

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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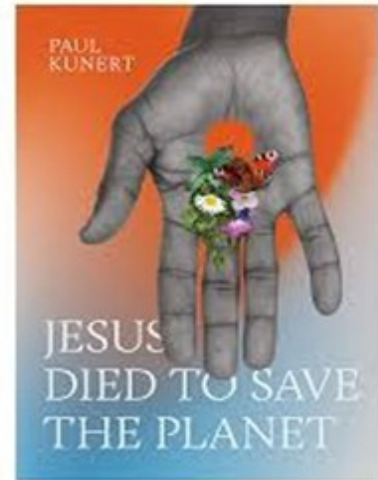
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JESUS DIED TO SAVE THE PLANET'

*Preb. Chris Curd,
Dawlish Mission Community Eco-Champion writes:*

As we approach Rogation Sunday on 25th May let's think theologically, in a God/Gospel centred and prayerful way about the environmental and ecological issues and challenges we are faced with both locally and globally.

"Jesus died to save the planet", is a booklet from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. It reinforces the truth that **the gospel isn't just good news for humanity. It's good news for the whole planet.**



The breakdown of the earth's climate and ecology is deeply rooted in human sin. Yet all too often we treat protecting nature as a fringe issue – a specialist topic that some Christians care about, not an essential part of the church's mission. But Jesus died and rose to reconcile and renew all things – people, animals, plants, and the earth itself. That means that helping creation flourish is central to following him. We must live our whole lives in line with God's mission: for his glory and the good of the entire world. Clear-eyed, biblical, and hopeful, this essay will help you rediscover God's good purposes for his world, achieved through Jesus' work on the cross. And in response, it will inspire you to Christlike action.

Chris Wright (Global Ambassador, Langham Partnership) says:

*'There is a prophetic, Jeremiah-like urgency to this essay,
calling the church to wake up and get serious about this issue.*

But, also like Jeremiah, Paul Kunert calls for repentance and holds out hope.'

Note: Preb Chris has a copy of the booklet which she is happy to lend. It is also available for download from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity website at www.licc.org.uk or clicking the following link will take you directly to the web page: [Jesus Died to Save the Planet | LICC](http://JesusDiedtoSaveThePlanet.LICC)

TURN THE TIDE - Bank Holiday Monday 26th May

This year is the 4th Turn the Tide Festival, from 10am-4pm, on the Lawn (behind the bandstand) and we'll be there with our 'Eco Church' Benefice stall giving information on all things 'eco' and including Children's Craft Activities (making birds from loo rolls!) and information on the Kids' Swap Shop. If anyone would like to join us for any part of the day please get in touch with either Preb Chris Curd (prebchris2020@gmail.com) or Ceri Lee (ceriflee@gmail.com) or if you're out and about in Dawlish on the day why not just pop to see what it's all about and say hello?



COFFEE AND CLEANING - ST.GREG'S NEEDS YOU!

The coffee, tea, biscuits and fellowship on a Sunday after the service at St Greg's is a time we can all enjoy and a clean environment in which to worship and share fellowship is appreciated by the church family at ALL our services and events, as it is by those from the wider community who we want to encourage when they are seeking faith and friendship, but.....

this is only achievable comfortably when there are sufficient people willing to help with church cleaning on a Friday morning or serve on the coffee rota on a Sunday morning. As with most worthwhile and important tasks at church neither of these are onerous or difficult EXCEPT when there are not many volunteers - and this is the position we are often in at St Greg's.

So PLEASE give some serious thought, as to whether you are willing, able and available (regularly or occasionally) to join the stalwart band of people who keep the church environment looking good and the church family and friends feeling welcome.

FOR CHURCH CLEANING - just turn up on a Friday morning, any time from 9.30am, to offer a helping hand, or if you'd like some more details before doing so then talk to Leena Halse (Churchwarden) who can give you more information on the sort of jobs you could help with - there are a variety. Speak to Leena in church, or call 01626 866054.

FOR THE AFTER-SERVICE SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - see Jacqui Andrews in church, or call her on 07804 639999.

THANK YOU in anticipation. And a VERY big thank you to those who already serve in this way.

LUSCOMBE CASTLE ...with friends!

