

*In the HOLiDAY COaST Mission Community  
in the Anglican Diocese of Exeter*



**Welcome to the  
September Turret Times.**

As there is no church magazine this month, this is an extended version and hopefully we will be able to get a copy to all who subscribe to the magazine. Please pass any comments on what you would like to see in the church magazine to Chris.

**Services and Events for September 2017**

For details of the Tuesday Bible Studies, please ring 01626 774844

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| <b>3</b>  | <b>Sunday Trinity 12</b> | <b>9.30 First Sunday Communion with baptism</b>          |
| 5         | Tuesday                  | 9.40 Quiet Prayer  |
|           |                          | <b>10.00 Pause for Prayer</b>                            |
|           |                          | 10.30 Holy Communion by extension<br>– Ann Leigh, Reader |
| 9         | Saturday                 | 2.00 Messy Church – Holcombe Village Hall                |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Sunday Trinity 13</b> | <b>9.30 Sung Holy Communion</b>                          |
| 12        | Tuesday                  | 9.40 Quiet Prayer  |
|           |                          | <b>10.00 Pause for Prayer</b>                            |
|           |                          | 10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)<br>- Revd Sue Knight          |
| 13        | Wednesday                | 12.00 Ladies' Lunch,<br>Amelia's, Cofton Country Park    |
| <b>17</b> | <b>Sunday Trinity 14</b> | <b>9.30 Sung Holy Communion</b>                          |
| 19        | Tuesday                  | 9.40 Quiet Prayer  |
|           |                          | <b>10.00 Pause for Prayer</b>                            |
|           |                          | 10.30 Holy Communion                                     |
| 23        | Saturday                 | 2.00 Wedding<br>Jon Southwood and Caroline Cannon        |
| <b>24</b> | <b>Sunday Trinity 15</b> | <b>8.00 Holy Communion BCP</b>                           |
|           |                          | <b>9.30 Sung Holy Communion</b>                          |
| 26        | Tuesday                  | 9.40 Quiet Prayer  |
|           |                          | 10.00 Pause for Prayer                                   |
|           |                          | 10.30 Holy Communion                                     |
| 27        | Wednesday                | 2.00 Forget Me Nots<br>@ St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren  |

**October**

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**                      **9.30 for 10 Harvest Festival Songs of Praise**  
*Please see below*

After this date, we hope Sunday services will be in the Village Hall. Check information in the Church notices and on the village and church websites.

**Harvest Festival** will be a Harvest Songs of Praise preceded by bacon butties and followed by auction of fresh produce. Activities for the children before and during. This year we will not be asking for dried goods as we will have nowhere to store them, but please contribute to the foodbank when you go shopping. Produce of garden, allotment, field and kitchen can be brought on the day. **Fresh produce will be auctioned after the service in aid of the Harvest Appeal for 'Farming God's Way', Thungururu, Thika Diocese.** This Diocese in Kenya is linked with our Diocese of Exeter. An earlier appeal raised funds for a water catchment reservoir, and launched the 'FGW project, spreading knowledge about how to conserve and use water most effectively.

**Forget Me Not's** – This is the name we have given to the dementia awareness/support event that we are developing.

**St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren** (ample parking, accessible building etc). The last Wednesday of the month, 27th Sept, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct and 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017. *Provisional Programme*



2.30 – arrive, meet and greet; 2.45 – sing and pray\*3.00 – tea and cake followed by “table time” – some sort of chat, discussion, activity. Who is it for? Those affected by Dementia, their friends and families and those interested in offering support. Please take the flyers at the back of church to invite any who might be interested.

or publications, but with a project to make the building fit for purpose for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In case there are any readers who are not aware of this, here is a recap, which I think will be interesting for all of us.

After we re-roofed the south side of the main church, I, Chris, had a conversation with an advisor from a grant making body with whom we had been unsuccessful on that occasion. He encouraged me that if we had another project we would stand a good chance of getting a grant, and he also mentioned that grants of 100% were sometimes given if a church demonstrated that they had already shown concern for their building.

Armed with this encouragement, the District Church Council (elected by those on the electoral roll each AGM) decided to investigate repairs to the Church Rooms. These consist of a 1920's vestry with a 1979/80 lean to extension. The roof of the larger room needs replacing and we quickly learned that the estimate for that alone was about £20K.



