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From the Crib
to the Cross



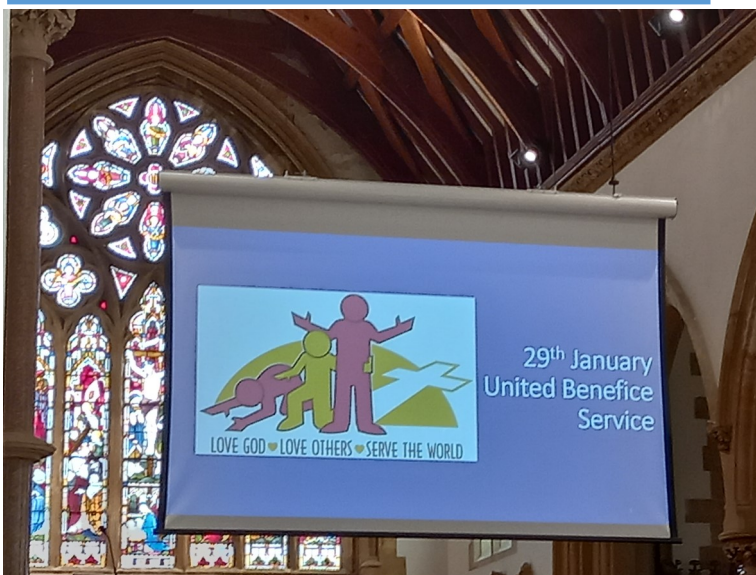
A Magazine for the Dawlish Coast Churches

St George's Holcombe St Gregory's Dawlish St Mary's Cofton

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At the United Platinum Jubilee Service in June



166 people from across the Benefice packed into St Gregory's for the Benefice Service on 29th June. We came to worship together and to say "Farewell" to the Revd Dallas Ayling, our Rector since October 2016. At the end of the service Dallas was presented with a beautiful photobook of her time in Dawlish, together with a bouquet of flowers and a cheque for a substantial amount. During the service Dallas preached on the Wedding at Cana and the turning of

water into wine. She talked about God's gifts, grace and generosity and encouraged us to be generous with each other. She has also written a last letter for Coastline which is printed overleaf.

WHAT NEXT? The Archdeacon has said that the post of Rector will be filled. The vacancy is likely to be about 12 months. On 2nd March Churchwardens and the Church Councils are meeting together to begin the necessary process.

DALLAS WRITES

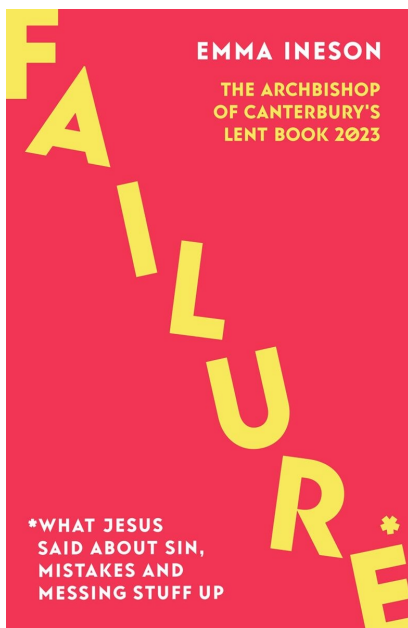
I began my working life at 16 as a junior secretary in a firm of solicitors. Nowadays there doesn't seem to be such a thing as a junior anything! I had a break from paid work when I had my children but once they were at school I spent some time volunteering and also returned to education. Since then, I have been a lifelong learner. When I started out in my working life, I didn't expect to still be doing so 53 years later, and certainly not as a priest in the Church of England. It was a surprising call to such a vocation. Over the last 25 years it has been a varied ministry, with some amazing and extraordinary moments as well as some challenging and difficult times. I am so thankful to God for the blessings I have received in the places I have served: Ellesmere Port, Birkenhead and for the last 6 ½ years in this Benefice, and also for the grace of God which has been bestowed upon me both in terms of personal salvation and in ministerial practice through the power of the Holy Spirit. I have always tried to be the best priest I could be and to do the best I could in any situation but the one thing I ask is that you will find it in your hearts to forgive me for any of my failures which you have encountered, for which I apologise; and to know healing from any hurts I have caused. I have often preached about a spirit of generosity towards one another, and I hope that you can afford that to me. I wish to thank you for journeying with me through these last years and for the blessings that I have received in being your Incumbent. It is always a privilege to serve God and his people as well as the community into which I have been called. I give thanks for the colleagues I have shared ministry with here and for the support and fun we have enjoyed together. There have been times when I began to think that retirement was just a word and that it happened to other people. At other times I have been very happy not to have to consider retiring but that time has now come, and you need a new leader with more energy and strength than I now have. Vacancies can be a time of growth in churches when they discover they have more resources than they expected so I do pray that for you all too, and for the process of finding a new Rector. Thank you, and blessings upon you all, with love in Christ, Dallas

