

# Benefice Events E-Letter

## Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

It is a great opportunity on this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday to be able to gather for worship together as a Mission Community at St. Paul's Starcross before they begin their new journey with Kenton and Mamhead. We will be thinking about endings and new beginnings as part of our worship together. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, which is now next Saturday, I have arranged for the Diocesan Missioner, Revd. Preb. James Grier, to come and help us with asking the question, "What next?" I have arranged this with the support of the Staff Team as we believe that this is a very important moment in the life of our churches. This is a good question to ask as we move from 4 churches to 3, look at how we are recovering from the consequences of Covid-19, and the changes in staffing. What are the opportunities and/or changes these might bring?

**What  
Next?**



When we see meetings or events advertised, we can often decide that it is not for us. This meeting is for every lay person in St. Gregory's, St. George's and St. Mary's. Please pray about the meeting and come with your thoughts and ideas as we seek to serve the Lord in our Mission Community.

As already advertised the meeting will be at St. Gregory's and will be from 9.30 beginning with Coffee until 12.15.

If you have not already booked in, please do so as soon as possible. I would be grateful if you would either email or ring the church office so that we can arrange seating beforehand to allow for some social distancing, but also to enable us to hear and listen to one another.

Church Office tel.no: 01626 864322

Email address: [st.gregs@btinternet.com](mailto:st.gregs@btinternet.com)

I hope also from the beginning of January we will once again be able to re-establish the Mission Community Forum which will help us to facilitate and progress anything from the meeting.

With blessings,

Dallas

## Notices

### Services & Events

28<sup>th</sup> October 2pm & 7pm, Living in Love and Faith Course, St Greg's

31<sup>st</sup> October 10.30am Benefice Service at St Paul's Starcross.

**\*There will be no other services in the Benefice on this day. Don't forget that the clocks go back this weekend!\***

3<sup>rd</sup> November 10am, Midweek Communion at St Greg's

4<sup>th</sup> November 2pm & 7pm, Living in Love and Faith Course, St Greg's

6<sup>th</sup> November 9am What's Next Benefice Meeting, St Greg's

7<sup>th</sup> November 8am Holy Communion at St Greg's  
10am Greg's at 10, St Greg's



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### Prayer Meetings

You are welcome to the Tuesday prayer meeting which Will is hosting. November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to 9:30am.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5750205964?pwd=UHRTQ0tISctDbTVOY1U3S2oyeEhEUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 575 020 5964

**Passcode:** 850653

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### Coastline Magazine

The next edition of the Benefice E-Mag is planned to be circulated on Weds 1<sup>st</sup> December.

This means that the absolute latest date for copy will be the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

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### **Next joint Benefice Service**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 10.30am there will be a joint Benefice Service at St. Paul's which will be their final Benefice service with us as they move to their new venture with Kenton and Mamhead. Revd. Patrick Parkes will be licensed as Associate Priest at St. Paul's on the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. We want to be able to support St. Paul's in this new venture and pray with them on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

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### **What next? Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

What next? November 6th 9.30-12.15 at St. Gregory's

The Diocesan Mission, Revd. Preb. James Grier is coming to help us to think about the above question as we look to the future. The staff team believe that this is the right moment to do this as we move from 4 to 3 churches, how we are recovering from the consequences of Covid-19, together with the shape of the Staff Team changing too. It is easy to see something advertised and think that this is not for you. This is for every lay person in St. Gregory's, St. George's and St. Mary's. It is not about solving anything. This is an opportunity to explore and shape the future. We are asking that you book in so that we can arrange the space taking into account social distancing especially.

Dallas

Please either email or ring the Church Office at St. Gregory's.

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### **Support for Reading at School**

Westcliff and Gatehouse Primary Schools would love to hear from you if you would like to spend some time listening to children read. Just spending an hour or so in a classroom, sitting alongside the children, and offering your time and listening ear would be such a huge boost to many children's learning.

If you are interested please let Tim know (01626 862383 / [revtimpaul@btinternet.com](mailto:revtimpaul@btinternet.com)) and he will pass on your details to the schools.

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### **Kid's Swap Shop**

The first sessions have gone really well and we have had a further generous response through swapping clothes already. To help spread the work we are looking for a few more people to help with the washing and ironing. All the clothes on display are washed and ironed which is really important as an expression of our love and building trust in our product.

Please could you contact Ceri on: 07739 936286 or [ceriflee@gmail.com](mailto:ceriflee@gmail.com)

Dallas

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### **Coffee Rota**

We are hoping to start serving coffee after the 10am service at St. Greg's at last!

The first time will be the first Sunday in November the 7th.

We still need more people on the coffee rota to make it happen.

Please contact Graham Reynolds if you can help, even occasionally. Tel 772249.

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### **Flowers at St Greg's**

There is now a flower rota on the notice board, which is slightly different from the previous one so please do check it carefully! I am really hoping that some of you will want to sign up. Alas, we lacked any helpers for harvest. A love of flowers is all that is needed.

We are also hoping for a volunteer to do a poppy arrangement for Remembrance Sunday this year - please do get in touch if you can help. There is a box of poppies in the flower cupboard and plenty of pittosporum in the rectory garden.

