

# Benefice Events E-Letter

**Dawlish with Holcombe & Cofton**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Swap Shop sessions continue to be held each Tuesday in term time:  
9-10am @ St. Gregory's.



To refresh memories as to how it works..... We are very pleased to accept donations of children's outgrown clothes and shoes for boys and girls aged 0 to 16 years. For each item donated a 'Swap Shop Ticket' is given to the donor and these can be exchanged for items new to them from our good quality, clean and constantly replenished stock. No money changes hands.

Since we launched in September 2021, we have built up quite a few regular 'swap shopping' families where mum or dad (or both) are finding that it's not only a great way to help in clothing their children more affordably, but also helps them to form more environmentally-friendly habits and 'do their bit' to help in protecting our precious planet by resourcing their children's clothing in a more sustainable way.

Towards the end of January, we held our first Saturday morning session and although we didn't get as many new visitors as we had anticipated we did see at least one family who can't get to the Tuesday morning sessions due to work patterns. We hope to hold at least one Saturday session each term.



More recently we held two stock clearance special Tuesday sessions where families were able to take items without bringing any donations. These were very successful with plenty

of take-up and helped to clear our winter stock ready for the Spring. Any surplus items 'sticking around' are donated on to CR2EE (Christian Response for Eastern Europe) who

take them for the families they help in Moldova, Europe's poorest country. This will be even more beneficial to them now as many women and children are coming over the border from the Ukraine seeking refuge from the Russian invasion.



Social media publicity continues to spread the word with our Facebook page (Kids Swap Shop at St Greg's) continuing to

grow in its number of visitors and 'followers'—as I write, the page had been visited 202 times in the last 28 days and our regular followers (i.e., those who want to be kept informed of our session times and news) are 95! It's good to know there's plenty of interest!

It's also great encouragement that other local groups and organisations are getting behind the project by sharing our news – special thanks go to Hand-me-down Dawlish, Churches Together in Dawlish & District, Dawlish Water Rotary, Dawlish Against Plastic and Helping Dawlish to name but a few.

So, finally, a couple of pleas that YOU may be able to help with.....



1. We could do with some more items for children aged 5 and over - As I suppose we should have expected, we tend to have many more donations of items for babies and toddlers than for the older child. If you have children or grandchildren, nephews or nieces, aged 5 or over and they have grown out of any of their clothes or shoes without wearing them out, please consider donating these items to Swap Shop.

2. Keep telling all your families, friends and neighbours about Swap Shop and point them in our direction – they can be sure of a warm welcome and we can help them to save their pennies too!

Look out in future newsletters and on Facebook for news of any special Saturday Swap Shops happening in 2022!

If you'd like to get involved with Swap Shop (e.g., by being on the 'staff' rota occasionally) or you just want a bit more information then speak with Ceri Lee, Leena Halse or Cathy

Slade at church or get in touch with Ceri by email to [ceriflee@gmail.com](mailto:ceriflee@gmail.com) or by phone on 07739 936286.

## **Services next week**

6<sup>th</sup> March            8am Holy Communion @ St Greg's  
10am Greg's @ 10 @ St Gregory's  
Retiring collection for Ukraine  
9.30am HC @ St George's Holcombe  
11am Morning Worship @  
St Mary's Cofton

9<sup>th</sup> March            10am midweek  
communion @  
St Gregory's

13<sup>th</sup> March           10am Holy Communion @  
St Gregory's  
9.30am Morning Worship @ St George's Holcombe  
11am Holy Communion @ St Mary's Cofton



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**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March Prayer meeting**

**Topic:** Dallas Ayling's Zoom Meeting

**Time:** 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 09:00 AM London

**Meeting ID:** 659 184 2294

**Passcode:** 995468

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6591842294?pwd=hakfR92W-WBnpI1CBn5jr6oxpSCzOg>

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## **Sermons during Lent – Surprised by Generosity**

Can you think of a time when you received unexpected generosity? Do give this some thought. Our sermons during Lent will be following Surprised by Generosity, the special diocesan Lent course produced by the diocese. We will learn more of God's generosity and will be encouraged to live generously in return. Topics include the Gift of God (this week), Catching Fish (next week) and The Penguin (that's in week 5).

