

# Benefice Events E-Letter

## Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross Trinity 18 – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

In the next few months there will be some changes. Starcross will be joining with Kenton and Mamhead led by Revd. Patrick Parkes. Ceri Lee is joining the team this weekend and at the end of December we will be saying farewell to Tim (and Mary). Congratulations to Ceri, who this weekend is being licenced to the Benefice as a Reader having previously been a Reader in Kenton.

Hello everyone!

Dallas has asked me to write a bit about myself so here goes .....



I was born and brought up in a loving Christian family in Surrey, moving to Wales just before starting high school. At 17 years old I was baptised and became a member of the Christadelphian church in Cardiff. My retired, long-suffering, and very supportive husband David, and I, celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary this September. We moved to West Cliff Park Drive in October 2018 and although new to Dawlish we were not new to the area, or this Deanery, as our previous home (since 1982) was in Kenton. It was there that we had and raised our two boys, now in their mid-30s. We now have a gorgeous granddaughter (Georgia) living with her mum and dad (Charli and Simon) in Starcross whilst our other son (Kieran) and his partner (Alexandra) moved in with us just before the first lockdown, temporarily, after their return from 18 months touring Europe and are still with us! You may see David and I out enjoying a ride on our electric bikes or you may also see me down in the town as I work part-time as a Funeral Arranger for Dawlish Funeralcare. Quite a change of direction to my previous secular role as a magazine publisher!

It was in Kenton that my journey into membership of the Church of England began. I first became a member of the All Saints' church family in the 1990s, going on to serve on the PCC and for a few years as one of the Churchwardens. It was early in 2009 when out of the blue my parish priest asked if I would consider Reader training. I had little knowledge of the role of a Reader and certainly felt I was busy enough (in Church, in my secular work and in

family life) to have even less enthusiasm to explore it. I politely mumbled something I felt was appropriate, to put her off, and decided to ignore it.

In the space of a month three members of the congregation had asked me the same question - each of them assuring me they had not been talking to each other or been detailed to badger me into submission. Then a non-churchgoing villager said 'You're really 'normal', but you have a faith and go to church don't you? Tell me why.'

I decided I had better take a quick look at the Diocese website to find out a bit more about this Reader malarkey not, of course, because I had ANY intention of becoming one, but more out of curiosity, to confirm my unsuitability and so I could be more informed about saying no to the incumbent! However, one of the things I read struck a particular chord – it spoke about Reader ministry as 'bridging the gap' between the Church and the wider community, and between clergy and laity. Okay God – now I was listening!

And so it was that I began Reader Training and received my first licence from Bishop Michael in October 2011. My ministry in Kenton included work and interaction with all ages but especially with the children and young families of the village. Over the years it proved to be enjoyable, thought-provoking, exhausting and demanding – probably in equal measure.

My prayer is that, with God's considerable help and blessing, one of His 'bridges' can continue to be 'structurally sound' and work, for the church family and the wider community here in Dawlish, in whatever way he chooses for me and always for His glory. I look forward to that prayer being answered along with all of you and with your love and support, some of which I have already experienced and for which I give thanks.

With love in the Lord

Ceri Lee

PS: The 'Ceri' is Welsh and pronounced Kerry. I'll answer to anything so don't worry if you forget!

**And congratulations to Tim too!**

Tim will be taking up the post of Priest-in-Charge of the Netherexe Mission Community. The mission community comprises seven small parishes between Exeter and Crediton. He and Mary will be living in the Rectory at Thorverton – which is next to the village school. Tim will be licensed sometime in January or February – we are just waiting for the date and place.

Blessings,

Dallas



10<sup>th</sup> October: 10am, St Gregory's - HC service

11<sup>th</sup> October: 7pm-10pm, St Gregory's –  
Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training

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## **Tuesday prayers**

**Topic: Prayer meeting**

**Time:** Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 09:00 AM London

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6591842294?pwd=hakfR92W-WBnpl1CBn5jr6oxpSCzOg>

**Meeting ID:** 659 184 2294

**Passcode:** 995468

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## **Wednesday HC**

Just a reminder that midweek Holy Communion services are running again at St Gregory's on Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome. Please do just come along.

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## **Coastline Magazine**

Communication is really important and a significant amount of effort has been put in to keep communication going through this last 18 months.

A big thank you for all the efforts. As part of looking at the future of our communication Chris Curd offered to trial an E-Magazine for the Benefice. When we trialled a printed version, it just didn't work, partly because there was very little offer towards the content, and also the costs which needed to be covered led to it not being viable. So many thanks to Chris Curd for putting together the first E-magazine which I hope you have received.

