

Benefice E-Newsletter
Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton
5th November 2023



You are all aware, we hope, of St Mary's Church Hall at Dawlish Warren. It was built on land given by the Earl of Devon completed in 1951, in memory of Reverend Charles Francis Benthall Vicar of Cofton Parish from 1891 to 1918 who inaugurated open air services in Dawlish Warren in 1911, with funds raised in the Parish and from other donations to commemorate his ministry. It was to have a Christian witness in Dawlish Warren and

provide a facility for the community. By 1962 three services were held in the Hall on a Sunday! It was used by youth groups for residential holidays. By the 1990s the hall was being used a lot less; the building was deteriorating and a massive financial drain on St Mary's Church. Something had to be done. If kept it had to prove its worth and be self-funding.

So ...Dorothea Hall with other members of the then St Mary's Parochial Church Council took on the mammoth job of raising funds to improve facilities re-establishing Sunday services and promoting community use of the Hall. A great amount of organising, paperwork and elbow grease brought the Hall to what it is today. We should be forever grateful to Dorothea and friends for the Hall we have. From 2003 the use of the Hall grew and after Covid-19 usage really took off.

The Hall is now used by many groups in the community, Busy Bees Babes and Tots, Exemplar dogs, Yoga, Ballroom Dancing, Pilates, the Dogs Nose, Dawlish Art Group, High C's, The Art School, Band Practice during the week and at weekends there are children's parties, wedding receptions, Christian Groups, Brownie/cubs/guides residentials, Life Saving Classes etc, etc. and occasional services.





Apart from a weekly cleaner and caretaker the running of the Hall is all undertaken by volunteers. They form a working committee which sadly due to illness and various other commitments has decreased over the last few years, the Hall committee as it is at present is, apart from a couple of younger people made up of elderly folk. It is a big commitment but a very worthwhile one to see what can be achieved with the help of the Lord. We are continually upgrading and improving facilities, over the last couple of years we have installed a new large electric cooker (the gas one was condemned), a large new shed for storage, surrounded the grassed area with a picket fence, had a new picnic bench made and over this summer we had a gazebo for use by anyone using the Hall when the sun got too hot. We have just had ceilings in the toilets and hall repaired and re-painted after three leaks at the beginning of the year and the rear kitchen wall repaired and re-decorated. All this through the lettings of the hall and fund raising by the committee.



It is a big project to keep going and we are always on the look-out for new committee members so if you would fancy coming along to work on the committee take on various necessary roles and commit to what is needed not just for a short time but for the long haul then please contact Ruth Cann on 01626 864537 email ruthcann737@btinternet.com



We do need the help as the hall is so very busy that those of us left on the committee cannot always cope with everything that needs doing, though we do try with God's help. It is a wonderful place for all that goes on. The only thing is the more it is used the more that needs doing – So if you fancy coming aboard you will be welcomed with open arms!

Valerie & Ruth at St Mary's



Services

5th November

- 8am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
- 9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
- 10am St Gregory's – Greg's @ 10
- 11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

8th November

- 10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

12th November

- 9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
- 10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
- 10.50am St Mary's – Morning Worship
- 3pm St Gregory's – Civic Service



Tuesday Prayer Meeting on Zoom

Please do join us on Tuesday at 9am for a half hour of prayer. We meet on Zoom.

Just click on this [link](#) or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter:

Meeting ID: 575 020 5964 and Passcode: 850653.

Team Rector of the Benefice of Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross

The Rt Revd Jackie Searle, Acting Bishop of Exeter, Patrons and Parish Representatives are delighted to announce that, subject to the completion of the statutory formalities, an offer has been made for the post of Team Rector of the Benefice of



Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross, known as the Dawlish Coast Mission Community, to Revd Linda Cronin, who is currently Rector of Glenavy Parish in the Diocese of Connor in the Church of Ireland.

This offer has been accepted. Her licensing by the Acting Bishop of Exeter will take place in early 2024 on a date to be confirmed.

