

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross Trinity 10 – Sunday 8th August

So, as a few of us were, I was present, with Georgina, for Kaylah's baptism on Sunday, at Dawlish beach. It's the first time I've ever been to a baptism where the person was fully immersed, and in the sea!

As Georgina and I were waiting for the service to begin, she turned to me and asked 'Why is Kaylah going to go in the sea?' As always, with five-year-olds, I did briefly wish for an easier question to answer. But I tried my best to explain Baptism in a way that she would understand: 'When Kaylah gets all wet, it shows how Jesus has washed away all the bad things we've done, all the things we didn't mean to do. And it's a really lovely way to welcome Kaylah into our church family.'



As we stood on the beach and watched Dallas, Tim and Kaylah wading out into the sea, Georgina grabbed my hand and asked if we could get closer to see better. You can bet I held on tightly to her to prevent her from jumping in, in solidarity! So, we came down right to the water's edge as Kaylah let herself go briefly under the water. I couldn't help but think how brave she was to do it, especially at 13 and especially with a crowd watching a very personal and private moment.

I was struck by the words of the baptism service and what Tim said - about accepting the kingdom of God as a child. The words of the service ask everyone present to support Kaylah and to re-affirm our own beliefs. Although Kaylah was the only one in the water, I felt very much with her - I'm sure everyone watching did. We were all baptised again together; we were all joined in a simple and very joyous moment. That's what family - our church family does. It was an honour and privilege to be part of it. I hope to see our newest family member again very soon.

Sabrina Andrews



Notices

Reading for Sunday 8th August

John 6.35, 41–51

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Services at St Gregory's

8th August

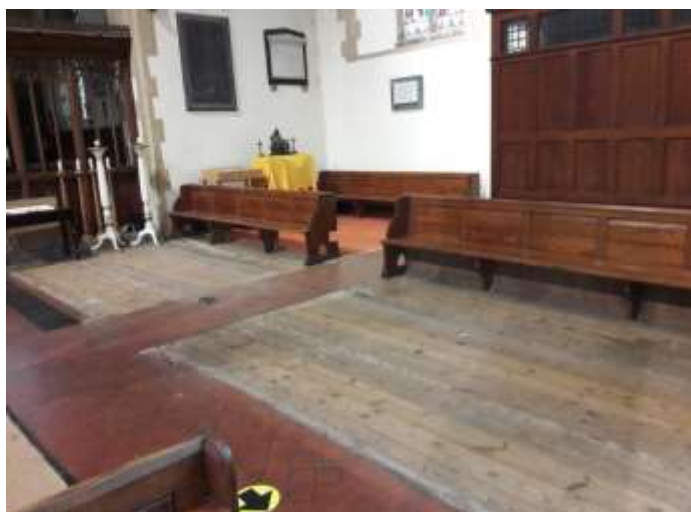
10am – Holy Communion

15th August

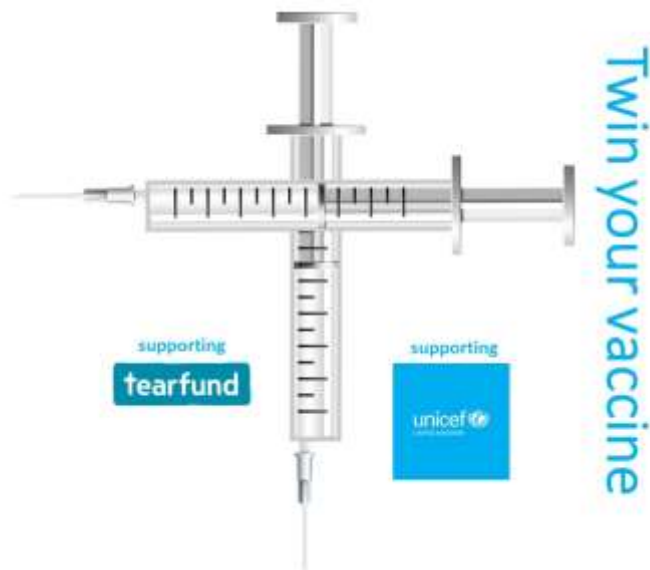
10am – Greg's @ 10

Removal of Pews

Following PCC decision to free up space for a community "swap shop" for school uniforms, an Archdeacon's licence (TMRO) was sought and granted to remove pews from the south transept area. At the same time, the opportunity presented itself to remove pews from the north transept to allow for greater flexibility of use of this space around the