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.



WHAT NEXT? (2)

On 30th January, there was a meeting of the Ministry Team (the PtO priests and the Readers/Lay Ministers) and the Church Wardens. It was a good time looking at several different things, including practicalities such as contact details during the vacancy, ensuring that the service rota was covered, including Lent, Holy Week and Easter. There was also a discussion about what to do this year for a Lent course. Two members of the ministry team had expressed a wish to offer a group based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book. It was agreed that this could be publicised along with the other linked resources. However, there would be no particular encouragement to follow this course, leaving house groups free to follow whatever material they chose. So there will be no official Lent Course in the Benefice this year. The call is to look after ourselves and not overstretch. But on this page is information that we think many will find interesting as we observe Lent in the way that is right for us.



The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, for 2023

FAILURE
"What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up."

Backed up by online videos and the Big Church Read.

The other resources are based on this book.

If you would like to join a Lent Group using this book, please contact the Revd Sue Knight 07801 701084 or Preb Chris Curd 07771842334 by Ash Wednesday at the very latest, but the sooner the better! Time and venue will be by arrangement after expressions of interest.

If purchase of the book would be a problem, please talk to us. We could also order a book for those not online.

Ash Wednesday Service
22nd February 10.00
St Greg's

DUST + GLORY

This is the "Lent Course" of the Church of England and can be followed in several different ways

Daily Reading Booklet

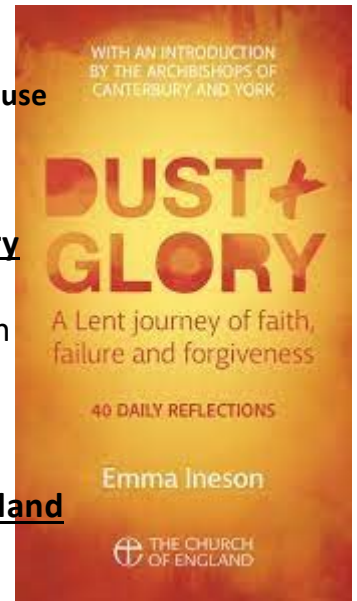
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posts from Ash
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to Easter Day.



Church of England

App

An update to the award-winning Church of England campaigns **app** for iOS and Android – including daily audio – will be available in mid-February. Anyone who has the Church of England's #FollowTheStar app installed will automatically get the Lent update.

Daily email. The reflections will be available via email. Sign up here.
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/sign-our-emails>

NO MODERN TECHNOLOGY?
Fear Not!

Phone

The daily reflections will be available on the free Daily Hope phone line (0800 804 8044).



Did you Know?

On the Diocesan website there is a Whole range of webinars, many recorded so you can watch them at your own time, on heating, lighting, carbon matters etc etc. From Home, click on—About—Environment and Climate Change—Webinars

From the Climate Coalition



People across the country and all around the world are feeling the impacts of climate change and spiralling costs of living, but are united in wanting to see a safer, greener future. The solutions are there. We need to support the people hardest hit across the world by the impacts of climate change. We need to protect and restore nature. And we need support to stop our homes wasting energy and to quickly move towards cheaper and cleaner renewables that bring down household bills and give us reliable, secure energy the nation can be proud of.

This February, people from all walks of life will use the power of green hearts to show decision makers that we want to see urgent action to tackle climate change, protect nature and bring down bills.

These problems can feel huge, but together we can create real and meaningful change. Start small - take action and #ShowTheLove for our planet.

