

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross

Trinity 8 – Sunday 25th July

I am sure that many people have found this to be quite a difficult week balancing the concerns over the increase number of infections of Covid with the unlocking in terms of what is no longer law. The Church of England has also issued its latest guidelines and as expected it allows for local decisions to be made. As far as the Government are concerned I am still the “venue manager” and carry the responsibility of making sure that we have risk assessments in place and good decisions are made. I have had discussions with the three PCC’s this week and our general practice will be as follows some of which confirms the expectations, I set out last week. We are taking small steps as caution is required.

Please continue to sanitise your hands on entry and exist to the church.

Although face coverings are no longer mandatory, we ask church members to wear them unless they are of course unable to do so.

Rejoice that we are now able to sing but we ask that congregation members keep their face coverings on whilst singing.

Wherever possible we will give space to social distancing for those who wish to keep it. Some people are of course in close contact with each other, and you may wish to sit together. For those who feel more cautious please let the stewards know and they will help to seat you accordingly. Please do not be offended if someone asks you not to sit beside them. I have asked previously for a response to my question about social distancing, but no one has done so. It is really difficult to judge the response and to plan accordingly as the 2-metre rule or any other distance no longer applies. For the time being we will continue to use our stewards to help people find an appropriate seat.

Holy Communion will continue in one kind (the bread) and we will keep the same system of administration in each church. Please continue the practice of sanitising your hands before and after you have received the bread.

If books are used there are plans in place to quarantine them which may be different for each church. Please take responsibility for following the way they are to be quarantined in your church.

Refreshments are now possible. It may take some churches a little while to get this up and running and if the weather is good, it is better to have refreshments outside. Each Church Council is making their own decision and provision in due course.

If you were on a rota to support the worship and ministry of the church, please let the Churchwardens or other nominated person know that you are willing to be on the rota as soon as possible.

It is important to note that we no longer require to quarantine our buildings and that the cleaning of our churches will not necessarily take place between services or opening times, although regular cleaning will be carried out.

If we proceed with caution and keep good hygiene practices in place then we can be as confident as we can be that we are providing a safe environment for everyone but we must all take personal responsibility towards that aim.

On another matter I am pleased to be able to announce that the Revd. Patrick Parkes, who at the present time is leading a group of churches in Newton Abbot, has been appointed as the part time interim associate priest for Kenton with Mamhead and Starcross. Patrick will be taking a planned sabbatical over the next few months, so his licensing is planned for the 14th December at Starcross. Please pray for Patrick as he begins planning his move to Starcross Rectory.

with every blessing,

Dallas

Notices

Diana Davenport's Funeral

Diana Davenport's funeral is on Thursday 29th July at 2.30pm at St. Gregory's. Diana was a member of the choir for many years and I do hope that the church family will support Michael and the family as we give thanks for Diana's life.

Services at St Gregory's

1st August

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Greg's @ 10

Newsletter Next Week

For Sunday 1st August, there will not be a newsletter or sermon circulated.

Julian Meetings

We will be meeting in St Gregory's for quiet prayer this Tuesday at 2.30pm, gathering in the nave where there is plenty of space and air. All being well, we will be able to continue as before on the last Tuesday of each month.



Now there is no limit on numbers, we would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Janice Smith and Helen Bays.

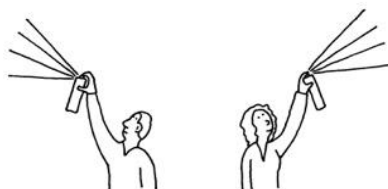
Kaylah's Baptism

Please join us on Dawlish Beach for Kaylah's baptism on Sunday 1st August 3pm.

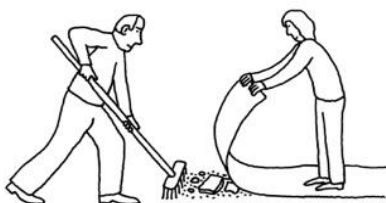
We would love your support and it will be a great encouragement and witness to Kaylah and anyone else on the beach.

CHURCH CLEANING

HOW TO MAKE IT SEEM AS IF YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB



SPRAY SOME POLISH IN THE AIR TO GIVE THE REQUIRED AROMA



MAKE FULL USE OF LOOSE CARPETS



DO THE BITS THE VICAR CAN SEE



IF IN DOUBT: PUT IT IN THE VESTRY

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Cleaners Required

Now that we are trying to get back to some sort of normality with our services it does mean that St. Gregory's will need a regular clean, as in the good old days before lockdown. We did have a reasonable response to the mini-spring clean last week but need people willing to give an hour or so a week to keep the church looking cared-for. Keeping our churches clean is

just as much a part of God's service as any other role in the church.

Think of Anna, she spent all her adult life cleaning God's temple. I'm not asking you to give up your life - just a little time once a week. If you can give some time, please let either Leanne, or myself know.

Many thanks,

Margaret Noel.

Matt update - JOGLE completed!

Firstly, so sorry that I have not shared this wonderful news with you all sooner - but on 29th June 2021, Matt my brother-in-law, arrived at Lands' End having completed his mammoth charity bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands' End - 1056 miles of pedaling and quite a few tubes of sudecrem!

He completed this over 18 days of cycling averaging 58.6 miles each day.

Amazingly Matt managed his cyclic vomiting syndrome so well that he only had to take a few days off cycling because of it and he is rightly incredibly proud of all that he's achieved but even more delighted that he's raised over £5120 for his three special charities - MIND, Cancer Research and The Radiography Department at The Lister Hospital in Stevenage, where he is a senior radiographer.

Matt is absolutely thrilled to have achieved this and wishes to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported him throughout his JOGLE ride, financially, emotionally and spiritually. He honestly knows he couldn't have achieved this amazing feat without this wonderful support. So, thank you everyone for all your thoughts, prayers and generous donations - they have all been much appreciated.

Cath Chappell - Matt's sister-in-law

St Paul's

The next Music & Meditation will be available on St Paul's and St Mary's Facebook pages from Sunday 25th July, and through the YouTube link below. This will be the last one for a few weeks as we will not be continuing in August.

<https://youtu.be/wqkmUOGGS-w>

Services continue at St Paul's every Sunday at 10am. Following the lifting of Covid restrictions on Monday 19th July, St Paul's Church are still encouraging the use of face coverings and social distancing during our services and we will continue with regular cleaning and sanitisation, with hand sanitisation on arrival at church. Singing in services is now permitted, whilst wearing a mask. We are hoping to have live music back in September.

Fundraising efforts for the roof continue. We raised over £300 serving refreshments at Starcross Funday on 17th July and our next sale of bric-a-brac, plants and cakes will be on Saturday 7th August, 10-12am in St Paul's churchyard. Following that we have a cream tea on Sunday 22nd August, 2-4pm.

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.