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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
IN DEVON



Rector (Full-time Incumbent)

The Parish of Dawlish with Holcombe,
Cofton and Starcross



"The welcome we received was exceptional and has encouraged me to return to church regularly to develop my faith and trust in God as well as forming friendships over tea and biscuits with my church family"





The South West Main Line through Dawlish

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“Every parish is unique and special, but churches thrive when they work in partnership with each other in Mission Communities.”

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ARCHDEACON'S FOREWORD

In this Profile, you will find something of the vision and opportunities of this supportive and developing coastal Mission Community.

Dawlish is described as “a traditional seaside town, with a wonderful golden sand beach on its doorstep.” The churches and communities which they serve that are part of this Mission Community each have their own distinct but united vision to pray, grow and serve. We are exploring with Starcross possible different pastoral arrangements, and currently, they are cared for by their own House for Duty Interim Priest, part of the role of the new incumbent will be to explore with Starcross where their future might be best served.

I commend this Profile and communities to prayer and study as you seek to discern your next step in ministry.

Our Diocesan Vision

We seek to be people who together are:

Growing in Prayer

Prayer is conversation with God and is part of a healthy Christian life. Prayer is a life-giving activity that opens up deep places within us to God's transforming grace.

Making new disciples

As the Christian story is less and less known, we must find new ways of telling the story, of explaining the faith and giving a reason for the hope that is in us.

Serving the people of Devon with joy

As followers of Jesus Christ, we want to make a difference in the world and make God's love and justice known.

Next Steps' is part of our Diocese of Exeter vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy. We are particularly committed to making new disciples among children and families, young people aged 16 to 25, people over 60, and those on the fringes of church life.

Further information regarding our Diocesan Vision can be found in our Next Steps document at www.exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/vision-strategy

Deanery & Diocese

The Mission Community falls within the Archdeaconry of Exeter and so under the care of the Bishop of Crediton (The Rt Rev'd Jackie Searle) The Mission Community is in the Kenn Deanery.

We aim to be a diverse and genuinely representative Diocese and particularly welcome applications from women and those from black and minority ethnic groups. Devon is a beautiful place to call home, and we believe the Diocese of Exeter is a great community to be a part of.

You are warmly invited to contact me directly if you would like a confidential conversation about the post.

Andrew Beane

The Ven Andrew Beane
Archdeacon of Exeter



The Dawlish Coastline

OUR VISION

Our Vision is to 'pray and worship, grow and serve' together as a family of churches. As we seek to implement our Vision our priorities are:

- Creating a place of welcome and hospitality reflecting the love of God.
- Deepening our lives of prayer.
- Ensuring pastoral care is at the heart of all we do.
- Outreach, mission and connection with the wider community shapes our life as a church.
- Building links with our schools, families and young people.
- Learning to grow together as a Mission Community through mutual support, but also through celebrating our uniqueness.
- Embracing our different styles of worship across our different churches and congregations.
- Making church relevant to the wider community and being engaged in community life.
- Improving communications both inside and outside our churches, Mission Community and with the wider community and world.
- Nurturing the gifts of all God's people and empowering others to get involved.

SPACE FOR QUOTES OR OTHER INFO

THE PERSON WE ARE SEEKING

We are praying for the Holy Spirit to lead the right person to us. This is a crucial time for us as we deepen our commitment to work together as a coastal Mission Community, we want to enable our churches and communities to flourish and grow. We are looking for a gifted practitioner, who will help us take our next steps as we move forward and embrace all that lies ahead.

We long for an experienced and collaborative leader, to work alongside our Administrator, committed PCCs, Churchwardens, lay leaders and retired clergy who will be:

- Prayerful, Spirit-led, sacramentally focused & creative interpreter and teacher of scripture
- A pastor and compassionate listener
- A team player who is an inspiring and approachable leader who will enable every member ministry; a visionary, and an effective communicator
- Comfortable with, and supportive of, differing styles of worship, spirituality and prayer; encouraging teaching/learning opportunities
- Open to engaging with the wider church, as well as wanting to continue with and build on existing local ecumenical relationships; with a heart for outreach and mission
- Able to reach out to people of all ages and from all walks of life, including our schools; with good inter-personal skills; and with a sense of humour
- A person who will identify individuals' potential, and their spiritual gifts, and facilitate their use in God's service
- A known, trusted and approachable figure within the wider community of the Benefice for moral, spiritual and pastoral issues, building and deepening relationships inside and outside the church



WHAT WE OFFER

Variety - from intimate Holy Communion services to all-age worship; from medieval buildings to church or village halls; from village communities to the busy tourist town of Dawlish, our Mission Community has an array of worship styles, opportunities and communities.

