

**Benefice E-Newsletter**  
**Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton**  
**28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Some of you may know, that St Gregory's has a thriving parent and child group – Little Greg's, which runs every Tuesday in term time, in the upper narthex from 9.30-11.30am. Little Greg's has been run by Doreen Harrington and a small group of volunteers for 20 years (in March 2024!) The vicar at that time asked Doreen if she would run a group with Roger and Jeanette Hunt at the vicarage, and the rest, as they say, is history!



Little Greg's began at the vicarage with 4 children and then as the group grew – moved to the church. It started its new term with 13 children and Doreen and the team are hopeful for more children to join.

For parents and children that come along each week, there is a craft table, fresh fruit for the little ones, refreshments for parents and at a cost of £1.50. Little Greg's also has its annual Christmas party, with a very special guest (see below!) and Doreen has on several occasions arranged for entertainment (the music man) for the children.

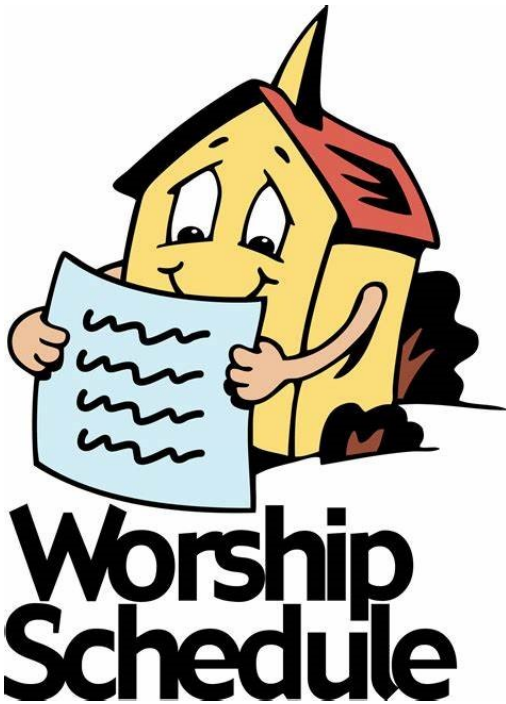
In recent months, St Gregory's swap shop has run in the church at the same time as Little Greg's meet upstairs. This has been ideal, as parents and families with small children who have come along for Little Greg's have been able to 'call in' to Swap Shop and meet with the volunteers there.

If you know of anyone who might be keen to come along to either Little Greg's or [Swap Shop](#) – please do give them the [church office details](#), or ask them to contact Doreen Harrington for Little Greg's, or Ceri Lee (07739 936286) or Leena Halse (01626 866054) for Swap shop.

Doreen Harrington & Sabrina Andrews-Webb



## Services:



### 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

### 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

### 4<sup>th</sup> February

8am: St Gregory's – BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am St George's – Holy Communion  
10am St Gregory's – Greg's @ 10  
11am St Mary's – Morning Worship

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## Coming events in early February...

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| Monday 5th     | Men's Breakfast, 9am in St. Gregory's                  |
| Tuesday 6th    | Kids' Swap Shop, 9-11am in St. Gregory's               |
| Wednesday 7th  | Drop In, 2-4pm in St. George's, Holcombe               |
| Tuesday 13th   | Shrove Tuesday Pancakes, 3-6pm at St. Paul's Starcross |
| Wednesday 14th | ASH WEDNESDAY: Holy Communion 10am at St. Gregory's    |

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## Tuesday prayer meeting on Zoom

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



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## St Gregory's Flower Rota

A new flower rota is on display in the lower narthex – if you are able to help with this, please do sign up! We also hope to have lots of flowers for Linda's licensing service next month. For more information, get in touch with Georgie Moore directly!

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## Licensing of Rev. Linda Cronin

The licensing of Rev. Linda Cronin as team Rector will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in St. Gregory's. Please do come and support Linda as she begins her ministry in the Benefice. Please pray for Linda and her husband Steve as they move to Dawlish.

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## St Gregory's Big Church Clean

St Gregory's will be having a big church clean on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.30am: please do come along to help out!

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## Scam email alert

Churches in Devon are being warned to be on the alert for an email scam in which fake emails are being sent out which look like they are from a bishop or the local vicar. In fact, they are a fraud, designed to trick recipients into doing the sender a 'favour' by buying online gift cards for them. Some people have lost thousands of pounds before realising their bishop or vicar has not really emailed them and they have been conned.

### **Police Advice**

Action Fraud, a national police scheme, offers the following advice about scam emails: The first email typically reads something like "[name], are you free at the moment?" or it may be more detailed, such as "Do you have a moment I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am currently busy... so no calls just reply to my email."

A reply then draws the recipient into a dialogue in which they are encouraged to buy vouchers, and ultimately send images of their serial and security numbers to the fraudster. If you think you have received one of these messages, **please report it to the police via their non-emergency line 101.** [You can read more about this by clicking this link.](#)



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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

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