

DAWLISH COAST MISSION COMMUNITY

A newsletter brought to you every fortnight throughout the year with information from the churches of St Gregory's (Dawlish); St George's (Holcombe); St Mary's (Cofton) and St Paul's (Starcross).

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WE CAN DO WHAT WE CAN DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Preb. Chris Curd writes:

Feel powerless in the face of climate change?

Don't forget that as Eco Champion I am looking for people who would meet with me (over cake?!) to look at what we can do in our churches. No commitment, but it would be good to get more information out there.

Feel powerless to help in the face of so much suffering in the world? But we can do something. The first thing is to pray. But, if we are not willing to put prayer into action, (if we are able) what is it worth?

*Beauty for Brokenness, hope for despair, Lord, in your suffering world, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, shelter for fragile lives, refuge from cruel wars
Rest for the ravaged earth (the Holy Ground of which we have been thinking)*

I am sure others have contacts and links, but apart from the Eco "stuff", here are just a few things that some could do. The first three involve donations, for those who are able. The 4th is a commitment of hospitality.



1. **A Lebanese lady, whom I have known for 50 years** and who is married to the son of my old Sunday School teachers, has shared that the situation in Lebanon is dire. She can personally vouch for the work that the Church of God, Sioufi (in Eastern Beirut). They

have mobilized over 30 individuals, divided into different groups to be able to help families that have been displaced from their home and living in dire conditions: cleaning rubbish from streets, providing transport: food, hygiene, baby, medication, rechargeable lights, bedding for those who have nothing; preparing hot and cold meals; praying, counselling and visiting.

Donations at this link <https://www.lifelongimpact.org/donate/> they take 0 administrative fees.

NOTE – since writing this the DEC, Disasters Emergency Committee have launched their Middle Eastern Appeal and this is being widely publicised. Members of the DEC include Tear Fund and Christian Aid. Both of these feature details on the front page of their websites.



2. **Samara's Aid** – helping those who have fled into Syria and continuing medical and family support work in Syria. Many of us in the Benefice have known of this group ever since they sent winter clothes to Iraq in 2014. <https://www.samarasaidappeal.org/>



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3. Christian Response to Eastern Europe – CR2EE. Initially set up to support Romania and Moldova as they exited the former USSR. Now they work in Moldova, and since 2022, in Ukraine, where they have forged connections via churches there. Many of us fill shoeboxes to be sent out at Christmas. They send lorries almost every month packed with aid and recently funded a large quantity of life saving tourniquets. Contact Hugh Scudder at cr2ee, Braida Garth, Staplake Lane, Starcross. EX6 8QT; Tel. 01626 891945 or 07970 204506 hugh@cr2ee.org.uk UK Charity Number 1062623



4. Refuge from cruel wars – yes, if you have the space in your home and if your circumstances allow (health, other commitments or restraints, etc etc), then Homes for Ukraine is still active, and Ukrainians are desperately seeking to escape war and sirens every night. People are begging for Brits to open their homes and sponsor them. People are surprised when I say that we are just about to receive our 4th and 5th guests. (Mum and 16 year old daughter who are friends of our former guests.) But the need now is if anything greater than it was. And it is what we would want someone to do for us if, God forbid, the boot was on the other foot. Of course it is not always plain sailing, the life of faith is often not, but there is now a lot of advice and support out there, (the Teignbridge Council Homes for Ukraine workers are very supportive) compared to the early days; including deciding with what your home and lifestyle could cope. For instance, we acknowledge that it would be very difficult to have young children in our house. Guests can be single women, elderly relations of those already in the UK who thought they could cope but, families of all shapes and sizes. For more information look at Sunflower Sisters UK, Opora, Devon for Ukraine etc. And Cliff and I would be delighted to talk to anyone who has any questions.

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**Dawlish Coast
Mission
Community**

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

You are warmly invited to a
Service of Remembering and Hope

Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 3 pm
St George's Church, Holcombe
Followed by light refreshment

Traditionally, the beginning of November is a time for remembering those whom we love. but see no longer.
In this service we will remember
your loved one by name.

For more information please contact the Rector,
the Revd Linda Cronin, RevdLinda@icloud.com, 07534369035
If you would like another remembered by name in the service,
please contact Revd. Chris Curd, 07771842334
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All are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY 8TH NOV 2-3PM

**DAWLISH
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PRAYER
GATHERING**

ST GREG'S CHURCH

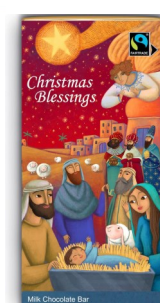
REAL ADVENT CALENDARS *Alex Pugh writes:*

If you were lucky enough to receive a Fairtrade Easter Egg this year then you will know how special they are! I am now organising Real Advent Calendars and other goodies for delivery in November. You can email your order to me at alex_pugh@sky.com or see me in church.