Opportunity - to help drive forward the development of a multi-parish ministry for the 21st century, embracing Fresh Expressions and affirming the traditional Church. Working with lay and ordained colleagues and being instrumental in developing new models of ministry. We offer work with schools, nursing and residential homes, community organisations, and the tourist industry.

Innovation - the encouragement and support from lay and ordained colleagues to experiment and innovate with worship and ministry. We are open to seeking new and creative ways of engagement in a coastal setting and offer the willingness to develop in new and different ways.

Support - we are committed to providing administrative support across the team; excellent Deanery & Diocesan colleagues and provide a commitment to developing a training parish for lay and ordained colleagues.

As PCCs we are committed to

- helping ensure our new incumbent takes regular days off, and holidays.
- Ensuring they are happy to seek support where needed
- Valuing participation in continuing ministerial development
- Assisting both practically and financially to allow the taking of an annual retreat away from parish duties.
- Working together to implement the Clergy Wellbeing Covenant.



Front Elevation



Rear Elevation

THE RECTORY

14 Shillingate Close, Dawlish, EX7 9SQ

We are offering a wonderful spacious four bedroom detached home in a quite location on the edge of Dawlish and an easy walk to the Parish Church. The Rectory provides two reception rooms, plus a newly designed study, modern kitchen, master en-suite, garden, large driveway and double garage. There is gas central heating and double glazing throughout.

The Vicarage comprises:

Front door to hallway. Stairs to first floor. Under stairs storage. Doors to:

Living room - Open fireplace, sliding patio doors

Dining room - Rear aspect window

WC - toilet & wash basin

Kitchen - Modern cupboard/drawer units and work surfaces, Inset sink, integrated microwave, Range cooker with extractor above, space for dishwasher. Door to:

Utility - Sink unit, spaces for washing machine and fridge freezer, door to garage, rear door to garden.

1st Floor

Landing with built in workspace. Doors to:

Bedroom 1 - Large double bedroom with built in wardrobe. Front aspect window.

En-suite with double shower cubicle. White ceramic WC & wash basin. Heated towel rail.

Bedroom 2 - Double bedroom with built in wardrobe. Rear aspect window.

Bedroom 3 - Double bedroom with rear aspect window.

Bedroom 4 - Single bedroom with rear aspect window.

Bathroom - White ceramic three piece suite, mixer shower above bath. Airing cupboard housing hot water tank. Heated towel rail.

Outdoor

Front - Large driveway, double garage

Rear - A good size garden with patio and lawn areas. Mature borders.

Our Property Team will work with the successful candidate with regards to internal decoration. Full relocation grant and moving costs are provided.



The Mission Community Map

MAP

Dawlish is a town on the south Devon coast south of the mouth of the River Exe and north of the River Teign on the A379 between Exeter and Torbay.

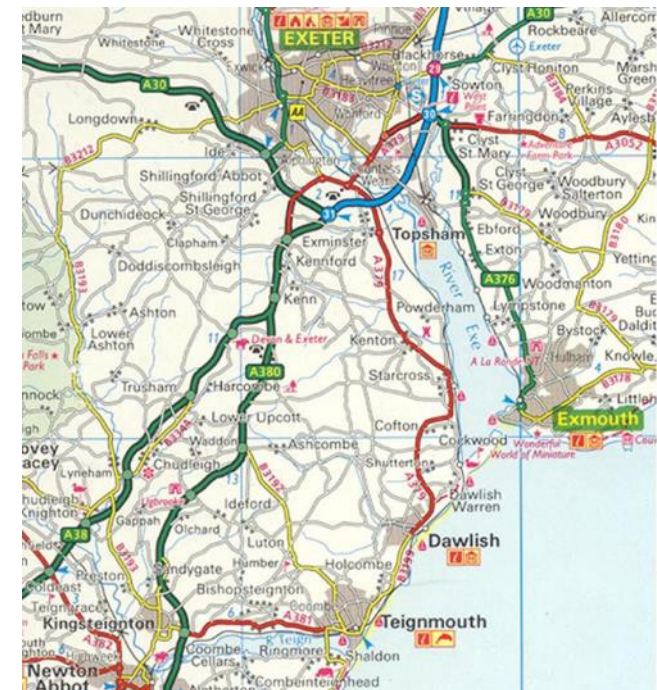
The village of Holcombe is found on the A379 between Dawlish and Teignmouth

