

**Benefice E-Newsletter**  
**Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton**  
**25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Dear all,

First of all, a huge thank you for the incredibly warm welcome we have received across the Churches and for the wonderful service on Thursday evening.



It still feels strange driving around places that I used to know and visit regularly as a child and with our own children. I get to find that whilst many places look familiar, there are also many changes, including new roads or roads that are now closed! The essence and feeling of the place remain, but time has moved on. Even the Church I grew up in and was baptised in is now converted into apartments! If I am honest this does give me mixed feelings!

As we look to the future together, I am sure some things will maybe look different, but the essence of our worship and life together will remain the same. 'We live to share God's love, forgiveness and care with the communities of Dawlish, Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross'.

There may be new roads we journey together, some we may close and some maybe utilised in a different way, but our purpose remains the same and all for the glory of God, the growth of His Kingdom and the benefit of all.



Blessings,  
Linda

## Services:

### 25<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship

10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion

11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

### 28<sup>th</sup> February

10am midweek Holy Communion  
at St Greg's

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March

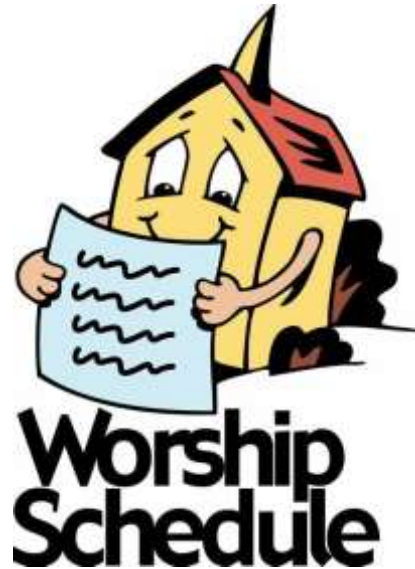
8am St Gregory's – BCP

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> March

10am midweek Holy Communion  
at St Greg's

### 10<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Holcombe Village Hall  
(Not St George's) – Mothering Sunday  
Family Service

10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion –  
Mothering Sunday

11am St Mary's – Morning Worship –  
Mothering Sunday



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## Coming events in February & March...

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Flag raising, 11am at the Piazza (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Ukraine War)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Visit to St Gregory's by children at Orchard Manor School – 2pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Eat and Enlightenment, 7.30pm at the Castle Pub, Holcombe

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

World Day of Prayer service, 2.30pm at St Agatha's RC Church

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Saying Goodbye Service, 12.30pm at Exeter Cathedral

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Men's Breakfast, 9am – St Gregory's

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Kid's Swap Shop, 9am-11am St Gregory's

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Drop in, 2-4pm in St George's

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Flag raising, 10am at the Piazza – Commonwealth Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Praying for Dawlish, 12noon in the Methodist Church

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

A Warmer Place, 12noon-2pm St George's Holcombe

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## **Newsletter Update**

As of this week, the Benefice newsletter will now be circulated fortnightly – the next one will be sent out the week commencing the 4<sup>th</sup> March. You can see all recent Benefice newsletters on the website, [by clicking this link](#).

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## **Licensing Service**

If you missed Linda's licensing service and would like to hear it, [it is available on the website here](#).

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## **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.

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## **Funeral of Derek King**

This will be at St George's church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

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## **The Big Plastic Count: 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 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



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## **Quiet Prayer during Lent**

As an offshoot from the Julian Group who meet monthly for quiet prayer and meditation, there will be half an hour of quiet prayer in St Gregory's each Tuesday during Lent at 2pm. An opening prayer and reading from the words of Julian of Norwich will be followed by a period of silence and then further spoken prayer. We will meet in the upper narthex or Lady Chapel, depending on what else is happening. Please speak to Helen Bays for more details or just come along. Everyone is welcome.



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## **World Day of Prayer**

The World Day of Prayer service will be at 2.30pm at St Agatha's R.C Church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

The theme this year is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love', and the service has been written by Christian women in Palestine. All are welcome – men and women, young and old. This is part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe, involving people in

over 146 countries and islands around the world, all praying with and for the people of Palestine.

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## **Mothers Union**

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the Upper Narthex of St Gregory's. The guest speaker will be the new Team Rector, Revd. Linda Cronin, so this is an opportunity to meet her and ask questions. It will also be an opportunity to hear more from Linda about her hopes for our Mission Community.



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## **Benefice Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast will be at St Gregory's at 9am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you're a man that enjoys breakfast and would like to go along, please contact Ray Williams to book: 07539 083989 or email [bevray@outlook.com](mailto:bevray@outlook.com).



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## **Real Easter Eggs 2024**

It is that time of year again!

These fantastic fairtrade Easter eggs are available now, last order date Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:alex_pugh@sky.com) or text me 07487223851 or see me in church over the next couple of weeks.

Peace & Joy – Alex

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## **Update from Sabrina**

After over 4 years as Parish Administrator, I have informed St Gregory's Churchwardens, Leena and Richard, that I will be resigning from my post as of the 14<sup>th</sup> March. Linda and the churchwardens are in discussions about what to do regarding church administration. An update will be given when there is one.



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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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