Money raised from sales help farmers receive a fair price for their goods alongside a cash Fairtrade Premium. This can be spent on the priorities for their communities. Sales also help charities that provide care for mums and babies in Africa. The chocolate is palm oil free.

The following options are available:

1. **Real Advent Calendar** including a 24 page Christmas story activity book and 25 milk chocolates. £5.
2. **Christmas Blessings** milk chocolate bar. £3.
3. **Host of Angels Tree Decorations** including 6 milk chocolate angels, sticker set and activity poster. £5.50.
1. **Meaningful Milk Chocolate Orange** with Christingle features. £3.50.

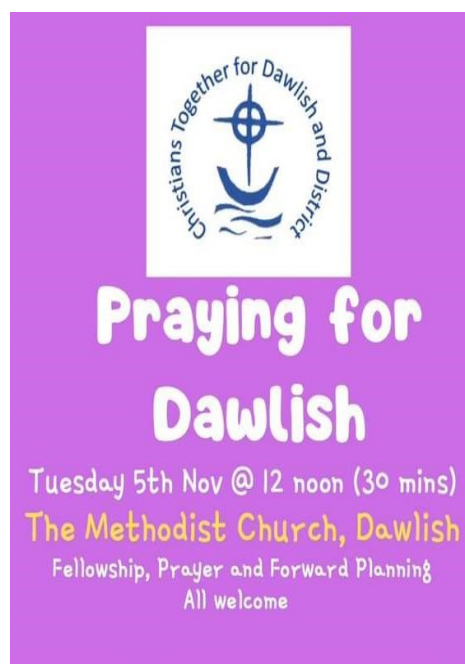


Last order date is Sunday 3rd November and payment will be cash on delivery mid November. Collection will be from St Gregory's or I am happy to deliver to you.

THE BIG QUIZ FOR TEARFUND

You can join in with the quiz of the year on **Saturday 23rd November (7pm)** at **Hope Church, (Dawlish)** and help to support Tearfund. This will be a fun evening to test your quizzing skills and an opportunity to hear more about the valuable work Tearfund supports. Come on your own or with a team. There is no cost for this event, but donations are welcome to support Tearfund. These can be made on the evening via card, contactless or cash. The evening starts at 7pm and there will be refreshments available.

For further information or to let them know you are coming, please email hello@hopedawlish.org



SERVICES - 3rd November to 16th November

Sunday 3rd November

9.15am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship
3pm St George's – Benefice Service
of 'Remembering and Hope'

Wednesday 6th November

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 10th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10am St George's – Remembrance Morning Worship
10am St Paul's – Remembrance Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Remembrance Holy Communion
10.50am St Mary's – Remembrance Holy Communion
3pm St Gregory's - Remembrance Day Civic Service

Wednesday 13th November

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion



TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM

All welcome to a half hour of prayer online on Tuesdays at 9am.

Just click on [this link](#) or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter: Meeting ID: 575 020 5964 and Passcode: 850653.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th	9am Men's Breakfast at St Greg's
Tuesday 5th	9am-11am Kids' Swap Shop at St Greg's 9.30-11.30am Little Greg's at St Greg's 12-12.30pm Praying for Dawlish at Dawlish Methodist Church
Wednesday 6th	2-4pm Drop-In in St George's Church Room, Holcombe
Thursday 7th	2pm Pudding Club at St Greg's
Friday 8th	2pm Mission Community Prayer Gathering at St Greg's
Tuesday 12th	9.30-11.30am Little Greg's at St Greg's 2pm Mothers' Union at St Greg's
Wednesday 13th	12-2pm A Warmer Place (meal) at St George's Church Room, Holcombe
Saturday 16th	10am-3.30pm Winter Warmer Sale at St Paul's 11am 'Let's Do Coffee' CTDD event at the Methodist Church, Dawlish

WE HAVE VISITING BELLRINGERS FROM CREDITON COMING ON SAT NOV 2ND.

THE ST GREG'S BELLS WILL BE RUNG BETWEEN 3PM & 4PM

WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU AND OUR VISITORS WILL ENJOY THE ADDITIONAL RINGING!



If you would like any support, or someone to talk to, or you know of someone else who does, please contact one of the following:
Revd Linda Cronin (Day off - Monday): 01626 927281 or email: revdlinda@icloud.com
Will Halse: 01626 866054; **Margaret Noel:** 01626 863148; **Ceri Lee:** 07739 936286;
Steve Cronin: 07817 678774; **Richard Orr** 07759 171058.

*Safeguarding Officer at St Greg's: Tess Hickson 07932 560804 tessh@btinternet.com
Information regarding safeguarding issues together with contact details for
Safeguarding Officers in the other churches can be found on our website [here](#)*