<https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love> . People will be making green hearts and sending them to their MP's or wearing them to spark conversation!

COP15: its implications for nature in the UK

At the end of 2022 over 190 nations, including the UK, signed the Kunming-Montreal Protocol, committing governments to directly address the growing crisis facing biodiversity. The gathering was widely hailed as a landmark moment for nature.

At the heart of the agreement were four overarching goals focussing on landscape resilience and connectivity, enhancing biodiversity, equitable sharing of resources, and equitable access to financial support to restore natural systems.

Specifically, the agreement has committed the signatories to ending the extinction of species, with a target of a ten-fold decrease in the rate of extinction by 2050. The protocol includes 23 targets which, if implemented, should achieve the overarching goals. The targets are admirably bold. Target two, for example, commits governments to protecting and actively restoring 30% of land and marine areas by 2030.

As the UK is one of the most nature-poor countries in Europe, the Protocol should be good news for our four nations. The reality is more complex. The UK government has indicated that by including all National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, we are already so close to protecting 30% of our land and sea that the UK needs to take very little additional action. Yet many of the UK's designated areas, such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (P 6)

An Award for Kenton. Early in 2022, All Saints Kenton Friends entered the Campaign to Protect rural England (Devon) competition for Devon's Best Churchyard. They were delighted when they won and were presented with a plaque and £200 to be used to enhance the churchyard environment. The award is not about having a manicured churchyard. It is about many factors, including creating a welcoming space for people and wildlife, encouraging biodiversity and engaging with the local community.

It's about the Swifts, the bats and the ants; the huge puffballs too and the hop plant that refuses to stop growing through the Mahonia Bush. This award is also in recognition of the whole story of getting our church repaired and reopened. It has been a huge team effort. The Friends are so grateful to Teignbridge District Council grounds maintenance for their support and to the team of Idverde grasscutters. Without their help this would not have been possible . Thank you TDC!

From Devon County Council's "Green Spaces"



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

Draft prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and for God's blessing for same-sex couples published.

Posted on CE website 20/01/2023

Prayers asking for God's blessing on same-sex couples as they give thanks for their civil marriage or civil partnership are published today.

The draft texts, proposed by the bishops of the Church of England, will be considered by General Synod next month alongside other proposals in response to a six-year process of listening, learning and discernment on questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage known as *Living in Love and Faith*.

The bishops have also made a direct public apology to LGBTQI+ people for the way in which the Church has rejected or excluded them, admitting: "We have not loved you as God loves you, and that is profoundly wrong." The apology is set out in a pastoral letter from the bishops of the Church of England which also recognises that they disagree over same-sex marriage and proposes a way forward which could be put in action within months.

A report - *Living in Love and Faith: A response from the Bishops of the Church of England about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage* – sets out the bishops' proposals and recommends areas for further work.

There is also a book of draft worship resources – *Prayers of Love and Faith*. It is a range of prayers and readings which could be used in a church service, such as a Service of the Word or a Service within a Celebration of Holy Communion.

There are prayers of thanksgiving and dedication and a prayer for God's blessing as well as prayers for use with specific elements of a service, such as a *Prayer when Rings are Worn* and *Prayers at the lighting of a candle*.

Opening the letter the bishops write: "We want to apologise for the ways in which the Church of England has treated LGBTQI+

people – both those who worship in our churches and those who do not.

"For the times we have rejected or excluded you, and those you love, we are deeply sorry. The occasions on which you have received a hostile and homophobic response in our churches are shameful and for this we repent. As we have listened, we have been told time and time again how we have failed LGBTQI+ people. We have not loved you as God loves you, and that is profoundly wrong. We affirm, publicly and unequivocally, that LGBTQI+ people are welcome and valued: we are all children of God."

Describing the prayers and readings, they explain: "This resource will offer clergy a variety of flexible ways to affirm and celebrate same-sex couples in church, and will include prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and for God's blessing. This resource will represent a significant move that is intended as a loving and celebratory response to same-sex couples who are cherished and deeply valued by the Church."

They explain that the prayers will be entirely discretionary and that the formal teaching of the Church of England as set out in the canons and authorised liturgies – that Holy Matrimony is between one man and one woman for life – would not change.

"While there is a range of convictions held by the bishops about this important matter, we have not found sufficient consensus to propose a change in doctrine at the present time."

