

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe & Cofton Sunday 10th April

A while ago I set out a map of what I had hoped would be a way forward for us as we moved out of Covid restrictions which included the possibility of the restoration of the Chalice at Holy Communion at Easter. As we are aware Covid cases have been on the increase and I have decided that this is therefore not the right time to restore the Chalice.

I have had a discussion with the Archdeacon and his understanding is that most churches have made the same decision to continue as we are for the time being. It is of course disappointing. I am sure, like me, you know more people who have had Covid in the last few months than we have known over the last two years. For some people it is now a mild illness but for others it is a



nasty virus and can have lasting effects. It is true that we do have to learn to live with the virus but we must continue to be sensible and cautious so we will maintain wearing face coverings and sanitising our hands to protect ourselves, as much as we can, and to continue

to care for those who are the most vulnerable among us. We can then be confident that we are doing the best that we can in maintaining our worship together.



One of the benefits of being a Benefice is that we have opportunities to worship together in different ways. We have an opportunity this Holy Week to journey together via the events which we have organised across the churches. Each event has been carefully planned to encourage and support us through this really important week. Please do take the opportunity to visit and support these even in

the churches which are not your own. Over the years of ministry I have seen folk on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday but not at other times in Holy Week. It is certainly a challenge to us all but one I hope after the limitations of the last two years we will consider engaging with, as it helps to make sense of the whole of the Easter experience. I think that it is particularly poignant this year with the Ukraine war, and the evil seen in the devastation of their towns and cities, and the evidence of war crimes.

Please do continue to pray for the Ukraine and also for Russia. It has been chilling this week seeing what has happened in the towns around Kyiv, and the stories which are being told about the occupation by the Russian soldiers. Whilst this appears to have been a pattern in other conflicts involving Russia there is something about this happening on our doorstep, in Europe, which seems to bring the horror of it closer.



Dr. Rowan Williams, our former Archbishop, has spoken out in respect of the Russian Orthodox Church saying, “Here is a strong case for expelling the Russian Orthodox Church from the World Council of Churches... When a Church is actively supporting a war of aggression, failing to condemn nakedly obvious breaches of any kind of ethical conduct in wartime, then other Churches do have the right to raise the question. I am still waiting for any senior member of the Orthodox hierarchy to say that the slaughter of the innocent is condemned unequivocally by all forms of Christianity.”

I think that it is really important that Dr. Williams has taken the courage to speak out and ask the question. Despite several instances of dissent among his clergy, Patriarch Kirill has refused to condemn the Russian invasion and is increasingly seen as complicit in the war. Dr. Williams goes on to say, “We have seen no signs among the Russian hierarchy of a willingness even to ask for a ceasefire – that’s the minimum I would hope to see.” Do pray for the Russian Orthodox Church too.

Blessings as we enter this Holy Week.
Dallas



April

Monday 11th 7.00pm St. Mary's, Cofton – Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 12th 7.00pm St. George's Holcombe – Meditation

Wednesday 13th 10am St. Gregory's – Holy Communion

Thursday 14th 6.30pm St. Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren – The Last Supper with HC (bring your own supper)

Good Friday 11am Churches Together in Dawlish and District: Walk of Witness which starts on The Lawn by the bowling green opposite the URC Church.

Good Friday 2pm St. Gregory's – The Last hour

Easter Sunday 8am St. Gregory's – Holy Communion

9.30am St. George's – Holy Communion

10.00am St. Gregory's – Holy Communion

11.00am St. Mary's – Holy Communion

Services

10th April 10am Holy Communion @ St Gregory's
 9.30am Morning Worship @
 St George's Holcombe
 11am Holy Communion @ St Mary's

13th April 10am Midweek communion @ St Gregory's

Tuesday 12th April Prayer meeting

Topic: Dallas Ayling's Zoom Meeting

Time: 12th April, 2022 09:00 AM
London

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468



Join Zoom Meeting

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

Maundy Thursday – 6.30pm

We are meeting together at St. Mary's Hall for the Maundy Thursday Last Supper with Holy Communion. The Communion will take place within the context of the meal. Please bring some form of a simple meal with you (two courses) and a drink although water will be provided. If you could also bring your own plate etc. that would help towards not having too much washing up to do afterwards.

Easter Home Communions



If there is anyone who is housebound or ill (not Covid!) and does not receive Holy Communion at home, but would like to for Easter, please either ring Dallas on 867386 or the Church Office 864322 by Tuesday morning. A message can be left on either answerphone but please leave your name and telephone number so that we can make contact to arrange a visit.

Good Friday

It starts at 3:30pm on Good Friday and children are invited to come along and plant up the garden ready for Easter Sunday and there will be drinks and hot cross buns for children and parents. This is something folks of all ages can help with and it's a lovely way to get ready for Easter. If you can't get to church to help with this perhaps you could make your own Easter Garden at home.



Easter Decorating

Please join us and help to decorate the church for Easter, from 9:00am onwards on Saturday 16th April. All welcome.
Georgie Moore - Tel. 865486



St Gregory's Easter Cross

Last year, we created a wooden cross that stood outside St Greg's Church next to the bench and which many of us hung red ribbons to the nails hammered in it, as a way of helping each of us remember that Christ died for our sins because he loves us so much.

