

Tuesday at Ten – Pause for Prayer

A big **THANKYOU** to David Milne for his time, skill and stone. His beautiful gift is now in situ outside the Foyer door. God with Us. And thank you to those who put up the new flag pole!

Wednesday 31st October 2-4. Final Drop in before Armistice

Sunday 4th November All Saints Day will be celebrated in the First Sunday Communion Service at 9.30 Service of Remembering and Hope takes place at 3 pm. All are welcome whether specifically remembering someone or not. Please give any names you wish to be read out to Chris in writing.

Refreshments: at the time of writing we are still looking for a couple of people to organise tea etc afterwards.



100 Years On Commemorative Display in Church – Please Support

Tuesday 6th starts off as usual. Quiet Prayer at 9.40, Prayers at 10.00; shortened HC at 10.30

12 noon – WW1 service for Dawlish man George Henry Cole (Friday for William Henry Burch)

12.30 – Organ recital by Ian Bartlett. 1.15 – soup and roll lunch (Fran's soups are legendary!)

From Wednesday 7th to Saturday 10th the Church will be open from 10.00 to 4.00.

Please come and support this, make it widely known and invite friends, family and neighbours.

There are flyers and posters available if you can use them. Those of us who have heard the stories of the men behind the names on the War Memorial have been struck by how inter related they were, and how the War must have devastated the small village of Holcombe. Lest we Forget. But we have called this display "100 Years On" as we want to reflect on where we are now, and how we can contribute now to a "more whole" world.

We want to serve the community by hosting this Display and giving people an opportunity for reflection.

Saturday afternoon, the Display in the Church will be as usual, but **Messy Church** is hosting family activities in the Church Room, using the theme "Love your Neighbour" based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. Again, there are flyers about this if you can use them. During this time there will be an ongoing buffet tea.

The Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month 1918 – 2018

Sunday 11th November – Remembrance Service starts at 10.45 We hope to listen to events broadcast from Whitehall for about 5 minutes, around the time of the national Silence.

12.30 – We may only have one bell, but it will be rung at the same time as bells ring out across the nation, as they did exactly 100 years previously. It may be rung again in the evening – watch the pew sheet.

The rest of the month looks like this:

Tuesday 13th: usual Tuesday; 9.40, 10.00 and 10.30 HC (BCP)

Sunday 18th: 9.30 Sung Holy Communion

Tuesday 20th: 10.00 Sacred Space; **Wednesday 21st:** 2-4, Cake and Cleaning Café + also **Weds Dec 12th**

Sunday 25th: 8.00 (BCP) & 9.30 Sung Holy Communion. Christ the King, Last before Advent, Stir Up Sunday

Tuesday 27th: usual Tuesday; 9.40, 10.00 and 10.30 HC

December Advance Dates **Sunday 2nd – Christingle 9.30 to make, 10.00 service in Church**

Wednesday 5th: 2-4 Drop In; **Saturday 8th:** 2.30 Messy Church

Christmas Services are being advertised in advance on notices around the Church.

Other Advance Dates – a Miscellany!

Sat 24th Nov, St Paul's, Starcross, 10.00 – 3.30. Wonderful Winter Warmer. Sale of preloved items, Crafts, All day refreshments + bacon butties 10-12. (£5 table. Book with Claire Johns 01392 832534.) Free entry.

Switching on of Christmas Lights 17.30 Friday 30 November. Community carols on the Bandstand with the Dawlish schools opening the singing from 17.00 – 17.30.

Saturday 1 Dec/Sunday 2 Dec at 11 – 4 Dawlish Christmas Market with a Churches' Information Stall. The "Get in the Picture" photo opportunity with the painted scenery will operate as last year on both days.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Greg's: Tues 13th – Sat 15th Dec – look out for info.

