

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross

Trinity 4 – Sunday 27th June

The Prime Minister said last week that we are going to have to learn to live with Covid-19 and of course he is right, as we have done with flu. What that will actually mean and look like is perhaps still unknown.

Well, I think that this last weekend was a bit of a trial run as I have just spent the weekend in Bristol meeting with my family which was wonderful to do. However, it was not without its anxieties.

It began with travelling by train with the requirement to wear face coverings both on the train and in stations. When I arrived at the hotel, I found that the room had been sealed with a door sticker after it had been cleaned to re-assure me that it had been prepared appropriately. There was no daily cleaning of the room of course unless it was requested but it meant that I felt safe in the hotel room. Being in a city again was a bit of a culture shock. There was plenty of traffic but probably not as much as usual. It was challenging to eat out in restaurants although once again I have to say that everything was done really well. We did not find ourselves in any crowded places except on the streets around the shops which was a little more difficult to negotiate just as it is on the streets of Dawlish when we have tourists here. When I was out with the grandchildren, I saw how good they were at keeping a distance from people and very quickly moved out of the way if they thought people were too close to them. Hand sanitizer was everywhere so we used it as much as was possible and once again the grandchildren often took the lead.

Finally, I surprised myself by deciding to go to the cinema which I have really missed. There were very few in the auditorium and whilst I could have removed my face covering, I chose not to do so. The whole weekend seemed to me to be an experience and example of living with a new normal.

Seeing the number of people around in Bristol showed the reality of many people getting back into doing the normal things of life including living with the restrictions. It is quite understandable that some are more hesitant than others about taking steps back into a more normal life but the option is there to adapt even if all restrictions are lifted. This may be how some people will want to engage with church. My thought was that we will need to find our confidence to re-socialize ourselves and we will probably need to keep re-assessing the limits we are willing to live with. I think that my experience leads me to think that as social distancing is exceedingly difficult to keep in many places, wearing my face covering in some places will continue certainly for some time to come.

This may help us to think about the options available in how we will want to engage with church in the future.

with blessings, Dallas



Notices

Morning Prayer

Tuesday 29th 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

Time: Jun 30, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

To be circulated early next week

The Vicarage Garden

Many thanks to those who gave their time on Saturday.

It is very much appreciated. Dallas

From Mike Moulds, to the Gardening Team: Thanks for the great work this morning: interesting time and motion study: 8 people / 3 hours (with a coffee break!) / equals 4 full dumper bags of gardening rubbish!



Good of you, Richard, to arrange for taking away the dumper bags. Thanks everyone.

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!

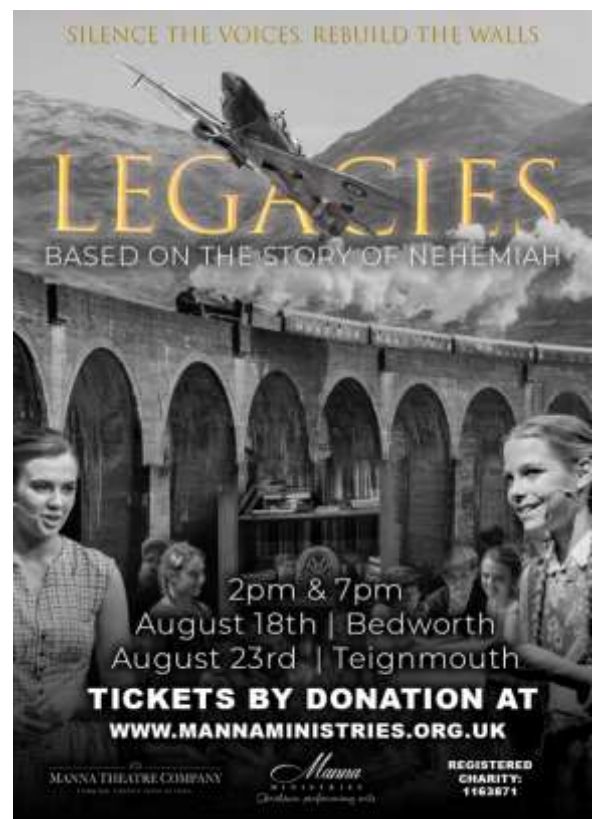
Summer Prayer Day open to the whole Mission Community on Saturday 17th July at Dawlish Water Cottage.

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).

Kneelers

St. Gregory's has a vast number of plastic covered kneelers which we would like to offer to anyone who would like one or more who has the imagination to find a use for them. Those left will be disposed of by the 18th July. Please speak to the Churchwardens or ring the church office if you are interested

St Paul's

We have decided that due to the extension of the Covid restrictions we will continue with Music and Meditation throughout July. The YouTube link for this Sunday is below, and this will be available on St Paul's and St Mary's Facebook pages this Sunday.

<https://youtu.be/YP6fU9bn4mU>

Some of our musicians at St Paul's will be playing at the Sea Sunday service on Cofton Green on Sunday 4th July and hope that you will be able to join us for some 'live' music and worship.

Please join us at our Zoom Prayer meeting, every Thursday at 6.30pm. If you haven't yet taken part, give it a try. No need to say anything but an opportunity to join in prayer. For the Zoom link, email Nick, starcrossoasis@gmail.com

A reminder that our next bric-a-brac sale will be on Saturday 3rd July, 10-12noon.

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.