The bishops' proposals will be discussed in detail at General Synod which meets at Church House, Westminster, from Feb 6 to 9.

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chaired the group which led the process of discernment and decision making, said: "We are so grateful to the thousands of people across the Church of England who have taken part in this unique exercise in listening and learning together.

"I would like to thank all those who took part, sharing often deeply personal experiences, with great patience and courage. This has shown us vividly the diverse beliefs and hopes that are found among those who call the Church of England their spiritual home. We have taken all of those responses to heart and they have been vital in helping shape the proposals which we are putting forward today."



Diocesan Website
20th Jan 2023.
Bishops James, Robert, Jackie

The Bishops of the Diocese of Exeter have written to clergy and church officers across Devon following the publication of the *Living in Love and Faith* proposals regarding same sex relationships. The pastoral letter from Bishop Robert, Bishop Jackie and Bishop James said "We are writing to you, following the publication of the proposals agreed by the College of Bishops in relation to *Living in Love and Faith*.

"As bishops of the Church of England, serving the people of Devon, we have been strongly engaged with this discernment process from the beginning and continue to be so. It is vital to find a way forward for the Church of England and we believe that these proposals offer such an opportunity.

"We welcome the proposed prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and God's blessing for same sex couples. It is significant that same sex couples will now be able to have their civil marriage or partnership publicly affirmed in a church ceremony.

"We recognise that these proposals go too far for some people and not far enough for others. We will offer our pastoral support to all as we continue to engage in this process and invite you to reflect on what is proposed.

"We pray that the College of Bishops' proposals will be received in a spirit of generosity by the General Synod and the wider church. *Living in Love and Faith* is a journey As bishops we are committed to walking together and we invite you to walk with us as God's pilgrim people."

As the proposals are commended by the bishops rather than requiring a change in the law, they do not need to be approved by General Synod in order to be implemented.

Speaking at a press conference about the proposals, the Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev'd Sarah Mulally, said "There was a difference of opinion amongst the College of Bishops about the way forward but there was an overwhelming majority

in favour of this response.

"We are not enforcing unity but pursuing it with the grace of God."

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said he was pleased with the proposals whilst acknowledging that some people would be unhappy with them for different reasons.

(cont from P 4) are in such poor condition that it will take a generation for them to recover. Other areas, such as our National Parks, are often over-grazed, over-managed and under-resourced. Without change in the attitude towards designated areas, reaching 30% *on paper* will make little difference to the rate of extinction in the UK.

Worse still, the UK government seems intent on reducing our environmental protections, just when the Kunming-Montreal Protocol suggests we should be tightening them. If the Retained EU Law (REUL) Bill continues its current path through parliament, then there is a real risk of important EU-derived environmental legislation being deleted entirely from the UK statute books, without replacement, by the end of 2023.

The picture is no prettier in the UK in relation to several other Protocol targets. Target seven, for example, commits governments to reducing the Impacts of water pollution by 50% by 2030. But in the UK, unabated pollution of rivers and streams from sewage outfalls continues, and monitoring bodies such as the Environment Agency are chronically underfunded.

If global society achieves the goals of the new protocol, it will be a beautiful and life-giving gift to future generations. However, this will require most governments, including our own, to think and act very differently in relation to nature – and fast. This kind of mindset change is likely to require the voting public to push for it loudly and persistently.

A Rocha News, February 2023



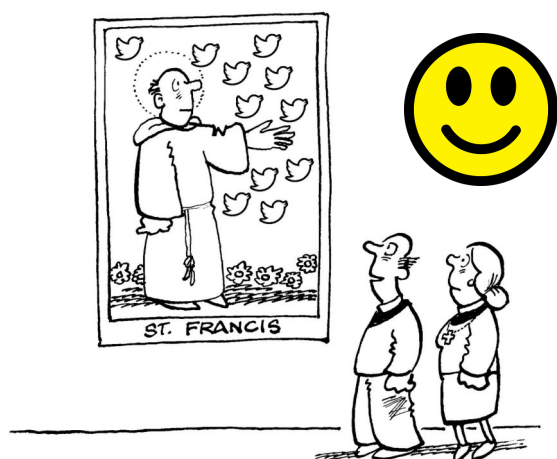
I am not what I might be, I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be; but I thank God I am not what I once was, and I can say with the great apostle, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.' – *John Newton*,

St George's, Holcombe

Our entry to St Gregory's Christmas Tree Festival - "Ukrainian Tree of Hope" - was awarded Certificate for the Tree with most public votes.