We also received advice from a local grant making body that we were far more likely to get a grant if we showed strategic planning and that, as the economic situation developed, we were unlikely to get it just to replace a roof. So we asked ourselves, if we re-ordered the internal layout of the rooms on the same footprint, would it be possible to get planning permission to create an additional entrance providing step free access into the side of the church? This was in 2015.

We commissioned an architect with experience of church work to produce basic sketches and based on those we received initial estimates of about £70K from builders. Some will remember me observing in the spring of 2016 that as there were about 70 people on the electoral roll, that amounted to £1K each!!! We realised that 2017 would be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original building. What better way to celebrate than to look after the structure we have and hand it on to future generations in good condition?

It became obvious that in order to apply for grants, grant making bodies required us to have full permissions in place and firm quotations. To do that, we needed to have full architect's plans which we could then submit to

Teignbridge for planning, and to the Diocesan Advisory Council for the Care of Churches (DAC) in order to obtain church planning permission. This latter is called a “faculty” and these days all the work must be done on line. By this time, we had reached May 2016.

At that point, we received news of the death of a long standing and much-loved member of the congregation who for some time had been in residential care. We also heard that he had remembered the church in his

will. Informally, we heard how much had been in his estate. Armed with that knowledge we realised that with the generous giving from the congregation, the project was going to be viable. We revisited the plans and decided that while we were going to make a mess, we might as well do everything that would make a mess at the same time. Just to replace the roofs would mean the emptying out of the vestries. The changes involved knocking the outside store (which is built into the main body of the building) through into the existing kitchen to create a new private vestry/office.

We had named the project “Holcombe Accessibility Project” as creating accessibility is viewed as a good thing all round and we wanted to catch the eye of strategic people with our title. To create accessibility there has to be an almost complete re-ordering of the inside and in addition we were always going to re-new the roofs.

Over the winter of 2016/17 the plans were drawn and submissions were made for both sets of planning permission. That permission would be granted in a conservation area was not a foregone conclusion so we are very grateful to have it.



In the summer of 2017 we had confirmation that the bequest would be distributed reasonably soon. The facts and figures become quite complex, but suffice to say that we are now in a financial position to commit to the project. It will not surprise anyone to know that the cost is now more. There are also bills for an asbestos survey, building regs, and for moving the safe. However, the legacy will be more than

### **Ladies Lunch Weds 13th Sept; Thurs 26th Oct; Weds 6th December.**

12 noon at Amelia's, Cofton Country Park. Please note that this session it is not always on the same day – by popular request! If you have not already joined us, then why not do so? Not everyone can come all the time, but we keep coming back so we must enjoy ourselves! No need to book, just turn up. Any queries, see Chris or find out who else has come.



Full care packs, dignity or smiley bags should be delivered to the Rectory between 9.30 and 10.30 on Weds 27<sup>th</sup>. If that is not possible, please could you find someone who could do that for you. All items packed should be new in original packing or with

tags.

We will also collect the following and these should be delivered to the Rectory (13 Westcliffe) before Weds 27<sup>th</sup>.

- **Banana boxes with lids!** Please ask at the supermarkets etc,
- Immaculate, so good you can't tell they are not new, clothes, freshly laundered if needed. Please bag separately according to man, woman, boy, girl, baby. Label accordingly but do not seal.
- New clothing as above, in original packing or with tags still attached. There is a great need for underwear, and for men's clothing. Shoes, only absolutely immaculate, freshly polished.
- Toiletries – toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, nappies, sanitary and incontinence pads. Absolutely no liquids or aerosols.

**Please** Do not include anything other than the above, it creates a **huge** amount of extra work. Do not include **anything** not on the list – some areas are under UN embargo and these lists have been very carefully compiled.

All this is on a leaflet available at the back of the church.



**ROC Dawlish is being launched!!** *Redeeming Our Communities* is a nationally recognised organisation working together for better and safer communities. United Christian Action in Dawlish and District is joining ROC and thus becoming ROC Dawlish. The launch will be

on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at Cofton Country Park. <https://roc.uk.com>

The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the month. – new time!  
4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December. 4 pm.  
In the Village Hall unless otherwise notified.



**NB First Messy of the autumn** - Sat 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm in  
Lost Son. We will finish with a feast, but no fatted calf!

