

**Benefice E-Newsletter**  
**Dawlish with Holcombe & Cofton**  
**11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

One November in the late 70s, I flew out to Kathmandu via Delhi, where awaiting my connecting flight, I encountered a group of young men, mountaineers, off to climb Everest. Me, I was travelling to meet up with my American friend. A few days of sightseeing, paperwork in order, we took a flight over the Himalayas to Pokara, hired a couple of sherpas, and set off into the unknown to trek the Jomson trail, through a different part of that mountainous region from the chaps attempting Everest and a far less dangerous adventure?



Just over a decade later, I travelled again, another journey into the unknown, another adventure – this time to the West Country, an area I knew not and to a new home in Devon. My husband and my mother were with me now but no sherpas to lead and guide me through this territory! It was up to me to trek my way through this strange land. I'd experienced a hairy adventure or two in a few dangerous places in my life – surely, I could do this; with my family alongside, I wasn't ever alone. Of course, I could do it – but we're never alone, there's always a loving and ever-present God to help us all through the trials and tribulations that beset us.

In Psalm 94 we read: "When I said 'my foot is slipping', your love, O Lord, supported me.' When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul." Moreover, it was His guidance that led us to St George's, Holcombe, a small village church, set within a beautiful garden. All I know is, when we stepped through the door, encountered the warmth of its welcome, the friendliness and the prayerful worship, there was never any doubt. Today, years later, with many good friends, a busy and active life (how could it be otherwise when you're a churchwarden!) and knowing the grief of those so loved and sadly lost, comfort and support and compassion have been lovingly given – but where joy and laughter are never far away – it's all part of that special St



George's warmth and friendliness – and where prayer and worship are very much at its heart. "The Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to Him."

You might like to also bear in mind the following, found in a beautiful church in North Wales:

"Everytime I pass a church,  
I pay a little visit.  
So when at last I'm carried in,  
The Lord won't say "Who is it?"



Barbara Rains

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## Services

### 11<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship and Baptism

10am St Gregory's – Informal Holy Communion with the music group

11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

### 14<sup>th</sup> June

10am St Gregory's mid-week Holy Communion

### 18<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am St George's – Holy Communion

10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion

11am St Mary's – Morning Worship

6.30pm – Benefice Telephone Service

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## Tuesday Prayer meeting

Join us for prayer at 9am on Tuesday. All are welcome. To join by phone dial **0330 088 1927** and then enter the access code **2132492**. You can also join online at

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/willhalse>

Will Halse (01626 866054)

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## Eat and Enlightenment (St George's)

Eat and Enlightenment will be taking place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Castle pub in Holcombe at 7pm. All welcome. Please contact Mike and Pam Burden for more information: [mburden@talktalk.net](mailto:mburden@talktalk.net)

## Day trip to Butterfly Farm & Buckfast Abbey

The Pudding Club is going to have a day trip instead of our usual meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July to the butterfly farm and Buckfast Abbey stopping for lunch in between. We have a couple of spare seats in cars if any ladies would like to join us for a fun day out. There will be some walking involved (limited I hope). The cost of entry is £9.95. Please contact Linda 07510386459 or Jacqui 07804639999 to save yourself a seat in a car.

## Evening Telephone Service on Sunday, June 18th at 6:30pm

Our monthly evening telephone service will be on the third Sunday as usual, at 6:30 pm. We will be using the service for Trinity season, which is being sent out with this Newsletter. Please contact Will Halse on 07974 755926 if you need a printed copy. To join the service just dial **0330 088 1927** and then enter the access code **2132492**. Or you can connect on line at <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/willhalse>.

## **BARBEQUE AT ST MARY'S HALL DAWLISH WARREN**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 5pm

Entertainment from



U Kan Strum

plus



Vanessa & Friends

Tickets

Adult £8

Children U12 £5

Free First Burger

or Hot Dog



Tickets can be obtained from  
Ruth on 01626 864537 email  
ruthcann737@btinternet.com or  
Rachel on 07713 929148 or email  
bookstmaryshall1@gmail.com

Bring your own drinks  
Tea & Coffee available

## St Mary's BBQ

### Men's Breakfast – St Gregory's

The next men's breakfast will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the Mount Pleasant at 9am. £10 as usual – there will be a full English breakfast (or Veggie alternative). If you'd like to book to come along, please get in touch directly with Ray Williams: 07539 083989.

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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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