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## **Lent Course**

This year's Lent course is LIVING STONES, LIVING HOPE. The course has been prepared by USPG, the missionary society. The metaphor of the Christian community in 1 Peter 2 as living stones that constitute the household of God is a richly evocative one.



It reminds us not only that we are one among the many stones that make up God's household, but also that we are each connected in a unique way to Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our faith. Each week we will explore this theme drawing on examples from around the world and scripture. Please pray for a successful course and maybe see coming along as part of your Lenten life, either to the in-person presentation on Wednesdays at 2pm at St Gregory's or 7pm each Thursday via Zoom.

The in-person course will begin on 9<sup>th</sup> March and continue on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March and the 6<sup>th</sup> April. The Zoom lent course will be running on Dallas's usual Zoom account. Dates will be Thursday evening: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

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## **Morning Prayer**

Morning prayer for Lent on Zoom – this will be Thursday at 9am. Please contact Chris Curd with any queries or if you need to borrow a service book. We will be continuing to pray for the current situation as part of this time.

Contact Chris at: [prebchris2020@gmail.com](mailto:prebchris2020@gmail.com) or on 07771842334.

**Topic:** Morning Prayer on Zoom

**Time:** Mar 10, 2022 09:00 AM London

## **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2198890557?pwd=Y3FmUmFqdDVpNW1ETVUrZ2RoS2MxUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 219 889 0557

**Passcode:** 5y1GPu

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## Ukraine

We are encouraging people to respond via Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) which was on the local news last night and which is being promoted by the Diocese in the last mailing of Roots and Shoots. This is a local charity; one of the Trustees is Hugh Scudder who lives in Starcross. It has a proven track record with contacts already on the ground in Moldova, one of the poorest countries in the Western World. Information is being put out via their Facebook page - the website they know is not up to date - they are too busy doing other things!

### Collection points are as follows:

#### In Cockwood/Cofton by Sunday lunchtime please:

St Mary's church porch or the service on Sunday morning  
2 Middlewood  
37 Cofton Hill in Cockwood

#### In Dawlish:

Dawlish Funeral care, Scala House, during opening times

#### In Starcross:

Braida Garth, Staplake Lane, Starcross, EX6 8QT.

Please note that all 'not new' items should be clean and in very good condition. Please do not donate anything that is not – it only makes more work:

- Sheets, blankets, duvets, sleeping bags (not pillows)
- Clothing for all ages and seasons – if you have a quality of any age/gender/season please bag and label accordingly.
- Toiletries, nappies and feminine hygiene items

Each church may want to make their own arrangements but the Disasters Emergency Committee (which includes Tear Fund, Christian Aid and Cafod) along with the government match funding is going to be heavily promoted on TV and in media. In addition cr2ee is in need of funds as well - it is all run by volunteers but the shipments obviously incur costs and they have already sent money out to Moldova to help with immediate needs.

Cheques should be made payable to cr2ee and sent to the Starcross address, or the BACS details are CR2EE bank details for online donations are:

Account Name: Christian Response

Sort code: 20-30-47

Account Number: 20902446

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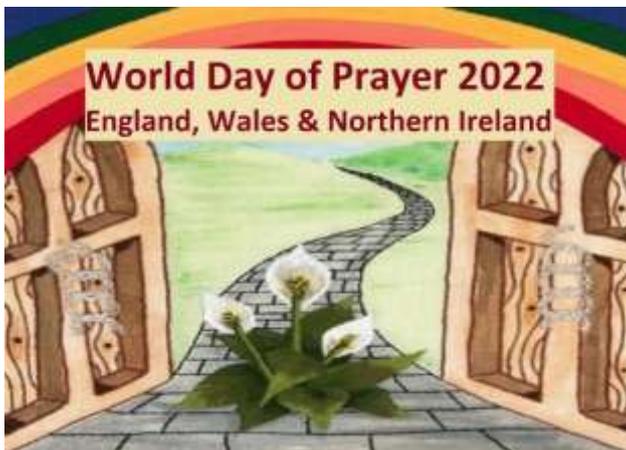
## **Choral Evensong**

