

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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GRATITUDEAND SEAGULLS! *Ceri Lee writes:*

The Kids' Swap Shop sessions held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in term-time at St Greg's are VERY popular and we now regularly have over twenty families (parents, children and grandparents) coming to donate the children's outgrown clothes in exchange for some 'new to them' items. I know I would have found it such a useful and money-saving resource if Swap Shop had been around in the 1980s and 1990s when my two boys were growing up.... and growing out of their clothes and shoes with amazing regularity! The last session before the school holidays begin is happening this coming week on Tuesday 16th from 9am-11am.



At a recent Swap Session I was chatting away with one of the mums and her two home-educated children. The conversation, prompted by the bright 8-year old girl, turned to seagulls. She excitedly told me *"We're a bit late today, that's because we had to be very careful when we left our house this morning!"* she went on *"because of the baby seagull in the front garden"*. Many of you will know why a seemingly defenceless baby seagull was a bit of a problem. Of course, the baby seagull, fallen out of its roof nest, was not a problem in itself. It WAS defenceless.... well, it would have been, except it's got a mum and dad! And both those seagull parents were protecting their offspring by fearlessly dive-bombing anyone who, in their eyes, posed a threat. I know there are those of us who, on occasion, have had to resort to putting up an umbrella as a shield whenever we go out. Sometimes it's hard to remember we should be grateful for ALL God's creatures!

It's gratitude that prompted an old man to visit an old broken pier in Florida. Every Friday, until his death in 1973, Eddie Rickenbacker, would return, walking slowly and with a slight stoop. The seagulls would flock to him and he would feed them from his large bucket full of shrimp.

Many years before, in 1942, Captain Eddie of the US Air Force was on a mission in a B-17 to deliver an important message to General MacArthur in New Guinea. Somewhere over the South Pacific the aircraft became lost beyond the reach of radio. Fuel ran dangerously low, so the men ditched their plane into the ocean. For nearly a month Captain Eddie and his companions fought the water, the weather, and the scorching sun with large sharks ramming their rafts. But of all their enemies at sea, the worst was starvation. After eight days their rations had either been consumed or destroyed by the salt water. It would take a miracle to sustain them. And a miracle occurred.

In Captain Eddie's own words, *"Cherry (the B-17 pilot, Captain William Cherry) read the service that afternoon, we finished with a prayer for deliverance and hymn of praise.then, with my hat pulled down over my eyes to keep out some of glare from the sun, I dozed off... Something landed on my head. I just knew it was a seagull. Everyone else knew, too. No-one said a word but I could see the expression on their faces. They were staring at the gull. The gull meant food...if I could catch it."* And the rest, as they say, is history. Captain Eddie caught the gull. Its flesh was eaten and its intestines used for bait to catch fish. The men were sustained and their hopes renewed because a lone seagull, uncharacteristically miles from land, offered itself as a sacrifice. Eddie made it and never forgot. That's why an old man fed shrimps to the seagulls every Friday evening.... to remember and to thank to that one which, on a day long past, gave itself without a struggle, like manna in the wilderness or Christ on the cross.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE CHANGE FOR ST GREGORY'S AND ST GEORGE'S



Tess Hickson has replaced Will Halse as our safeguarding rep and is currently getting to grips with the role and the databases. She is also to become the second DBS evidence checker, again replacing Will. Tess may be approaching volunteers to remind them of any outstanding safeguarding training. As a rule, anyone doing any role in the church from flowers, to coffee, side person to choir, is asked to complete the one hour Basic SG training that can be found on the Church of England safeguarding training portal, <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>. This is to ensure we all have a level of awareness that helps to keep ourselves and the church community safe. Leaders of activities will also be asked to complete Foundation level. If people struggle to access courses online, there will be the opportunity to do the courses as a group at one of the churches in September with coffee and cake. Dates to be arranged soon. The way to contact Tess is via the church phone number or via an online form which is being set up on the website soon.

Many thanks to Will for all his work as SG rep and thanks also to everyone in the churches who stay up to date with their training. It is up to us all to keep our safeguarding responsibilities a focus of all we do as a church community.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM CHRIS & CLIFF CURD!

