

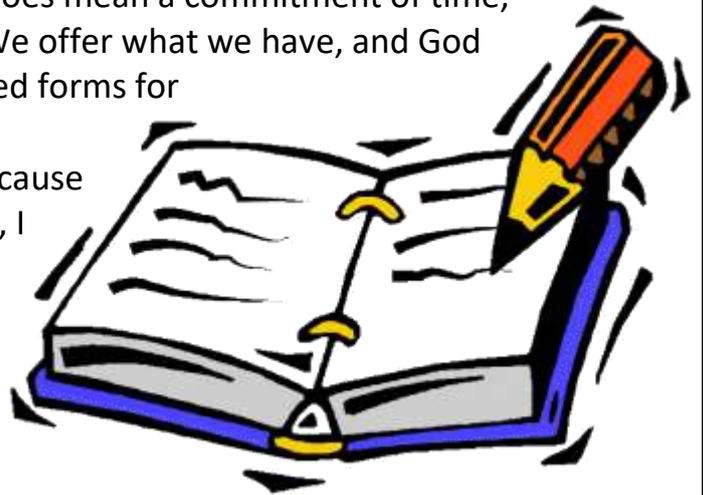
Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross

Sunday 21st November

A big thank you to the 30 people who attended the “What next” event which was facilitated by Revd. Preb. James Grier who is the Diocesan Mission Enabler.

At the event it was thought that we have very capable and gifted lay people who could be enabled to take on some of the tasks which are needed. I wonder whether you see yourselves in that way. I have tried in my ministry to enable lay people to participate in the life of the church and to use their gifts. What lays before us gives everyone an opportunity to offer their gifts in the service of Christ. This does mean a commitment of time, but I always think it is like the loaves and fish. We offer what we have, and God will bless it and use it. In the past I have prepared forms for people to fill in and a few might be filled in and returned. I am not going to do that this time because that will take me extra time to prepare. Instead, I am going to ask you to think and pray about what gifts you have and then write them down either in an email or on a piece of paper (with your name and telephone no.) and let me have it. If there is something specific, you think you can do then please say so.



Now this could be a challenge. My experience is that often people do not respond to requests for help and we can have a church culture that we won't step forward until we have been asked specifically as an individual. That isn't going to work in the future, so we are going to have to challenge ourselves over that culture and change it.

I know that some people are doing many things. I know that some people will feel that they have nothing to offer. Challenge yourself, be bold, be honest with yourself. God has not left you out in the gifting list because he tells us in Scripture that we all have gifts.

In the short term at St. Greg's, we are looking for people to help over the Christmas period. I am also looking for people willing to steward at the Christmas Tree Festival.

In the long term we are looking for people to join the Baptism support team across the Benefice. Little Greg's are always looking for extra help on a Tuesday morning.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

With blessings,

Dallas

Notices

Services & Events

18th November 2pm & 7pm, Living in Love and Faith Course, St Greg's

21st November 10am, Greg's at 10, St Greg's

23rd November 7.30pm, St Gregory's PCC



Weekend of Advent

Friday 26th

4.30pm Lantern Parade and Carols at the Bandstand

6.00pm Turning on the lights

Sunday 28th (Advent Sunday)

12.30pm Churches Together Service at the Bandstand

4.00pm Churches Together Advent Service at Dawlish Methodist Church

Prayer Meetings

Topic: Tuesday prayer meeting

Time: Nov 23rd, 2021 09:00 AM London

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

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468

Morning Prayer on Zoom, Thursday 25th

Please contact Chris on 07771842334 if you have any queries re Zoom or how to take part. All welcome! We will be using Morning Prayer for the Kingdom Season, All Saints to Advent.

Topic: Christine Curd's Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 25, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 219 889 0557

Passcode: 5y1GPu

Reading & Collect for 21st November

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Reading

John 18:33-37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Funeral of Ron Dunn

The funeral of Ron Dunn will be held at Torbay Crem at Tuesday 14th December at 10.30am.

Telephone service

There is a new telephone service available from this week.
There will not be a telephone service on Advent Sunday at 6.30pm.

Christmas Tree Festival

Forms are available for organisations, families, individuals and church groups for the Christmas Tree Festival this year. Please email or ring the Church Office at St. Greg's. I will also be looking for stewards please. As part of the Christmas Tree Festival we are holding a Community Carol Service on Tuesday 7th December at 6pm when the festival will be opened. This will be attended by the Mayor and the speaker will be the Archdeacon of Exeter. This is a new venture organised at the request of the Mayor. Please put it in your diary and invite others to come. There is the possibility of Community Transport for anyone who would like to come but will need help in getting there. Please let Dallas know and she will pass on the information to Community Transport.

Christmas Tree Festival

We are looking for volunteers to help steward during the Christmas Tree festival when it's open. Please add your name to the rota in the lower narthex or register your interest with Sabrina in the Church office.

Afternoon of Quiet Prayer at St George's on Saturday 20th from 2-4pm.

'Expecting the Unexpected: preparing for Advent with Mary and Joseph'.

Time to worship with others and to spend an hour in stillness. Plenty of space, so no problem if you haven't booked. All are welcome.

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

St Paul's

Shoeboxes

The last date to bring in shoeboxes for Moldova is Sunday 28th November.

Lunch club

Thanks to Nick and his team for all the work in putting on the lunch club last week, which brought in £85 for church funds as well as some loose change in the Water Aid Tin. The Christmas lunch on Friday 17th December is nearly booked, there may be one or two spaces still available - check Nick if you are interested and have not booked.

Quiz Night

The Atmospheric Railway Inn held the second quiz this week, again raising funds for St Paul's church roof. Not wanting to show off, we let another team win this one and came in second place - the evening raised £70 for St Paul's.

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.

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.