

Benefice Events E-Letter

Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross

18th April – Easter Sunday

There is of course great sadness at the death of the Duke of Edinburgh and the loss to the Queen. I am of course writing this before the funeral and perhaps you have taken the opportunity to view it and share in the occasion even though it is from a distance. As we have been unable to use condolence books in our communities, I have signed the online book produced by the Church of England on behalf of the Benefice. You can of course add your own on the Church of England website or the Royal website.

We have now begun the process of unlocking and all our churches are now open for Sunday worship. It was a great joy to be able to do that on Easter Sunday. I am really sorry that not everyone was able to be accommodated in St. Greg's and St. Georges and I appreciate how hard that was. We are advised by the Government to be careful and not to become complacent. We can only change and restore what is missing from our worship when we receive that guidance from the Church of England. Whatever other churches might be doing each church is different in size and shape, pews or chairs, and this can make quite a difference to what is able to be achieved. It is really difficult to know what we will be able to do either in the short term or long term which makes planning really challenging, but this is a time to remain patient.

We also need to take into consideration that we are two less clergy than we have been used to having. Our intention is to maintain a service in each church on Sundays for the present time. We will be considering other services and also the role of the telephone service in time. This comes at a time when the Church of England has issued a request that Church Councils and also congregations give consideration to clergy wellbeing. Your Deanery Synod Reps have been asked by the Chair of Deanery Synod to take a lead on this. Here is a link to the material. https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/COVENANT3_Local5_0.pdf

We are now in the season of annual meetings. I appreciate that not everyone has access to Zoom but I would ask that those who do, please do join in the meetings. There is a lot of preparation required for each annual meeting so I hope that you will read the information for your church. I am very grateful to all those who have prepared reports and especially to our Treasurers for the work that they have done to produce the annual accounts. Thank you.

We will soon be in the season of Thy Kingdom Come which begins on Ascension Day on Thursday May 13th. I was both challenged and encouraged by the Webinar which I attended in which the leaders of the Webinar talked about praying now before TKC begins. So your prayers would be valued as we consider what we might be able to do this year

either as individual churches, the Mission Community and as Churches Together in Dawlish and District. I am happy to have conversations about some ideas.

With every blessing,

Dallas

Notices

Topic: Tuesday prayers

Time: Apr 20, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6591842294?pwd=hakfR92W-WBnpI1CBn5jr6oxpSCzOg>

Meeting ID: 659 184 2294

Passcode: 995468

Topic: St. Greg's Annual Meeting

Time: Apr 20, 2021 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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Morning Prayer on Zoom will continue for a few weeks longer if there are sufficient participants. It would be of great help if any who are interested in continuing, would like to join in, or who would like to join in but cannot make that timing, would contact Chris Curd so an assessment can be made. We are very much in a period of transition and the weather is improving, so decisions may be made quite quickly one way or another.

prebchris2020@gmail.com; 077718423

Topic: Christine Curd's Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 21, 2021 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2198890557?pwd=Y3FmUmFqdDVpNW1ETVUrZ2RoS2MxUT09>

Meeting ID: 219 889 0557

Passcode: 5y1GPu

APCM's

St. Gregory's Tuesday 20th April at 7.30 pm

St. Paul's Thursday 6th May at 6.30 pm

Volunteers

If anyone feels able to assist with volunteering with services at St Gregory's now they are up and running again, we are on the look out for anyone that would be happy to help with intercessions or with running the laptop at St Gregory's. If you can help, please contact Sabrina at the Church office.

VaccinAid

The Church of England is supporting the 'VaccinAid' campaign, which aims to help fund the largest vaccination drive ever. It's led by UNICEF UK and the online fundraiser Crowdfunder, and aims gives people a practical way to show thanks for their Covid-19 job by donating to help pay for vaccines for others around the world. VaccinAid, which is also has the backing of the NHS and celebrities, hopes to fund almost two billion Covid-19 vaccines for health workers and the most high risk and vulnerable people. The money raised will also help UNICEF provide tests and treatments to people in 190 countries through the global COVAX initiative. <https://www.vaccinaid.org/>

Christian Aid week – 10th - 16th May

Churches in Dawlish have traditionally supported Christian Aid through Lent lunches proceeds and in Christian Aid Week through envelope collections and events. Clearly 2021 is different and CTDD forum has agreed that 'the traditional giving via the envelope scheme was impracticable under COVID restrictions.' Churches are encouraged to consider how they might support Christian Aid this year. The Christian Aid website www.christian.org.uk has details of multiple free resources including: envelopes, posters, worship and prayer resources, sponsorship, forms & quizzes. These can be ordered through me or by churches directly. Donations to Christian Aid can be made by individuals and churches via their website or through me. Alan Smith: 01626 439983 / revdalansmith@yahoo.co.uk

St Paul's

10am: 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.