

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross Trinity 15 – Sunday 12th September

Some of you may remember the above puzzle which was started at our New Year games afternoon in 2020. As you can see, with the help of my family this summer, it is finished!



I thought those who put the hard work in during that afternoon would like to see that it was not abandoned, it was just finding some willing helpers to stick with the task to finish it which we did together. If anyone would like to take on the challenge do let me know before I

move it on elsewhere! I have only ever been defeated by one puzzle, which once again one my family gave to me and that was a puzzle of just Minions. After a number of attempts to make progress on it I did give up. That is not something I do easily!

Some things can defeat us, but other things just take time, don't they? Like jigsaw puzzles patience is often needed, with a bit of perseverance, and a willingness to accept the challenge. It often helps having willing helpers and supporters depending of course on the task.

In Dawlish just recently the Town Council held the Big Thank You to all those who supported the role out of the vaccination programme and other volunteers who supported the town through the pandemic looking after vulnerable people and families. It was a great achievement, and it was lovely to see people being thanked. Of course, there will have been those who have supported people who are unknown to anyone and only they know who they are.

So, we are not out of the woods, especially with regard to the future of our church life etc. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed towards supporting what we have achieved over the last 18 months.

THANK YOU!
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To name people always means that there are those who might be overlooked so this is firstly a general thank you, particularly if you are someone who has

contributed to the pastoral support of anyone, whether that has been by email, phone or in person. You know who you are.

I do want to thank my Staff Team, who have put in a tremendous effort in many ways and continue to do so particularly as the shape and the size of the Staff Team has also changed. Added to that I would like to thank our PtO clergy who have also contributed to the worship in our churches and given me support through what has been very challenging times. Then



there are those who have supported the Telephone Service and helped to run that and taken on the readings and intercessions - that work continues. Although I have already done so, I want to include a big thank you to the team at Starcross for the very hard work, and therefore the time commitment, of their services recorded for You-tube and Facebook; and for the food bank which they ran for a significant time in the church.

It has been an incredible challenge and perseverance and patience has been important, and it continues to be so, as we look at the future with some uncertainty as to what it will look like for the Church and for the church locally.

The next festival is Harvest and each church has chosen the charities they wish to support. If you have not made it back to church yet, do think about returning for Harvest if not before. I know that it can be a difficult decision to make but we are as safe as we can be, with risk assessment controls still very much in place, and we are missing you.



With every blessing,
Dallas

Notices

Collect for the Telephone Service - Sunday 12th September

Lord God, defend your Church
from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge
of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading for the Telephone Service - Sunday 12th September

This will be: James 3:1-12.



Services & Events

Friday 10th 1pm: Projector/Laptop training at St Greg's – run by Tim

Saturday 11th: Historic Churches Day / Ride and Stride
10:00-11:00am: Visiting Bell Ringers
2.00-5.00pm: Bell Tower Open to visitors

Sunday 12th 10:00am: HC service

Tues 14th 09:30am Little Greg's Mum and Toddler group begins at St Greg's

Weds 15th 10.00am: Said Holy Communion Service

Sunday 19th 10:00am: Greg's @ 10

Harvest Festivals

26th September 10:00am: St. Greg's
(we also hope to have a picnic outside if the weather is good)
St. Marys, Cofton

3rd October: St. Pauls, Starcross
St. Georges, Holcombe

Tuesday prayers

Topic: Prayer meeting
Time: Sep 14, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468

Wednesday Holy Communion Service – St Greg’s

The 10am Wednesday Holy Communion resumed this week at St Greg’s. We hope to see the return of some of the regulars and would be delighted to see some new people join us.

Gregs @ 10

Thank you to those who have responded to the request to share something of their experience of God over the last 18 months. We still have space for more people to share something of their story in this series. Please speak to Dallas.

Historic Churches Day / Ride and Stride – 11th September

Heritage Open Day / Devon Historic Churches Trust “Ride and Stride”

<https://www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk/index.php?page=devon-historic-churches-day>

10.00-11.00am: Visiting ringers

2.00-5.00pm: Tower open for visitors / have a go at bell ringing.

