

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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Steve Cronin, Licensed Lay Minister, writes:

Last Sunday (27th July) at St George's we looked at Luke 11.1-13. Jesus had been praying, when he returned the disciples asked him to show them how to pray. Jesus gave them a model prayer to base their own prayers on, we call this 'The Lords Prayer' and it's a familiar part of all our worship services.



Jesus then told a parable about two neighbours. One of the neighbours came and knocked on the other's door late at night and asked to borrow bread as he had visitors who arrived late at night. The man said to go away as he had gone to bed and locked the door. Jesus went on to tell how although he wouldn't get up and lend the bread initially, he did get up and lend the bread due to his neighbour's persistence.

As we studied this we found:

- ☐ Jesus prayed regularly and it was part of his daily routine; he took himself off from the others to be on his own to talk to his Father.
- ☐ The disciples wanted to follow Jesus and his habits, so they asked him to teach them – They didn't know how to pray automatically then needed to learn how.
- ☐ When Jesus used Father in the first line, he used the word "abba" in Aramaic – this can be translated as Daddy in English.
- ☐ There are two places in the Gospel where Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6 and here in Luke, it is thought that the Matthew occasion was to an audience of Jews, whereas this time it is thought it was to a mainly Gentile audience.
- ☐ At that time a father in a Gentile family had complete autonomy over whether a child born into the family would grow up as part of that family, be sold or even killed. In asking whether a father would give his child a snake instead of a fish, or a scorpion instead of an egg, Jesus was introducing the idea of a benevolent Father God.

Jesus encouraged us to pray,

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.'



We left considering the following questions:

- ☐ Do we pray?
- ☐ Do we know how to pray – have we been taught how?
- ☐ Are we persistent in our prayers?

THANK YOU TO ALL

Margaret Noel writes:

This photograph shows my 'retirement home', bought with my generous present from you all. I can sit and listen to the world go by as I drink a cup of tea. Thank you.

'Thank you' also from my two cats who like to lay under it to get away from the heat or the rain.



ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Did you know that you can see St. Gregory's Church Calendar online?

It appears on our website, www.cofe-in-dawlish.org.uk or you can go directly by following this link to: [St Gregory's Church Calendar](#)

Today < > August 2025							Month
SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Aug 1	SAT 2	
10am Holy Communion at St Greg		1130am Funeral - Adrienne Perry 6pm Prayers	10am Holy Communion 4 more	10am Cerl & Ann Meeting 6pm Prayers	930am Church cleaning 3 more	2pm Quiet afternoon - Holcombe	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
8am Holy Communion service 10am Greg's @ 10 service at St G		10am Little Gregs (Holidays only) 2 more	10am Holy Communion 3 more	6pm Prayers	930am Church cleaning 3 more		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
10am Holy Communion at St Greg 6pm Carnival praise		10am Little Gregs (Holidays only) 6pm Prayers	10am Holy Communion 3 more	6pm Prayers	930am Church cleaning 3 more		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
10am Greg's @ 10 Service at St G 6pm Telephone service		10am Little Gregs (Holidays only) 2 more	10am Holy Communion 3 more	2pm Messy Church Prep 2 more	930am Church cleaning 3 more		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
10am Holy Communion at St Greg		10am Little Gregs (Holidays only) 2 more	10am Holy Communion 3 more	6pm Prayers	930am Church cleaning 3 more		
31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6	
1030am Benefice Service @ St IV 4pm Choral Evensong + Tea	9am Men's Breakfast @ St Greg		10am Holy Communion 2 more		930am Church cleaning 2 more	10am BIG Church clean !!	
St Greg's Events shown in time zone: (GMT+01:00) United Kingdom Time Add to Google Calendar							Google Calendar

If you wish to book the Church (or part of it) for anything please check the availability and then contact the Churchwardens:

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BENEFICE LADIES LUNCH

There is no Benefice Ladies lunch during August so make a note in your diary for the next one on Tuesday 16th September, 12 for 12.30pm, at Amelias, Cofton.



WHO NEEDS THE 'TOUR DE FRANCE' WHEN YOU'VE GOT A REV ON A TRIKE?

Those of you who went into Dawlish on Friday 25th July, for the lead up to British Cycling's 'Dawlish Grand Prix', may well have seen our own Rev Linda entering into the spirit of things on an electric trike!

Smiley photo aside, just in case you missed it!



ST.GREG'S 200th ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 18th - 21st 2025



We'll soon be publicising all the exciting things that will be happening across these four days happening next month, so make sure to keep looking out for details in the next few Newsletters, on our Facebook and Instagram pages and on Noticeboards etc.

In the meantime you will know that the events include a Flower Festival and Exhibition celebrating 200 years of St Gregory's and the community. For this reason the church will be open to visitors over the first three days - i.e. for 8 hours each day on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September, from 10am to 6pm.

We are seeking volunteers who are available and happy to be in the church as welcoming stewards for 2-hour 'shifts' across the three days. No-one will be left on their own, so a minimum of two persons are needed to cover each shift.

If you are able to offer your time, for one (or more) of the 2-hour shifts on any (or all) of these dates, please complete the form (to be found on the table in the Lower Narthex at St Greg's from Sunday 3rd August) with details of your availability.

Thank you.....
in anticipation of your help,
and welcome involvement,
in what promises to be
an exciting, memorable
and celebratory few days!



