

**Benefice E-Newsletter**  
**Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton**  
**20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Summer - Margaret Noel talked about this in her recent sermon; Summer and Summertime in general and our appreciation of all that it entails. It certainly made me think....

I have been busy this Summer with all sorts of things, which means that I have missed quite a few of the lovely days and barely noticed the wind and rain etc.



I did notice the beautiful moon, stars and the planets the other night. Even the mist made me praise the Lord! His creation is wonderful. We just need to open our eyes to see it.

We had our daughter's long legged lurcher with us for about a month, which had its challenges (the guinea pig was easy to look after by comparison). Harris loves to run, but he likes it best when he is

being chased. Dog walks can be trying as Harris harasses Max – barking and (play) biting – because he wants to be chased. He knows Max is family and he can take liberties. Has there been any barking and biting within the church family this summer?



Church life has been busy as well. There have been meetings and many emails about the Parish Profile on top of the usual things. The Archdeacon has published the final (final!) version, and has now gone on holiday.

The Profile has been approved by the PCCs. The advert will go into the Church Times in September, a week after being published on the Diocesan website. Interviews will be held in the middle of October.

We keep praying and we wait for the right person to apply for the post of the Rector here.

This is a beautiful part of the country and we are so fortunate to live here. I pray that we, with God's help, will be able to be the people He wants us to be.



Will and I are looking forward to our holiday next week. See you on September 9<sup>th</sup>, Devon Historic Churches Day, when our churches are open and the bells ring out.

With love,  
Leena

PS. There will be no newsletter next two weeks: the next one will be circulated for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.



## Services

### 20<sup>th</sup> August

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

### 23<sup>rd</sup> August

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

### 27<sup>th</sup> August

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

### 30<sup>th</sup> August

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September

8am St Gregory's – Holy Communion  
9.30am St George's – Holy Communion  
10am St Gregory's – Greg's @ 10  
11am St Mary's – Morning Worship

### 6<sup>th</sup> September

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

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### **Tuesday Prayer Meeting on Zoom**

During August the weekly prayer meeting is kindly being hosted by Ann Leigh. Join us on Zoom for a half hour of prayer at 9am on Tuesday. [Just click on this link](#) or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter Meeting ID: 415 012 5700 and Passcode: Wedlake

Best wishes  
Will

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### **An open invitation to Midweek Communion**



Each Wednesday at 10am, a group gathers in the upper narthex at St Gregory's to join in a quiet celebration of Holy Communion. The service was moved up there during the winter, in order to be warm, but when Spring came, the regulars were unanimous in staying there as they found the more comfortable, intimate space to be particularly appropriate for this celebration. Some come in addition to their attendance on Sundays. For others, it's an alternative

which they recommend to anyone who is finding Sunday services difficult, as many people do, especially in later years. Though the service is in St Gregory's, EVERYONE is welcome. It's for the whole benefice. We are grateful to the retired clergy who make it possible every week. Please join us!

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### **Evening Telephone Service on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Our monthly evening telephone service will be on the third Sunday as usual, at 6:30pm.

We will be using the service for Trinity season. The bible readings for this service will be 2 Kings 4:1-7 and Acts 16:1-10. Many thanks to Mike Moulds and Ann Leigh for leading this service and giving the talk, respectively.

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>.



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## Message from Colin Evans's daughters

Hilary and Judith, Colin Evans's daughters, would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who have sent them cards and messages of condolence: 'we do not have everyone's addresses so cannot reply individually, but so many nice things are being said about both our parents, which we will treasure.'



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

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## Service of Thanksgiving and Hope for Hazel Huggins

There will be service of Thanksgiving and Hope for Hazel Huggins at 2pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

To see further details there is a tribute page for Hazel where you can also leave a memory or message for the family and where, if wished, online donations in her memory can be made. Go to [www.muchloved.com](http://www.muchloved.com) and search for her name. [Alternatively, you can follow this link.](#)

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## Funeral of Jan Green

The funeral of the late Jan Green will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 2.30pm at St George's, Holcombe, with a Committal at the Church Gate and afterwards at the Smugglers inn.

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## Carole and Peter Wilson

Carole and Peter Wilson will be having a short service of thanksgiving and blessing at St Gregory's this week as they celebrate forty years of marriage. Congratulations and prayers for them would be much appreciated.

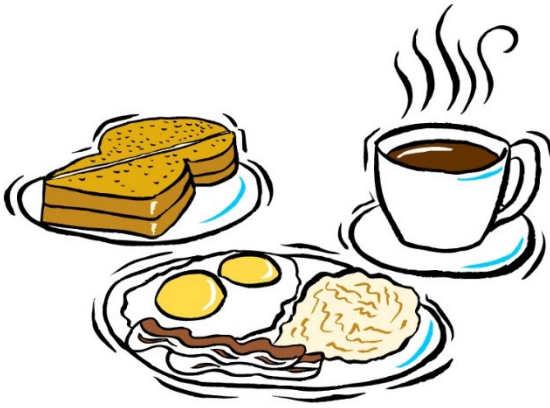


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## Coastline magazine

Please send details of anything to be included in the next Coastline to Chris Curd asap, but certainly no later than the end of this month at the very latest. If you have details of events happening in September, including those for Devon Historic Churches Day and Harvest events – please do pass these on.





## **Men's Breakfast – advanced notice**

The next men's breakfast will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 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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## **Devon Historic Churches Day – September 9th**

During the Historic Churches Day on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a display of Bric-A-Brac items for sale in the Lower Narthex at St Gregory's. Hopefully we can raise a pleasing amount of funds as there will not be any Charity Days on The Lawn for us on Sundays this summer. We would be very grateful for any donations, (smaller rather than larger, please) left in the Office with tags on or I can come and collect from your home if you let me know.

Jill and I would also welcome any offers of help during the day, between 10am and 4pm. A sign up sheet is in the lower narthex.

Many Thanks,  
Graham Reynolds 772249



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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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