

Benefice E-Newsletter
Dawlish with Holcombe & Cofton
25th June 2023

I was introduced to St Gregory's by Helen Bays after the devastating passing of my mother at the end of December 2022. My father, sister and I met with Helen to plan her funeral service and we were touched by her warmth, sensitivity and kindness. We met at St Gregory's and my first impression on arrival was just how stunning the building is with light shining in through beautiful stained-glass windows, echoing the wonderful history of the church. I invited my father to join me in attending the service held that Sunday. The welcome that we received was exceptional and has encouraged me to return to church regularly to develop my faith and trust in God as well as forming new friendships over tea and biscuits with my church family.

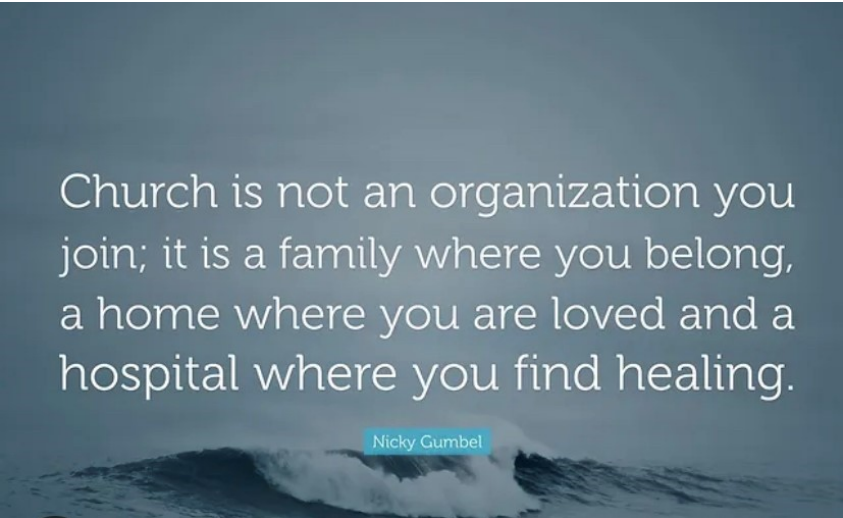
From the moment I enter the doors each week I am fed with positivity through the word of God and Faith and this leads me to inner peace through a very difficult time. The Holy Spirit has the power to "comfort all that mourn" (Isaiah 61:2). People who experience this divine comfort describe it as warmth, fullness, calmness, and peace. It is the fulfilment of Jesus's promise, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27).

Everyone is welcomed and respected, regardless of faith, creed and background and there is so much love for God and people. The atmosphere is always friendly and the alternating formal service with the amazing choir and informal service with the super enthusiastic music group is superb. There is just something about being together at St Gregory's that calms me, makes me feel connected and whole, and simply allows me to breathe after a busy working week!

I find myself looking forward to the newsletters and coastline,

they are a great way of keeping the parish involved with all the news and events. I have learned more about the Bible and who God and Jesus are - all while enjoying great sermons and uplifting music and singing as well as caring fellowship. I am really thankful to all at this wonderful church and proud to be share God's love as we worship, pray, serve and grow together.

With every blessing,
Alexandria Pugh (Alex)



Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.

Nicky Gumbel



Services

25th June

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship

10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion

11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

28th June

10am St Gregory's – mid week Holy Communion

2nd July

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

Tuesday Prayer Meeting is back on Zoom

Join us on Zoom for a half hour of prayer at 9am on Tuesday. Just click on the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5750205964?pwd=UHRTQ0tISCTDbTVOY1U3S2oyeEhEUT09>

Or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter Meeting ID: 575 020 5964 and Passcode: 850653

Will Halse

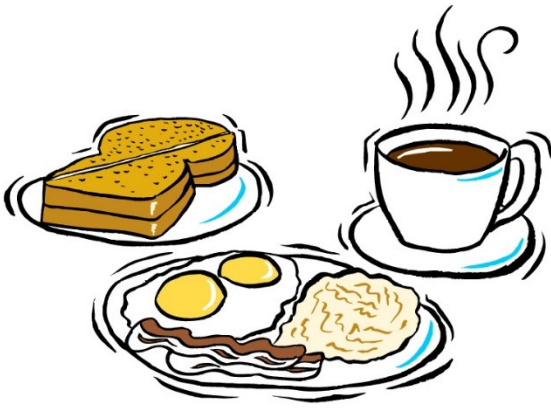
Day trip to Butterfly Farm & Buckfast Abbey

The Pudding Club is going to have a day trip instead of our usual meeting on Thursday 6th July to the butterfly farm and Buckfast Abbey stopping for lunch in between. We have a couple of spare seats in cars if any ladies would like to join us for a fun day out. There will be some walking involved (limited I hope). The cost of entry is £9.95. Please contact Linda 07510386459 or Jacqui 07804639999 to save yourself a seat in a car.



Sefton Hall Opening event

Sefton Hall in Dawlish is hosting an opening event on Friday 23rd June from 10.30-4pm with a BBQ and live music. Please do come along!