A small group of the St Greg's congregation are going to visit Luscombe Castle for their Charity Open Day on Friday 23rd May. You'll see, from the advert aside, that entry to the Charity Day costs £5 and includes coffee and biscuits.

If you would like to join in to go with the group, they are meeting at the Luscombe Castle entrance gate (on Oak Hill just up from St Greg's) in time to catch the 11am FREE shuttle bus.

If you want to talk to someone before deciding if you'd like to go, then please have a chat to either Maggie Webster or Jacqui Andrews (or phone Jacqui on 07804 639999)



**Many
Hands
Make
Light
Work**

Friends of Dawlish Hospital, Dawlish Gardens Trust
and Dawlish Community Transport
present another



Charity Day at Luscombe Castle Dawlish

entrance £5 to include Coffee and Biscuits

11.00am until 3.00pm

Friday 23rd May 2025

Plants, Tombola, Cakes and other Cash Stalls

**Free transport available at the end of the drive on
Oak Hill opposite to West Cliff Road provided by
Dawlish Community Transport**

by kind permission of Sir David and Simon Hoare

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE with Christians Together for Dawlish and District

Thursday 29th May, 7pm
Dawlish Methodist Church
ALL WELCOME



SUPPORT OUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' WORKER HERE IN DAWLISH

Mark Jones, ROC Dawlish Local Coordinator, writes:

ROC Dawlish is incredibly grateful for the support it receives in its vital ministry of resourcing our ecumenical Christian Schools' Worker, Adam Gidney, who helps take the light of Christ into our Dawlish primary and secondary schools.

Through assemblies, lunchtime clubs, RE lessons, and much-needed pastoral support, Adam's presence, along with support from the lead ministers, and that of his growing volunteer team, is **a living witness of God's love** to hundreds of young people each week. It is often the only time children hear about Christianity in this hectic secular world.

This work is practical discipleship in action. As one Year Five child recently said to Adam in an Easter-themed RE class: *"What I like about the Easter story is that God came down from heaven and got involved; even though I do naughty things sometimes, he's still bothered about me."*

Adam will be sharing more recent stories at **Reaching Dawlish 6** on **Friday 23rd May in The Manor House** (6-8.30pm). Book your free ticket at: reaching-dawlish-6.eventbrite.co.uk

However, due to rising employment costs and inflation, we are now facing a **funding shortfall of £5k per year** to sustain this role. Without more support, the future of this Christian outreach in Dawlish is uncertain. In addition to this unforeseen shortfall, Adam's role is continuing to expand, for which we thank God. **An additional £5k per year** would enable us to employ Adam for an extra day each week — creating a much-needed full-time job. This would allow even greater support and consistency in our local schools, helping to meet the growing spiritual and pastoral opportunities the Lord is opening to us. God is at work in our schools and, with the support of churches in Dawlish, **we are asking for your help**. Can you prayerfully consider whether you, as an organisation or an individual could help meet this need, through regular giving or a one-off gift?

To find out how you can give, please speak to Mark Jones, ROC Dawlish Local Coordinator (07729998334), one of the ROC Dawlish Trustees at this email address - rocdawlish@gmail.com or for more information visit rocdawlish.org/about and rocdawlish.org/contact

Our bank details are:

Account name: ROC Dawlish, Account number: 44234104, Sort code: 52-41-27.

If you are a Tax Payer and would like to **Gift Aid** your donation, please contact us and we will send you a simple one-page form to complete.

Every gift, whether large or small, will make a real difference to our children here in Dawlish and help ensure that this vital ministry continues to flourish and grow. Thank you!

To end, some more recent words of encouragement received from Adam himself:

"I did an assembly yesterday on National Walking to School week. I asked the children by putting up their hands to order what they appreciated most when they walked to school. We had topics like 'Nature', 'Friends', 'Quiet Time'. I added 'God Time' and when I asked them to put up their hands around 20 did. But then more and more started to do so until we had around 80-100 children! It was a wave of declaration. It honestly felt like there was some real spiritual prompting going on!"

