

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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'JUNE IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER'

Patrick started the last letter with the Beatles song 'With a Little Help from my Friends'. I felt I should start with 'June is Busting Out All Over' because that is what is finally happening. The sun is shining, (in between the rain) and we can finally leave off our winter clothes. Summer is finally arriving and everywhere there is colour in the gardens and hedgerows. It seems fitting that the festival of Pentecost and the 'birthday' of the Christian faith should be at the start of summer as we let in the sunlight into our lives and drive away the gloom of winter. A joyous sunlit start to the Christian year.

Unfortunately, when you let in the sunlight it has a tendency to reveal the cobwebs and spiders that have hidden away all winter. Last week, with help from my family I moved around some furniture in the house and finished up doing much needed spring cleaning. Better late than never.

A spring clean of our faith is sometimes needed. Fling open the windows of our minds and look afresh at our faith. One of the joys of having a new Rector, apart from relieving us of much of the duties we have all shared during a vacancy, is that they bring fresh ideas and insights to our long established beliefs. Not to change it, but to look at things differently. We haven't always appreciated how lucky we are in this Benefice to have several PTO's (i.e. retired clergy with Permission To Officiate) and Lay Ministers who each bring fresh insights to our service. And now with Linda, and 'a Little Help' from Steve, we have a great team and new opportunities to grow God's Kingdom in this place.

We have challenges ahead with much needed work to be done in and on our churches but by pulling together, and building an even stronger Benefice than we have now, we can achieve so much and learn from each other.

June heralds summer, and warmth, abundance of flowers and crops, the Summer solstice, a month to cast off the winter gloom and let in the light, just as our faith lets in the Light of Christ into our lives and brings joy to us all.

This poem '**Why was June Made?**' by **Annette Wynne** seems to sum up June:

Why was June made?—Can you guess? June was made for happiness!
Even the trees know this, and the breeze
that loves to play outside all day, and never is too bold or rough,
like March's wind, but just a tiny blow's enough;
and all the fields know this is so —
June was not made for wind and stress, June was made for happiness!
Little happy daisy faces show it in the meadow places,
and they call out when I pass, "Stay and play here in the grass."
June was made for happy things, boats and flowers, stars and wings,
not for wind and stress, June was made for happiness!



Perhaps we should do as the poem says - 'June was made for happy things.... June was made for happiness'. Surely that sums up our faith – happiness in each other, and happiness in God's love.

Happy June to you all!

Blessings, Margaret.

CREATION CRIES OUT: SERVICE AND MARCH FOR NATURE

Ahead of the '**Restore Nature Now March**' taking place in Central London on Saturday 22nd June, A Rocha UK write:



'Creation is in crisis. Nature in the UK is in long-term decline and without radical change we're set to lose even more precious habitats and species. That is why we're joining a coalition of nature and climate organisations at a mass demonstration calling on politicians from all parties to act now for nature, people and climate.

Wherever you are on 22nd June please join in with prayer, worship and lament in the context of biodiversity decline and climate breakdown. And if you'd like to and you're able to travel to London on the day then, at 11am at a location near the start of the march (TBC!) there'll be a **Creation Cries Out** service where you can gather with others for reflection, liturgy and prayer before joining the main **Restore Nature Now** march from 12pm.

The vision is for a creative, family-friendly and legal mass gathering that demonstrates a united call to protect and restore our natural world. It is an opportunity for some creative campaigning with speeches from activists and conservationists, as well as entertainers and performance artists, all highlighting the beauty of UK wildlife and the need to protect it. The **Creation Cries Out** service is a collaboration of A Rocha UK, Green Christian, Christian Climate Action, and Operation Noah. Any questions get in touch with us at wild.christian@arocha.org

After the service you can join the **Restore Nature Now** mass demonstration. Through **Restore Nature Now** a wide-range of dozens of nature, wildlife and climate groups are joining together, united in calls for politicians to support action to restore nature.'



MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING

You are invited to join the new monthly **Mission Community Prayer Gathering**.

The first gathering (of no more than 1 hour) is taking place at **St Gregory's Church** on **Thursday 6th June starting at 11am** and will then continue, in the first week of each calendar month. Venue and time to be confirmed each month.