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## Expecting the Unexpected

An afternoon of Quiet Prayer in preparation for Advent  
at St George's Church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November

2-4pm

Open to our whole Mission Community

For further details or to register interest, please contact Helen Bays

[spiritualdirections264@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualdirections264@gmail.com) or 01626-863098

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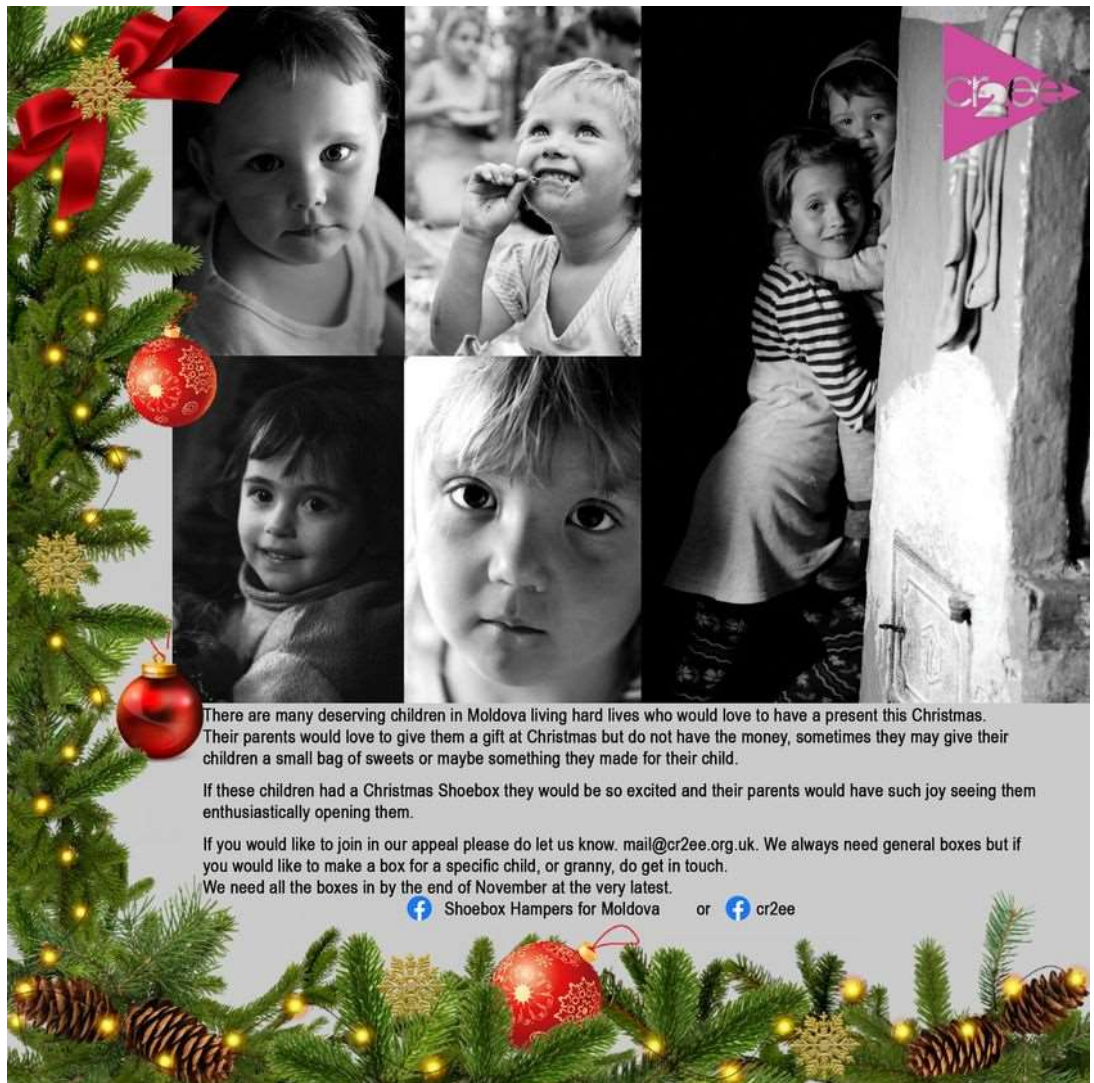
### St Paul's

Our next event is our Winter Warmer on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 10am - 3.30pm, with the usual cakes, savouries (plus bacon butties from 10-12), various stalls, books, crafts, pre-loved items and great draw prizes.

Very early notice for your diary ... on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Shoeboxes for Moldova

St Paul's will be supporting cr2ee again this year with Shoeboxes





There are many deserving children in Moldova living hard lives who would love to have a present this Christmas. Their parents would love to give them a gift at Christmas but do not have the money, sometimes they may give their children a small bag of sweets or maybe something they made for their child.

If these children had a Christmas Shoebox they would be so excited and their parents would have such joy seeing them enthusiastically opening them.

If you would like to join in our appeal please do let us know. [mail@cr2ee.org.uk](mailto:mail@cr2ee.org.uk). We always need general boxes but if you would like to make a box for a specific child, or granny, do get in touch.

We need all the boxes in by the end of November at the very latest.

 Shoebox Hampers for Moldova or  cr2ee



for Moldova. Any shoeboxes need to be ready before the end of November and can be brought into St Paul's. More information is available on Facebook page: Shoebox Hampers for Moldova.

### **Diary Dates**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Joint benefice service at St Paul's Church, Starcross.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Winter Warmer Sale, 10am-3.30pm. Various sellers, crafts, pre-loved, cakes, books, draw, etc.

All day refreshments with bacon butties 10-12noon. We will need donations of cakes, savouries and draw prizes. Draw prizes will include Christmas hampers, so food items for this would be appreciated. Also help on the day please.

To book a table, email [claire@goshayes.com](mailto:claire@goshayes.com) (£5 a table)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. 7.30pm, Concert at St Paul's: Luke Jackson, supported by Greg Hancock. £14 on the door, £12 in advance: [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

December diary dates 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](mailto: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.