

Benefice E-Newsletter
Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton
22nd October 2023

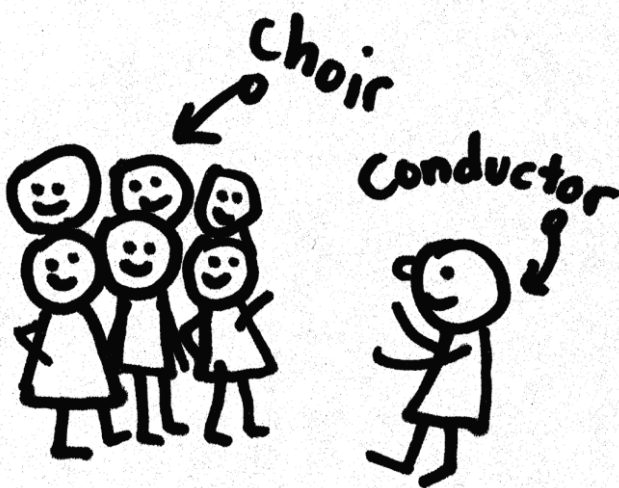
NEWS FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

By the time you read this article in the weekly Benefice newsletter, the combined choirs of St Gregory's and St George's Holcombe will have sung at "A Concert of Favourites from the Stage and Screen" eventually taking place on Saturday the 14th October 2023 in St Gregory's Church.

I say 'eventually' because it was originally intended that it would take place in early July on the same weekend as the organ recital given by Ian Tracey from Liverpool Cathedral which so many of



us enjoyed. These two events were planned in memory of and to give thanks for the wonderful contributions made by the late George Elliott as organist at St Gregory's and the late Phyllis Bishop as organist at St George's and later as conductor of our choir at St Gregory's.



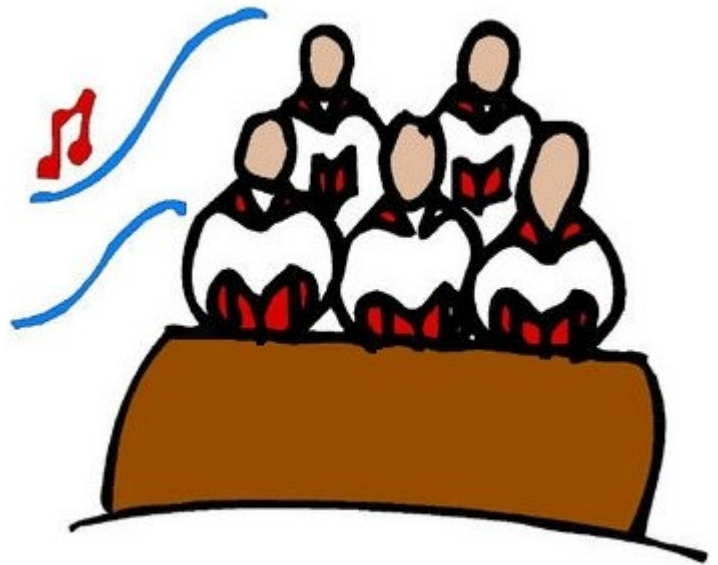
Despite practising weekly from as far back as early May it very soon became evident that there was insufficient time to learn such a varied set of music, and so it was postponed until early September. Even that proved to be not enough time to get it right with so many people away on summer holidays, and so it was subsequently

deferred again until the 14th October. Despite practising this concert weekly for at least five months the members of both choirs have had so much enjoyment singing such varied music, and simply proves the therapeutic benefits of singing to all.

In fact, it has been well documented recently in the national press and media just how good singing in a choir is for personal mental health and relieving stress, and it is so evident at our weekly choir practises just how much fun and enjoyment are had by all through singing together so it obviously works in volumes.

All of this is on top of the usual singing that the choir undertakes for church services, and when Devon Historic Churches Open Day took place on Saturday 9th September the choir volunteered to sing various well-known pieces for 30 minutes in the afternoon which was very much

appreciated by those visiting the church. What an amazing and dedicated group of people we are fortunate to have in our combined choirs.



Singing is such an important part of worship and this is exemplified by the dedication of each and every member of both choirs, so I think a big THANKYOU is definitely in order to all of them as they lead the singing at St Gregory's and St George's in our Sunday services.



Andrew Lloyd-Webber composed a wonderful new anthem based on Psalm 98 especially for the Coronation of King Charles III, and

those wonderful words remind us all to “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth, make a loud noise, rejoice and sing his praise.”

Ian
Organist and choirmaster



Services

22nd October

9.30am St George's – Morning worship and Baptism

10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion

11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

25th October

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

29th October

10.30am St Gregory's – Benefice Service with Bishop Jackie

No other services in the Benefice on this day



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.

Benefice Service – 29th October

There will be a Benefice service at 10.30am on 29th October at St Gregory's, Dawlish, led by Bishop Jackie. There will not be any other services in the Benefice on this day.



Julian Group

The Julian Group will be meeting at 2.30pm on Tuesday 31st October at St Gregory's for quiet prayer. All welcome!

Mothers Union

The Mothers' Union is supporting women in Melanesia by collecting sewing machines, materials, knitting needles, wool, patterns and any other haberdashery items to send to the Solomon Islands. Help from our churches would be welcome, and there will be a large box in St Gregory's, St George's and St Mary's, where contributions can be placed.



Ann Leigh – Dawlish Branch
MU Leader

Advance Notice - 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



Advance Notice - Coffee and Sale Morning for Ukraine

Organised by Liubov Nazarok 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



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.

Thank you from St Petrock's

Please see the attachment for the full thank you letter from St Petrock's for St Gregory's recent harvest donation. If you would like to hear more about the work of St Petrock's, you can [sign up for their newsletter](#).

**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**

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'



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!)

Christmas Advent Calendars

If you would like to order a Real Advent Calendar for November delivery, please contact Alex Pugh: alex_pugh@sky.com no later than the 5th November. Alex will be at the Benefice service to collect orders in person.

The following options are available:

- 1) Real Advent Calendar including 24-page Christmas story activity book & 25 chocolates
£4.50
- 2) Christmas Blessings Bar
£3.00
- 3) Host of Angel Tree Decorations including 6 chocolate angels, sticker set and activity poster
£5.00
- 4) Meaningful Chocolate Orange with Christingle features
£3.50

It is also possible to order an Advent calendar (or something else from the list above) to donate to the food larder.

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:

Margaret Noel: 01626 863148

Will Halse: 01626 866054

Ceri Lee: 07739 936286