Men's Breakfast – St Gregory's

The next men's breakfast will be on Monday 3rd July 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.

Mothers Union – Summer Garden Party

There will be a Summer Garden Party on Tuesday 4th July at 2pm at Woodbury, Barton Terrace (opposite Dawlish Hospital). Contributions of cakes and biscuits would be very welcome and help with refreshments from 1.30pm would be very appreciated. Please contact Ann Leigh directly if you can help, or for more information:

panleigh@googlemail.com



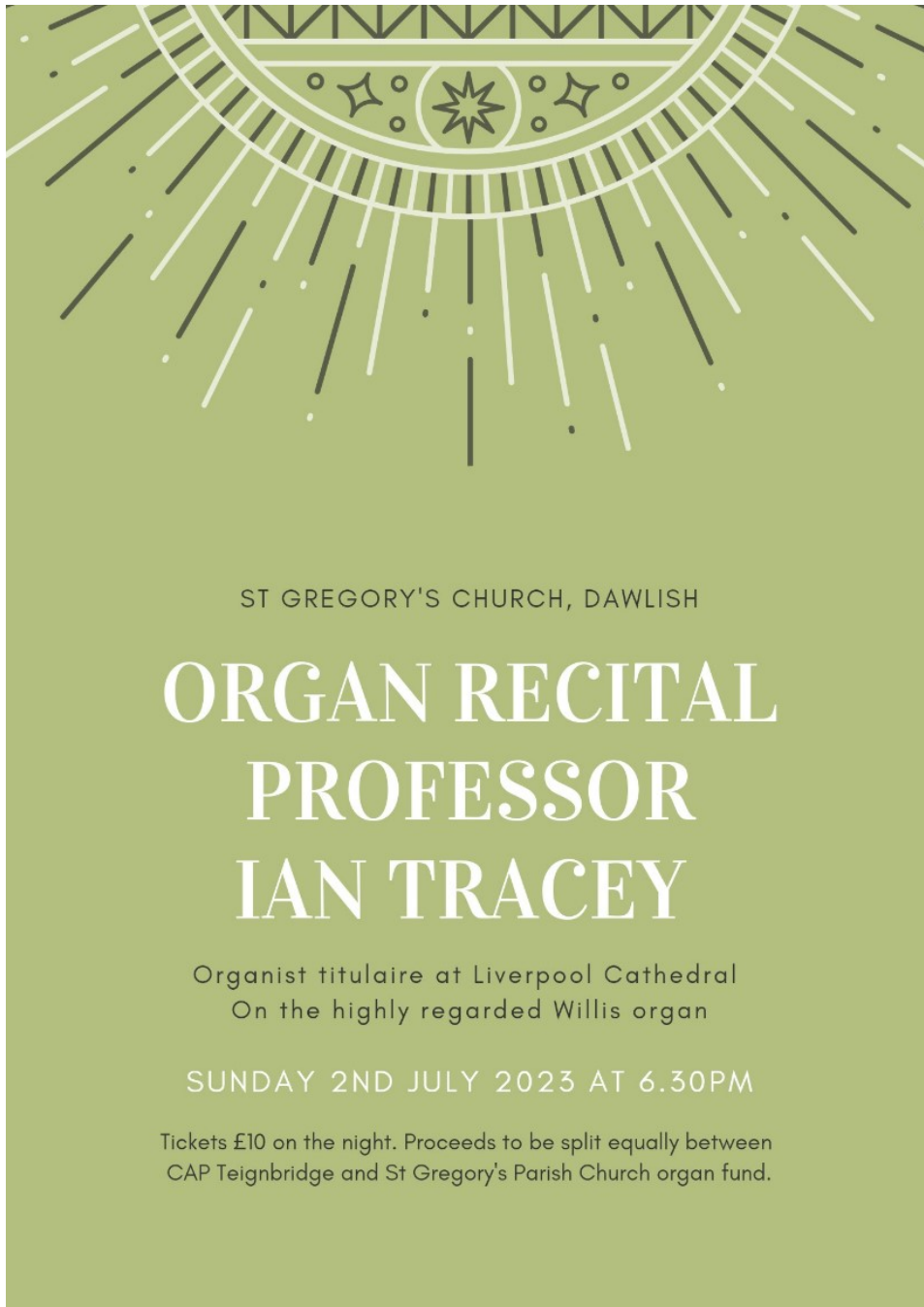
Praying for Dawlish

A new pattern of monthly 'real-world' prayer meetings for CTDD and ROC Dawlish, has been organised called 'Praying for Dawlish'. The first will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 18th July at Dawlish Methodist Church.

All local people who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to attend and participate. We encourage as many people as possible to attend these prayer gatherings.

Organ Recital

There will be an Organ Recital on the 2nd July at St Gregory's, which will be dedicated to George Elliot and Phyllis Bishop who were organist and choir conductor at St Gregory's for many years. All are welcome to attend!



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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