

DAWLISH COAST MISSION COMMUNITY

A newsletter brought to you every fortnight throughout the year with information from the churches of St Gregory's (Dawlish); St George's (Holcombe); St Mary's (Cofton) and St Paul's (Starcross)

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A CROSS-SHAPED EASTER POEM, by Marjory Francis

A real tree has died
and from it made
a makeshift tree,
where hangs a man
to all the world displayed.
Who is this man, whose arms spread wide,
expose his heart of love for all on earth?
Whose hands uncurled in giving, are denied,
instead are pierced to show our worth;
and as the blood is flowing from his side,
his agonising death brings me new birth,
and life
and peace
and freedom
in my soul,
and hope
and faith
to make
me whole;
ten, twenty
thousand
benefits,
and more
beside,
and always
his companionship,
my everlasting guide.

EASTER GARDENS ON DISPLAY



From Palm Sunday (24th March) please look out for Easter Gardens in Dawlish.

Two that we know about are at:
Highfield, Secmaton Lane, Dawlish EX7 0LW
and 14 Stockton Hill Dawlish EX7 9LS

Remember to spot the difference in their appearance from before to after Easter Day and do look out when you're out walking as there may well be others too!

ST GREGORY'S EASTER CROSS

The Easter Cross will be taking pride of place again outside St Gregory's from the end of Palm Sunday and throughout the Easter celebrations. As in previous years, everyone is welcome to come to the Cross at any time during Holy Week to hang a **red ribbon** on one of the nails on the cross as a way of remembering that Jesus died for each one of us and that in so doing our sins are forgiven. If you haven't a **red ribbon** to hand, there are plenty by the cross to use so just help yourself to one.



Please just tie the ribbon so that the ends hang down loose, i.e. don't tie your ribbon in a bow.

Good Friday, of course, is not the end of the story – so do come back and visit our cross again on Easter Day or the days thereafter to see its transformation! Light and Love will flow from it to help us remember that Jesus is risen and that, despite everything, God loves us all so much and just wants us to know this and be able to love him and each other too. Please spread this message to everyone and encourage as many folks as possible to come and interact with our Cross.

God Bless and Happy Easter, *Cath Chappell xxx*

A COUPLE OF EASTER QUOTES

“**Because of Easter**, our coffins are nothing but canoes bearing us across the Jordan River to fairer worlds on high.”

Herman Melville, from Moby Dick

“**Our Lord has written the promise** of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” *Martin Luther King Jr.*

COULD YOU OFFER HELP?

Dawlish Community Larder are struggling with demand and in need of another volunteer, approx. 1 hour a week for someone with their own car, fit and able to carry heavy bags down stairs. Induction and training provided.

Please contact Jo Jones on 07842 109980 if you are interested in helping.

A MESSAGE FROM SABRINA

“Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the card and leaving gift I received on Sunday 10th March, before my last day in the St Greg's office later that week. It was a wonderful and unexpected surprise. Thank you all very much!”



MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6pm St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren & EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE, 7am Dawlish Warren

For catering purposes it would be good to have an idea of numbers expected to attend these services. There are lists in each church where you can add your name.

AND, CALLING ALL SOUP MAKERS!

If you could provide a pan of soup as a contribution towards the shared meal at the Maundy Thursday Service please let either Rev Linda or one of the Churchwardens know.

'COASTLINE' AND DAWLISH COAST MISSION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

After the late and much loved Canon Colin Evans laid up his editorial pen for the old Dawlish Parish Magazine, there was some experimentation as to its successor. A printed, published version proved difficult to provide. Eventually, in 2020, "Coastline" was born. The Benefice newsletter, started at the beginning of lockdown, was shorter than it is now. Communications change to fit what's needed and so now, with a new Rector and new communications policy, 'Coastline', which was due for review, is giving way to other means of communication.

The editor, Chris Curd, wants to thank all who have sent in items, offered encouragement and critique. We're sure, there will be many who also wish to extend their thanks to Chris for all the time, hard work and inspiration that has gone into putting together 'Coastline' for the last 3+ years.

The Dawlish Coast Mission Community newsletter, starting with this edition, is now to be published and circulated fortnightly rather than weekly – the next one will be sent out on or around 4th April and will cover events and news relevant to 7th-20th April. You can see current and recent Benefice newsletters on the website, by [clicking this link](#).

Are you a user of Facebook, Instagram or X (formerly known as Twitter)?
Our churches now have a page on each platform!
Search for them by name

TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING ONLINE ON ZOOM

All welcome to a half hour of prayer on Tuesdays at 9am. Just click on [this link](#) or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter: Meeting ID: 575 020 5964 and Passcode: 850653.

ADDITIONAL RINGING ON FRIDAY 5th APRIL

Please listen out for the St Gregory's bells ringing during the afternoon of Friday 5th April. The bells at St Gregory's will be rung by a visiting band of ringers. They will be ringing a peal of Surprise Major - which means ringing continuously without any major mistakes, for approximately 3.5 hours from 12.30pm until 4pm. This is both physically and mentally demanding for the 8 ringers. We normally only have one peal a year rung on our bells, and we very much hope you will enjoy hearing them on this occasion.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Events coming up.....

MARCH

Saturday & Sunday 23rd & 24th

Cockwood Shanty Festival weekend at various times and locations in Cockwood and Starcross, including St Paul's

Saturday 30th Easter Bunny Hunt, 9am to 1pm in Dawlish Library

Easter Egg Hunt, 10am to 2pm in Manor House Gardens, near the Play Park

Sunday 31st DON'T FORGET!

Clocks go forward one hour for start of British Summer Time



SERVICES 24th MARCH to 6th APRIL

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

- 9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
- 9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
- 10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
- 11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th March

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 28th March

- 6pm St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren - simple shared meal, followed by Holy Communion
- 6.30pm St Paul's – Agape meal and service

Good Friday 29th March

- 10am St Gregory's - Quiet Reflection
- 11am Walk of Witness, with Christians Together in Dawlish & District, meet at the Bandstand on The Lawn
- 2pm St George's - Quiet Reflection
- 3pm St Gregory's - Easter crafts and planting of the Easter Garden

Sunday 31st March: Easter Day

(Remember: Clocks go forward one hour as British Summer Time begins)

- 7am Easter Sunrise service and breakfast at Dawlish Warren
- 9.30am St George's - Holy Communion
- 9.30am St Paul's - Holy Communion
- 10am St Gregory's - Holy Communion
- 11am St Mary's - Holy Communion

Wednesday 3rd April

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Dawlish Coast Mission Community - Church of England
St Gregory's Dawlish, St George's Holcombe,
St Mary's Cofton, St Paul's Starcross

Maundy Thursday 28th
6pm St Mary's Hall
Dawlish - a simple shared meal with Holy Communion for all ages
6.30pm St Paul's Starcross - Agape meal and service

Good Friday 29th
10am St Gregory's Dawlish - Quiet reflective service
2pm St George's Holcombe - Quiet Reflective Service
3pm St Gregory's - Easter Gardens for all ages

Easter Sunday 31st - Come and Celebrate with us
7am Sunrise Service Dawlish Warren followed by breakfast in St Mary's Hall
Services of Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's Starcross 9.30am St George's Holcombe
10am St Gregory's Dawlish 11am St Mary's Cofton

If you would like any support,
or someone to talk to,
or you know of
someone else who does,
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