

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

Tuesday at Ten – Pause for Prayer

First of all, a big thank you to all who helped make Thursday 12th April so memorable. We have received a letter from Bishop Robert in his own hand; here is an excerpt:

"I wanted to write straightaway to say how very much I enjoyed being with you all at St George's yesterday. You've achieved so much and I salute your imagination and perseverance in bringing your plans to fruition. What a team...! Please pass on to the wardens and hospitality team my appreciation and congratulations.

Well done good and faithful servants. With my thanks for our partnership in the Gospel, + Robert. "

The Bishop's sermon was thought provoking and we hope to be able to obtain copies for those who were not able to be there and to enable us to reflect further on what he said.

At the beginning of the month many are away on a "Kings Tour". Ann Leigh will be leading a **Morning Service for Rogation Sunday on 6th May**. So if you are not away please come to encourage her.

On Tuesday 8th there will be no services as some of those not away cannot attend either!

Ascension Day, 10th May. Mission Community Holy Communion Service, 7pm, St Mary's Cofton.

Saturday 12th May, 11.30. Thanksgiving Service for the life of Pat Unwin. The funeral service will have already taken place, but Pat wanted a service in St George's. John invites all to come. Light sandwich lunch in the Church Rooms afterwards. Food provided but we may need a volunteer/s to put it out and make tea.

Wednesday 16th May, 4 pm, Church Rooms, Church and Garden.

Messy + Vintage Wedding Tea Party. (It's the week before the Royal Wedding!!). Come young and old to enjoy wedding themed activities, or simply sit and chat with a cup of tea, and then enjoy a wedding tea. We might even have jelly again!!

(Those who came to the last Messy + Vintage might understand that!)

Saturday 19th – 2 pm – wedding of Amy Goldup and Billy Marks

Wednesday 30th, the Forget-me-nots meeting in St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren at 2.30 welcomes Mary Austin from Devon Carers who will deliver a Dementia Friends session for us, suitable for all comers. Some of the quieter activities will still be in evidence for those who might benefit from them!!

Christian Aid Week There will be envelopes in the pews on Sundays 13th, 20th.

Saturday 12th May: Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale, Strand Centre, 10.00 – 1.00 pm.



CA Week this year clashes with the run up to **Pentecost**, so that same week we will be praying in a special way **Thy Kingdom Come**. If you don't usually drop into the church during the week, then why not do so in the week leading up to Pentecost, 20th May? There will be some additional resources in church to help you to pray that God's kingdom would more fully come in our world, in our communities, in our church and in our lives.

Baptisms. End May/beginning of June, we welcome baptism families on 2 Sundays running. Bad planning? No - a knock-on effect from not being in the church for several months. Also, one family has had illness.



Calling all knitters and crafters!! You will have read the articles in the Holcombe Newsletter about Armistice Day and Poppies. (If you live outside the village you have no excuse as copies are available at the back of the church!! It really is essential, and very interesting, reading to help us be part of the community we serve.) Sunday 11th

November is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. We do not yet know the form of service but we plan a display in Church the previous week and would like a myriad of knitted poppies. We also hope to have the Quilt displayed. So please get knitting. The knitting basket is back for blanket squares for Samara's Aid.

AGM Matters – we were nearly snowed off, but the elections did take place and here are the results:

Church Wardens: Mike Burden, Warden with responsibility for the building etc. We have had a challenge to find someone to be **Warden with responsibility for the running of the services**, even with a warden team. **This post is still vacant. The warden team as elected is: (PTO)**



Willi Armes, Stephen Barriball, Mike Kinsey, Brian K Pearce, Steve Pocock, Barbara Rains. Each of these will be Warden for the Sunday service when they are on duty and have the authority of Warden delegated to them for that service. Some are learning the ropes and each person does things slightly differently. Barbara is kindly acting as Warden Team Coordinator but next year we will need someone else.

District Church Council (Chair – Rev Prebendary Chris Curd) – 9 elected members: Liz Hawath (Secretary), Mike Kinsey, Peter Dummett (Treasurer), Marilyn Chamberlain, Jane Pearce, Steve Pocock, Brian K Pearce, Barbara Rains, Marian Wannell.; ex officio Ann Leigh (Deanery Synod Rep); Mike Burden. Margaret Behenna as Warden Emeritus has the right to attend. Vacant – a Deanery Synod Rep.

Sidespersons These are legally assistants to the Church Wardens in their role of ensuring that the worship proceeds smoothly. Elected were Marilyn Chamberlain, Carole Comber, Fred Comber, Mike Kinsey, Brian K Pearce, Jane Pearce, Barbara Rains, Roger Tyler, with Marian Wannell being elected later. On some Sundays there may be a second sidesperson instead of a Welcomer.

Data Protection. The law is changing, and churches have been told we have to comply. If you are on the electoral roll please help us by returning either the emailed or hard copy form. It will make life a lot easier for us if you do so. Anybody who holds lists of people’s contact details may also need to obtain permission to continue to do so. Any queries, please talk to our Secretary, Liz Hawarth, who has been busily reading up on this. See www.parishresources.org/GPDR. Likewise I know that Barbara Rains would be very grateful if all those who are invited to undertake **Safeguarding Awareness** would do so, many have and thank you.

St Greg’s Services. Some may be interested to know that St Greg’s is altering its pattern of services. The 9.30 and 11.15 are to combine to form a service at 10.00 every Sunday. On the different Sundays – 1st – Family Worship (not Holy Communion); 2nd and 4th Sung Eucharist; 3rd Family Holy Communion;

Farewell to the Tea Service The tea service was started in the Hall by Helen mainly because there were those who could not access the church. Of course, that reason no longer exists. In addition, many who benefitted can no longer attend, and not many newcomers have joined us. It is hard physical work and of course we have to pay rent. So, the team have decided that the Tea Service, in its current form, will come to an end, although we do envisage some sort of “café” event in the Church Rooms in the future. There will be a celebration tea on an afternoon in June yet to be decided.



“How to use the Church Rooms” – the DCC will be convening a small one time working group to review and reflect on how to use the Church Rooms to serve the community as well as our midweek church life. If you have any views on anything you think we should be doing, please talk to Chris as soon as possible.

Calendar for May 2018

Tuesdays 1, 15, 22, 29	9.40, Quiet Prayer; 10.00 Pause for Prayer, 10.30 Holy Communion (BCP on 15 th)	
	2.00	Bible Study at 5 Cedar Close
6 Sunday	9.30	Morning Service for Rogation Sunday
10 Thursday	7.00 pm	Holy Communion for Ascension Day at St Mary’s Cofton
12 Saturday	11.30	Celebration of the life of the late Pat Unwin
13 Sunday	9.30	Sung Holy Communion
Sunday after Ascension/Christian Aid Week/ Thy Kingdom Come		
14 Monday		Holcombe Lunch, booking essential
16 Wednesday	4.00	Tea Party – Messy Church + Vintage With a wedding theme!
19 Saturday	2.00	Wedding, Amy Goldup and Billyray Marks
20 Pentecost	9.30	Sung Holy Communion
27 Trinity Sunday	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30	Morning Worship with Baptism (Hugo Glasper)
30 Wednesday	2.30	Forget Me Nots, St Mary’s Hall, Dawlish Warren Dementia Friends Session
June 5	9.30	Family Service with Baptism (Noah Theobald)