Service of Remembering and Hope - Sunday 5th November



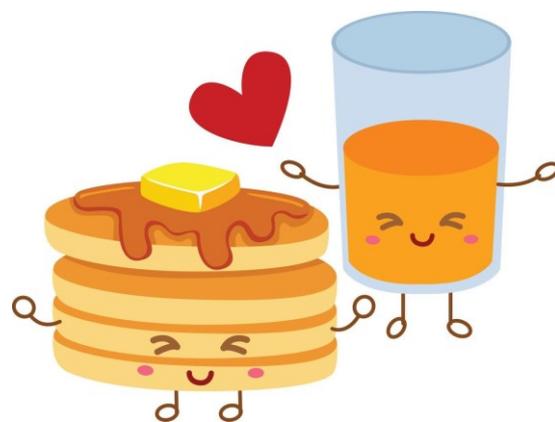
Last year a service was held at St Mary's, Cofton. This year, there will be a Service of Remembering and Hope held at St George's Holcombe on Sunday 5th November at 3pm, followed by tea and cake.

An invitation is extended to any across the Benefice who may like to attend. If you wish to have the name of a

loved one read out in the service, please contact Prebendary Chris Curd on 07771842334 or prebchris2020@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be at the Mount Pleasant at 9am on Monday 6th November. If you're a man that enjoys breakfast and would like to go along, please contact Ray Williams to book: bevray@outlook.com;



Coffee and Sale Morning for Ukraine

Organised by Liubov Nazarov and Chris Curd. This will be Saturday morning, 11th November, at Cockwood Village Hall, 10am-2pm.

Proceeds 50/50 to Christian Response to Eastern Europe who are sending lorries of aid to Ukraine; and to humanitarian work carried out by a friend of Liubov. Liubov, from Kyiv, lived with Cliff and Chris Curd for

nearly a year and is now in a flat in Dawlish with a friend. She works in Cofton and Cockwood.



Needed - offers of help, baking (both for consumption on the day and for sale), craft items, anything that could be a stocking filler, anything good quality that could sell (kitchenware, toiletries, children's toys etc etc), tree decorations etc. Also, as good as new clothing and shoes. If the latter do not sell, they can be taken out to Ukraine by CR2EE. Please contact Chris - 07771842334; prebchris2020@gmail.com

Kid's Swap Shop

Kids Swap Shop will be back on Tuesday 7th November at St Gregory's from 9am-11am. Please do share this with any parents you know who may want to swap their children's clothes as the weather is getting colder!



Benefice Ladies Lunch

The next Benefice Ladies Lunch will be on Tuesday 14th November at Amelia's Cofton – 12 noon for a 12.30pm start. All welcome!

ROC – Praying for Dawlish

The next Prayer event for ROC / Praying with Dawlish will be on Tuesday 21st Nov at St Mary's Cofton. All Welcome!

Dawlish and District U3A Adventure Group

Dawlish and District U3A Adventure Group will be undertaking their latest adventure at St Gregory's Church in Dawlish. On Thursday 23rd November, 2-4pm, they will climb the church tower to admire the view from the top. On the way up they will see the eight bells, have a short talk on how a bell is rung and get to have a first experience of bellringing, under the guidance of the St Gregory's Ringing Master. For more information about the Adventure Group please see [Adventure group - Dawlish & District U3A](#)



Advance Notice – Reaching Dawlish event

The next Reaching Dawlish event will be at Hope Centre at 6pm on Friday 24th November beginning at 6pm and finishing at 9pm at the latest.

The purpose of this event is for lead ministers to share their strategy to foster a greater sense of ownership and

participation by local Christians. This will be an enjoyable, informal dinner to celebrate all that God is doing on mission in our community and to give everyone the opportunity to have their say in what happens next.

Lead ministers are encouraging everyone locally to get involved in some way, whether that's attending, volunteering in a practical way, or praying for the work. Free tickets may be booked on [Eventbrite](#) or you may contact Mark Jones directly on 07729998334 [or by email](#).

Advance Notice - Coffee Morning in the Upper Narthex, St Gregory's

This will be on November 25th, 10.30am-12.30 - £3 entry. There will be unlimited tea, coffee and squash with chocolate biscuits, cake or mince pies. Lots of fun and fellowship. All proceeds from this event will be divided between Flying Leaps charity and St Gregory's Organ Fund. We hope to see you there.