Dawlish Warren is a community of permanent housing and several holiday caravan parks in the parish of Cofton.

Cofton sits off the A379 and consists of the village of Cockwood, five hamlets and Dawlish Warren

Starcross is situated on the A379 at the estuary of the river Exe.

A few miles to the south are the seaside resorts of Torbay (The English Riviera), to the northwest lies the National Park area of Dartmoor, whilst approx. 12 miles to the north is the cathedral city of Exeter.

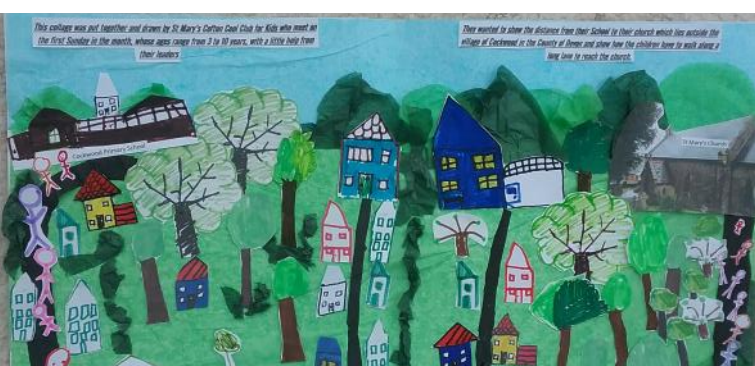


SUNDAY WORSHIP

The current service pattern was adopted post Pandemic. Services are taken currently by both lay and ordained colleagues and dependant on the support of retired clergy.

| | Dawlish St Gregory the Great | Holcombe St George | Cofton St Mary |
|-------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1st Sunday | 8am Holy Communion | | |
| | 10am Greg's @ 10 All Age Service | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11am Morning Worship |
| 2nd Sunday | 10am Holy Communion | 9.30am Morning Worship | 11am Holy Communion |
| 3rd Sunday | 10am Greg's @ 10 All Age Service | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11am Morning Worship |
| | | 6.30pm Telephone Service with Worship Companions | |
| 4th Sunday | 10am Holy Communion | 9.30am Morning Worship | 11am Holy Communion |
| 5th Sunday | | 10.30am Mission Community United Service | |

Please note the service pattern does not include the regular worship at Starcross which is currently cared for by their House For Duty Interim Minister.



Our Wonderful Community



MISSION COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

St. Gregory the Great, Dawlish

Little Greg's, Kid's Swap shop, Pudding Club, Home Groups, Mothers' Union, Bellringers, Music Group, Choir, Men's Breakfast, Christmas Tree Festival, Concerts, We support Teignbridge CAP, Dawlish Food Larder in conjunction with ROC and Dawlish Town Council

St. George's Holcombe

Bible study group, Drop-in, A Warmer Place held monthly, BBQs, lunches, cream teas etc. are arranged to coincide with specific events. Eat and Enlightenment in the Castle Inn attended by both church and village. Lunch club, Concerts/Choirs hosted Regular outreach at local residential home and home communion visits. 'Friends of St George's' – aims to communicate with village residents, welcome newcomers and keep in contact with church members who have moved away.

