

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe & Cofton

Sunday 30th January

The mysteries surrounding this Rector's working week!

If I asked you to guess what I might do in a working week I wonder what might be on your list. Much of what I do is hidden to most people. Some of what I do is planned, but has to have built in flexibility because each day and each week can be different and I need to accommodate changes along the way, although there will be common threads running through many of those times. So, I thought I would give you a flavour of what a week can look like. This was last week. Not everything can be detailed because it doesn't take account of those extra conversations either by phone or in person. I have used the term "pastoral conversations" to cover a variety of types of conversations.

Monday

Morning prayer and prayer time
Reading and responding to emails
Begin planning Sunday worship. Liturgy and power point.
Finalise Ministerial Development Review Document: send to Bishop for interview
Prepare for St. Mary's PCC meeting
Begin preparation for Staff meeting
Various phone calls plus texts with Helping Dawlish and Lead Ministers



Tuesday

Morning prayer and prayer time
Tuesday prayer group
St. Mary's PCC with travelling time
Follow up discussions and responses
Check in with Parish Administrator

Further work on Sunday worship

Meeting with Churchwardens at St. Greg's
Read and respond to emails
Preparation for agenda for Staff meeting
Jubilee working group with Town Council



Wednesday

Morning prayer and prayer time
Reading emails and responding
Staff meeting
Pastoral phone calls
Follow up on Staff meeting items
Zoom meeting with clergy group
Sermon preparation
Writing of Benefice E-Newsletter

Check service sheet for Monday's funeral
in time for printing



Thursday

Morning prayer and prayer time
Funeral preparations
A seminar meeting on Zoom
Preparation for St. George's DCC meeting
St. George's DCC meeting on Zoom
Pastoral conversation
Sermon preparation
Final power point check for Sunday
Additions to Benefice E-Newsletter
Write Tribute and Address for funeral
Agree with Lead Ministers the final agenda
for Korean visit and worship.

There are also times of reflection and prayer, thinking time and personal time to be build in
and domestic requirements.

With blessings, Dallas

Services next week

30 th January	10.30am Benefice Service @ St Mary's Hall
2 nd February	10am Midweek Holy Communion @ St Gregory's
6 th February	8am Holy Communion @ St Gregory's 10am Greg's @ 10 @ St Gregory's 9.30am HC @ St George's Holcombe

Friday – Day Off



Saturday

Morning prayer and prayer time
Attend Swapshop at St.Gregs
Pastoral conversation
Final draft of sermon and print
Final funeral preparations for Monday
Write article for Holcombe Newsletter
Read and respond to emails

Sunday

Preparations for and Sunday worship.
Pastoral conversations
Read and respond to emails and texts.
Final checks for Monday's funeral



11am Morning worship @ St Mary's Cofton

Tuesday 1st February Prayer meeting

Topic: Dallas Ayling's Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 1st, 2022 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

Morning prayer has now paused until Lent. More details will be shared nearer the time.

Daphne Pugh

Some of you will know Daphne Pugh who was a member of St. Gregory's for a number of years and supported the work of the church as a volunteer in a number of ways Daphne died unexpectedly this week which has been a great shock to those who know her. The funeral will be on the 10th February at 3.30pm at Exeter Crem followed by refreshments at the Strand Centre, Dawlish.

PCC Members

Over the last two years it has been difficult to recruit new members of the PCC and we are now running with less members than we would hope to have. Governance of the church is important and representation of church members on the PCC is really important. Each member has the opportunity to take on not only the responsibility of the governance but are there to inspire and support the direction of the church by seeking God's vision. At the PCC meeting this week we have suspended the rule of having one years off the PCC before re-election, for this year, to allow us a bit of flexibility in accepting those who would be willing to serve another term. The situation is that this year at the Annual Meeting we will be looking for the following:

3 year term = 4 people

2 year term = 2 people

1 year term = 3 people

We are also looking for a new Churchwarden. It is the responsibility of every church member to consider standing for the PCC or to encourage others to do so.

Korean Missionaries

On Tuesday 25th January, a team of 10 Korean missionaries visited Dawlish as the guests of the lead ministers of Churches Together in Dawlish and District. Led by Kichul and Hwa Jeong from WEC International, the team met with the lead ministers over lunch in Dawlish Methodist Church before departing in pairs to visit, and pray in five of the seven churches of CTDD. After regrouping in the Methodist Church, there followed a time of sharing and corporate prayer which was open to all local church members, and a united gathering to mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This coming together in unity, as brothers and sisters in Christ, witnessed the presence of the Holy Spirit with many encouraging words and pictures, as well as new Kingdom friendships being formed. It is hoped that this gathering will birth a new ongoing relationship that will lead to future visits to Dawlish to help the church in its prayer life and also in its outreach to the community.



Churches Together in Dawlish and District

We are looking for a Chair to lead CTDD. Tim took on the Chair and because of Covid led CTDD for two years. The pattern is to appoint a lay person every other year so we are looking for that person. We have a very good and strong CTDD but to sustain that we need to appoint a Chair. Please consider whether God is asking you to take on this responsibility. If you want to know more about it please speak to Dallas.

United Benefice Service for Candlemas

This Sunday we are holding our United Benefice Service at St. Mary's Hall at 10.30am. This will be a special service to celebrate Candlemas. It will be led by Margaret and Will, and Ceri will be speaking. If you are able to offer a lift or would like a lift please phone a friend, or contact Will on 866054 (or send him an email to willhalse@yahoo.co.uk).

Mothers Union Meeting

There will be a Mothers Union meeting taking place on Tuesday 1st February at 2pm at the Riverside centre.

Church Administration

This is just a brief note to say that Sabrina has changed her working pattern as office administrator and is working in St Gregory's office Tuesday and Thursday mornings. However, next week she will be in the office 9am-3pm on Tuesday (1st), as Thursday she is out of the office. If unsure please contact her at the Church office directly to check: st.gregs@btinternet.com or 01626 864322.

Samara's Aid

Thank you to all those who have contributed towards a "Dignity Bag" with shoes and coat for a 5-7 year old boy in Syria. Also – just a reminder that the last time for donations of items or ££ to help some of the costs of this is the Benefice Service on Sunday 30th.

Electoral Roll

If you are new to St Gregory's church and would like to join the electoral roll, please contact Graham Reynolds on 01626 772249. He will get an application form to you. Please do contact Graham for further information if needed.

Foundations in Christian Ministry course

Please see the attachments with this email for more information on the Foundations in Christian Ministry course. If this is something you might be interested in, please talk to Richard Orr, who is participating in the course this year.

Men's Breakfast

The first men's breakfast of the new year will be on Monday, February 7th, 9am at the Mount Pleasant in Dawlish Warren. Please phone or email Ray Williams by Friday 4th February to book a place (01626 888807 or bevray@outlook.com).

The Christian Resources Exhibition

The Christian Resources Exhibition is coming to Westpoint on the 23rd and 24th February. Tickets are available on line in advance at £4 or if you book a group £3. There will be many different stalls and resources to look at. Here is the link. <https://creonline.co.uk/>

If you would like any support, or someone to talk to, or you are aware of someone else who would appreciate contact please ring one of the following:

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