

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross Trinity 19 – Sunday 10th October

This coming Sunday, October 10th is Safeguarding Sunday. But what is Safeguarding really about, and why do we give it a special day? The sad truth is that Safeguarding has become very important to churches because we have learned in recent years that churches have not always been safe. We have always known that there are dangerous places in the world, places to avoid. It might be a country at war, a rough housing estate, or a city centre at night; or a swollen river or a rough sea.



No one would have thought of a church as a place of danger. But the church has been used by some to abuse those who are vulnerable. And the abuser is usually someone in a position of power. Although abuse does not happen often and does not happen in many churches, there are times when the name of Jesus has been brought into disrepute. I believe this is a kind of blasphemy.

But surely this does not affect us in the Dawlish Coast Mission Community? We certainly hope not. But as we are made aware of hurt and abuse that has happened elsewhere, even by some church leaders, we realise how important it is to care for one another. Jesus calls us to protect those who are vulnerable. So in order to bring good from something bad that has happened within the church and to better reflect Christ's love, we are learning together about Safeguarding.

As Penny Foster points out, it is easier to think about Safeguarding as looking after each other. And it is especially about looking after children and young people, and the weak and the vulnerable. And we are all weak and vulnerable at times, whether our church family is big or small. We can all look out for and care for each other. Alison Miles gives us this thought as we approach Safeguarding Sunday: the biggest message is "if you don't care, who will?" Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



We are all members of God's family. The church is us, the people and not the buildings. And church is happening all through the week, in the church building, in the community and at home. And that means, Safeguarding, care for one another, is happening all through the week, and wherever we are. At the heart of Safeguarding is care and protection for the weak and vulnerable. But it is also about treating all ages and abilities with respect. We must always be

ready to learn more – how to live together and to ensure a safe environment for all, in the ways that we think, speak and act.

Everyone is welcome to our Basic Awareness course which is being delivered on-line, and at St. Greg's this Saturday, October 9th at 10 am and on Monday, October 11th at 7 pm.

Everyone has a part to play. If you have a concern for the safety or wellbeing of someone in the church, it is important to speak in confidence to someone you trust – that can be Dallas or Tim, Alan Smith or Helen Bays, a Reader, your Safeguarding Representative, or one of the churchwardens.



Thank you, in Jesus' name, for your part in growing a safe and flourishing church in the Dawlish Coast Mission Community.

In case you were unaware - your safeguarding reps are:

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St. Mary's	Penny Foster	fospenny@yahoo.co.uk
St. George's	Barbara Rains	01626 776760
St. Greg's	Will Halse	willhalse@yahoo.co.uk

With love in Christ

Will Halse

Notices

Collect for the Telephone Service - Sunday 10th October

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading for the Telephone Service – Sunday 10th October

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is [b] to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Services & Events

9th October: 10am, St Gregory's
Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training

10th October: 10am, St Gregory's - HC service

11th October: 7pm Gregory's – Safeguarding
Basic Awareness Training

12th October: 9am Kids Swapshop at St Greg's
9.30am Little Greg's at St Greg's
12 Noon Kenn Deanery Chapter

16th October 5.30pm Visiting Bell Ringers at St Greg's

17th October 10am Greg's at 10, St Greg's



Prayer Meeting

Dallas Ayling is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Tuesday prayers

Time: Oct 12, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468

Open Hearts Open Borders

Thank you so much for a very generous response to our Harvest appeal. We have been able to send £600 to Open Hearts Open Borders in Plymouth supporting refugees.

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.

Coastline Magazine

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

This means that the absolute latest date for copy will be the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 21st 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.

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

Next joint Benefice Service

On the 5th Sunday 31st 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 14th December at 7.30pm. We want to be able to support St. Paul's in this new venture and pray with them on the 31st October.

What next? Saturday 6th November

What next? November 6th 9.30-12.15 at St. Gregory's

The Diocesan Mission, Revd. Preb. James Grier is coming to help us to think about the above question as we look to the future. The staff team believe that this is the right moment to do this as we move from 4 to 3 churches, how we are recovering from the consequences of Covid-19, together with the shape of the Staff Team changing too. It is easy to see something advertised and think that this is not for you. This is for every lay person in St. Gregory's, St. George's and St. Mary's. It is not about solving anything. This is an opportunity to explore and shape the future. We are asking that you book in so that we can arrange the space taking into account social distancing especially.

Dallas

Please either email or ring the Church Office at St. Gregory's.

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

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.

Loan of a Screen

St Mary's Cofton is urgently seeking the extended loan of a screen for Power Point Projection. The one currently in use is too big and cumbersome. We do not want to buy one as the long term plan is to get one properly installed. If anyone has a home projection screen that they would be willing to loan for an extended period of time, please contact Valerie Jeffrey on 07970255712, Tim Collins on 07449111663, or Chris Curd on 07771842334. It would be helpful if you know the dimensions of the screen. We do not need one more than about 5' across.



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 28th October 2pm and 7pm

Session 2: Thursday 4th November 2pm and 7pm

Session 3: Thursday 11th November 2pm and 7pm

Session 4: Thursday 18th November 2pm and 7pm

Session 5: Thursday 25th 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

acknowledge
PREJUDICE

speak into
SILENCE

address
IGNORANCE

cast out
FEAR

admit
HYPOCRISY

pay attention to
POWER

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) and he will pass on your details to the schools.