Cofton St Mary

Morning Prayer on Tuesday during the summer, Ladies who Lunch' held monthly at Cofton Holiday Park, We celebrate special days such as Mission to Seafarers, We enjoy holding Flower Festivals

Joint Mission Community Activities

Christians Together and ROC Dawlish have united to have monthly 'Praying for Dawlish', Tuesday phone/internet prayer, Julian Group, Home Communion Devon Historic Churches (Ride and Stride), Weekly E-Letter Coastline (Mission Community magazine)

Life Events across the Mission Community

The Diocese of Exeter is keen to develop wedding ministry and you might like to see www.devonchurchweddings.org

| | Dawlish 2022 | Holcombe 2022 | Cofton 2022 | Total |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| Baptism | 6 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Weddings | 6 | 2 | 3 | 11 |
| Funerals | 23 | 6 | 1 | 30 |



Worship at St Gregory's

DAWLISH, ST GREGORY THE GREAT

Situated on the south coast of Devon, Dawlish is a thriving town of more than 15,500 people. This is doubled in the summer with visitors at the holiday camps staying at Dawlish Warren. There is a mixture of Georgian, Victorian and modern Architecture. The Lawn alongside the stream running through the centre of the town is the focus for many activities throughout the year. The Cathedral and University City of Exeter is 12 miles away. The main line to the Southwest and Cornwall passes through the town and runs next to the recently rebuilt sea wall.

There are a significant number of retired people in the area. There are also a number of working people with a growing population of young adults and children. New housing developments are planned and being built and give an exciting opportunity for growth in the church.

Dawlish has several playgroups, two primary schools, a secondary school catering for students from year 7 – 11, and a school providing education for children with special needs. There is also a college serving young people with learning difficulties, and there are nursing homes, residential homes for the elderly, and a number of homes for younger people in supported living. There is a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool, gym and indoor courts offering a variety of sporting classes and clubs.

There is a community hospital, and also a medical practice and dental practices in the parish; a museum and an active local history group; two bowling greens; tennis courts; and two golf courses nearby at Dawlish Warren and Teignmouth. Dawlish boasts a theatre owned by an amateur repertory company staging regular performances. A public library, two post offices and a range of shops providing basic needs comprise

the town's amenities. There is a larger supermarket on the outskirts of the town. There is a large residential development on the outskirts of Dawlish currently being built with some homes completed and occupied.

Dawlish Town Council administers the town as part of Teignbridge District.

Besides St Gregory's Church Dawlish also has a Methodist church, The Strand Centre, which hosts the United Reformed church, a Roman Catholic Church, Hope Church (a free church) and Dawlish Baptist Church. There is fellowship among the churches through CTDD (Christians Together for Dawlish & District) which exists to promote Christian action in the town for the good of all in the community. St. Gregory's also supports ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) Dawlish.

“St. Gregory's Church has always been at the heart of Dawlish and that has no changed in modern times. Steeped in history, challenging loneliness and assisting families through the cost of living crisis - the community within the church is a family, connecting and caring. During the covid pandemic, the church leader played a considerable role in forming 'helping Dawlish' which brought together charities, care organisations, churches and the council in order to serve the community. A food larder, 1000 activity packs, online events and three year later - the responsive collaboration continues. We are lucky in Dawlish to have such a beautiful church as our parish church, we are even luckier to have such a wonderful community inside.”

Cllr Rosie Dawson
Mayor of Dawlish



Leena & Richard, Dawlish Churchwardens



Sabrina, Parish Administrator

DAWLISH (cont)

I would describe the main function of my job role at St Greg's as Parish Administrator as administration and co-ordinator! I do my best to work with various people, whether it's ministers/clergy, volunteers from within the church, outside stakeholders and members of the community to pull together arrangements for weekly worship and Sunday services and events. One of the things I enjoy most about my role is preparing for events. Although it's hard work – helping to organise the Christmas Tree festival (just one example!) is incredibly satisfying as far as following a project from beginning to completion goes. I enjoy the results and seeing the outreach that exists between St Gregory's and the community as a whole. It's very fulfilling! I also enjoy the opportunity to meet and work with lots of different people across the church and wider community. I get asked many interesting questions! (And I enjoy finding out the answers if I don't already know.)

Sabrina Andrews-Webb

Parish Administrator & Office Support Team

The Church Building

The first written records of the church date from 1148, but the church tower is all that remains of the original building. Renovation and rebuilding in 1823 and in 1873 created its present Victorian style of architecture, seating about 300.

