

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe & Cofton Sunday 15th May

We appear to be in a place of transition as the Government is expecting us to learn to live with COVID-19. It means that we are all having to make what might be difficult decisions about where and when to wear face coverings. I will be discussing this with church councils, churchwardens and the staff team over the coming weeks. It is difficult to know what the right decision is, particularly in worship. Last week, the Church of England reviewed its guidelines regarding Holy Communion and is now expecting churches to offer communion in both kinds. We will therefore work out what the procedure will be for each of our churches. For those who still feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, there is no requirement or expectation to receive the wine. However, it will be available for those who wish to receive it. Receiving communion in one kind (the bread) continues to be sufficient in itself.



This might be a difficult decision to make, but I have no desire for anyone to feel pressure at this point and this therefore must be a matter of personal choice.

There has in the past, been the practice of a few people intincturing the wafer during communion. Dealing with COVID has clarified this practice should not take place.

Thank you all for your continued patience and support as we work these changes together. I continue to want to do what is best for each of our churches and appreciate that there are those who still feel vulnerable.

Blessings,

Dallas



Notices

Services

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| 15 th May | 9.30am St George's - Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's – Greg's @ 10
11am St Mary's - Morning worship |
| 18 th May | 10am Midweek communion
@ St Gregory's |
| 22 nd May | 9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's @ 10
11am St Mary's – Holy Communion |



St Gregory's:

- Volunteers to open St Gregory's in the week (this will be a minimum of two people, as required by our lone working policy). When the church is open, we receive visitors. We are missing out on this happening at the moment.
- Cleaning - a small church cleaning team meets on Friday mornings. Please speak to Leena Halse if you can help. Any extra help, even occasional, would be appreciated. The BIG CHURCH CLEAN for the Platinum Jubilee will be on Friday, 20th May from 9:30 am. DON'T MISS OUT.
- On a Sunday morning for Holy Communion we used to have x3 people on the rota to act as sacristan (person that sets up/clears away for the Holy Communion service). We now only have one person available to do this – if you can help with this, please let Dallas/Sabrina know.

Pray for 5

Please do take a look at this: [Pray for 5](#) – somebody known to us makes an appearance!

Joint Benefice Service on Sunday May 29th

This will take place at St. Gregory's with the choirs of St. Gregory and St. George's leading the singing. It will be a service of Holy Communion beginning at 10.30 am (the usual time of a Benefice Service).

Ascension Day

There will be the usual Wednesday HC at St. Greg's on 25th May at 10 am. There will also be a Joint Benefice said Service of Holy Communion on Ascension Day at St. Greg's. Please note that the time for this will be 10.30 am (the usual time of a Benefice Service).

Jubilee Celebrations

Due to the opening of the Flower festival and Exhibition at St. Gregory's on the 1st June there will be no service of Holy Communion at 10 am on that day.

Jubilee Festival

Posters and notices for St Gregory's Jubilee events will be circulated and on display in due course – hopefully this weekend!

Jubilee celebrations at St George's

During the jubilee weekend – Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June, St George's

Church, Holcombe will be open for visitors from 10am – 4pm each day and will be decorated to celebrate this momentous occasion.

On Saturday we will be joining with the village hall at 12:30 for lunch – please do bring savoury food. St George's will be providing refreshments (tea, coffee and cake) at the church.

There will be the usual Sunday church service.



All welcome!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - St Mary's Church Flower Festival

This will be on 2nd – 5th June. Our Church will be open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11am – 3pm and Sunday 12 noon to 3pm offering refreshments.

Jubilee Yarnbomb

We are looking to get those in the community who knit & crochet involved in the creation of our Jubilee Yarnbomb. We also need folk who can help us attach the items.

If you could do either, please contact Val at: valhempstock52@gmail.com

Church Council meetings

St George's DCC meeting will be held on May 17th at 3.30pm at St George's. St Gregory's first PCC meeting will be on Wednesday the 25th of May at St Gregory's at 7.30pm.



Deanery Confirmation

Bishop Jackie will be taking a service of Confirmation for the Deanery on Sunday 14th August at 10.30 am at Christow. If anyone is interested in being Confirmed would you please let me know so that we can arrange for Confirmation preparation for any candidates. For those unsure about Confirmation it is for anyone who has been baptised who wish to confirm those baptismal vows whether made on their behalf as a little child, or even later on as an adult. Like baptism in the C of E we only do this once. Often today people have come from different denominational backgrounds. Baptism in any trinitarian church is accepted as Baptism but sometimes people settle into another denomination. In the C of E this is an opportunity for people to confirm their faith within that tradition. If anyone



worships with us who has not been Baptised and is interested, please do speak to me to talk about any steps towards this too which you would like to take. For adults who have not been baptised and there is an opportunity for Confirmation this often takes place at the same time by the presiding Bishop, although there is a choice of being baptised in your own church as Confirmation services don't come around as often as they used to. Dallas.

ROC job vacancies

ROC Dawlish has secured funding for two part-time paid community roles, a Schools' Coordinator and a 'Linking Lives' Coordinator.

For a role description and application form, for either of these roles, please contact

rocdawlish@gmail.com. Closing date for applications 31st May 2022. Interviews will take place in the week commencing Monday 13th June 2022. ROC Dawlish follows Safer Recruitment practice. Our rigorous selection process means that any successful candidate will be subject to thorough identity checks.



Village Churches' Ladies' Lunches

The dates up until the summer holidays will be 24th May, 28th June and 26th July. 12 noon at Amelia's, Cofton. All ladies who are members of or associated with, St George's and St Mary's are welcome to attend. Please let Chris Curd or Valerie Jeffrey know if you hope to attend by the Sunday before. As always, last minute arrivals will be welcomed!!

Devon Ukrainian Association

<https://devonforukraine.com/> - This is the website of the Devon Ukrainian Association. Please do look it up if you can, ask a friend if you are not online and look at it together. These are the people who matched us with our Ukrainian guest, and the others in Cockwood.

If there is anyone who is contemplating offering to be a host, these are the people to contact. They are constantly looking for hosts for the Ukrainians who approach them. And if anyone wanted to know what it involves, please contact me, Chris Curd, 07771842334. There is a lot of support out there, both locally in Dawlish and also in Exeter.

Did you know that the local group is running English language classes for Ukrainians every week in the Strand Centre?! The motivation of all the hosts can be summed up as, there but for the grace of God and we hope someone would do the same for us. And yes, many are not in a position to host, but the community support is invaluable. As is Google translate!

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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