"When I pray, coincidences happen. And when I stop praying, the coincidences stop."
Archbishop William Temple

DEADLINE TO HELP DAWLISH COMMUNITY LARDER - 4th JUNE

ROC DAWLISH are crowdfunding with Aviva Insurance to raise funds to employ a part-time Coordinator for **Dawlish Community Larder**. Aviva will match, £ for £, any single donation up to a maximum of £250 before the deadline of 4th June. So, if you give £10, Aviva will match it with £10. If you give £100, Aviva will match it with £100, and so on. The Larder supports local people in emergency need of basic food and other groceries, usually due to financial hardship. In the two years from January 2022 it directly helped 2,000 local people in need, and provided surplus food to thousands more through our waste food deliveries to local schools. Please do give in whatever way you feel able to take advantage of Aviva's generosity and community-mindedness. To help with a donation please follow this link: [click here](#)

MOTHERS' UNION VISIT TO CLAREMONT MANOR

Back in the middle of May members of the Mothers' Union and friends visited Jean Dimond at her new home in Claremont Manor, the new Dawlish Retirement Community and Care Home. As you will see from the photos below, cuppas and chats were enjoyed by all in the convivial and bright surroundings. To read more about Claremont Manor, follow this link [here](#)



HOME GROUPS - a great way to get to know people and learn more together

There are four St Gregory's Home Groups meeting regularly for fellowship and Bible study. If you would be interested in joining one of them, or just want to know a little more about them before deciding, here are the contacts:

Monday evenings:

Contact Ian Andrews 07904 205276

Tuesday evenings:

Contact Marjorie Thorne 01626 866416

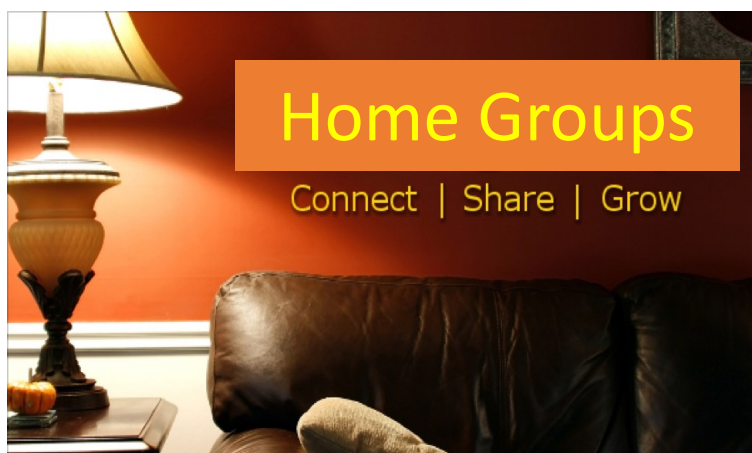
Wednesday afternoons:

Contact Roger Hunt 01626 864142

Wednesday evenings (every fortnight):

Contact Keith Chambers 07858 379896

or Linda Chambers 07510 386459.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - Wednesday 5th June, 2024

World Environment Day, established by the United Nations, is celebrated annually on June 5th. It provides an opportunity to focus global attention on pressing environmental challenges and encourages individuals and communities to take proactive steps towards environmental conservation. World Environment Day aims to inspire positive change and foster a sense of responsibility towards our natural surroundings.



As Christians we should make it one of our duties, every day, to ensure we care for God's creation whilst encouraging others to do the same. Read these words spoken by the US astronaut James Irwin, on looking back at the earth from space..... *"The earth reminded us of a Christmas tree ornament hanging in the blackness of space. As we got further and further away it diminished in size. Finally it shrank to the size of a marble, the most beautiful marble you can imagine. That beautiful, warm, living object looked so fragile, so delicate, that if you touched it with a finger it would crumble and fall apart. Seeing this has to change a man, has to make a man appreciate the creation of God and the love of God."*

SERVICES 2nd to 15th JUNE

Sunday 2nd June

- 8am St Gregory's – Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
(followed by Bring'n'Share Lunch)
11am St Mary's – Morning Worship

Wednesday 5 June

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 6 June

- 11am St Gregory's -
Mission Community Prayer Gathering

Sunday 9 June

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

Wednesday 12th 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.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon

JUNE

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| Monday 3rd | Mens' Breakfast at St Greg's, 9am |
| Tuesday 4th | Kid's Swap Shop at St Greg's, 9am-11am
Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am |
| Wednesday 5th | 'Drop-In' at St George's, Holcombe, 2-4pm |
| Thursday 6th | Mission Community Prayer Gathering at St Greg's, 11am
Pudding Club in Upper Narthex at St Greg's, 2pm
80th Anniversary of D-Day - various events all day on The Lawn, Dawlish
Plus, listen out for the St Gregory's bells being rung in the evening |
| Friday 7th | Funeral service of Richard Boyne at St Greg's, 11am
'Turn the Tide' Festival begins on The Lawn and along The Strand -
continues on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th |
| Saturday 8th | Monthly Sale at St Paul's, Starcross, 11am-2pm |
| Tuesday 11th | Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am
Mothers' Union at St Greg's, 2pm |
| Thursday 13th | Archdeacon's Visitation at St Greg's, 7pm (signing in from 6pm) |



**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:**

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