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### Church Council and Church Wardens

Every sports team plays to its strengths but also encourages new players alongside the established ones. The Church is no different. We should not always rely on the same people to get jobs done. Please could I ask you all to pray about who could be our next church wardens? Bill, our current Warden, is doing an excellent job, but won't want to carry on for ever. Now I know that there are many who would not be able, but could I still ask you to pray about it? If we cannot sustain the Church Council and the position of Church Warden, how can we sustain the life of the church, practically? The role of the Warden is twofold. One is to have oversight of the physical building and possessions of the church. This will be a lot easier once the building project is completed. The other is to ensure that all that is required for Sunday worship is in place. These roles can be shared, as they are at the moment, amongst a team. Nonetheless, in addition to the team it would be good to have those who would be willing to work officially as a Warden, of which we ideally have two. It might help to encourage people to come forward if we stipulated a year at a time? Please could we all take ownership of this and all pray for the good administration of our common life.

**Safeguarding** – thank you so much for all those who have completed the training. If you are not certain if you are invited to do it, please see Barbara Rains. Those who attended the evening at Starcross found it really helpful and interesting.

**Fair Trade** – At the DCC meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August, we to buy and use only “Fair Trade” tea and coffee for our Sainsbury’s “Fairly Traded” is **NOT** “Fair Trade” and does not. The producers do not like Sainsbury’s new scheme.



reaffirmed our commitment refreshments. Remember that carry the “FairTrade” logo.

### HAP is HAPPENING!!! Go for Triple Gold!!

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original building that is now St George’s Holcombe. We are celebrating not with special services or events originally envisaged. If anyone wants more details, then please see our treasurer.

**It is important to stress that there is still a real need to pray about the whole project**, especially as it is not unknown for loose ends to appear where not expected! **The fund is still open** and we are still raising funds for the internal furnishings.

During the work, which we think will start at the end of September/beginning of October, the church rooms will become a building site. The church itself will be open, (although not always very tranquil!). However, there will be no public access to the left of the main entrance steps, through the black door, or past the end of the south wall of the church on the garden side. The organ will be protected. This is because the organ chamber extends backwards into the large room which is losing its roof.

In the case of any funeral, that can be arranged with two weeks’ notice. The builders would not work that day. However, music might have to be with the use of the keyboard.

Worship on a Sunday will be in the Village Hall, and we are very grateful to the Hall committee for enabling this. Remember that the church is the people, and that we will be very much St George’s, albeit at the Hall. There will be a need to set up the “front” of the worship space, but the chairs in the congregation can be added as people arrive. Tuesday morning service will be in private houses and there will be a list of venues in the porch

When we get back into the church again, that doesn't mean that the project will be finished. We may still be living out of boxes. The new small vestry will need to be kitted out with cupboards and shelves and the new store room (the current flower room) likewise. Until we see physically the shape of the rooms and feel what they are like, it will be difficult to make final decisions.

During September, we will carry on clearing out the vestries. It is amazing what accumulates when no one wants to throw anything away. Remember we have a whole bag of candle ends a few inches long, still very useable!! Most of the boxes of our property are being stored in various homes and garages, and we are very grateful to those who have offered this. This is the

church working together. Let us celebrate the opportunity to meet together in a different way and pray that the Lord will use this to his praise and glory. Let us be gentle with each other and embrace any chaos and uncertainty with good humour!

We are so very grateful for the way God's hand has been on this project up to now. It is daunting and hard work, but we believe it to be totally necessary to safeguard the ability of the church to offer hospitality and continue in Mission and Ministry. Please continue to pray that we will be sensitive to the Lord's wisdom and leading in all decisions and difficulties ahead.

As I write, the preparatory work to the contract is being undertaken by the architect and a final query about wiring being addressed. The asbestos survey is being arranged. So, and I hope this is the last time I have to write this, watch this space!!

**As we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building that is St George's, Holcombe, we pray that we may be worthy stewards of our inheritance.**

**May we be a building fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and accessible to all.  
In the name of Him who is the Way, and the sure foundation for our lives, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen**

Advance Notices – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October there will only be 2 morning services in the Holiday Coast Group. Both at 10.00. One will be at St Paul's Starcross, and the other at St Gregory's.

The service at St Gregory's will be a Family Holy Communion and Chris has been invited to celebrate. This will be an ideal opportunity to share with St Greg's about our project.

The Service of Remembering and Hope will be moved to the New Year.