

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe & Cofton Sunday 22nd May

On Sunday week, 29th May, as it is the 5th Sunday of the month, we will join together for a service of Holy Communion at St Gregory's. Please note the time will be 10.30am and there will be no other services taking place across the Benefice on that day. The joint choirs of St Gregory's and St George's will be leading the singing. I look forward to seeing you all there.

On Thursday 26th May, we celebrate Ascension: there will be a joint benefice service at 10.30am at St Gregory's. This is a really important day in the church year. I hope as many people as possible will come to join together for this said service of Holy Communion.



Ascension is the time when we begin the prayer initiative Thy Kingdom Come. We have not been able to arrange anything this year with Churches Together due to the fact that we are also celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee. However, I hope that we will continue to [Pray for 5.](#)

I have registered us to take part in the South West Awake prayer initiative (on Saturday 4th June) as we did last year. This is an opportunity for us to stand anywhere on the section of



coastal footpath at Holcombe at 10.30am for up to 30 minutes and pray specifically for Devon. Churches from across Devon will be joining in; if anybody is able to cover, in particular, the Holcombe stretch, this would be greatly appreciated. [This is the link to the website](#), for more information or you can look it up here: <https://www.southwestawake.com/>

I think this is a really important initiative. This is a quote from Bishop Robert: 'Prayer underpins the whole of Christian life and activity. This is a fantastic initiative and opportunity for people from across the region to surround the South West in prayer.' Let's do it!

Dallas



Notices

Services

22nd May 9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
 10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
 11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

25th May 10am Midweek communion
 @ St Gregory's

29th May 10.30am – Benefice Service @ St Gregory's
 THERE ARE NO OTHER SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

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.
- Prayer Tree: this is now back in the church. Please do leave your prayers on the tree. The prayer group which meets on a Tuesday morning used to pray the prayers left on the tree. This is now happening via Zoom. Therefore, those who are leading the Kids Swapshop have taken on the responsibility to pray for those on the prayer tree.

Prayer meeting:

Information for the meeting on the 24th is below:



Topic: Dallas Ayling's Zoom Meeting

Time: 24th May 2022 09:00 AM London

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6591842294?pwd=hakfR92W-WBnpl1CBn5jr6oxpSCzOg>

All welcome!

Prayer walk

On Tuesday 24th May 14:00 - 16:00, during the time we were hoping to welcome our Korean friends (now postponed to the Autumn), Mark and Jo Jones are organising a prayer



walk around Dawlish. Anyone from local churches is welcome to join us. If you have never been on a prayer walk before, please be reassured that this is not scary or difficult. Gather from 2pm at Unit 2 Black Swan Business Park, Black Swan Road, Dawlish EX7 0FQ. After a full briefing, we will disperse around the community to pray in our own way, as the Holy Spirit leads us, before gathering back at the Unit at 15:30 to share what we have experienced over a hot drink and light refreshments. If you are unable to walk, please feel free to remain in

the Unit and pray from there. Full details are available here, including material for your preparation, and some set prayers if you would find that helpful:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WK_3xf39_q6CmCl9Z20QGRy_AuNDqGU78Nu_0BQQbCY/edit?usp=sharing

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, Thursday 26th May, at St. Greg's. Please note that the time for this will be 10.30 am (the usual time of a Benefice Service).

Holy Communion – 1st June / Jubilee Celebrations

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 Celebrations at St Gregory's

Posters are available if you wish to take one away – A3/A4 copies are available if you let Sabrina know. A5 copies are available in the lower narthex as needed.



There will be a civic service led from the bandstand on Sunday 5th June at 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to worship together in the centre of the town – please do come along if you can. Everyone is welcome.

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!



Church Council meetings

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

Safeguarding for all PCC and DCC members and Pastoral Visitors...

All PCC and DCC members and all pastoral visitors are now asked to complete **two extra Safeguarding courses – Safeguarding Foundation and Domestic Abuse Awareness**. This is a new requirement since January of this year. These courses are available on line on the [National Safeguarding Training Portal](#).



If you are a new PCC or DCC member, we have arranged a Safeguarding Training morning to cover both Safeguarding Basic Awareness and Safeguarding Foundation at St. Mary's Hall on **Saturday, June 11th from 9:30 to 12:30**. The course will be delivered by Sue Davies, who is a volunteer trainer within the diocese. Please book a place as soon as possible by contacting Will Halse on 01626 866054 or emailing willhalse@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you!

Penny Foster, Will Halse and Barbara Rains

Your Safeguarding Reps

...and for Bell Ringers, Stewards, Chalice Assistants and Refreshment Helpers

Bell Ringers, Stewards, Chalice Assistants and Refreshment Helpers are asked to complete the Safeguarding Basic Awareness course. This course is available on line on the [National Safeguarding Training Portal](#). For those who cannot complete the course on line there will be a **Safeguarding Basic Awareness** training session at **St Gregory's on 15th June from 6:30 to 7:45 pm**. This session is intended **for anyone** who would like to have Safeguarding Basic Awareness training. For more information or to attend, please contact Will Halse on 01626 866054 or email willhalse@yahoo.co.uk.

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!



Hope Church

All Christians from churches within CTDD are invited to join lead ministers for a Service of Consecration at the new Hope Centre (Swift Road, Dawlish, EX7 0FS) on Friday 27th May, at noon. This service will set apart the new Centre for the worship of God and the service of the wider community. The plan is for the service to start outside the main entrance of the new Centre and then move inside. Please do not park anywhere on the new Redrow estate. There is some limited parking on site. For more information please contact Mark Jones: 07729998334 / markjones918@gmail.com

God bless,
Mark

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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Margaret Noel: 863148

Will Halse: 866054