A magnificent effort for the first one which is a trial. We would really like your feedback as to whether you welcome this. It is not in the first instance intended to be monthly.

The next one will be ready we anticipate for Advent giving information about Christmas. But that will only be possible if there are contributions sent to Chris. Puzzles, jokes, short quizzes are also welcome besides articles relating to faith or faith organisations or a bit of local information would be welcome. - Dallas

The next edition of the Benefice E-Mag is planned to be circulated on Weds 1<sup>st</sup> December.

This means that the absolute latest date for copy will be the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. It would be very helpful if any articles of interest or reports of events could be sent before this date as soon as they are ready to [prebchris2020@gmail.com](mailto:prebchris2020@gmail.com).

Contributions are invited for kitchen, garden, wildlife spotting, global church news, Benefice events etc., etc. Also, any seasonal snippets! Text to be in Word and pictures sent separately as jpg. – Chris

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### **Licensing of Readers**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a licensing of readers at Exeter cathedral at 2pm, including Ceri Lee, who will be licensed to the benefice. Please pray for her as this takes place.

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### **Dawlish Carers Group**

Dawlish Carers Group will be meeting again beginning on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at the Methodist Hall, Dawlish.

This group is open to all carers, and those who have been carers – all are welcome – please do come along.

Contact Kerry Good for more information – 01626 867042

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### **Next joint Benefice Service**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October there will be a joint Benefice Service at St. Paul's which will be their final Benefice service with us as they move to their new venture with Kenton and Mamhead. Revd. Patrick Parkes will be licensed as Associate Priest at St. Paul's on the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. We want to be able to support St. Paul's in this new venture and pray with them on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

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### **What next? Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

In the light of the changes over the next few months this is a good question. I have arranged for Revd. Preb. James Grier, the Diocesan Missioner, to facilitate a morning of

discussion for St. Greg's, St. Mary's and St. George's so please put this in your diary. This is an opportunity to explore together some thoughts of what the future might look like. The venue will be St. Greg's. The time will be published soon.

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### **St. Greg's Coffee Rota**

We are going to start from scratch with the rota for refreshments after Sunday morning worship and are looking for volunteers. If you would be willing to help, please ring Leena on 01626 866054 or email her at [mlhalse@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mlhalse@yahoo.co.uk)

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### **St. Greg's Church Diary**

The online diary is up and running again. If you run a group which used to use the church/upper Narthex etc. and wish to do so again, please would you let Sabrina know so that it will be put in the church diary. This is really important to avoid any clashes and for booking in funerals.

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### **Talking Newspaper - Volunteers Needed**

**Talking Newspaper** is a free service for people with little or no sight and anyone who has difficulty handling or reading a newspaper.

And it is looking for volunteers to 'read the news'! To be part of a team that meets regularly to record weekly and monthly summaries of the news.

So if you have a hankering to copy Fiona Bruce or Huw Edwards or Moira Stewart, please contact 07376 147374 to find out more.

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**LIVING  
IN LOVE  
& FAITH**

### **Living in Love & Faith**

Thank you for all those who have already signed up for the Living in Love Course. We will be running two sessions – an afternoon one and an evening one – on the same day each week.

Session 1: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2pm and 7pm

Session 2 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2pm and 7pm

Session 3 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2pm and 7pm

Session 4 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2pm and 7pm

Session 5 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2pm and 7pm

Each session will be approximately an hour and a half and will all take place at St Gregory's in the church. The projector and sound system mean that this is the most accessible place for everyone. If you have not yet signed up, you are still very welcome to do so. Please contact Tim Collins: 01626 862383 or email [revtimpaul@btinternet.com](mailto:revtimpaul@btinternet.com)

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## **4 Week Creation Care Course**

This 4-week Creation Care Course is a collaboration between The Diocese of Chester, HeartEdge, Melanesian Mission UK and Southampton University. The course will provide you with vital information about climate change, its impacts on people and reflect on our role as Christians in taking practical climate action. If you are interested in taking part in this online course, you can register for it [here](#). It begins on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, continuing on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> of October and finishing on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

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## **Safeguarding**

An important Safeguarding Message for all PCC and DCC members, singers, musicians, bell ringers, servers, helpers, baptism supporters in our benefice churches, and more...

Good and effective safeguarding is essential to the flourishing of our church life and every church member has a part to play. We are asking everyone who helps out in the life of our churches to complete the National Safeguarding Basic Awareness course.