DROP IN - continues 1st Wednesday of each month 2 - 4 in Church Rooms. Refreshments - Good Company/Scrabble/Jig saws/Craft Projects.
ALL WELCOME.

A WARMER PLACE - a new venture, was well attended (despite the snow) where SOUPS/Rolls and Savouries was served to 25 - Look Out for news of next date - March?



He's been updated. He's now the patron saint of tweeting!

For Candlemas, 2nd February

Dear Lord,



Here we are in February – month of cold days, winter days, but days that promise hope and signs of Spring. Snowdrops and lengthening light; echoes of the hope and light that Jesus brought to Simeon and Anna all those years ago in the Temple.

Thank you, Lord, that you always bring light, you always bring hope and peace and joy when we put our trust in Jesus, our Saviour. Jesus, Lord of all our days and seasons. In His name we thank you, as we look to His Light. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Traidcraft goes into administration

Traidcraft PLC – a Christian group that has spent years campaigning for fair trade – has gone into administration.

The stands were familiar to many churchgoers, with almost 3,000 churches in the country selling Traidcraft products at some point in their 40-year history.

The brand, which has struggled for a number of years, cited the coronavirus pandemic, the war in Ukraine and soaring energy prices as the reasons behind the severe financial difficulties.

The group has published an open letter alerting customers of the decision to call in the administrators.

The letter reads: “It is heartbreaking to bring the Traidcraft plc story to an end in this manner but we can at least take some consolation from the knowledge that we have been a major force for good in the ethical retail sector for over forty years.

“We have championed the cause of trade justice to the point where we now have better standards and procedures in place to protect the rights and dignity of growers and producers all over the world.

“We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who have journeyed with us as employees, board members, shareholders and suppliers. We would particularly like to thank our loyal band of ‘Fairtraders’, many of whom have been with us since the very beginning.”

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2023

27 February – 12 March 2023.

This Fairtrade Fortnight, join us in spreading a simple message: choose Fairtrade now and help save our favourite foods. Did you know cocoa, bananas and coffee could soon be much more difficult to find on our shelves? Climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trade, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink.

But here’s the good news.

More of us choosing Fairtrade means extra income, power, and support for those communities, as they work to build sustainable and prosperous futures. So not only is choosing Fairtrade best for people and planet, it could help save everyday treats like chocolate, bananas and a hot cuppa!

A letter from Transform Trade,

formerly Traidcraft Exchange

By now, you may have heard the news: Traidcraft, the fair trade pioneer and our close partner for many years, is going into administration.

These are painful words to write, but I wanted to pass on the news personally and share some reflections at this difficult time. Many of you will have supported Traidcraft for years and do not need me to tell you that today marks a huge loss. After an exceptionally difficult few years, one of the founders of the trade justice movement is closing its doors.

Since 1979 Traidcraft has reimagined the relationships between producers and consumers, putting justice at the heart of trade. It’s not exaggeration to say that the fair trade movement as we know it would not exist without Traidcraft.

But what now?

The good work that Traidcraft has done over the years will not disappear. Instead it must be built upon. Our mission is to transform trade so that everybody benefits. As we continue this work, our focus right now is on two things.

1. **Supporting Producers** - Over the years, Traidcraft did incredible work with smaller producer groups—helping them find a route to market where no one else could. We’re working on plans to expand our work supporting small groups of artisans and farmers, like those Traidcraft was originally set up to help, in order to fill the gap they leave behind.
2. **The system** - Trading ethically within a system that is unjust is always going to be difficult—especially during a cost of living crisis. From the start, the odds were stacked against Traidcraft. Our campaigning and advocacy work aims to level the playing field by demanding change to the entire trading system. We’ve shown in the past that it can be done, but we must press on with renewed energy.

