

# 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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*Rev Linda Cronin writes:*

We have just begun a sermon series at St Greg's based around Nehemiah.

In our first week we looked at Nehemiah's broken heart, as he heard about the broken walls of his beloved city Jerusalem. He was so sad that he mourned and fasted and prayed for 4 months!

Nehemiah eventually does something about the situation. But before he does anything to try to fix the situation, he prays. That's his **FIRST** response. Prayer isn't something Nehemiah does when he's already tried to fix the situation!

We were particularly challenged by the 'shape' of Nehemiah's prayer, which I suggest could be a pattern for our own prayer life.

*So a recap of Nehemiah ch1 v 1-11:*

**Adoration:** Nehemiah begins by praising God as "the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments".

**Confession:** He acknowledges the sins of the people of Israel, including his own and his father's house, recognizing their unfaithfulness.

**Thanksgiving:** Nehemiah reminds God of His promise to restore His people if they return to Him and keep His commandments, demonstrating faith in God's covenant.

**Supplication:** Nehemiah specifically asks for God's ear to be attentive to his prayer and for success in his current endeavour to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

*What is demonstrated?*

**Faith in God's Promises:** Nehemiah's prayer showcases trust in God's faithfulness and His willingness to keep His promises to His people.

**Humility and Confession:** The prayer emphasises the importance of acknowledging personal and collective sinfulness before seeking God's favour.

**Intercession for Others:** Nehemiah's prayer is for the well-being of his people and the restoration of Jerusalem, demonstrating the power of intercessory prayer.

**Guidance and Success:** Nehemiah's prayer includes a request for God's guidance and success in his mission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, highlighting the importance of seeking God's will in our endeavours.

In essence, Nehemiah's prayer is a model for believers seeking God's guidance, acknowledging their dependence on Him, and trusting in His promises for restoration and renewal.

*We raised these questions:*

Are you burdened about Dawlish?

Are you heartbroken about our world and its condition?

Are there things at St Greg's we need to confess from the past?

Are there still remnants of past hurts and failures?

*We recognised the need to pray!*

As a result, we have committed to pray every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening at 6pm at St Greg's for just 30 minutes, every week. About 10-12 folk have joined in doing this and you would be very welcome to join us or maybe you would like to do something similar at St George's, St Mary's or St Paul's. If you do, then please speak to Revd Linda or Revd Patrick about this.

## BISHOP MOIRA'S SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

The Rt. Rev'd Moira Astin, the new Bishop of Crediton, was officially welcomed to her new role with a Service of Installation at Exeter Cathedral on Sunday 6th July. She also preached her inaugural sermon based on the story of Moses and the Burning Bush and John 17:20-26, speaking of the importance of names and the importance of the name we call God by. She said *"The names of God in the Bible show us something of what God is like. God's very essence is relationship.... We believe in the God who is love."*



Bishop Moira is pictured with the Archdeacons of Barnstaple and Exeter, who will be working closely with her



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Maggs Farley and Alex Pugh, from St Greg's, are pictured here with their certificates for completion of the Diocese of Exeter's six-month **'Foundations'** course.

The course is designed to help people grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church. If you think this may be of interest to you, and you'd like to find out more about it, why not have a chat with Maggs, Alex or Rev Linda?



This certificate is awarded to:

St Greg's Congregation

for participating in  
Love Your Burial Ground Week and  
Churches Count on Nature 2025  
and recording the wildlife of

St Gregory's church yard  
Dawlish

Thank you for recording and sharing your findings. This helps us discover the diverse wildlife in these special spaces and is a crucial step towards protecting and preserving it!



## ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING



Come with friends  
or to meet  
new ones!

### CUPPAS & CAKES

Promoting the St Greg's  
200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
and Flower Festival  
in September 2025



## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10am -12.30pm

Coffee, Tea and Cakes (to eat-in or takeaway)

PLUS: Bric-a-Brac Stall; Raffle; Kids' Craft Activities



## OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS.....

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a convent school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: *"Take only ONE. God is watching."* Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, *"Take all you want. God is watching the apples."*

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A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, *"When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah"*. The teacher asked, *"What if Jonah went to hell?"* The little girl replied, *"Then you ask him."*

### Dawlish Coast Mission Community



## The Bread of Life - the Gift that keeps on Giving

an afternoon of quiet prayer  
at St George's Church, Holcombe  
on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2-4pm

2pm Opening worship and reflection  
followed by an hour or so on our own in the stillness  
3.30pm Closing worship  
followed by tea and cake

**No need to sign up! All are welcome!**  
For information, phone Helen Bays 01626-863098  
Text 07391-594867 [helen.bays@hotmail.com](mailto:helen.bays@hotmail.com)

## 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

#### JULY 2025:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brixham	£19.00
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ashburton/Dartmoor	£15.50
15 <sup>th</sup>	Cockington Court, Torquay	£15.50
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sidmouth/Donkey Sanctuary	£15.50
29 <sup>th</sup>	Dartmouth	£15.50