You can complete the course on-line by logging into the National Safeguarding Training portal at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>. When completed please email a copy of your completion certificate to your church's Safeguarding representative.

Your safeguarding reps are:

St. Paul's	Alison Miles	<a href="mailto:milesalison32@gmail.com">milesalison32@gmail.com</a>
St. Mary's	Penny Foster	<a href="mailto:fospenny@yahoo.co.uk">fospenny@yahoo.co.uk</a>
St. George's	Barbara Rains	(mail certificates to Will Halse)
St. Greg's	Will Halse	<a href="mailto:willhalse@yahoo.co.uk">willhalse@yahoo.co.uk</a>

We will also be presenting the Safeguarding Basic Awareness course in St. Greg's on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am and on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. It will take about 2 hours, with time for open discussion and questions.

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### **Support for Reading at School**

Westcliff and Gatehouse Primary Schools would love to hear from you if you would like to spend some time listening to children read. Just spending an hour or so in a classroom, sitting alongside the children, and offering your time and listening ear would be such a huge boost to many children's learning.

If you are interested please let Tim know (01626 862383 / [revtimpaul@btinternet.com](mailto:revtimpaul@btinternet.com)) and he will pass on your details to the schools.

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### **St Paul's**

#### **Thanks**

Our next sale is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, which is our Autumn Fayre when we will have apple crushing (please bring an empty bottle if you would like some juice), cider tasting, cakes, refreshments and bric-a-brac (this will be our last bric-a-brac sale this year, so no more donations please!)

#### **Harvest**

We have put together a short reflection for Harvest, with music and a meditation from Eddie Askew, which is available to view on St Paul's Facebook page, and also on YouTube through the following link: <https://youtu.be/mQ6zXO6PMRo>

**Harvest Service:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10am

For our Harvest service all non-perishable food is gratefully received (for Moldova) but best would be: Rice, Sugar, Canned fish, Canned meat, Pasta or other luxury items: Coffee (instant), Tea, Hot chocolate (made with water).

#### **Churchyard tidy up**

A tidy up of St Paul's churchyard is needed, planned for 15<sup>th</sup> October. Can you offer some help with pruning and clearing, between 10.30am and 2pm. We are grateful for any help (please bring secateurs and gloves if you can).



## Shoeboxes for Moldova

St Paul's will be supporting cr2ee again this year with Shoeboxes for Moldova. Any shoeboxes need to be ready before the end of November and can be brought into St Paul's. More information is available on Facebook page: Shoebox Hampers for Moldova.

## Diary Dates

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
October, 11am-  
2pm: Autumn fayre,  
with apple crushing

(please bring apples if possible and a suitable container), with cider tasting, bric-brac, cakes & draw. Donation of draw prizes please, along with cakes and savouries to sell - plus help on the day.

