

Benefice E-Newsletter
Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton
18th February 2024

Thank you from Leena & Richard

The presentation made to us at the end of last Sunday's Holy Communion Service (11/2/24) was a total surprise to both of us.

We had no idea that this was going to happen!!! An absolute and fantastic surprise and a well-kept secret.

The extremely generous THANK YOU from our wonderful congregation has touched our hearts to a degree that you cannot imagine.

Whilst the Vacancy has meant a lot of hard work

for us, we have to acknowledge that our success at St Greg's in the last year has really been a team effort, involving all the retired clergy, lay ministers, Ian & the choir, Chris & the music group and everyone else in our church family.

Our church family has pulled together in a way that has been very visible to us.

Without this we would not have achieved what we did in seeing the vacancy through to what we hope and pray will be a new beginning for St Gregs and Linda Cronin.

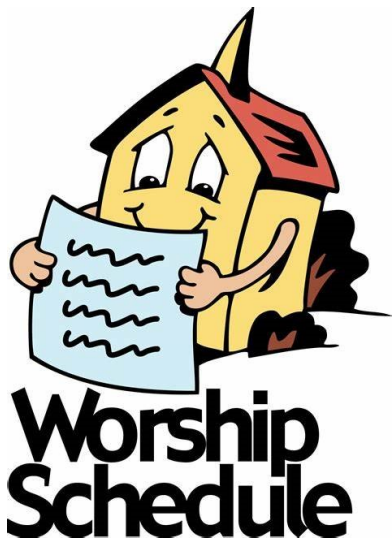
You are a fantastic congregation and it is pleasure to know you all.

We gratefully accept your wonderful gifts, but you should also congratulate yourselves for what you have achieved in the last year.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Leena & Richard





Services:

18th February

9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's – Greg's @ 10
11am St Mary's – Morning Worship
6.30pm Benefice Telephone service

21st February

10am midweek Holy Communion
at St Greg's

25th February

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Coming events in February & early March...

Sunday 18 th	Benefice Telephone service, 6.30pm
Tuesday 20 th	Kid's Swap Shop, 9am-11am St Gregory's Praying for Dawlish, 12 noon at St Mary's Church Ladies Lunch 12 for 12.30pm at Amelia's Café, Cofton Julian Group for quiet prayer, 2.30pm at St Gregory's
Wednesday 21 st	A Warmer Place – 12noon-2pm at St George's
Tuesday 27 th	Eat and Enlightenment, 7.30pm at the Castle Pub, Holcombe
Saturday 24 th	Flag raising, 11am at the Piazza (1 st anniversary of Ukraine War)
Friday 1 st March	World Day of Prayer service, 2.30pm at St Agatha's RC Church
Saturday 2 nd March	Saying Goodbye Service, 12.30pm at Exeter Cathedral
Tuesday 5 th March	Kid's Swap Shop, 9am-11am St Gregory's

Tuesday prayer meeting on Zoom

Welcome to a half hour of prayer on Tuesdays at 9am. [Just click on this link or](#) go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter: Meeting ID: 575 020 5964 and Passcode: 850653.

Benefice Telephone Service for Lent – 18th February

Our monthly evening telephone service will be on Sunday, February 18th at 6:30pm. To join the service just dial 0330 088 1927 and then enter the access code 2132492. We will be using a special service for Lent and our new rector, Linda, will be introducing herself and giving the talk. Please contact Ceri Lee on 07739 936286 or Will Halse on 07974 755926 if you need a printed copy of the service. All are welcome, with a special welcome to those who find getting to church difficult!

Will Halse



Baby Loss Services

The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss.

On the 2nd March at 12.30 pm in Exeter Cathedral Exeter we will be hosting a Saying Goodbye Service. This 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 80 years ago, 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, including families with babies and children.

To read more on the charity you can [view the website here](#).

The Big Plastic Count: 11th – 17th March

I have signed up for this - I encourage others to do the same.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

If you are interested but not online, contact me and I will see if I can sign you up. It involves counting your plastic waste during that week. More details in the March Coastline.

Chris Curd - 07771842334





Real Easter Eggs 2024

It is that time of year again!

These fantastic fairtrade Easter eggs are available now, last order date Sunday 3rd March

All the chocolate is Fairtrade. This means the farmers receive a fair price for their sugar and cocoa and an extra Fairtrade Premium cash payment which they can use to invest in their community, buying everything from

schoolbooks to solar panels and providing fresh water supplies. So not only delicious but the chocolate is also ethical! All eggs also include the Easter story.

Milk Chocolate Egg- £4.50 each

Dark Chocolate Egg - £5.50 each

Real Easter Egg Special with Blessings chocolate bar and Easter card - £10.00 each (milk chocolate only)

You are welcome to email your order to alex_pugh@sky.com or text me 07487223851 or see me in church over the next couple of weeks.

Peace & joy,
 Alex x

Julian Group

The Julian Group will be running on Tuesday 20th Feb at 2.30pm at St Gregory's – all welcome to come along.

Books available

I have been helping the family of the late Jan and Revd Paul Green dispose of books and other Christian items. If anyone is interested in what is available, please let me know on 07771842334 or prebchris2020@gmail.com.

Many thanks,
 Chris Curd



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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