

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross

Trinity 3 – Sunday 20th June

I am sure that there is a mixture of feelings and responses now that the final unlocking stage has been delayed for another 4 weeks. It feels quite difficult to now have to sustain this holding place for a little longer and you can see in Dawlish, as the visitors return, just how hard that is. However, the local news today (Wednesday) has reported that the infection rate is rising in all areas across Devon and Cornwall. It is important that we do not become complacent because although the vaccination program is continuing and many of us will have been vaccinated there is still a small chance that we can become infected with the virus. I am sure that you will have seen the statistics regarding the fact that the Delta strain is certainly highly contagious more so than the previous ones. When we hear our politicians or public health figures saying that we are going to have to learn to live with the virus I am left wondering what that might actually mean. It sounds like a daunting prospect. It really does challenge any thinking about returning to “normal”. However, if we are having to learn to live with the virus then perhaps it won't be long before singing in our worship and Holy Communion in both kinds will be restored. In the meantime, we are required to continue as we are.

As we look at the future we are being encouraged by the Bishops and Archdeacons to really look at how the Diocesan strategy and vision: praying, making disciples, and serving with joy, are embedded in all that we do. This means evaluating everything we do with these three things in mind. This is an opportune time to do this and inform how we are to rebuild our Mission Community action plan which we are also being encouraged to do. I have always hoped that each time we have reshaped the Mission Plan that it would be fit for purpose, but we will need to revisit it again sometime towards the Autumn. Today the Staff Team discussed the idea of having a Mission Community Day focused on our Mission Planning so that everyone can take part in exploring the future together.

With every blessing,

Dallas



Notices

Morning Prayer

Tuesday 22nd June @ 9am.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Topic: Christine Curd's Zoom Meeting (hosted by Tim this week!)

Time: Jun 23, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8704548415?pwd=ZWhJckhJcExKZmN6eHo5b1doT0dnUT09>

Meeting ID: 870 454 8415

Passcode: 277128

Tea and Cake and Open Garden - Date for your diary

Members of all our churches and friends are invited to Cliff and Chris' garden at 2 Middlewood, Cockwood, on the afternoon of Saturday 10th July. Watch this space for more details, but there will be the opportunity to look around at the fruit and veg, and share refreshments with those you may not have seen for some time - all socially distanced and in accordance with current Covid regs.

Outside - so dress for the weather and look out for postponement if the weather is very inclement.

Donations for the refreshments will be invited, also a cake and pie stall - please contact Chris if you have any questions about this. - get baking!

Donations will be shared 50/50 between **Winston's Wish** (a charity which supports bereaved children), who really helped Chris' oldest grandson and **the Children's Liver Disease Foundation** who support Dallas' granddaughter.

Advance Notice!

Summer Prayer Day open to the whole Mission Community on Saturday 17th July at Dawlish Water Cottage.

Times of communal worship and times to be quiet on our own in this beautiful setting. Sign up for the morning (10-12.30) or afternoon (1.30-4). Please see the attached with this email.

Legacies Theatre Show

Legacies is an exciting Christian Musical Theatre Show that is coming to Teignmouth in August.

“Legacies” is a musical theatre production performed by about 40 children and adults, ages 7 to adults from across the UK, mainly the West-Midlands and Surrey. Drawing together storylines from the Bible and World War II, the story centres on a group of evacuees and their adventures in Wales. It has been learned over Zoom with several rehearsals in fields and barns, to bring you a unique theatre experience. Ticket price is by donation, but must be booked in advance.



Venue: The Old Riviera Cinema, Den Crescent, Teignmouth. TQ14 8BQ

Date: Monday 23rd August 2pm and 7pm.

Tickets: Please book your tickets, by donation, via the Manna Ministries website:

www.mannaministries.org.uk/events (ticket numbers are restricted to allow for covid-safe distancing).

Update on Matt's JOGLE ride

Firstly a HUGE thank you from Matt to everyone who has and still are supporting him on his mammoth charity bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands End 'JOGLE'.

He has now raised almost £4000 for his special causes i.e. MIND, Cancer Research and the Radiography Department at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage where he is a senior



radiographer. He's been so touched by everyone's generosity not just financially but in the kind words of support. It really has affected him deeply.

He's now been on the JOGLE ride for a week and has covered an average of 60miles each day of riding and is currently just south of Glasgow. He has needed one day of rest and sadly has been unwell with his cyclic vomiting syndrome for the last 2 days, but hopes to start his ride again tomorrow ie Wednesday morning 16th June and expects to be in Lockerbie by the end of Wednesday's ride. He very much hopes to be across the border by Friday to allow him to cheer on England - without getting lynched - when they play Scotland in the Euros.



Matt can definitely tell you that Devon is not the only hilly part of the UK as Scotland has a few big ones too. It's also the coolest part of the UK right now - 14 degrees today, but the support and generosity of folks he's met along the way has been really inspirational to him. The owners of the first B&B he stayed in even let him stay and eat without any charge!

The wonderful messages of understanding and support that he's received on his Just Giving page and WhatsApp from everyone have been greatly appreciated especially these last few days when he's not been well enough to ride. I know that many of you are kindly holding him in your prayers too and I know that this is helping him enormously as well, so a huge thank you for this.

I hope that by the time of my next update Matt will continue to have made steady progress south and that all he's achieved by then together with all the continued support he's being given, will be the motivation he needs to keep on pedalling and to reach his destination - literally - Lands End.

Cath Chappell - Matt's sister-in-law Xxx

St Paul's

We continue this week with another 'Music and Meditation'; reflective music and meditation, recorded by St Paul's Church Starcross. The meditation is taken from Eddie Askew's book, Facing the Storm. With thanks to the Leprosy Mission for permission to use Eddie Askew's meditations. The YouTube link is below and will also be on St Paul's and St Mary's Facebook pages on Sunday 20th June.

<https://youtu.be/FyuZiTbk9Fs>

Weekly services continue at 10am at St Paul's, in a Covid-safe environment, still with hand sanitizing, face masks and social distancing in place. Hopefully we will be able to have the music group playing live towards the end of July / August.

A reminder that our next bric-a-brac, cake and plant sale is on Saturday 3rd July, 10-12, in St Paul's churchyard, with all funds for St Paul's Roof.

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.