

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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NAVIGATING LIFE *Margaret Noel, Licensed Lay Minister, writes:*

Having recently taken a trip in a relative's car and heard them arguing with the sat nav because they took a wrong turning, because of road works, I think it is a very good thing we do not have satnavs to navigate us through life. They always want to take the easiest quickest road, as they see it and are unable to navigate round the obstacles. If we did have them, life would be so boring and uninteresting. It got me wondering what my life would have been like if navigated by a sat nav.



Some may know I am 'retiring' from leading services in the Benefice and from preaching (I can hear the shouts of 'hooray' already) and I have retired three times in my life. From the library service; from my role of carer for my husband now he is in full-time care; and now as LLM. But I am not quite ready to be dumped in a wheelbarrow and rolled off to the scrap heap yet. I may have retired from an official role, but I have not retired from being a Christian.

I didn't have a sat nav to lead me through life. It might have been easier if I had but I would have missed out on so much. I had a far better guide, that led me up and down hills, along bumpy roads with more pot-holes than Warren road, through calm waters, occasionally, but allowed me to meet so many wonderful people, many of whom I have been proud to call 'friends'. My guide was God. And although I turned a deaf ear to his many calls to me, he didn't give up until I conceded defeat and gave in to his persistence. You see, if God wants you for something, he never gives up. He never promises it will be an easy path to travel but he is always there if needed. We just need faith in his decisions.

We are mid-way in our Lenten Journey, one of discovery and understanding. Discovery from our bible readings of just how eventful and exhausting those last weeks were for Jesus. But also, understanding how difficult it was for the disciples to accept the reasons why Jesus had to go to Jerusalem and his death. We know the outcome, they didn't. We owe them our gratitude that they didn't give up and run away, but travelled the road with Jesus, not knowing where their journey would take them and all the trials and tribulations they would encounter.

But this weekend we have a happier Sunday as we give thanks for mothers, a day of mixed emotions for some people, but it is also a day to give thanks for our churches, the centre of our Christian worship and fellowship, places where you can find friendship and support. But most importantly the everlasting love of God. All of which I have received in abundance over the years and for which I give thanks. But I haven't quite finished yet, I shall be back nagging you for help with the flower festival in September.

For a few concluding words on sat navs, by that prolific poet ANON, please see the next page.....

SAT NAVS (Anon)

There will be so many twists and turns
In my journey through life today
That if I have no map or sat nav
I shall probably lose my way.
I only have a vague idea
Of what this day may contain
But God knows exactly what will happen
So I'll let Him lead; take the strain.
He's provided me with a very good map
The Bible. It's called His Word
But He also gave a spiritual sat nav
When the Holy Spirit was outpoured.
If I read the Bible I'll know the way
God has already planned for me
And the Holy Spirit will keep me on track
However treacherous or steep it may be.
So before I set out I'll read the map
But then when I'm on my way
My sat nav will guide me at every turn
Get me safe home at the end of the day.

MORE NAMES NEEDED ON THE COFFEE ROTA!

If you think you could help with serving a cuppa after the 10am Sunday morning service at St Greg's, don't be shy! Please speak to Jacqui Andrews or one of the Churchwardens (Leena or Richard).



ELECTORAL ROLL AT ST. GREG'S

The **new Electoral roll** for this year has to be ready and on display by April 23rd. Anyone wishing to be included on the roll has to follow, please, the procedure requested by the diocese every six years and complete again an application for enrolment form. Application forms are available for collection in the Lower Narthex. If any queries, please contact me on 01626 772249. Many thanks, *Graham Reynolds*.

EXTRA RINGING *Cath Chappell writes:*



At St Greg's we are very fortunate to have a lovely, relatively easy ring of eight bells and because of this we often have visitors asking to come and ring them. We have two such visits soon on:-

Saturday 5th April from 7 to 8.30pm, and then again on
Saturday 26th April from 2 to 3 pm.

It's very much hoped that this extra ringing will be enjoyed especially by our nearest church neighbours; but for anyone who isn't so keen we hope you aren't disturbed too much.

Of course anyone interested in having a go at bell ringing themselves are very welcome to contact me to find out more. Your own St Greg's band are a lovely bunch and always happy to welcome new ringers.

Cath Chappell 07880 557772 cath.godden@outlook.com

PUDDING CLUB AND AN EASTER GARDENS TRAIL

The next meeting of the Pudding Club (which takes place in the Upper Narthex of St Gregory's) is at **2.30pm on**

Thursday 3rd April when Cath Chappell will be helping everyone to make Easter Gardens.

These are to be displayed in gardens around Dawlish forming an Easter Trail for residents and visitors to walk around and discover. (**Also see notice from Cath Chappell on page 4**)



CARBON CUTTING

A refresher from Preb. Chris Curd, based on the Action for Climate Change in Teignbridge Carbon Cutters session:

Greenhouse gases (ghg) such as water vapour (eg clouds), CO₂, methane and a few other gases are part of earth's natural cycle. They are essential for life on earth. This cycle has been in balance, that is, as much ghg are emitted as absorbed. When we started to release significant ghg from burning fossil fuels, we tipped that balance as we released more and more of the CO₂ that was captured by plants and animals over 1,000's of millions of years. The natural system can no longer absorb the additional ghg.