On Easter Day the ribbons were tied into bows to represent 'kisses of love' coming from the cross which was also illuminated with white fairy lights to help us remember that God's light and love can never be extinguished – not even by death.

The Cross will be at Church again from the beginning of Holy Week and everyone is welcome to hang a red ribbon onto it as we did last year at any time during Holy Week. If you don't have any red ribbon there will be suitable ribbons available so don't let that put you off. And of course, make sure you do see the Cross after dark from Easter Day evening onwards to really see the beauty of it lit in white light and even more importantly remember that God is the light of our world and a light no one can quench - a wonderful thing to know and to share with everyone.

Cath Chappell

Easter Sunday Telephone Service

For anyone who is unable to attend one of our Easter Sunday services in church there will be a special telephone service on Easter Sunday at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet one another, to light a candle for Easter, and to join in prayer and worship together, using a free conference call. The new phone number for the service is 0330 088 1927 and the access code is 2132492.



St Gregory's Annual Meeting

St. Gregory's APCM - Monday 25th April at 7pm. For more information please contact the St Gregory's PCC secretary.

Swap Shop - Easter break and seeking occasional help on a Tuesday morning

Kid's Swap Shop continues to be well received. We're not running over the Easter school holidays so no sessions on Tuesday 12th



or 19th April. First session of the new term will be Tuesday 26th April, as usual from 9am - 10am.



There are now three of us regularly running the sessions between us but it would be very good to have a little list of people we could call on - VERY occasionally - just for those rare times when unforeseen circumstances may arise through illness or maybe when two of us are scheduled to be away at the same time (e.g. 17th May and 14th June are two dates we know of..... so far!). If this is something you feel you may be able to help with, or you'd like to know a bit more before volunteering, then please let us know or just turn up at one of the new term's sessions to see what it's all about.

Thank you in anticipation.

Ceri Lee (Tel: 07739 936286), Leena Halse and Cathy Slade

Men's Breakfast at Teignmouth

Calling all men:

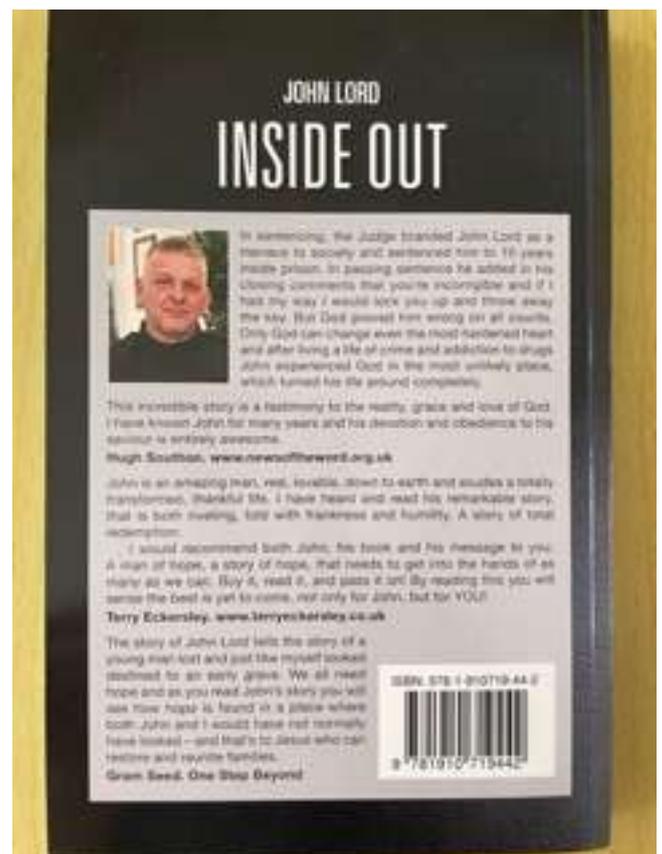
It will be great to have men join for a hearty breakfast on Saturday 7th May @ 09:30 at Pow Wow cafe.

Breakfast cost £7.50 - full English & coffee/tea.

Venue: Pow Wow Café
87/89 Kingsway
Teignmouth
TQ14 9AG

We are blessed to have John Lord join us for breakfast. He is an evangelist and public speaker who will be sharing his testimony. John will be sharing his story about how God miraculously set him free from living a life of crime and drug addiction. John will also have his awesome book titled Inside Out, telling the whole story to purchase at £10.

Please extend this breakfast invite to those who will benefit from hearing how God can and does change lives. It will be an encouraging, powerful testimony and a huge blessing for all who attend.



Do let me know if you will be joining, so we can plan for the catering needs and seating arrangements: richmond.kenneth@gmail.com / 07841028398



Child Bereavement UK

Child Bereavement UK is looking for volunteers to help donate just 4 hours of their time selling wristbands, raffle tickets and scanning entry tickets at Let's Rock Exeter taking place at Powderham Castle on Saturday 2nd July 2022.

In return families will be able to enjoy the rest of the festival for free. One child will get free entry per responsible adult volunteering.

Last year our amazing festivals volunteers helped us raised over £100,000 in aid of Child Bereavement UK; this year we hope to raise even more to help fund much-needed support for bereaved families, parents, and children.



Newsletter

Please note that next week's newsletter will cover two weeks as both Dallas and Sabrina are on annual leave after Easter.

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:

Revd. Dallas Ayling: 867386

Margaret Noel: 863148

Will Halse: 866054