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 2nd 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

A Quiet Day in the Bishop's Garden with St Clare of Assisi 10.30am - 3.30pm on Tuesday 19th August 2025 led by Demelza Henderson



St Clare of Assisi lived a life of poverty, simplicity and prayer in the 13th 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.

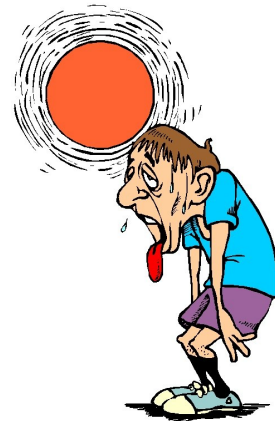
Demelza Henderson leads Quiet Days and longer residential retreats across the UK through her work with the Association for Promoting Retreats. She is also an Oblate of the Society of Our Lady of the Isles, which combines her love of contemplative prayer with her joy in the natural world.

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, or by phone on (01395) 272243.

WHY HAS IT BEEN SO HOT?

Preb. Chris Curd writes on behalf of the Benefice Eco Group
(follow the links - underlined and in [blue type](#) in the article to read further
from the Met Office website, sourced 20th July 2025)



Several factors have contributed to the unusual warmth we have experienced of late:

1. **Persistent high pressure:** This results in clear skies and strong sunshine, which heat the ground. ...temperatures build up over time.
2. **Dry ground:** soils are parched. With less moisture available for evaporation, more solar energy goes directly into heating the air.
3. **Marine heatwave:** Sea surface temperatures around the UK [are currently well above average](#). As air passes over warmer waters, it retains more heat.
4. **Climate change:** The UK is warming.
The newly released [State of the UK Climate Report 2024](#) shows the UK is warming at a rate of approximately 0.25°C per decade. 2023, 2022 and 2018 are among the UK's top-ten warmest summers in records back to 1884.



HOW DO WE AS CHRISTIANS RESPOND?

HOW DO WE LET OUR LIGHT SHINE; WILL IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



As God gives grace, we do what we can to look after the ecosystem including the sea, and to cut our carbon emissions. Which of these could you do? Or maybe are doing?

1. Minimise the risk of putting things down the drain that damage the eco system and continue to poison the sea.
 2. Use eco-friendly cleaning materials.
 3. Look for cleaning cloths and scrubbies that do not shed microplastic. Check labels to see that polyester (plastic) is not used.
 4. Avoid floral foam which is pure plastic (many other ideas online, see RHS etc.)
 5. Minimise use of single use plastic.
 6. Avoid cling film at all costs as it is not recyclable.
 7. When shops offer a bag, ask if it is plastic.
 8. Think about taking own containers when buying loose items locally.
 9. For paper items, always buy recycled or bamboo. Aim not to buy paper items that have come from virgin forests. It is estimated that around 9 million trees a year are felled for a product used by 30% of the global population. – toilet paper, that's before we get onto hand towels, kitchen roll and paper tissues etc.
 10. Carry a refillable coffee mug with you for takeaways.
 11. Buy water in a plastic bottle only when you can't access water any other way. (We do have some large bottles of water in store for emergencies.)
 12. Avoid buying imported flowers – one bunch bought every week adds 1.5 tonnes to a carbon footprint and they are one of the most carbon loaded items you can buy in a supermarket. www.flowersfromthefarm.co.uk lists many suppliers of locally grown blooms near us, although they do not mention Ameliasflowerfarm.co.uk in Combeinteignhead which has both an online and physical shop. Remember LOCAL!
 13. Only clear moss when dangerous. It absorbs more CO2 for its size than rain forests.
 14. Never deadhead dandelions (as I did until a few years ago, my mother taught me!)
 15. Don't use chemicals on plants that kill the bees. Washing up liquid diluted with or without neem oil is very good.
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SERVICES & EVENTS – 3rd to 16th August 2025



Sunday 3rd August — Trinity 7

- 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
including Baptism of Arthur Edis
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship

Wednesday 6th August

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 10th August — Trinity 8

- 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
6.30pm Heavenly Sundae (CTDD)
in the Carnival marquee on The Lawn

Wednesday 13th August

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion
7.30pm St Paul's - Baptism and Confirmation Service of Holy Communion, with Bishop Nick



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

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

AUGUST

FOLLOW THESE LINKS

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

- Tuesday 5th** Little Greg's at St Greg's, 10am-12pm
Praying for Dawlish in the Strand Centre, 12 noon
- Thursday 7th** Pudding Club are NOT meeting at St Greg's this month as they are celebrating Joan D's birthday with a visit to Powderham. If you're not yet booked and would like to join in please contact Cathy Slade.
- Saturday 9th to Friday 15th** Dawlish Carnival - All sorts of events to choose from!
Programmes now available in the shops all over the town.
- Saturday 9th** Garden Society Flower Show in the Strand Centre, 1pm
- Sunday 10th** Heavenly Sundae (CTDD) in the Carnival marquee on The Lawn, 6.30pm
- Tuesday 12th** Little Greg's at St Greg's, 10am-12pm
- Friday 15th** VJ Day, 80th Anniversary, 10.30am to 12 noon on The Lawn
Carnival Community Parade from John Nash Drive, 7.15pm start.

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

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