The church has a Willis pipe organ which is one of the finest in South Devon. The installation of new LED lighting was completed in 2018 and in 2020 a new Sound and Vision system was installed. This includes a fixed projector and a screen which is lowered and raised from the vaulted ceiling of the chancel by remote control. The sound system provides amplification via both wired and wireless microphones, and also has inputs for musical instruments and voices. It is controlled wirelessly via an iPad application.

The church tower has eight bells and there is an active Bellringing group.

In 1984 the Narthex was constructed at the west end of the church providing a reception room with church office and toilets on the ground floor, and an upper floor separated from the church by a glass screen which gives a panoramic view of the Nave and Chancel. The Upper Narthex has disabled access via a lift, and also has a fitted kitchen, which was recently refurbished.



Welcome to Holcombe, St George



Worship at St Gregory's



Barbara & Mike Wardens at Holcombe

HOLCOMBE, ST GEORGE

Holcombe is situated between the seaside resorts of Dawlish and Teignmouth. The village has a church (St. George's), two pubs (The Castle Inn in the vilage and The Smugglers Inn on the main coast road) and a Village Hall, For administrative purposes Holcombe falls within the Dawlish South West ward of Teignbridge District Council.

Holcombe's history and the village's rich past, it's association with smugglers, can be traced back over a thousand years. In this time the village has changed considerably from a largely rural and agricultural community to a residential commuting village for Exeter and Torbay. It has retained much of its character with many thatched cottages in a designated conservation area. The population is a mix of ages with some young families especially within a new housing development, however the greater number are retired. There is also an established community orchard. The South Coast main railway line, one of the most scenic stretches of the rail network in the country, runs along the coast at Holcombe and a bus service connects the area to Exeter/Newton Abbot and towns in between. There is a village Website www.holcombedevon.co.uk

THE CHURCH

St, George's was built as a school in the 1870's. However it had always intended to be a worship centre as well and in the 1880's a chancel and organ were added and it became a chapel of ease within the parish of Dawlish, served from St. Gregory's. In 1945 the church was consecrated to St. George the Martyr and in 1992 the semi-independence of the congregation was formalised as it became a District Church within the parish of Dawlish having its own Deputy Wardens and District Church Council and managing its own finances, but is under the auspices of the Priest in Charge of

Dawlish and needs PCC approval for legal and financial matters. The church building has been modernised giving separate disabled access into the church and now has a meeting room with modern kitchen, priest's vestry, disabled toilet and choir storage room . A generous legacy from a parishioner ensured there would always be a house provided for a priest at St. George's and currently rental income funds the house for duty role.

We began as village church serving village community but now also draw our congregation from the wider areas of I Dawlish and Teignmouth. St. George's is a very a warm and welcoming church with an enthusiastic and proactive congregation beautiful and quiet garden with an area consecrated for the Burial of Ashes. It is open during the day to allow villagers

There is excellent parking at the Village Hall which is in close proximity to the church. There is is also access to the village pub car park.

St. George's plays an important part in the life of the village of Holcombe. It is well respected for its fellowship, outreach and service to and within the wider community. Strong support for Lay Ministry, the importance of St, George's as a worshipping community and its prayerful life is well known locally and includes contributions to the monthly Holcombe Newsletter, the Benefice E-Letter and Coastline magazine, weekly emailed Newsroom and News for the Pews information sheet.



All are welcome to coffee after the service



Sunday Worship at Cofton



Cofton, St Mary

COFTON, ST MARY

The Church

St Mary's Church building is small dating back to the 13th century having fallen into disuse twice, was restored by the Earl of Devon and reopened in 1839, it is on the outskirts of Cockwood close to Cofton Country Holiday Park. The Church is very pretty and has a wonderful ambience about it. There is also a recently refurbished church room/kitchen for church meetings, coffee mornings etc. with disabled toilet facilities. Even though most of the people living in the parish do not attend on a weekly basis, they do bring their babies/grandchildren for baptism! They are also very generous when an appeal is made for any necessary works to the Church. Those who do attend the 11am services are very friendly and happy; welcome new comers of any age with open arms. In winter our congregation numbers average 14. In the summer with Cofton Country Holiday Park next door they can balloon to 20/30!! We pay our Common Share in full each year ensure we give at least 10% of our income to charities and fundraise for local charities with Flower Festivals and concerts every other year and support Devon Historic Churches Trust yearly with an event in September. Though not many in number the congregation enjoy the weekly services, whether communion or morning worship,

The PCC meet a minimum of four times a year.

