

# Benefice Events E-Letter

## Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November



We are already gearing up for Christmas booking in the schools for their Christmas Services, sending out details of the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Gregory's and organising our part of the Dawlish Christmas lights switch on. We are planning in the hope that we will not have to cancel these events!

A date for your diary is January 2<sup>nd</sup> when we will have the Benefice New Year party at St. Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren, from 2pm-5 pm which will also be our farewell 'do' for Tim and Mary.

In the meantime, this weekend we are holding the "What next?" event. This will begin the process of looking at the how of what we might consider planning for the future, and I am looking forward to hearing your contributions towards this. This is the opportunity for every lay church member in St. Gregory's, St. Mary's and St. George's to explore this together with the Revd. Preb. James Grier facilitating this conversation and process.

**What  
Next?**

Please also see the information from St. Paul's about their event on Saturday.

We are also continuing with the Living in Love and Faith Course on Thursday afternoon and evening for the next few weeks.



On Remembrance Sunday all the churches will have an Act of Remembrance as usual either in or attached to their morning services. St. Gregory's Remembrance Service will be back to the usual services beginning at the Memorial Garden at 3pm followed by a service in St. Gregory's. My understanding is that our MP, Anne Marie Morris, will be in attendance this year. I hope that this will be supported by church members.



**Time:** Nov 9, 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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**Reading & Collect for 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**Collect**

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Reading**

Mark 1.14-20:

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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**Remembering at Cofton**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, the 11.00 service at St Mary's will be one of Remembering and Hope, remembering those who have gone before us and the hope that we have in our Lord for our future both in this life and on this earth, and beyond. All are welcome and if anyone would like a loved one remembered by the reading out of their name, please get in touch.

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a short Act of Remembrance by the Poppy Wall on Cofton Village Green, opposite The Ship. Children from the school will be joining us and we will assemble from 10.45 to start promptly at 10.50.

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**Coastline Magazine**

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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### **Fairtrade Day**

Fairtrade Day – Open House - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Crafts People and Farmers around the world have had a tough time through the pandemic. To help support them we are planning a Fairtrade Day at 6 Kingsdown Close from 10am to 12 noon and from 2pm to 8pm.

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and view a range of Christmas Gifts, Cards and a small selection of Food including Chocolate.

For more details, please Telephone 865847.

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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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### **Flowers at St Greg's**

There is now a flower rota on the notice board at St Greg's, which is slightly different from the previous one so please do check it carefully! I am really hoping that some of you will want to sign up. Alas, we lacked any helpers for harvest. A love of flowers is all that is needed.

We are also hoping for a volunteer to do a poppy arrangement for Remembrance Sunday this year - please do get in touch if you can help. There is a box of poppies in the flower cupboard and plenty of pittosporum in the rectory garden.

Georgie Moore

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### **Holy Ground at Exeter Cathedral**

This is the first Holy Ground we'll have held in person in over 8 months – and we're excited to welcome Bishop Alastair Redfern to speak on Modern Slavery: A Litmus Test for the Credibility of the Gospel. It's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Full details can be found here: <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/whats-on/holy-ground-modern-slavery/>

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### **Lunch at Amelia's**

The next Lunch at Amelia's for Ladies from Cofton and Holcombe will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, gathering from 12 noon, and as before we need to give them roughly the correct number. Could those who want to attend let Chris Curd know on 07771842334; prebchris2020@gmail.com by the afternoon of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

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### **The Church of England in Devon recommits to fighting climate injustice for COP26**

Here is the Diocese of Exeter statement in full:

The Diocese of Exeter is praying for COP26 to be a fruitful gathering of world leaders who have the power to make positive decisions which will have global consequences. We pray for their actions to speak louder than their words.

Standing alongside our Anglican link Dioceses of Thika in Kenya, Melanesia in the Pacific, and Cyprus and the Gulf, we are all too aware of the devastating impact that climate change is already having on people around the world. We pray for the negotiations at COP to be fair and just, and for the voices to be heard of those who have contributed least to climate change but are impacted the most.

Living in Devon we give thanks for the beauty and provision of God's creation and pray for all in our county who safeguard its integrity. With them we seek to sustain and renew the life of the earth and pray that our rural and farming communities may flourish.

As Christians, we believe that we must render an account of our stewardship of creation to God. And not simply to God, but to our children and grandchildren, who are increasingly clamouring to know what will be their global inheritance. We therefore re-commit ourselves to playing an active part in addressing climate injustice.

### **Expecting the Unexpected**

**An afternoon of Quiet Prayer in preparation for Advent  
at St George's Church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**2-4pm**

**Open to our whole Mission Community**

For further details or to register interest, please contact Helen Bays  
[spiritualdirections264@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualdirections264@gmail.com) or 01626-863098

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### **St Paul's**

Warmer on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 10am - 3.30pm, with the usual cakes, savouries (plus bacon butties from 10-12), various stalls, books, crafts, pre-loved items and great draw prizes. Very early notice for your diary ... on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we are excited that we are able to invite the Exeter Railway Band back for a concert of 'seasonal music', at St Paul's, along with the High C's. Tickets will be available in the next few weeks.

### **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**

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.

**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.