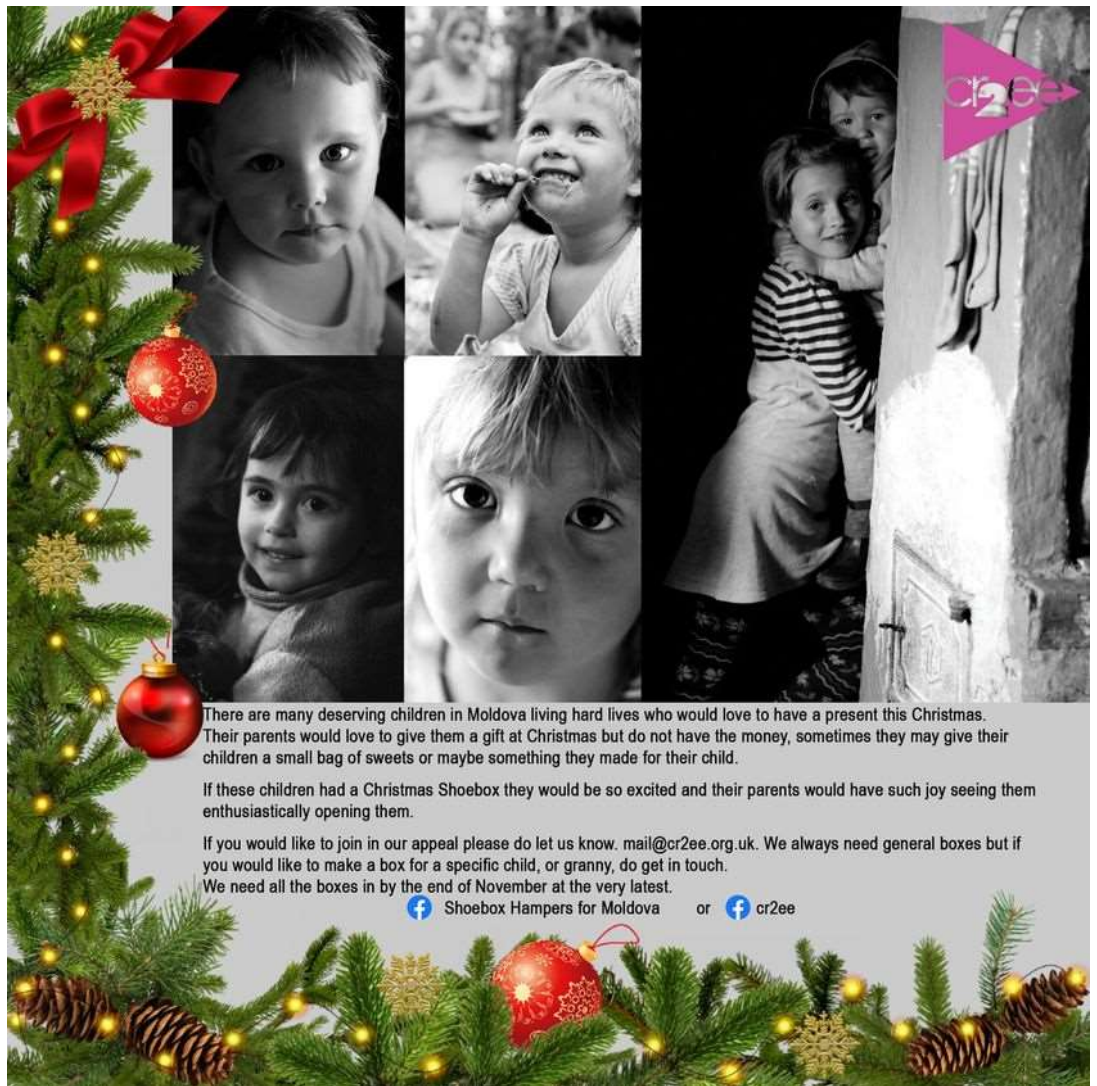
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Re-start of lunch club,  
Please speak to Nick or email him if you are interested, [starcrossoasis@gmail.com](mailto:starcrossoasis@gmail.com)  
(Next lunch will be November 12<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Joint benefice service at St Paul's Church, Starcross.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Winter Warmer Sale, 10am-3.30pm  
Various sellers, crafts, pre-loved, cakes, books, draw, etc.  
All day refreshments with bacon butties 10-12noon. We will need donations of cakes, savouries and draw prizes. Draw prizes will include Christmas hampers, so food items for this would be appreciated. Also help on the day please.  
To book a table, email [claire@goshayes.com](mailto:claire@goshayes.com) (£5 a table)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. 7.30pm, Concert at St Paul's: Luke Jackson, supported by Greg Hancock. £14 on the door, £12 in advance: [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

December diary dates to follow



There are many deserving children in Moldova living hard lives who would love to have a present this Christmas. Their parents would love to give them a gift at Christmas but do not have the money, sometimes they may give their children a small bag of sweets or maybe something they made for their child.

If these children had a Christmas Shoebox they would be so excited and their parents would have such joy seeing them enthusiastically opening them.

If you would like to join in our appeal please do let us know. [mail@cr2ee.org.uk](mailto:mail@cr2ee.org.uk). We always need general boxes but if you would like to make a box for a specific child, or granny, do get in touch.

We need all the boxes in by the end of November at the very latest.

[f](#) Shoebox Hampers for Moldova or [f](#) cr2ee

**6.30pm: Telephone conference call service.**

Join us for a short service together using any phone line. All you do is dial the number and when asked put in the access code.

**Dial in number: 0330 606 0403**

**And then input the access code 727830**

The clergy team may be contacted on:

**Dallas Ayling: 01626 867386**

**Tim Collins: 01626 862383**

Please be aware that Dallas and Tim may be the initial point of contact but you may then be contacted by another member of the Clergy team. If you would like to be added to St Gregory's Church Directory, you will need to contact the Parish Administrator:

[st.gregs@btinternet.com](mailto:st.gregs@btinternet.com)

If you are added to the Church Directory, this will (with your permission) allow us to contact you via phone or email. **We are praying for you and we are here for you.** If you would like someone to pray for you via phone Please contact the Clergy directly.