Letters received. (1) from Thelma "to all my lovely friends at Holcombe Church". She thanks everyone for all the support received and hopes to be back at church in a few weeks' time. She sends special thanks to Ann Leigh for holding her for 2+ hours, to Barbara for standing in the rain and the cold for that time to

make sure her foot did not slip, and to Bill whose car it was!! **(2)** from Kay Simms – thank you for the Peter Beales rose vouchers – telling us how she is settling in. If you haven't seen it, please ask.

Social Concern Items from October

(1) Modern slavery is hidden in plain sight on our high streets. The National Crime Agency thinks there are tens of thousands of people being exploited in the UK, forced to work long hours, for little or no pay, and under threat of violence. Some of those people are being exploited in hand car washes, which in recent years have sprung up across the country in their thousands. Many hand car washes are legitimate businesses, but some of them are not. Police raids in hand car washes in towns and cities up and down the country have unearthed victims living in horrendous conditions. **THE PROBLEM** Although law enforcement and the government are clear that this problem exists, there is no reliable data on just how widespread it is. This lack of information means that victims could be falling through the net, becoming more enmeshed in the cycle of exploitation. We (Clewer Initiative of the CE) have spoken to the police, the National Crime Agency and the Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority about how the church can help them solve this and bring these hidden victims into the light. The **Safe Car Wash app** has been developed by the CE and allows the public to engage with the problem by enabling the largest community intelligence gathering exercise ever attempted in the UK. Download the free app onto your phone and then when at a hand car wash, open the app and complete a short survey about the working conditions.

(2) Rough Sleepers. Many are concerned about the plight of such people but don't know what to do. Contact Streetlink (it is anonymous) and log your concern and the individual will be connected with local services that can support them. www.streetlink.org.uk. If you are not on line you know someone who is.

(3) South West Community Chaplaincy – the Peninsula Initiative. On Prisons Sunday I mentioned this organisation which I helped to found over 10 years ago. Funded by charitable grant making trusts it works to extend the pastoral care of the Prison Service Chaplaincy through the Prison Gate to the harsh reality outside. Mentors support released prisoners, working with them to navigate their way through the complexities of benefits, housing, work, attitudes etc. More information on www.swcc-pi.org



Knitting: and a reminder that the Drop In's are not just about knitting!!

Other activities are enjoyed as well! After poppies, let us turn our attention to 6" squares for blankets for Samara's Aid and to knitted garments. I know there are some who enjoy knitting "fish and chip" tops, but these are designed for use in Africa, not the Middle East with its cold winters. Whilst not wanting to stop people knitting "fish and chips", perhaps some time could be given to simple toddler jumpers? I know the bigger the garment the longer the time, but the need is so great. If anyone has a simple pattern, could they bring it along?

Don't forget! - cards for sale at the back of church!: more choice in a bag under the pew. 50% goes to church funds, every penny helps. So why not make your card purchases help St George's?

Samara's Aid – on Sat 13th Oct, Samara wrote: *We have had an amazing week! We had deliveries all over the country of essential aid collected by churches, individuals, schools and community groups. We will have enough to load a fantastic SIX 40' CONTAINERS OF AID FOR SYRIA! Thanks to Georgie and the team in Somerset for loading the first of these (including "our" boxes!) which we topped up in Worthing on Friday. 2 more were loaded today; 1 in Worthing and another picked up first from Leics then Bucks. We will load another container in Worthing on Monday and will still have some aid to load from Worthing, Amersham & Essex next week too. The sixth container up in East Yorks will hopefully finish being filled by our amazing partners at Jacob's Well. God is good! Thanks so much also to our many partners, to name a few, Feed The Hungry, Link to Hope, Christian Hope International, The Entertainer, and Tom the farmer for letting us use your warehouses and barns. It makes this all possible. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped in any way.*

Photos from our local collection will be on the notice board. Start collecting for the next one!

Lastly - Kings Tours. Do you know about these locally organised holidays and days out? Derek King has pinned up some information if you might be interested in joining in.