Contact Lynne Hughes, Tel: 862797

Stewards needed, contact Mike Moulds Tel: 866223



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Living in Love & Faith

We are planning to run the **Living in Love & Faith** five-week course soon.

We will be running a number of courses in different places across the benefice. LLF explores Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage

All around us we see changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and families, changing sexual attitudes and activity. The course helps us to explore the question: “What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today?” And is an opportunity to inspire people to think more deeply about what it means to be human and to live in love and faith with one another. The course content includes discussion, videos, prayer and quiet contemplation.

To help us plan appropriately, we would welcome some idea of who would be interested in attending and what time of the day would best suit. If you are interested in attending, please could you contact me either by phone or email (01626 862383, revtimpaul@btinternet.com) and letting me know whether you are available morning, afternoon or evening (or any combination!)

acknowledge
PREJUDICE

speaking into
SILENCE

address
IGNORANCE

cast out
FEAR

admit
HYPOCRISY

pay attention to
POWER

Calling Intercessors past, present and future from across the Benefice!

Please come to an **Intercessions Workshop** with Dallas and Helen on Wednesday 22nd September from 7-9pm in St Gregory's.

We will explore the nature of intercessory prayer, the place of intercessions in the Eucharist, the role of the intercessor and all the practicalities. Whether you've been leading intercessions for years, would like to offer but not sure how to go about it or just want to find out more, please come along to encourage and validate this important ministry within our community.

It would be helpful, though not essential, to know if you're coming. Sabrina will be collecting names in the church office: st.gregs@btinternet.com or 01626-864322.

Disposal of Kneelers (St Greg's)

The church has a quantity of kneelers and carpet strips and underlay that have outlived their usefulness. Our church black bin can only accommodate a small quantity of these. Any help with disposal would be gratefully received. Over time and with many hands this could be made "light work". The costly hire of a skip would be avoided. Many thanks. Mike Moulds

Decoration of St Greg's for Harvest

We are looking for people to help with the decoration of the church for Harvest which is on Sunday 26th September. Please let the office know or Georgie Moore if you are willing to help.

St Paul's

Services at St Paul's

Our services continue every Sunday at 10am (first & 3rd Sundays are morning worship, 2nd and 4th are Holy Communion).

It was great last week to have our music group playing live again.

Thanks

... to all who came to our sale last Saturday, everyone who made cakes, helped on the day, set up, cleared up and anything else! We raised over £300, which will go towards our church running costs, (insurance, parish share, churchyard maintenance, etc.).

Our next sale is on Saturday 2nd 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!)

Prayer

Prayer by Zoom continues on Thursday, 6.30pm for around 30 minutes, email Nick at starcrossoasis@gmail.com for the link to join each session.

LUNCH CLUB

Nick has received several enquiries about the Lunch Club which will re-start on Friday 8th October (then every 2nd Friday of the month). If you would like more details or to book for the lunch, please contact starcrossoasis@gmail.com or phone 07870264385. Open at 12.30pm, £7 for a 2 course Lunch served at 1pm. Traditional English food. Raffle... everyone brings something inexpensive. Fresh vegetable contributions always welcome.

DIARY DATES

Wed 22nd September, 3-5pm: Fairtrade Afternoon Tea, Strand Centre Dawlish
To book tickets contact The Strand Centre on 01626 889038 (poster attached)



Dawlish Fairtrade Friends

Wed 22nd Sept
3pm - 5pm

Afternoon Tea
Strand Centre, Dawlish



with homemade
Fairtrade cakes



David Bailey
classical guitar

Sue Errington
The Global Centre
with a quiz/talk

To book tickets call
The Strand Centre
on 01626 889038
or Paul on 07572127965

THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK

Saturday 2nd October, 11am-2pm, St Paul's Autumn fayre, with apple crushing (please bring apples if possible and a suitable container), cider tasting, bric-brac, cakes & draw.

Sunday 3rd October, St Paul's, Harvest Service, 10am
(non-perishable donations for Moldova, details to follow)

Friday 8th October, 12.30pm, St Paul's Church rooms: Re-start of lunch club,

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

Saturday 6th November, St Paul's: Winter Warmer Sale, 10-3.30pm, more details 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.