Update from Chris Curd

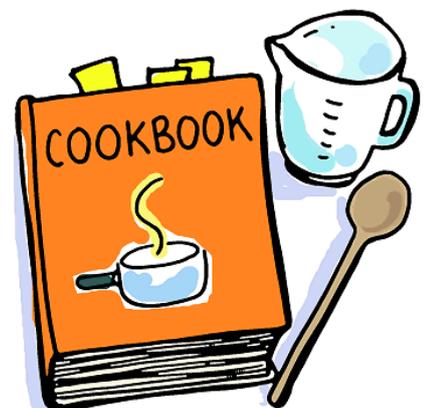
Profuse apologies from Chris Curd for 2 major omissions from the November Coastline:

1) thank you to Liz Hawarth for so ably producing the October edition and enabling me to have a break.

2) The Apple Cake recipe:

The Apple cake made by Cliff was much appreciated at the St Greg's Harvest Bring and Share, and I said I would put the recipe in Coastline. (Oops!) But here it is:

8oz SR flour
4 oz butter or substitute
4 oz granulated sugar
1 egg
pinch salt
sultanas
apples



- Grease an 8" or 9" shallow cake tin - it is easier to turn out if you have one with a loose base
- melt the butter and sugar together, and when sufficiently cool (so the egg does not scramble!) beat in the egg.
- Then fold in the flour and salt.
- Press two thirds of the mixture into the tin, making sure it reaches right up to the edges.
- Then arrange sliced apples on the top and if desired sprinkle with sultanas and a coarse brown sugar.
- Then "dollop" the rest of the mixture in small balls over the top.
- Bake in your oven's equivalent of gas mark 4 for about 40 minutes and then enjoy.

Delicious hot or cold, with custard, cream, natural yoghurt, creme fraiche etc. Freezes well.

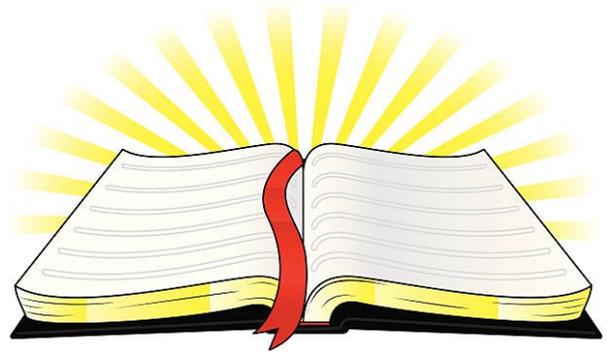
Cliff's tip: Leave the base of the tin in the cake when freezing and prise it off when frozen. (Or leave it on if you don't need it again soon!).

Adapted from a recipe by Marguerite Patten in a book purchased over 50 years ago!

Youngs Analytical Concordance

Youngs Analytical Concordance in exchange for a donation for Aid to Ukraine. It contains every word in the King James Bible with cross referencing to the original Greek and Hebrew. The Greek and Hebrew words are transliterated into the Roman (English!)

alphabet for those who cannot read the original!!! It makes for a really useful source for Bible Study, because you can find out which words were the same in the original language.



Reasonable condition - from the possessions of the late Revd Paul Green.

Contact Chris Curd -7771842334; prebchris2020@gmail.com

Dawlish Food Larder

For those of you who bring items to church for the Food Larder box please note that at the moment we are extremely short, or even completely out of: tea and coffee, baked beans, shampoo and rice. Any and all donations are gratefully received. Thank you!

Message from Pennie Galloway

Pennie Galloway from St George's wishes to let St George's congregation know that her Grandson – who many of them will remember – is now at Exeter University and will be singing tenor in the Chapel Choir. They are giving a performance of Handel's Messiah on the

9th December where Alastair will be singing the opening tenor solos. If you would like to attend the performance, [the details may be found here.](#)

Bellringing at St Greg's in November

You may have noticed that during 2023 the St Greg's church bells have been rung more frequently than just Wednesday evening practice night and Sunday mornings. We are very fortunate that our bells are recognised as a lovely ring and that makes us popular with other bellringing bands who very much enjoy coming to ring them too.

On 18th November the Topsham bellringers will be coming to St Greg's to ring our bells from 2 to 3:30 pm and on the afternoon of 23rd of November the U3A group have a visit to our church and tower booked and it's likely some of them may have a try at Ringing, closely supervised by Mick Wallis our Ringing master. So if you do hear the bells ringing on the 18th and or 23rd November- it isn't your ears ringing it will be real people.

