

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross Trinity 11 – Sunday 15th August

Now that we have moved to a better situation where booking for St. Gregory's and St. George's is no longer required it does feel as though we can begin to think a bit more about the future, but I think that is with tentative steps. We are certainly not out of the woods and decisions about future vaccinations are certainly not clear. There are concerns about what the autumn and winter are going to be like so whatever we do risk assessments are still necessary, so we will look at the future, but with caution.

We appreciate that not everyone is able to wear face coverings but thank you to all those who are able to do so and continue to wear them. It is appreciated that to wear them for a length of time is difficult so we will try to keep the length of services on the short side. Wearing face coverings enables us to sing as it does provide a level of protection for us all and we are still in the early days of living with the virus. We will wait for further guidance before we change this. This will mean that when the church choirs return face coverings will be required to be worn and consideration will also need to be given to robing spaces and choir seating particularly as most choir members are in the more vulnerable category.



I have missed not being able to hold our usual **5th Sunday joint Benefice Service** but now that we are able to mix together more easily, and without the need for the 2-metre social distancing, we are planning to hold a Praise Service on the **29th August at St. Mary's Hall at 10.30am**. This will give us some significant space and if the weather is kind to us, we can hold the service in the car park which will mean we will be free of face coverings. As we have missed singing the Staff Team decided that this was an opportunity to come together and celebrate something which we have really missed. The worship will be led by

our joint music groups. There will no other services in the Benefice on that day so I hope that as many as possible will come and join in to give thanks and praise to God.

We will begin to plan ahead over the next few weeks for the autumn, but the Staff Team are also trying to take some space in this summer period as recommended by the Bishops who are aware of the depth of tiredness caused by the lack of real holiday time and the accumulated stresses of the last 18 months. Some of the things which we are discussing is the planning of the Living in Love and Faith sessions and a “What next?” day for the Benefice as we look at the future as Starcross move to being grouped with Kenton and Mamhead.

As this week is Carnival Week in Dawlish I do hope that you will be able to enjoy some of the events, although please continue to be careful.

With blessings,

Dallas



Notices

Collect for the Telephone Service - Sunday 15th August

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading for the Telephone Service - Sunday 15th August

Luke 1 vv 46-55 - The Magnificat

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant; from this day all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant, Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy. The promise he made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

Services at St Gregory's

15th August

10am – Greg's @ 10

22nd August

10am – Holy Communion

29th August

10:30am – Benefice Service at St Mary's Hall

NO OTHER SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

Tuesday prayers

Topic: Tuesday prayers

Time: Aug 17, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468

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.

St Paul's

Our next event will be Cream Teas on Sunday 22nd August, 2-4pm. If you are able to bake some scones for this, please let Claire or Alison know.

Donations for CR2EE

Below is an updated newsletter from Hugh at cr2ee (Christian Response to Eastern Europe). We usually send out requests for Christmas shoeboxes, but there is demand throughout the year. As Hugh says in the newsletter ...

We are delighted to say the truck we loaded on Sunday last week is now in Romania making its way to Moldova. We are very grateful to the team who worked hard in the heat to load the truck. Unfortunately, we were short in number but rich in effort. Thank you all. Now we have the challenge to see if we can collect and sort enough to fill another articulated truck before our Christmas one. This is a huge challenge and unlikely to happen but we have been surprised before. Our wonderful group of sorters work so hard and with our generous supporters we may well be able to send another in a couple of months.

The need in Moldova is huge and we are always looking for very good quality clothing, bedding, etc., as well as Zimmer frames, wheel chairs and other aids for the disabled. Hygiene items are always welcomed as well. There is no real priority; everything is needed.

If you have items, either call Hugh on 01626-891945 or 07970 204506 or they can be brought into St Paul's on Sunday mornings, 9.30-11.30am.

Thanks for supporting the work of cr2ee and our own fundraising efforts.

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.