#### AUGUST 2025:

5 <sup>th</sup>	Otter Nurseries	£15.50
12 <sup>th</sup>	Buckfast Abbey/Butterfly Farm	£15.50
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Trip	£19.50
26 <sup>th</sup>	Trago Mills	£12.50

#### SEPTEMBER 2025:

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Totnes	£15.50
9 <sup>th</sup>	IKEA/Dunelm	£12.50
16 <sup>th</sup>	St Marychurch/Babbacombe	£12.50
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Topsham/Dart's Farm	£12.50
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tavistock	£21.00

### 'BINGO & BUS'

Wednesday's 2nd JULY, 6th AUGUST, 3rd SEPTEMBER 2025

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 (FREE for a limited time) - book in advance/limited spaces  
Pick-up time confirmed on day of travel

For more information or to book please  
Call the office on: 01626 888890  
Barton Hill Car Park, Dawlish, Devon, EX7 9QH  
[www.dawlish-mobility.co.uk](http://www.dawlish-mobility.co.uk)



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### A Quiet Day in the Bishop's Garden with St Clare of Assisi

10.30am - 3.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

led by Demelza Henderson



St Clare of Assisi lived a life of poverty, simplicity and prayer in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, sharing a deep love of God's creation with her contemporary, St Francis. The Bishop of Exeter has kindly offered his garden for this Quiet Day, which will explore aspects of Clare's life through prayer, poetry, music and, of course, her own writings. There will be plenty of silence throughout the day for you to reflect on how Clare's witness might continue to inspire your own Christian life today.

Demelza Henderson leads Quiet Days and longer residential retreats across the UK through her work with the *Association for Promoting Retreats*. She is also an Oblate of the Society of Our Lady of the Isles, which combines her love of contemplative prayer with her joy in the natural world.

#### Some practicalities:

- **Location:** Bishop's Palace Garden, Palace Gate, Exeter, EX1 1HY
- **Parking:** There is no parking at the Bishop's Palace; please use a public car park.
- **Refreshments:** The day will start at 10am with tea/coffee. You will be able to use the kitchen to make your own drinks throughout the day, but please bring a packed lunch.
- **Seating:** There are a few benches scattered around the Bishop's garden, but it would be helpful if you could bring your own fold-up chair or a rug if you are able.
- **Toilet facilities** will be available inside the Bishop's Palace.
- **Disabled Facilities** are limited; sadly the gravel paths and lawn are uneven and thus unsuitable for wheelchairs, but there is an accessible toilet inside for those who need it.
- **Cost:** The day will cost £10 to cover expenses, payable in advance to Demelza.
- **Bookings:** All bookings (and any other questions) must be made through Demelza, either by email on [QuietDaysinDevon@gmail.com](mailto:QuietDaysinDevon@gmail.com), or by phone on (01395) 272243.

## SERVICES & EVENTS – 20th July to 2nd August 2025



### Sunday 20th July — Trinity 5

- 9.30am 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  
6pm Telephone Service - *dial 01200 480091 to join*

### Wednesday 23rd July

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

### Sunday 27th July — Trinity 6

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

### Tuesday 29th July

- 11.30am St Greg's—Funeral service: Adrienne Perryman

### Wednesday 30th July

- 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.

**The Lady Chapel at St Greg's is  
available for quiet prayer from  
9.30am, before the  
10am Sunday service.**



This is for ANYONE who  
would like to join those praying  
for the ensuing service and those  
taking any part in it.

## DIARY DATES

### JULY

**PRAYER HALF-HOUR 6pm at St Greg's**  
**Each Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri.**  
*Until further notice.*

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St Greg's [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)  
St George's [Facebook](#)  
St Mary's [Facebook](#)  
St Paul's [Facebook](#)

**Saturday 19th Coffee Morning** St Greg's, 10am-12.30pm

*Any donations of cakes to sell will be welcomed on the morning!*

**Midsummer Celebration** with meal, 6.30pm, Strand Centre

**Sunday 20th Classic Cars and Bikes** 10am-4pm on the Lawn and Strand

**Tuesday 22nd Julian Group** St Greg's, 2pm

**'Les Miserables' (film)**, 3pm in the Shaftesbury Theatre (tea from 2pm)

**Friday 25th Dawlish British Cycling Grand Prix and market** - [follow this link for info](#)

**Wednesday 30th Organ recital** by Ian Bartlett, 1pm, St Peter's Church, Shaldon

### AUGUST

**Saturday 2nd Quiet Afternoon** St George's, Holcombe. 2-4pm. *More details on page 3.*

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 (Rector):** 01626 927281 or email: [revdlinda@icloud.com](mailto:revdlinda@icloud.com)

**Revd Patrick Parkes (Minister at Starcross):** 01626 685709 [epp@sky.com](mailto:epp@sky.com)

**Steve Cronin (LLM):** 07817 678774; **Will Halse (LLM):** 01626 866054; **Ceri Lee (LLM):** 07739 936286.

*Safeguarding Officer at St Greg's: Tess Hickson 07376 658440*

*Information and contact details for Safeguarding Officers in the other churches can be found on our website [here](#)*