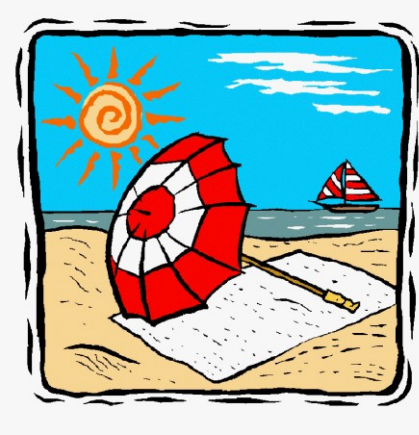


Benefice E-Newsletter
Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton
30th July 2023



I must admit, I cannot quite believe, as I write this, that the summer holidays are here and its nearly August. I feel like I blinked and half of 2023 came and went. Time does fly when you're having fun!

Like many of us, I am on holiday during some of August. I will be out of the office from **the end of today (Thursday 27th July) until Tuesday 15th August** – when I am back in the office.

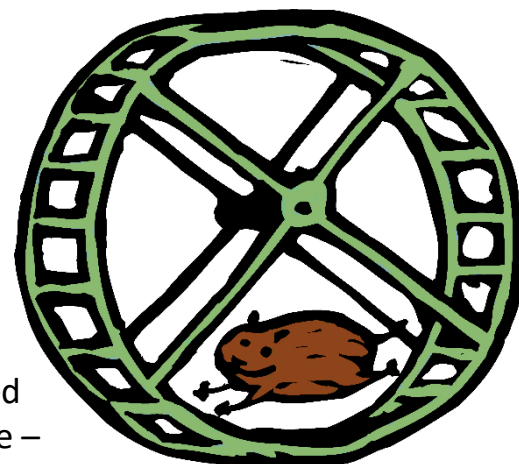
To that end, there will be no newsletter for Sunday 6th and 13th August. Later in the newsletter, there is an extended list of services across the Benefice, which hopefully serves as a helpful reminder. In my absence – if you have any urgent questions or queries, get in touch with your churchwardens, who will be able to help you with anything important.



While it may seem that August is quiet – there is always work going on 'behind the scenes', to ensure that services, events, weddings and funerals and so on, continue to take place – and run smoothly. Planning and preparation continues for the future for all of us across the Benefice as the Parish Profile has now been finalised and work continues towards an appointment of a new vicar.

There is something about being prepared for what is coming – I've already bought school uniforms for Georgina and Jude, and a friend mentioned to me recently that it's likely that very soon supermarkets will start having other 'seasonal' things available in store.

People often talk about a work-life balance, but I've never been able to work out how to achieve that successfully. It's a continual challenge of completing the important tasks that need to be done and time for rest and things I enjoy. If you're like me – maybe you find it very easy to get caught up in worry and stress about the things that haven't been done.



Alan Watts once said 'life is not a problem to be solved, but an experience to be had.' With that in mind, I hope that you (and I) get the opportunity over the coming weeks to enjoy the things that bring you most joy and meaning and also, a chance to relax!

And finally, just a little thank you to those who I've worked closely with since Dallas retired to support me in my work and those who have just 'checked in', to see how I am: I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Blessings
Sabrina



Services

30th July

10.30am Benefice Service at St Mary's Hall

NO OTHER SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE ON THIS DAY

2nd August

10am St Gregory's – mid week Holy Communion

6th August

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

9th August

10am St Gregory's – mid week Holy Communion

13th August

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship

10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion

11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

16th August

10am St Gregory's – mid week Holy Communion

20th 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

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



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!

Benefice Service

Sunday 30th July, 10.30, at St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren. Ample parking and no 22-bus route. If the weather is clement, the service will be held outside, so please come prepared for this. If it is too hot, cold, windy or wet we will be inside! The service will be followed by tea and coffee, and then by a bring and share lunch.

The service will follow a Lammas theme, giving thanks for our daily bread and the first fruits of the harvest, and we will be thinking about food. As well as your contribution to the Bring and Share (and we hope as many people as possible will join in with this), please bring a contribution for the local food banks as follows. It could be a joint one with a friend.

Please bring a simple store cupboard item which is a grain or made from a grain, such as pasta etc. These gifts will be offered in the service along with the Lammas Loaf. If you forget, or are unable for very good reasons to do this, please come anyway!



Lastly, I would love to hear from anyone who is willing to bake a home-made loaf; not an intricate harvest loaf but a reasonably sized loaf of bread to be the Lammas Loaf.

Many thanks
Chris Curd

Death of Jan Green

We received news that Jan Green, who was a member of the choir of St George's sadly died on the 20th July. Many of us will remember Jan with great fondness. May she rise in glory.

ROC/CTDD Prayer meeting

The next ROC/CTDD prayer meeting will be at St Gregory's on the 15th August at 12 noon. Please do come along and support this event.



Evening Telephone Service on Sunday, August 20th 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. Please contact Will Halse on 07974 755926 if you need a printed copy. 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>.

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



Trip to the donkey sanctuary

The pudding club is going on another outing this month instead of meeting indoors we will be visiting the donkey sanctuary and having lunch there as well, on Thursday 3rd August. Times TBC. We have a couple of spaces if any ladies would like to come along as well: please call Linda 07510386459 to reserve a seat in a car.

Devon Historic Churches Day – September 9th

During the Historic Churches Day on Saturday September 9th 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

DAWLISH FUNERALCARE OPEN MORNING

Scala House, Lawn Terrace

Monday 7th August
9am-12noon



This year Coop Funeralcare are working together with Barnardo's by fundraising to help them bring communities together to support young people.



August is our 'Superhero' fundraising month.

Have a browse through our book stall, enjoy a cuppa and a cake. All voluntary donations gratefully received.




Barnardos

Come for 9.30am if you would like to see a presentation about Claremont Manor, the NEW Dawlish Luxury Care Home, by Sabrina Waterhouse, their Customer Relations Manager.



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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