I firmly believe that there is hope for the trade justice movement. The good work that Traidcraft pioneered cannot and will not be undone. We are committed to transforming trade. I am so grateful that you stand with us. Thank you for everything you do

Charlotte—CEO—Transform Trade

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Hot Water Bottles and Hot Food as Devon's Churches Offer a Winter Warm Welcome

From the Diocese of Exeter

St Mary's Church in Lifton, near Tavistock, is just one of the churches across Devon which is trying to help people through the cost-of-living crisis this winter.

The profits from their annual Christmas fayre are going into a new community assistance fund, which will be used to give emergency financial help to those living in the parish who are in need. Help will be given in the form of vouchers for the local shop, which can be used to buy food and household goods and top-up electricity key cards. There is also a community food larder in the church porch, so people can easily drop-off donations or pick up items they need.

Rev Philip Conway, Priest in Charge of St Mary's said, "When you drive through our village and surrounding area it is easy to forget that its beauty hides the difficulties locals face due to the cost-of-living crisis.

"A parish church is there to serve everyone who lives within the parish. It is a privilege, and our duty, to serve our community in the best way we can. With the current circumstances, this is one way where we will be able to make some difference in difficult times."

St Mary's will be working as part of a community volunteer project to provide a community warm space this winter. They are one of a number of churches to sign-up to the national [Warm Welcome](#) initiative which enables people can search online for a warm space near them.

Hot food and hot water bottles

St Disen's Church in Bradninch, near Cullompton, is offering a warm space in the community hall from 9am until 3pm every Wednesday. The project is supported by the town council.

They are serving homemade soups, hot drinks and cakes, with the option to takeaway available. Their warm space has Wi-Fi, an assortment of magazines and books, and offers time for people to chat together or have a quiet space.

Rev'd Hazel Britton, Curate at St Disen's Church in Bradninch, said, "warm welcome is a brilliant idea for this season, and we have been meeting new people every week.

"People are staying longer and longer every day,

with people coming in at 9 and staying until 3. It's been wonderful to get to know new people in the community.

"This is a great opportunity for the church to reach out to the community during this time."

Ottery Saint Mary Church has been ensuring its congregation is kept warm by handing out hot water bottles donated by a generous member of the congregation. People arriving at the church are offered a hot water bottle if they would like one.

Alongside this, the church has teamed-up with the local library which is a registered Warm Welcome space. It will be available one day a week throughout January and February, and there will be a team of volunteers from churches in Ottery who will provide hot drinks and soup to anyone needing to warm up.

Wednesdays: Welcome and Warmth, known as W3, is a community initiative in the Teign Valley Community Hall in **Christow** to provide a warm space this winter. All are welcome to come along for a free warm drink, to join in on crafts, play cards or engage in conversation.

W3 runs alongside other community initiatives, such as the Teign Valley Larder which helps those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis to access food and household essentials. They also offer children's clothes and food supermarket vouchers.

Anonymous Giving in the Community

Kingsteignton Church have circulated a two-part form to their local community to help ensure no one finds themselves in the position of having to choose between eating or heating this winter.

Part one of the form is to be filled out if someone finds themselves in financial need, which will then be passed on to the vicar. Part two of the form gives those the opportunity to pledge a sum of money weekly, monthly or as a one off; or to give a weekly meal or help towards Christmas lunch.

Once forms have been submitted, a member of clergy, churchwardens or treasurers will contact the person regarding their request to discuss their need and match it up with the pledge options available. Monetary gifts will be passed through the treasurer to ensure the giver and receiver remain anonymous to one another. Food gifts are negotiated directly between the two parties, after seeking permission to share the need.



Christian Response to Eastern Europe

*Excerpts from the latest newsletter,
written by Hugh Scudder.*

What a year 2022 turned out to be! Who would have thought just one year ago when Ukrainians were celebrating Christmas and New Year with their family and friends their lives would change so much in just a couple of months. All of Europe is a very different place today, and not a very nice place, thanks to Mr Putin's oppressive actions. The indiscriminate obliteration of family homes, shops etc is shocking. The devastation resulting from the bombardment and destruction of power stations make life in Ukraine so difficult, especially during these bitter winter months. It is not surprising so many have fled seeking sanctuary in other countries. But millions remain under the constant threat of war and the unspeakable actions of the occupying Russian forces.

