

Benefice E-Newsletter
Dawlish with Holcombe & Cofton
2nd July 2023

'THANK YOU' DAY

Both nationally and internationally, 'Awareness Days, Weeks or Months' are held throughout each year. From 'Red Nose Day' in March to 'Mental Health Awareness Week' in May. Some of the chosen 'special' subjects often seem bizarre.... for instance, who knew that, in the UK, June 27th to July 1st is 'Rabbit Awareness Week' or that July 6th is 'International Kissing Day'? July 7th is 'World Chocolate Day' - that's one I don't need a special day for, every day is a chocolate day - July 10th is 'Don't Step on a Bee Day'. I kid you not – take a look at www.awarenessdays.com for the full list if you doubt my words!



Although some of these allegedly 'special' days, weeks or months seem to have odd titles, quite a few of them have laudable ambitions. Not least 'Thank You Day' which, this year, falls on Sunday July 2nd. It's billed as the country's biggest ever thank you party. Starting, during the Covid pandemic, from just 13 individuals proposing a Thank You Day, the idea is now supported by hundreds of organisations across the country, ranging from Scouts and Guides to Rotary, the Royal Voluntary Service, the NHS, The Mirror and Sun newspapers, the Football Association and even The Church of England! The aim is for as many people as possible to be involved, however they would like, so everyone who deserves it gets a thank you.

This made me remember a story about a group of American geography students who, one day, were studying the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the session, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So, she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. She replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher

said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are..."

1. To touch
2. To taste
3. To see
4. To hear
5. To run
6. To laugh
7. And to love

It's far too easy for us to look at the exploits of mankind and refer to them as 'wonders' while we overlook all God has done, regarding it as merely 'ordinary'. May we all be reminded of those things which are truly wondrous. And, maybe, you might like to thank God for all the blessings you receive in the words of this Jewish Passover Prayer:

"Even if our mouths were filled with songs like the sea, our tongues with joy like its mighty waves, our lips with praise like the breadth of the sky, if our eyes shone like the sun and the moon, and our hands were spread out like the eagles of heaven, if our feet were as swift as the hind, we should still be incapable of thanking you adequately for one thousandth part of all the love You have shown us."

So, lastly, a huge **THANK YOU**, to all of you, for welcoming and accepting me into the church family since I arrived in Dawlish just over 4 years ago and let's all of us endeavour to say thank you to someone every day. When you look out for kindnesses, and appreciate them, then it might surprise you when they start to appear more often!

With love and gratitude

Ceri x



Services

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

5th July

10am St Gregory's – mid week Holy Communion

9th July

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship

10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion

11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Tuesday Prayer Meeting on Zoom

Join us on Zoom for a half hour of prayer at 9am on Tuesday. Just click on the below link or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter Meeting ID: 575 020 5964 and Passcode: 850653: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5750205964?pwd=UHRTQ0tISCTDbTVOY1U3S2oyeEhEUT09>

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.

Men's Breakfast

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: pannleigh@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.

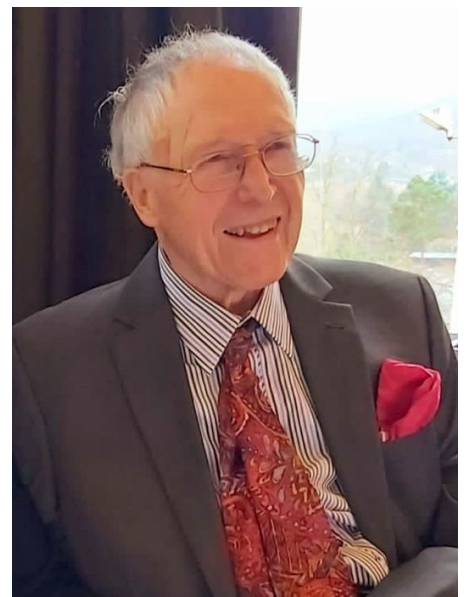


Death of Kenneth Hall

On behalf of the Hall family we have been asked to share the following announcement: It is with great sadness and thanks that we announce the death of Kenneth G M Hall (Dr) 10 July 1932-10 June 2023. A devoted husband to Dorothea, father to Martin and Robert, father-in-law and grand-father. A multi-linguist, inspiring teacher and headmaster, a job he was immensely dedicated to. A gifted organist, tenor singer and choirmaster. Traveller, lover of all the arts, chairman, fundraiser, speaker, church worker, keen sailor. However, through all of these roles and qualities his strong Christian faith kept him rooted to the service of others, always with great love and humility.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12 verse 12.

Kenneth lived in Penhayes Road, Kenton and became involved with the church choir at Kenton along with numerous musical activities in Victory Hall and other venues. Kenneth and Dorothea moved from Kenton to the Galashiels area, just North of the Scottish Border.



News from Hugh Scudder / CR2EE

On the 20th June, we loaded our fourth lorry in four months. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very grateful to all our volunteers and supporters for enabling this.

This lorry is filled with much needed humanitarian aid to help the victims of war in Ukraine, many of whom lost everything following the breach of the dam in Kherson. We now urgently need donations of very good quality clothing and bedding, medical supplies - especially pain killers and dressings, non-perishable food, hygiene items and toiletries, etc. and of course, sufficient funds for the next lorry.



Thanks to Hugh for his talk and presentation at our service last week, very difficult and heart-wrenching to hear of the situation in Ukraine (and on-going poverty in Moldova).

As always, all donations gratefully received, including financial donations, either one-off payment or setting up a monthly direct debit. (Remember tax payers can complete a gift aid form, giving an extra 25% to the charity.)

Morning prayer and coffee morning at St Mary's

St Mary's Cofton will be running regular morning prayer and coffee mornings July-August.
All welcome!



Welcome to Cofton St Mary

CHURCH OPEN

July & August Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm

Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 9.30am followed by Coffee Morning - ALL WELCOME

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. Phyllis was also organist at St George's Holcombe for many years. All are welcome to attend!



ST GREGORY'S CHURCH, DAWLISH

ORGAN RECITAL PROFESSOR IAN TRACEY

Organist titulaire at Liverpool Cathedral
On the highly regarded Willis organ

SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2023 AT 6.30PM

Tickets £10 on the night. Proceeds to be split equally between
CAP Teignbridge and St Gregory's Parish Church organ fund.



Lunchtime Concert

‘Aspects of Love’

Saturday, July 8th @1pm

St Gregory's Church
Church Street
Dawlish

Iryna Ilnytska – Mezzo-soprano
Oly Obertas – Soprano
John Draisey - Piano

Arias and piano masterpieces by G. Caccini,

G. Bizet, C. Saint-Saens, G. Rossini, G. Puccini, E. Granados,

E. Grieg and many more . . .

Free entry with retiring collection.
All collections will be forwarded to Ukrainian volunteers.



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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