In the summer we open the Church one morning each week for coffee and for people to look around the Church.

We join with our other Mission Community partners in worship and prayer especially for Lent and Exploring Christianity courses and we welcome the fellowship, support and warmth of belonging to Dawlish Coast Mission Community.

Coton Parish

Cofton Parish is spread over a large area and encompasses the village of Cockwood, the three hamlets of Middlewood, Westwood, Eastdon also St Mary's Cottages on the main Dawlish road together with the residential and holiday resort of Dawlish Warren. Several new housing estates have been built between the parishes of Cofton and Dawlish. There is a lovely Primary School in the village of Cockwood who would welcome their Rector to Assembly. It is a very caring, popular, vibrant and highly valued school who use the church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas services. There are two Pubs in the picturesque village of Cockwood as well as several clubs and associations based in Cofton Parish Hall which is also used by Cockwood school most days. Dawlish Warren features a nature reserve alongside the popular beach.



Valerie & Ruth Churchwardens at Cofton



Celebrating with the community at St Mary's Hall



St Mary's Hall



Keeping warm at the Easter Morning Service



ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL

Cofton also has a great Hall two miles away from the Church at Dawlish Warren, which is self-funding, not only used by the Church but also the local community. The Hall is used on a daily basis by many diverse groups including, Babes & Tots, Dog Training, Band Practice, Yoga, Pilates, Ballroom Dancing, Dawlish Art Group, High C's Singers and Chloe's Art School with the WI once a month. At the weekends and in the summer holidays we often have Brownies, cubs, guides sleepovers and holidays. Also, we have children's birthday parties, wedding receptions etc. Sometimes on a fifth Sunday we have a joint Benefice Service;

A Carol Service in December in the past we have had a Easter Sunrise service followed by breakfast. There is a growing residential population in Dawlish Warren which needs encouragement and which we feel is ripe for mission and would like to see other services in the Hall for them and the many holiday makers who come to Dawlish Warren in the summer.

Cofton Parish Hall

St Mary's PCC are also trustees of Cofton Parish Hall, on behalf of the Diocese, through an Ecclesiastical Trust. The Hall is located in the centre of Cockwood Village, and is run by a committee of villagers on behalf of the local community. A member of the PCC attends any meetings and the Rector/priest can also attend if they wish.



SAFEGUARDING

The safeguarding policy in all our churches is up-to-date and regularly reviewed. We have a Safeguarding Representative for each church. Holcombe Safeguarding comes under the Safeguarding policy of the parish of Dawlish. Safeguarding is a fixed item on the PCC and DCC agendas, and a safeguarding report is submitted to every PCC and DCC meeting.

Safeguarding training is regularly reviewed and is up to date with a small number of exceptions.

The parish of Dawlish uses the Safeguarding Dashboard and all PCC members are given access

Perhaps also some quotes from children from the local schools??



Good Friday Walk of Witness



Easter Activity Morning

LINKS AND HELPFUL INFORMATION

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|--------------------------|---|
| Dawlish Town Council | https://www.dawlish.gov.uk/ |
| Community College | https://www.dawlish.devon.sch.uk/ |
| Primary Schools | https://www.westcliffpriacademy.co.uk/ |
| Dawlish Warren | https://www.dawlishwarren.info/ |
| Holcombe Village | https://holcombevillage.weebly.com/ |
| Visit South West | https://www.visitsouthwest.co.uk/ |
| Dawlish Baptist Church | https://www.dawlishbaptistchurch.org/ |
| Hope Church | https://www.hopechurchdawlish.org/ |
| URC Church | https://strandchurchdawlish.org.uk/ |
| Dawlish Methodist Church | http://www.dawlishmethodistchurch.org.uk/ |
| Visit Devon Site | http://visitdevon.co.uk/ |
| Facebook Page | https://www.facebook.com/stgregorysdawlish/ |



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“There has been a strong choral tradition at St Gregory’s since the early 1800s with the choir originally singing at weekly Mattins and Choral Evensong services. More recently the choir now sing at all traditional Sung Eucharist services and civic services at the church.”