Although we cannot stop the conflict, we can help alleviate some of the suffering. Thanks to the fantastic support we have received we have been able to provide considerable help to so many in a practical way as well as letting them know we care and they are not alone. The effect of this war has spilled over and affected thousands of lives all over the world, especially the neighbouring countries of Poland and Moldova. Moldova, compare to population, had the highest number of refugees of any other country, Moldovans living in the poorest country in Europe opened their home to help the refugees despite their poverty. Their generosity impressed the world.

As a direct result of the support we have received .. In the past year alone we have been able to dispatch 7 fully laden articulated trucks - in addition we have sent over £185,00. Our last truck was loaded with over 5,000 Christmas shoeboxes together with other much needed aid. ... Thank you.

The need in Ukraine is obvious but changing.

Coverage on the media is flagging ... sadly support has also declined. In February we were inundated ... The need since then has, in fact, increased.

The next truck will be sent into Ukraine and hopefully will leave by the end of February. We

will send as many generators as we can. On the last truck we sent a very generous donation of lots of solar powered power-banks, lanterns and torches, rechargeable batteries etc.

These are the items that Hugh wants to send on the next truck

Generators, solar powered items as above, candles, clothing (all ages) bedding, baby hygiene items, plus personal hygiene items for men and women, but especially women; sanitary items, shampoo, soap, tooth hygiene etc.

IMPORTANT—no shower gel and no pillows.

Clothes, shoes and bedding must be in VERY GOOD condition, no stains, smells, tears, hairs.

Donations may be received at St Paul's Starcross at these times:

Sundays 9 –11.30

Saturday 11th Feb; 11 - 2 (Sale in Church)

Tuesday 21st Feb; 3 - 7 (Pancakes!)

It may be that if each church arranges its own collection that a car load could be taken at another time.

Contact the editor if advice is needed .

For any queries re large items, generators etc, contact 01626 891945; 07970 204506; mail@cr2ee.org.uk

Hugh finishes by saying:

Life here in the UK is becoming increasingly difficult and many families here will struggle to pay the bills and put food on their table.

Despite this we are asking for help. If we are to continue our work we need your help to do so, with both financial and aid donations. If we can all spare a little, we can achieve such a lot and really help those in such greater need.

At my age I feel very much a child of yesterday and it is our children who must take over whatever we leave behind.

As a charity, for over 30 years, we have provided help and hope to so many in Romania, Moldova and more recently Ukraine. This help has always been given willingly and voluntarily—and I hope from the heart. We cannot stop the war or cure the inequalities of extreme poverty and suffering, but I hope the example shown by all our wonderful volunteers and sponsors will give confidence to our children and grandchildren so that they, in turn, will want to do whatever they can when they encounter human injustices, rather than stand by and sympathise.



For the Coronation

Dawlish Town Council is planning three days of activities on the Lawn. Details will follow about the Saturday and Sunday.

On Monday 8th May (bank holiday) there will be a Coronation Street Market down the Strand for organisations who may be doing general fundraising and for those who wish to sell items. Booking forms will be available shortly for the Street Market.

At the same time on the Lawn and in the marquee there will be another Refreshers Fair – where organisations who wish just to give information about their organisation or encourage people to volunteer for their organisation or group are invited to have a table in the marquee or a stall on the Lawn for **free**. This is similar to what the Council did for one day during the Jubilee and many organisations enjoyed the experience and it also now fits with the theme from the Palace for the Monday of the “Big Help Out”. People can find out about volunteering and other opportunities to be part of the local community. It can demonstrate all the wonderful things that happen in the parish due to volunteering and people coming together.

This is open to groups and organisations across the parish. (*the civil parish which includes Cofton—ed*)

If you would like to have a free table in the marquee or a stall on the Lawn please can you let me know as soon as possible by filling in the attached* booking form as it will be on a first come first served basis. A limited number of gazebos will be available for community groups for the Lawn. Happy to answer any questions. Many thanks

Angie

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Contact Angie
for the form.