To all who helped over the 4 days of our open garden, including those who baked cakes! Alex Hill was brilliant at car parking, and who knew that Gill would win a stickleback fishing competition!

Over the 4 days we are pleased to report that thanks to all the help we received, we have been able to send £1508.65 to the NGS charities and have raised £414.32 for Ukraine which will be sent via contacts of our guests' family.

Despite the somewhat inclement weather on the 7th with its cloudbursts, we still had 46 visitors! People crammed into the conservatory to take their tea!

Thank you to everyone.



DO YOU FANCY A DAY OUT?

Join Dawlish Community Transport on our **Tuesday Trips**

Door to Door Transport

Picking you up/returning you to/from your home

AUGUST 2024:

6 th	Exmouth	£15.00
13 th	Cockington Court/Torquay	£15.00
20 th	Dart's Farm/Topsham	£12.00
27 th	Ashburton/Dartmoor	£15.00

SEPTEMBER 2024:

3 rd	Dartmouth	£15.00
10 th	Trago Mills	£12.00
17 th	Tiverton	£20.00
24 th	Tavistock	£20.00

OCTOBER 2024:

1 st	Donkey Sanctuary/Sidmouth	£15.00
8 th	Brixham	£15.00
15 th	Endsleigh Garden Centre	£18.00
22 nd	IKEA/Dunelm/Exeter	£12.00
29 th	Warren House Inn/Dartmoor	£15.00

'BINGO & BUS'

Wednesday's 7th Aug, 4th Sept & 2nd Oct 2024

Arriving for 7.30pm/eyes down from 8.00pm at Ashcombe Village Hall

Vehicle available for Dawlish passengers who can benefit from Community

Transport support (£5 each to cover costs) - book in advance/limited spaces.

Pick-up time confirmed on day of travel

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The Children's Society

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IMAGES FROM THE DAWLISH COAST MISSION COMMUNITY BENEFICE SERVICE AND BARBECUE AT ST MARY'S HALL, DAWLISH WARREN

Sunday 30th June 2024 - a wonderful day of worship and fellowship!



SERVICES 14th to 27th JULY

Sunday 14th July

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Parish Communion
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Tuesday 16th July

9am Prayer Meeting on Zoom - *see notice aside*

Wednesday 17th July

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 21st July

9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
11am St Mary's – Morning Worship
3pm St Andrew's, Ipplepen - *Re-licensing of Steve Cronin as Lay Minister to Dawlish Coast*
6.30pm Benefice Phone Service - dial 01200 480091

Tuesday 23rd July

9am Prayer Meeting on Zoom - *see notice aside*

Wednesday 24th July

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon in JULY

Monday 15th Dawlish Art Group Summer Exhibition
at the Strand Centre - *until Saturday 20th*

Tuesday 16th Kids' Swap Shop at St Greg's 9-11am
Little Greg's at St Greg's 9.30am
Praying for Dawlish
at Dawlish Methodist Church 12 noon
Ladies' Lunch
at Amelia's, Cofton Holiday Park 12.30pm

Saturday 20th Quiz Night at Dawlish Library 7.15pm
Craft Fair
at St Michael's, Teignmouth 10am- 3pm

Sunday 21st Classic Car Show
on Dawlish Lawn 10am-4pm

Tuesday 23rd Julian Prayer Group at St Greg's 2pm

* St Mary's Cofton will be opening our Church for quiet reflection from **22nd July to 30th August**, **Monday to Friday 11am to 3pm**. In addition we will have a Coffee Morning every Monday during these dates from 10am-12noon. *



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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ALL WELCOME TO COME!

Steve Cronin, our Rector's 'other half' is to be relicensed as a Lay Minister to the Dawlish Coast Mission Community at **St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen** on **Sunday 21st July at 3pm**



MONTHLY SALE

St Paul's Church, Starcross
11am- 2pm

Saturday 13th July

Refreshments - pasties - savouries
cakes - tea - coffee
books - bric-a-brac - jigsaws
children's magazines, raffle
plus plants for sale 

*Do you want to sell some items?
You can book space on a pew, half or a full one
No fee but donations welcome if you are successful*

To book email claire@goshayes.com



If you would like any support,
or someone to talk to, or you know of someone else who does,
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