

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross Trinity 17 – Sunday 26th September

We are now in Autumn although the temperatures on the whole are above the average for this time of year and it feels like we are in an extended summer. I even managed a swim in the sea this week. It helps to make up for the very poor start we had to summer this year. Jesus told many stories and parables which included fruit and trees and vines, some of which are easier to understand than others. I wonder whether you think about any of those when you are gardening, if you have one. This year I noticed that the raspberries weren't very good at the time when they are usually ready for picking but in the last few weeks, they have produced a better yield, totally unexpectedly. Last year the plum trees were very poor, and although they have ripened later this year, they have generally produced a good deal of fruit. I wonder what you have noticed in your garden. I understand that farmers have been really pleased that they have been able to harvest the fields in good weather although I haven't heard much about the yields of the crops so far. Of course, this leads me on to harvest as we now come to that time when we celebrate and give thanks for the harvest in so many different ways. See below for each church's Harvest Festival.



Harvest is much easier to understand and appreciate when you live near the countryside. It is much harder for people to appreciate where food comes from when they live in big towns and cities. Working with children you learn that they know very little about the countryside or have no connection with it, as for them everything comes from a supermarket. It isn't that the idea of harvest has changed for them; they have never had any reason to connect with it. When I lived in Bristol, I met children who had never been outside of the city so they didn't know what the countryside looked like. To help children

know what farm animals look like there is at least one Urban Farm there. In Birkenhead, although we were not far from coastline, there were children who had never been to the beach. Our church school used to take the younger children on a trip, by train, which many children had not been on either; to the seaside for their summer outing and they would see fields and animals on that journey too.



Giving thanks for the harvest is really important, reminding ourselves how blessed we are. It is an opportunity to pray for those whose experience of the harvest in other countries is not good this year and will threaten lives. It is also a time to take stock perhaps. I wonder whether you take a minute; at least before you have one of your meals a day, to give thanks to God for the food available to you that day. If we do that it helps us to remember not to take for granted what we have, and perhaps add a prayer for those who will find it hard to feed themselves and/or their families.

Enjoy our Harvest Celebrations!
Blessings,
Dallas

Notices

Collect for the Telephone Service - Sunday 26th September

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading for the Telephone Service – Sunday 26th September

Matthew 6.25-34

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

Services & Events

26th September: 3pm, St Gregory's –
Civic Service – all welcome

28th September: 2.30pm, St Gregory's –
Julian Group



2nd October: 4.30pm, St Gregory's – visiting Bellringers

3rd October: 8am, St Gregory's - HC service
10am, St Gregory's – Gregs @ 10 service

7th October: 2.45pm, St Gregory's – visiting Bellringers

9th October: 10am, St Gregory's – Safeguarding Training

10th October: 10am, St Gregory's - HC service

11th October: 7pm, St Gregory's – Safeguarding Training

Tuesday prayers

Will Halse is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:

Tuesday Prayer Meeting

Sept 28, 2021 from 9:00 to 9:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5750205964?pwd=UHRTQ0tISCTDbTVOY1U3S2oyeEhEUT09>

Meeting ID: 575 020 5964

Passcode: 850653

Coastline Magazine

Communication is really important and a significant amount of effort has been put in to keep communication going through this last 18 months. A big thank you for all the efforts. As part of looking at the future of our communication Chris Curd offered to trial an E-Magazine for the Benefice. When we trialled a printed version it just didn't work, partly because there was very little offer towards the content, and also the costs which needed to be covered led to it not being viable. So many thanks to Chris Curd for putting together the first E-magazine which I hope you have received. A magnificent effort for the first one which is a trial. We would really like your feedback as to whether you welcome this. It is not in the first instance intended to be monthly. The next one will be ready we anticipate for Advent giving information about Christmas. But that will only be possible if there are contributions sent to Chris. Puzzles, jokes, short quizzes are also welcome besides articles relating to faith or faith organisations or a bit of local information would be welcome. - Dallas

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

Decoration of St Greg's for Harvest

We will be decorating the church on Friday 24th in preparation for harvest.

Due to a smaller amount of folks attending worship at the moment, the suggestion is that we bring less fruit and vegetables than we usually would to decorate the church – to avoid it being wasted! However, we will need some contributions as well as some flowers. Please ring Georgie if you're able to help. Tel no: 865486. We would welcome support for the decoration of the church if you are able. Please don't forget to wear your masks!

Civic Service

This will be taking place on the 26th September at 3pm at St Gregory's. All welcome.

St Gregory's Swap Shop

We open for the first time on Tuesday at St. Greg's. We have had some positive feedback from the advertising but please pray for this new venture that we will have some people come and have a look.