Ukraine – one year on

On 24th February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine without warning. Ukraine had been part of the Soviet Union 1922-1991 and even before that had been overshadowed and often overpowered by its larger neighbour. .
In the last 12 months, one-quarter of the civilian popula-

Editor's Note

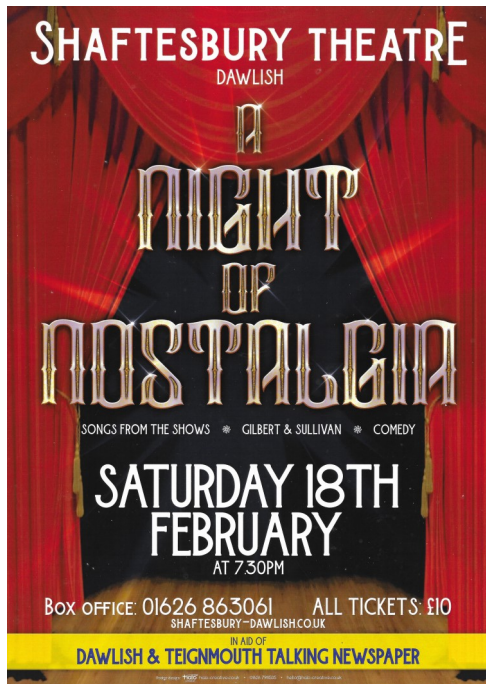
As we think about the Coronation, let us pray for Archbishop Justin. He has admitted to having nightmares about it!

In addition, the Daily Telegraph has reported that the King has asked him to mediate with Prince Harry to see if attendance is possible.

And in addition to this, he is inevitably being caught in the crossfire of the Living in Love and Faith Report. You will have seen in the news that questions have been asked in the House, and that there are those who believe the Church of England is betraying love. At the other end of the spectrum are those who believe that blessing same sex relationships is very wrong. Certainly, most of the Anglican Communion in the “Third World”, where the church is growing but where it is under threat of persecution, holds that position.

Let us continue to pray for all the Bishops, but especially the Archbishop of Canterbury who is certainly carrying a load.

tion of Ukraine has been displaced, with 5+ million refugees escaping for temporary sanctuary in other countries. 95% of them are women and children. They have had to learn new languages, find jobs and schools, and become accustomed to foreign cultures. When it seems safe, they want to return home and some have already done so. The UK government launched the Homes for Ukraine scheme last year. Would-be homes were inspected, and prospective hosts checked out for suitability and safety. A young Ukrainian woman lived in my home for six months before returning to Kyiv. Most Ukrainians count themselves as Christian, including a number of Greek-Catholics, but the majority belong to what was the Russian Orthodox Church, and is now the independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The two churches separated after the Moscow patriarchate backed President Putin. The Archbishop of Canterbury visited Kyiv in



The next **Ladies' Lunch** will be on Shrove Tuesday 21st February 12 noon for 12.30, at Amelia's, Cofton Country Holidays; a venue which is much appreciated and works well. For details or to say you are coming, please contact Valerie on 07970255712 or Chris on 07771842334.

(Ukraine cont) December and had to take cover in a bomb shelter when air raid warnings were sounded. He said the people of the West needed to realise the costs of this war were not short term, adding "there must be no way in which we force peace on Ukraine ... Peace is always better than war. But there are times when justice demands the defeat of an evil invasion."

One year on there is still an urgent need for British people to open their homes to Ukrainian refugees.

Tim Lenton, Parish Pump

(for more information, contact the editor)

World Day of Prayer this year is being hosted by the Methodist Church in Dawlish on Friday 3rd March at 2-30 pm and this year has been written by the women of Taiwan.

All items for March Coastline to Editor by 24th February please.

Contact and Social Media Details

There is currently no Rector or Licensed member of the clergy in our three churches. Services are being taken by the Ministry Team (Lay Ministers and retired priests). The service rota is being put together by the Revd Helen Bays.

Contact details during the Vacancy are as follows.

Church Office 01626 864322. usually open Tuesday and Thursday mornings. At other times messages can be left. st.gregs@btinternet.com.

Baptism and Marriage—enquiries should be made to the Church Office as above.

Funerals—contact Lay Minister Mrs Margaret Noel—01626 863148; oldstokeroad57@outlook.com

Other urgent or pastoral enquiries

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- St Mary's Cofton: If you would like to receive regular news from St Mary's, please contact the Churchwarden, Valerie Jeffery, 01626 890401, valerie@coftonholidays.co.uk
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