Of course 12th November is also Remembrance Sunday and the bells will be rung for this special occasion. Traditionally on this Sunday, the bells are half-muffled meaning they sound a little different and create a moving echo sound which does in many people's opinion sound quite beautiful. So listen out for this on Sunday 12.11.23 when as your St Greg's ringers, we'll try to do this extra well.

We very much hope that for those of you who enjoy hearing the bells this news comes as a pleasant surprise, and for those of you less keen on the sound the bells make, you won't be too disturbed by this additional ringing. Please do share this information with your neighbours in Dawlish who might not otherwise get to hear about this extra ringing.

Of course, if you or anyone you know is keen to come and have a go at ringing we are always happy to welcome folk and let people have a try - all carefully supervised. To find out more just contact me Cath Chappell (St Greg's Ringing Tower secretary) on 07880557772 or email me at cath.godden@outlook.com We're a happy, friendly easy going bunch and we'd love you to join us.

Cath Chappell

Christmas Tree Festival

Applications for the Christmas Tree Festival are available from the church office – paper copies are available in the lower narthex or you may [email Sabrina](#) in the church office for an email copy.



UKRAINE & MOLDOVA

Christmas Shoebox Collection Point



Your filled shoebox should be wrapped in Christmas paper and marked as:

ADULT (Male or female)

BOY (0-12 or over 12)

or

GIRL (0-12 or over 12)

DEADLINE:
24th November

Christmas Shoeboxes

These can be taken to Dawlish Funeralcare as soon as they have been completed. If you require a spare shoebox, contact Sabrina at the Church office (she has some spare!)

A few ideas for items you could put in your shoebox:

For all (adults and children):

Hats; Gloves; Underwear; Toothpaste; Hairbrush; Chocolates; Calculator;
Torch; Pencils; Socks; Sweets; Soft toy; Shampoo; Biscuits.

For girls:

Beads; Jewellery; Tights; Friendship bracelets; Glowsticks;
Hair clips and slides; Lip gloss; Purse;

(For older girls: Hand cream; Perfume; Lipstick).

For boys:

Lego bricks; Toy cars; Wallet; Torch; Glow sticks; Magnifying Glass;

(For older boys: Aftershave; Coffee; Mini tools).



PLEASE BE GENEROUS
'Quality over quantity'

Dawlish
Funeralcare



Dawlish Community Transport

DO YOU FANCY A DAY OUT?

Join Dawlish Community Transport on our Tuesday Trips

Door to Door Transport

Picking you up/returning you to/from your home

NOVEMBER 2023:

7 th	Otter Nurseries	£15.00
14 th	Brixham	£15.00
21 st	Endsleigh Garden Centre	£15.00
28 th	Ten Tors (Kingsteignton) for Lunch	£12.00

DECEMBER 2023:

5 th	Exeter Christmas Market	£12.00
<u>Thurs</u> 7 th	Christmas Lunch (Langstone Cliff)	£34.00 *
12 th	Bernaville Nurseries	£12.00
19 th	Sidmouth or Donkey Sanctuary	£15.00
26 th	No Trip	

JANUARY 2024:

2 nd	Trago Mills	£12.00
9 th	Otter Nurseries	£15.00
16 th	Ullacombe Farm	£15.00
23 rd	Nutwell Lodge (Lypstone) for Lunch	£12.00
30 th	Bernaville Nurseries	£12.00

*7th Dec: £29 meal (£5 deposit at time of booking, £24 by 17/11/23) + £5 transport payable on the day

'BINGO & BUS'

Wednesday's 1st November, 6th December 2023 & 3rd January 2024

Arriving for 7.30pm/eyes down from 8.00pm at Ashcombe Village Hall

Vehicle available for Dawlish passengers who can benefit from Community

Transport support (£5 each to cover costs) - book in advance/limited spaces. Pick-up time confirmed on day of travel

For more information or to book please

Call the office on: **01626 888890**

Barton Hill Car Park, Dawlish, Devon, EX7 9QH

www.dawlish-mobility.co.uk

Find us on 



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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Will Halse: 01626 866054

Ceri Lee: 07739 936286