

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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WHO FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT JESUS? Steve Cronin, LLM, writes:

Recently in church we celebrated All Saints Day, an opportunity for us to look back at the saints that have gone before us. At St Greg's we asked the question "Do you remember the person who first told you about Jesus?" Maybe it was your parents, grandparents, a Sunday School teacher perhaps? Perhaps your faith journey started much later as an adult?



I remember my first Sunday School Teacher, Miss Crathern, I know that she had been teaching the beginners class for many years before I started Sunday School and I believe she was the teacher when my brother and sister first started attending too. I remember those stories, often told with the help of flannelgraph images (a bit like Fuzzy Felt), also the child sized windsor chairs they had in the room. Over 60 years on I can still remember the influence of that faithful woman as she served the children in our church by telling them the good news of Jesus. Years went on, and those stories were repeated and expanded as my understanding developed as I went through Sunday school and youth groups. Indeed even now I often come away from church or preparing a service thinking "Well I hadn't noticed that before!".

I can think back to Miss Crathern and others who taught me the Good News of Jesus, and I can celebrate their witness as we think of All Saints. The Old Testament Reading for All Saints was Deuteronomy 6 vs 4 – 9 The Message Version puts it like this.....

Attention, Israel! God, our God! God the one and only!

Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

It's a challenge isn't it? I was challenged by the idea of talking about God and what he means to us, when we talk to our children, when we are walking along the street or sitting at home. From the time you get up until the time you go to bed. The Israelites were told to tie the commandments to their hands and foreheads and attached them to their doorposts to remind them so they didn't forget. It is the custom today for Jews to tie a phylactery (a small box containing scriptures), to their hands and heads when they go to pray. I wonder if we can say the same for our lives? Do we talk about Jesus, as we walk down the street or when we talk to our friends and neighbours? The early church we read about in the bible went from being a room full of scared disciples, to an unstoppable worldwide movement of over 2.4 billion believers, What a legacy!

As we fast approach Advent and a time when we have great opportunities to talk about Jesus and the real meaning of the Christmas story, maybe we could be the first person to tell someone about the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

ADVENT STUDY GROUP

'Someone to Believe In' is an Advent Course based on the much-loved Christmas film 'Miracle on 34th Street'. If you've never seen the movie or want a refresher then why not watch it with others at 7pm on Sunday 17th November at the home of Steve and Rev Linda Cronin in Shillingate Close, Dawlish?

The Advent Study, which will be discussion-based, relaxed and informal, takes place on three consecutive Thursday evenings from 21st November plus the final evening on Friday 13th December.

To register your interest, or just to find out a bit more, call 01626 927281.

SERENITY PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES

Ceri Lee writes:

Many of you will have heard what's known as the Serenity Prayer:

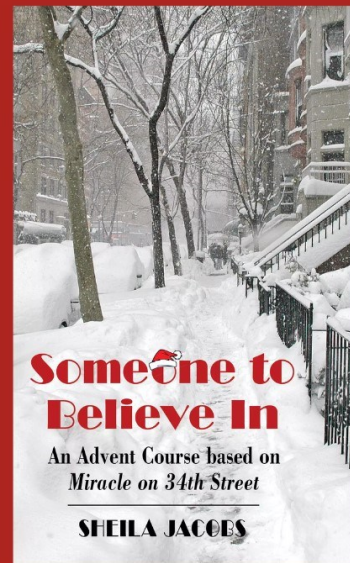
*'God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.'*

At St George's, Holcombe on Remembrance Sunday we prayed a new Franciscan version of the prayer that seemed appropriate after recent and ongoing world events, thinking particularly of the election result in the USA, and the ongoing wars in both the Ukraine and the Middle East. I have been asked to reproduce it here:

*'God, grant me the patience to work
with the unjust systems
I cannot change today;
the courage to strategically enact progress
when I know I can,
and the wisdom to know that,
despite structural oppression,
I still can make a difference. Amen.'*

ADVENT

- a 4 week Advent course based on the much-loved Christmas classic 'Miracle on 34th Street'
- Gives new meaning to the much-loved Christmas film
- Rediscover the wonder of the Miracle of Christmas through the well known movie.
- THURSDAY evenings 7pm
- 21st Nov & 28th Nov
- 5th Dec & FRIDAY 13th Dec
- MOVIE NIGHT SUNDAY 17th Nov 7pm
- Meeting at the home of the Cronin's
- 01626 927281



STUDY GROUP



St Gregory's
Christmas tree festival
Grand opening by the Mayor
On Wednesday 11th December 6pm

THURSDAY 12TH 11AM-1PM & 3PM-6PM
FRIDAY 13TH 2PM - 6PM
SATURDAY 14TH 11AM-3PM FOLLOWED BY FESTIVAL CONCERT
SUNDAY 15TH 12 NOON - 3PM
SUNDAY 15TH CAROL SERVICE 6.30 PM
MONDAY 16TH 12 NOON - 3PM



BENEFICE ADVENT EVE RETREAT DAY

This will be held on **Saturday 30th November** from **9.30am - 4.30pm** at **St Paul's Church, Starcross**. The day will be based around '**Reflections on the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**' led by Bishop Nick McKinnel (pictured). There will be coffee and lunch included.