baptismal font and music group performing area. Mike Moulds.



Twin Your Vaccine

Please Twin Your Vaccine to help someone in the developing world stay safe.

We've all had free jabs so let's 'pay it forward'

with a one-off donation with no ongoing commitment.

We are working with UNICEF on vaccine production and with Tearfund on vaccination education to increase uptake.

Please watch the video and click on the link to give what you can:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xTadkzqhG8-rcS628vLdlaDwk3dptSfc/view>

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/twin-your-vaccine>

Please donate to one or both, as you feel led.

God bless you for your support.

Luke 12:48 (NIV) From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded.



Cleaners Required

Now that we are trying to get back to some sort of normality with our services it does mean that St. Gregory's will need a regular clean, as in the good old days before lockdown. We did have a reasonable response to the mini-spring clean last week but need people willing to give an hour or so a week to keep the church looking

cared-for. Keeping our churches clean is just as much a part of God's service as any other role in the church. Think of Anna, she spent all her adult life cleaning God's temple. I'm not asking you to give up your life - just a little time once a week. If you can give some time, please let either Leena, or myself know. Contact details are: Margaret: 01626 863148 and Leena 01626 866054.

Many thanks,

Margaret Noel.

Dawlish Carnival Week

Saturday 14th August 11am-3pm

Children's Art and Craft in the marquee

Come along and have a great time, encouraging children and families to create some amazing artwork around the theme of Super Heroes!

Any support you could offer during the day would be gratefully received.

Sunday 15th August 1pm Bandstand

Carnival Songs of Praise

Churches Together in Dawlish and District have been asked to deliver a service before the official opening of the carnival. Please come along and support us, and enjoy a good sing!

Summer Fete

Dawlish Funeralcare are running a Summer Fete on Saturday 14th August – please do support it if you can.

St Mary and St Mary's Cofton

Sunday 15th August is the actual date set for the feast day of St Mary the Virgin, and at St Mary's Cofton at the 11.00 Holy Communion



service we plan to celebrate both the life of Mary the mother of our Lord and the life of St Mary's, the church. An email has been sent to all those on the Cofton list explaining some of the plans, but if anyone would like more information please contact Churchwarden Valerie Jeffrey on 07970 255712. In particular we are looking for music that has featured in the life of the church (we are now singing behind masks!) and want to remember all those who have been part of the church here on earth at St Mary's and are now with us no longer.

St Paul's



**BRIC - A - BRAC
PLANT &
CAKE SALE**

**Saturday 7th August
10am-12 noon**

What's on @
St Paul's Church, Starcross

**Sunday 22nd August
2-4pm**

**Cream
Teas**



Services continue at St Paul's every Sunday at 10am. Following the lifting of Covid restrictions on Monday 19th July, St Paul's Church are still encouraging the use of face coverings and social distancing during our services and we will continue with regular cleaning and sanitisation, with hand sanitisation on arrival at church. Singing in services is now permitted, whilst wearing a mask. We are hoping to have live music back in September.

Fundraising efforts for the roof continue. Our next sale of bric-a-brac, plants and cakes will be on Saturday 7th August, 10-12am in St Paul's churchyard. Following that we have a cream tea on Sunday 22nd August, 2-4pm.

6.30pm: Telephone conference call service.

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

The service sheet is being sent as a separate attachment.

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

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.