Licensing of Readers

On October 2nd there will be a licensing of readers at Exeter cathedral at 2pm, including Ceri Lee, who will be licensed to

KIDS SWAP SHOP*

@ST. GREG'S

Did you know that every year, in the UK, we throw away 350,000 tonnes of clothing? And it's estimated there's a massive 252 million items of outgrown baby and children's clothes tucked away in UK homes.

We all know that babies, young children, and teenagers grow out of their clothes and shoes so fast. Swap Shop can help to refresh their wardrobe whilst recycling and being kind to the planet... all for free!

Bring your children's good condition outgrown clothes and shoes (baby - 16 years) in exchange for good, clean 'new-to-you' items to fit them.

For each item you bring you are given a 'Swap Shop Ticket'. Use each ticket to 'buy' one item from the stock of good quality clothes and shoes. No money changes hands.

Every Tuesday in term time 9-10am from 28th September 2021 @St. Gregory's Church, Dawlish

*CLOTHING AND SHOES NOT IN THE CHILDREN'S. More info from St Gregory's Dawlish Facebook page: mail: @stgregdawlish or phone the Church Office - 01392 864321.

the benefice. Please pray for her as this takes place.

Dawlish Carers Group

Dawlish Carers Group will be meeting again beginning on Monday 4th October at 2pm at the Methodist Hall, Dawlish.

This group is open to all carers, and those who have been carers – all are welcome – please do come along.

Contact Kerry Good for more information – 01626 867042

Open Hearts, Open Borders - Harvest Collection – St Gregory's

At the harvest service on Sunday 26th September, there will be a special collection to support Afghan refugees in Plymouth. The escalating violence in Afghanistan has seen 1000's of people fleeing their homes to safety. There recent evacuations sought to ensure that men, women and children were safe. As dispersal city and the home to 100's of refugees and asylum seekers Plymouth will continue to welcome refugee families who have been evacuated from Afghanistan.

Open Hearts, Open Borders are focusing fund-raising efforts on supporting the Afghan refugees and the refugee service providers in Plymouth, so they can provide what is needed.

They are working with and supporting Students and Refugees Together (START), Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support (DCRS) and Plymouth Access to Housing (PATH).

The money raised will support Afghan families and individuals who are housed temporarily in Plymouth, or those who are permanently resettled. Your donation will enable a number of agencies the capacity to deliver practical and emergency resettlement support and help to those who have arrived from Afghanistan, and the many more who will arrive over the next weeks and months. This collection will be ongoing until the 3rd October. Thank you.

Talking Newspaper - Volunteers Needed

Talking Newspaper is a free service for people with little or no sight and anyone who has difficulty handling or reading a newspaper.

And it is looking for volunteers to 'read the news'! To be part of a team that meets regularly to record weekly and monthly summaries of the news.

So if you have a hankering to copy Fiona Bruce or Huw Edwards or Moira Stewart, please contact 07376 147374 to find out more.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Living in Love & Faith

Thank you for all those who have already signed up for the Living in Love Course.

We will be running two sessions – an afternoon one and an evening one – on the same day each week.

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| Session 1: | Thursday 28 th October | 2pm and 7pm |
| Session 2 | Thursday 4 th November | 2pm and 7pm |
| Session 3 | Thursday 11 th November | 2pm and 7pm |
| Session 4 | Thursday 18 th November | 2pm and 7pm |
| Session 5 | Thursday 25 th November | 2pm and 7pm |

Each session will be approximately an hour and a half and will all take place at St Gregory's in the church. The projector and sound system mean that this is the most accessible place for everyone

If you have not yet signed up, you are still very welcome to do so. Please contact Tim Collins: 01626 862383 or email revtimpaul@btinternet.com.

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4 Week Creation Care Course

This 4-week Creation Care Course is a collaboration between The Diocese of Chester, HeartEdge, Melanesian Mission UK and Southampton University. The course will provide you with vital information about climate change, its impacts on people and reflect on our role as Christians in taking practical climate action. If you are interested in taking part in this online course, you can register for it [here](#). It begins on the 7th October, continuing on the 14th, 21st of October and finishing on the 18th November.

Safeguarding

An Invitation from your Safeguarding Reps – Alison Miles, Penny Foster, Barbara Rains and Will Halse

What is safeguarding and why is it important?

October 10th will be Safeguarding Sunday. We, your Safeguarding representatives, would like to take the opportunity to answer this question over that weekend.

We will be presenting the Safeguarding Basic Awareness course in St. Greg's on Saturday, October 9th at 10am. There will be a second presentation of the course in St. Greg's on Monday, October 11th at 7pm. The course has been prepared by the national church and will be delivered using the wonders of the internet, combined with open discussion.

Everyone who helps in our churches should attend this course, once every three years – PCC and DCC members, singers and musicians, sidespeople and welcomers, refreshment helpers and servers. But we would like to extend the invitation to everyone in our churches. Safeguarding is about caring for one another.

p.s. You can do the course on-line at home in your own time if you prefer at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>.

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

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

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.