Choral Evensong at St Michael's Church, Dawlish Road, Teignmouth. This is to be sung by the St Peter's Singers of Exeter Cathedral under the direction of James Anderson-Besant (the Assistant Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral) at 6.30pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

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## **Saying Goodbye Service**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in Exeter Cathedral we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services. This service is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or otherwise, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families. For more information, please see the charity website: <https://www.sayinggoodbye.org/>



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## **World Day of Prayer**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March for the World Day of Prayer there will be a service lasting about an hour at The Strand church in Dawlish at 2.30pm. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

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## **Real Easter Eggs**

Final week to order with Helen!

Fair trade, palm-oil free chocolate in plastic-free wrapping with the Easter story enclosed in each one. What's not to like! Helen Bays will be taking orders for Milk Chocolate (£4.50), Dark



Chocolate (£5.50), White Chocolate (£5.00) and Special Edition which includes a chocolate bar and a card (£9.99). Or go to [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) to order direct. They will post eggs for you. Cash on delivery. Phone/text 07391-594867 or email [spiritualdirections264@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualdirections264@gmail.com)

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## Climate Change

You may have seen in the news that there is now strong evidence that this is the decade in which strong action must be taken to avert the worst climate change scenario. It is easy for these matters to get buried with news of the horrors of war, but climate change will not wait for a ceasefire. We are being urged to inundate our MPs with correspondence. the more they get, the more they are likely to take note!

"A new report released on 28<sup>th</sup> February shows that the impacts of climate change are getting worse, and hitting those least responsible the hardest. Here in the UK, we've seen just how devastating climate impacts can be if extreme weather like we've experienced these past few weeks becomes more frequent. **Every day without action gives us less time to protect the things we love - but if we act now, we can still create a cleaner, safer future for generations to come.**

Let's keep climate action at the top of the government's agenda by keeping it at the top of your MP's inbox. Send an email, or better still - write - to your MP today. Here is a sample letter, but if you can make it personal, so much the better."

Dear [MP name]

I'm writing to you because I live in [write in your hometown] and am deeply concerned about the state of the environment and the impact of this on people and wildlife. As my MP, I need your help to make sure things change.

The government's independent climate advisors, the Climate Change Committee (CCC), recently published advice on how the Government must deliver in 2022 and continue to use our global leadership role as COP26 President. Amongst other things, the report calls for the Government to put forward plans for a Net Zero Test to ensure that all decisions are consistent with the path to Net Zero.

The scale of this crisis means this is a task for all Ministers in every Government department - not just the Prime Minister. And as stated by the COP President, "delivering this ambitious programme will only be possible with a whole-of-Government and all-of-UK approach".

The current gas crisis - and subsequent cost-of-living crunch - has made it even more essential to accelerate action for a green, fair and affordable energy future for all - rather than entrenching our reliance on expensive and polluting fossil gas.

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As my MP, I would greatly appreciate your support to urge the Prime Minister to lead, the Chancellor to fund, and every Minister to take responsibility and deliver net-zero fairly, and rapidly. I am asking you to please write to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor and the COP President with this message.

I hope you can help me, and many others who share my concerns in [write your hometown here], to have our voices heard by our leaders and Ministers.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Address including postcode]

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If you would like any support, or someone to talk to, or you are aware of someone else who would appreciate contact please ring one of the following:

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Margaret Noel: 863148

Will Halse: 866054