

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross

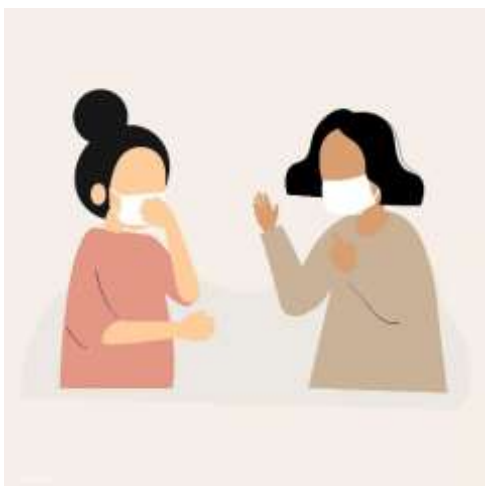
Trinity 6 – Sunday 11th July

I expect that there is a mixed reaction to the news this week about the proposed move forward to opening up to something as near as “normal” particularly in the light of the infection rate climbing. There are no easy decisions and whatever our view on it is, we will once again have to make our own personal decisions about how we are going to manage our lives certainly in this next period of time. We are expecting guidelines from the C of E after the final decision has been made next Monday but we do not know what the time scale will be for the information to be available.

However, if social distancing is not required by the Government, then we will no longer need to keep that in church from the 25th July. I am aware though that there will be some people who may not feel comfortable around others and although happy to be in church will want to continue to have their own space. To respect and



accommodate this each church will need to make that space available. For St Mary’s and St. Paul’s please let the Churchwardens know if you wish to sit at a distance from others. For St. George’s and St. Gregory’s I suggest that as a temporary measure that you ring Sabrina in the office on Wednesdays so that we can organize the seating if you wish to sit on your own. We will then reserve space for you although that may be easier in St. Gregory’s than St. George’s.



With regard to face coverings this will be an individual decision but please do not feel embarrassed if you chose to wear it in church particularly as I believe that we will be able to sing again inside and this will of course increase the aerosol we produce. We will also make a decision about choirs being able to meet as there will be no restriction on numbers gathering. Fellowship is a really important part of our gathering together and we should also be able to restore refreshments after church.

I am expecting that there will be some guidance on the use of the chalice so we will have to wait as to what the direction might be for that.

I appreciate that there are those who are quite happy to mix and mingle whilst there will be others who will find that more difficult either because they are clinically still vulnerable or there is some anxiety attached to the unlocking. We can only support one another when we know that there are concerns. I do hope that we will soon see some of our church members that we have not seen for a long time. Please do ring if you would like to have a chat about it as this could help me with any specific decisions which I might be required to make.

with Blessings, Dallas

Notices

Diana Davenport

I am sad to report that Diana Davenport, who was a member of St. Gregory's Church choir died on Monday. Diana had not been well for several months. Her funeral is being arranged and will take place at St. Gregory's. I hope that we will support Michael both in our prayers and in attending the service.

Doris Moran

On Saturday 3rd July, after an unexpected short illness and surrounded by her family, Doris died at Torbay Hospital. Doris was a great supporter of St George's and a real presence in the village of Holcombe. She will be greatly missed by all.



Morning Prayer

Tuesday 13th July @ 9am.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Morning Prayer is back on Zoom this week, at 9.00am on Weds

Topic: Christine Curd's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jul 14, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2198890557?pwd=Y3FmUmFqdDVpNW1ETVUrZ2RoS2MxUT09>

Meeting ID: 219 889 0557

Passcode: 5y1GPu

Services at St Gregory's

18th July

10am – Greg's @ 10 – please book to attend between 10am-12 on Wednesday 14th July by calling the church office: 01626 864322.



St Gregory's 'Spring Clean'

Friday 16th July 9:30am

There is a possibility that mandatory social distancing could end after 18th July for a while which means there will be no restriction on seating in the church. But before you all come rushing back - the church is in need of a good clean everywhere. It had been suggested that we have a blitz on the church on Friday 16th starting at 9:30am to have a good Hoover, dust and polish of the brass and the pews. Bring a duster just in case there are so many helpers we run out of the ones in the cupboard! We believe in sexual equality at St. Greg's so men can come as well! Don't forget the old adage-

Many hands make light work!

Tea and Cake and Open Garden - Date for your diary

Open Garden - Sat 10th July, 2-5; 2 Middlewood, Cockwood

Cliff and Chris Curd are inviting everyone and anyone connected with our churches to come and enjoy tea and cake and a walk round the garden; in aid of safe socialising (!) and catching up with people/meeting new people and to raise some funds for 2 charities which support children. Please drop in at any time between 2 and 5 and stay for a few minutes or much longer!

You are welcome to bring a friend, and it might be an opportunity to invite a friend to a "church" event which is not "church".

Practically, parking may be tight - in busy times cars park all along Church Road, and it is possible to do that. If you feel safe coming on the bus, alight from the no 2 at Cockwood Bridge, walk across the Causeway and past The Ship and Middlewood is the next road on the left. If you walk from Cofton Country/Cofton Cross, it is the second road on the right! Either way don't turn into Middlewood, but enter through the double wooden gates at the back of the house on Church Road. There is also space to park past The Anchor along the road to Dawlish Warren.

Access to our garden is up a steepish slope and the main garden can be uneven underfoot, so suitable footwear is advisable. The courtyard is accessible to all who need to use wheels, so the refreshments can be enjoyed without venturing up the garden.

The two charities are:

Winston's Wish, which supports bereaved children and **The Children's Liver Disease Foundation**



Donations will be invited for the tea and cakes and it is also hoped to have a small cake stall. So, **if anyone would like to bake a cake and help raise some funds for these very worthwhile charities, please let Chris know as soon as possible!!**

07771842334; precbchris2020@gmail.com

Mothers' Union

Members are reminded that our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th July (NOT the 6th.) Gill McAlister will be hosting a Garden Party at Innisfree at 2pm, and we look forward to meeting face to face with a lot of you.

Ann Leigh

Advance Notice!

Summer Prayer Day on Saturday 17th July at Dawlish Water Cottage.

Be still for the Glory of the Lord is Shining all Around:

finding God in and through the wonder of the natural world.

Open to the whole benefice. Spaces available.

See the poster attached to the accompanying email for full details.

Kneelers

St. Gregory's has a vast number of plastic covered kneelers which we would like to offer to anyone who would like one or more who has the imagination to find a use for them. Those left will be disposed of after the 18th July. Please speak to the Churchwardens or ring the church office if you are interested

St Paul's

Our weekly Music & Meditation continues this week, on St Paul's and St Mary's Facebook pages on Sunday and also on Youtube, via the link below:

<https://youtu.be/7UHMnIYQdx8>

Many thanks to all who came and supported our Bric-a-brac and cake sale last Saturday. Despite the frequent rain showers last Saturday we had a good turn out and raised over £350 for our roof appeal. Our next fundraising event is on Saturday 17th July: 12-6pm, providing refreshments at the village Fun Day on the sportsfield with our next monthly sale at St Paul's on Saturday 7th August.

On the right are a couple of photos from last Sunday's Sea Service on Cockwood Green. Some musicians from St Paul's joined with Dawlish, led by Rev Tim Collins for an amazing outdoor service - and against all odds the rain stayed away! Thank you to all involved in putting together the service.



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

We are aware of concerns over the implications of self-isolation for parishioners: if at any time you are worried or anxious, we would strongly encourage you to ring any of the clergy team:

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.