ST.GREG'S SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR 'CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE'

Caring for God's Acre (CfGA) is a national charity promoting the conservation of burial sites and supporting the people who look after and maintain them. Many burial sites are managed by a few volunteers who are keen to preserve both the monuments and the wildlife but want guidance on how best to achieve this. CfGA can help them to preserve rare species of plants and wildflowers and advise on management of grassland to encourage wildlife whilst still allowing access to visitors and relatives.



Love Your Burial Ground Week, National Cemeteries Week and Churches Count on Nature all run from **7th to 15th June** with all sorts of events and activities from history talks to wildlife surveys being publicised on the CfGA website. St Greg's are to take part in 'Churches Count on Nature' which involves recording all the wildlife and plantlife in the churchyard over that week. **Please talk to Jacqui Andrews on 07804 639999** if you are willing to help or are interested in finding out more.

Follow this link to read more about the week on the CfGA website [Churches Count on Nature](#)

THY KINGDOM COME

The global prayer initiative, 'Thy Kingdom Come' is taking place **29th May - 8th June from Ascension Day to Pentecost** and this year marks the 10-year anniversary of the initiative with a theme of The Lord's Prayer. **The week concludes with a huge ecumenical event at 6pm on Sunday 8th June at Exeter Cathedral.**



There will be an **Ascension Day Service on Thursday 29th May at 7:00pm at the Methodist Church** and CTDD will be leading a **30-minute 'open to all' prayer gathering at the Strand Chapel in Dawlish every day at 12noon from Friday 30th May to Sunday 8th June** – *all are welcome to join us as we pray for more people to come to know Jesus in our community!*

PRAYER BEFORE SERVICE AT ST. GREG'S

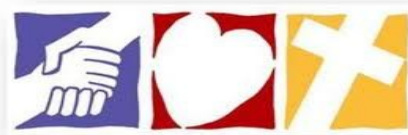
The Lady Chapel is available for quiet prayer from 9.30am before each 10am Sunday service at St Greg's. This is for **ANYONE** who would like to join those praying for the ensuing service and for those taking any part in it - leaders, musicians and congregation.



NEWS OF REV LINDA

Many of you already know that our Rector, Rev Linda, had a procedure carried out on her hip last Friday (16th May). We thank God and are pleased to report that all went well and Linda will now, and over the next 5/6 weeks, be recuperating whilst having been signed off work by the medics. We all wish her well and will be praying for a trouble-free recovery time.

SERVICES & EVENTS – 25th May to 7th June 2025



Sunday 25th May — Rogation Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 28th May

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 1st June — 7th Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 4th June

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.

DIARY DATES

MAY

Friday 23rd Luscombe Castle Open Day 11am-3pm

Reaching Dawlish 6 in the Manor House, 6pm (*Note VENUE CHANGE*). A chance for news about Christian-led projects around the Dawlish area. Book a seat for the light supper through Eventbrite with this link https://reaching_dawlish_6.eventbrite.co.uk or ring 07729 988334

St Mary's Church Cofton

is open throughout May and June from Monday to Friday 10am – 3pm, and with a Coffee Morning every Tuesday from 10-12noon.

Saturday 24th Flying Leaps Tea Party in the Strand Centre, 3pm, with information about this local charity which works with adults who have additional needs. To book ring 07807 829183

Mathieson Music Trust Concert, 6pm, in St Paul's, Starcross followed by **Indian Curry Dinner** 7.45pm. Music by Bach, Vivaldi, Beethoven, Brahms, Faure, Paganini, Chopin

Bank Holiday Monday 26th Turn the Tide Festival and Heritage Bikes on The Lawn, 10am-4.30pm with our 'Eco Church' Benefice stall (see page 1)

Tuesday 27th Julian Prayer Group in the Upper Narthex, St Greg's at 2pm

Thursday 29th Ascension Day Service (CTDD) in Dawlish Methodist Church, 7pm

THY KINGDOM COME (see page 4)

30-minute 'open to all' prayer gathering at the **Strand Chapel** in Dawlish every day at **12 noon** from **Friday 30th May to Sunday 8th June**

JUNE

Thursday 5th Pudding Club in St. Greg's (Upper Narthex), 2.30pm. Making paper craft creations led by Marianne

Saturday 14th Monthly Sale at St. Paul's, Starcross

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

Revd Patrick Parkes (Minister at Starcross): 01626 685709 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 tessh@btinternet.com

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