St Paul's

Thanks to everyone for the amazing support at last Saturday's Autumn Fayre, including apple crushing, cider tasting, raising nearly £500 for church funds and our roof appeal. The event is featured on the 'Growing the Rural Church' website via the following link

<https://www.growingtheruralchurch.org/autumn-fayre-st-pauls-starcross/>

For our Harvest this year we had offerings of non-perishable food for Moldova, which will be sent there in the new few weeks. We will again be supporting Shoeboxes for Moldova this year, with all shoeboxes needed by the end of November.

Our next event is our Winter Warmer on Saturday 6th 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.

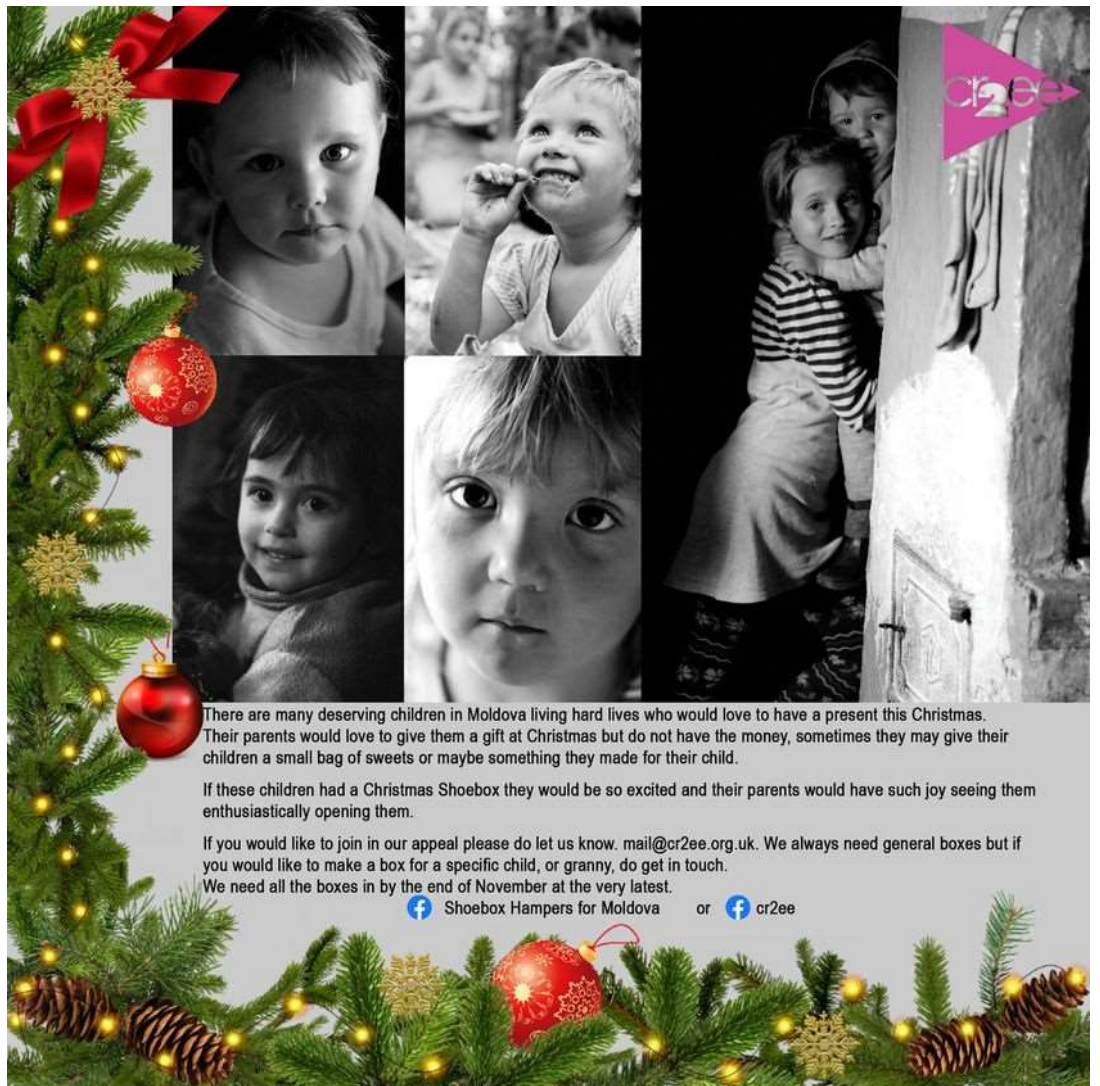
Very early notice for your diary ... on Wednesday 15th December we are excited that we are able to invite the Exeter Railway Band back for a concert of 'seasonal music', at St Paul's, along with the High C's. Tickets will be available in the next few weeks.

Churchyard tidy up

A tidy up of St Paul's churchyard is needed, planned for 15th 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.





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. 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.

 Shoebox Hampers for Moldova or  cr2ee

Diary Dates

Friday 8th

October: Re-start of lunch club,

Please speak to Nick or email him if you are interested, starcrossoasis@gmail.com

(Next lunch will be November 12th)

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

Saturday 6th 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 (£5 a table)

Thursday 25th November. 7.30pm, Concert at St Paul's: Luke Jackson, supported by Greg Hancock. £14 on the door, £12 in advance: 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

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.