THE BIG QUIZ FOR TEARFUND

You can join in with the quiz of the year on **Saturday 23rd November (7pm)** at **Hope Church, (Dawlish)** and help to support Tearfund. This will be a fun evening to test your quizzing skills and an opportunity to hear more about the valuable work Tearfund supports. Come on your own or with a team. There is no cost for this event, but donations are welcome to support Tearfund. These can be made on the evening via card, contactless or cash. The evening starts at 7pm and there will be refreshments available. For further information, or to let them know you are coming, please email hello@hopedawlish.org



SERVICE OF REMEMBERING AND HOPE

If you missed the service of 'Remembering and Hope' that was held at St George's, Holcombe on Sunday 3rd November, or you were there but would like to listen to it again, then there is a recording of it, made by Will Halse, which you can access by clicking on this link: [Service of Remembering and Hope](#) | [Cover by Will Halse](#) | [Listen on audio.com](#)



FUNERAL OF MISS BRENDA LOVELL

The funeral of Miss Brenda Lovell, former headteacher at Radcliffe and Oaklands schools, will be held at St Gregory's on **Thursday 21st November at 12.15pm**. Anyone who remembers Brenda will be welcome.

BISHOP MIKE'S ENTHRONEMENT

The Rt. Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison has been enthroned as the 72nd Bishop of Exeter in an historic service on All Souls Day (2nd November) at Exeter Cathedral.

Bishop Mike began the service by processing from Exeter's Guildhall to Cathedral Green, along with Exeter's Lord Mayor



and other civic dignitaries. He was greeted by outside by over 100 members of clergy, including a number of bishops from overseas, as well as Licensed Lay Ministers, military cadets and scouts and guides from across Devon.

Before he was permitted to enter the Cathedral, the bishop had to strike the Great West door three times with his staff, in keeping with tradition, before being questioned by pupils from Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust with the traditional words "We welcome you. Who are you and why are you here?" The bishop replied: "I am Mike, a servant of Jesus Christ."

You can watch the Enthronement Service on YouTube by following this link [here](#). Or you can read his sermon [here](#). It's well worth a read!



SERVICES - 17th November to 30th November

Sunday 17th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.15am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship
6.30pm Telephone Service - *dial 01200 480091 to join*

Wednesday 20th November

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 24th November - Christ the King

9.15am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Parish Communion
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11.15am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th November

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion



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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon NOVEMBER



Tuesday 19th	9am-11am Kids' Swap Shop at St Greg's 9.30-11.30am Little Greg's at St Greg's 12midday for 12.30pm Ladies Lunch at Amelia's, Cofton Holidays 7.30pm PCC Meeting at St Greg's
Thursday 21st	12.15pm Funeral of Miss Brenda Lovell at St Greg's
Friday 22nd	5pm Nativity and Lantern Parade around The Lawn, Dawlish 6pm Dawlish Christmas Lights 'Switch On' at the Bandstand
Saturday 23rd	10am-4pm Dawlish Celebrates Christmas Market along The Strand 10am-3pm Strand Christmas Fair in the Strand Centre 7pm Big Quiz for Tearfund at Hope Church
Tuesday 26th	9.30-11.30am Little Greg's at St Greg's 2pm Julian Group at St Greg's 7.30pm Choral Society Autumn Concert at St Greg's
Saturday 30th	9.30am-4.30pm Benefice Advent Eve Retreat Day at St Paul's with Bishop Nick McKinnel.

**If you would like any support, or someone to talk to,
or you know of someone else who does, please contact one of the following:**
Revd Linda Cronin (Day off - Monday): 01626 927281 or email: revdlinda@icloud.com
Will Halse: 01626 866054; **Margaret Noel:** 01626 863148;
Ceri Lee: 07739 936286; **Steve Cronin:** 07817 678774.

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Information regarding safeguarding issues together with contact details for
Safeguarding Officers in the other churches can be found on our website [here](#)*