the Lay Ministers:

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- St Mary's Cofton: If you would like to receive regular news from St Mary's, please contact the Churchwarden, Valerie Jeffery, 01626 890401, valerie@coftonholidays.co.uk
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