The total global carbon budget of ghg across the globe, that is, the level of carbon that we have left "in the bank" to use, was estimated at 400 Gigatons of CO₂ in 2019. Scientists calculate that after that level of emissions, the planet will be affected, in all likelihood, irreversibly. As a human race, globally, we are currently emitting 40 Gigatons of CO₂ a year.

Quiz, and things to think about

1. Has the UK managed to reduce its carbon emissions?
2. Does planting trees help?
3. Can you think of ways in which individuals like us can help?

Carbon Quiz answers and reflections

1. Yes, the UK has managed to reduce its carbon emissions, mainly due to more "green" energy. Details are available on the web. BUT, the UK gov only calculates "territorial" emissions. So the carbon footprint of an item you might purchase is only calculated from the time it enters UK territory. So all the overseas shipping and manufacture of the "stuff" we buy, is not included. No one counts emissions at sea or in the air as they do not belong to any country, and the emissions of the overseas manufacturing process should be being counted by the country concerned.
2. Sadly, not much. Of course it is always good to plant the right trees in the right place for the sake of nature. A healthy, robust ecosystem is good for the planet. So plant trees and creature friendly plants. But consider this:
 - a mature tree in the UK may sequester 50kg CO₂ a year.
 - the average carbon footprint per person in the UK is calculated at 10 to 13 tonnes a year.
 - the global footprint is roughly 40 Gigatons of ghg a year; 40,000,000,000,000 kg.
 - That's a lot of trees.
 - Emitted carbon takes about 150 years to be absorbed by natural means.Planting trees as a stand alone solution will never offset our emissions.
3. I would be interested to hear your answers. Email or text me. I believe there are ways. And in the next instalment I will be sharing some thoughts. In the meantime, I recommend the book How Bad are Bananas? - The Carbon Footprint of Everything by Mike Berners-Lee, which is easily available. There are many reasons why some are less able to help than others, and this does not mean we have to live lives of deprivation or go round feeling guilty. But if we want to engage with solutions, it is good to understand the issues so that any actions do good and not harm.

We do not lose hope but rejoice in the Lord who calls us to work with him as his image bearers on the planet.

Chris Curd, Benefice Eco Champion, 07771842334. prebchris2020@gmail.com

I invite any feedback from anyone who watched the Eco Church Webinar - the Green Heart of Mission.

MOTHERING SUNDAY FLOWERS

Posies for Mothering Sunday will be being prepared at St Gregory's on **Saturday 29th March at 9.30am**. All welcome to give a hand!

Many thanks, Georgie Moore (Tel: 865486)



2 OR 3 BEDROOM PROPERTY TO LET WANTED

for a family facing a no fault eviction. Children are at Dawlish College. If you or someone you know, is aware of a property that might come up for rent in the next 2 or 3 months, please contact Chris Curd on 07771 42334; Or email prebchris2020@gmail.com

EASTER GARDEN TRAIL *Cath Chappell writes:*

One of the most moving Lent experiences for me is creating Easter Gardens - the ones made in Church with help of children young and older and the one I do at home. I know that a number of you create your own gardens too and display them so others can see and are thus encouraged to think about the true amazing message of Easter.



This year I'm collating a list of places where Easter Gardens will be displayed from Good Friday until sometime after Easter Day. I'm hopeful that as people are out and about - they will enjoy spotting various Gardens displayed in Holcombe, Dawlish, Cofton and Starcross. The addresses of the Gardens will be listed on our church website and also on our Facebook pages. I'm delighted to share that members of The Pudding Club are joining me in this venture (**see page 2**) and I'd love to hear from anyone else happy to be involved and to make a garden for our 'trail' or anyone with a query relating to this - please do contact me on 01626 863700 or 07880 557772 or email me at cath.godden@outlook.com *Happy gardening everyone!*

ECUMENICAL FELLOWSHIP SERVICE As the clocks spring forward and the evenings become lighter you are all welcome to join the Ecumenical Fellowship Service held every Sunday at 5:30pm at Dawlish Methodist Church. Each week there is a speaker (from various denominations), prayer and song during an informal style of worship, followed by refreshments. The warmest of welcomes awaits you all!

ADVANCE NOTICE: HOLY WEEK AND LATER APRIL DATES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April

Agape Service and Meal at St Paul's Starcross, 6.30pm

Service and Supper at St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren, 6.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

The Way of the Cross—a reflective reading of the Passion at St Gregory's, 10am

CTDD Walk of Witness on The Lawn, Dawlish, 11am **Quiet Reflection** at St George's, Holcombe, 2pm

Good Friday Messy Church at St Gregory's, 3-5pm

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April

CTDD Sunrise Service. Meet at Viaduct, 5.45am. Followed by breakfast at the Strand Centre.

Easter Day Holy Communion Services in each church at usual times **Easter Telephone Service** 6pm

SATURDAY 26th April *This weekend St George's Church, Holcombe celebrates its 80th year!*

Open Day at St George's, Holcombe from 10am-4pm,

SUNDAY 27th April

Benefice Service at St George's, Holcombe, 10.30am. Followed by lunch in Holcombe Village Hall.





Daffs

& Donuts

A time of celebration
& remembrance
for all ages
For Mothering Sunday
Sunday 30th March
St Greg's Church
10am

A mix of traditional and contemporary music and prayers
followed by Daffs and Donuts!
FREE – all welcome! Contact Revd Linda Cronin 01626 927281



Messy Good
Friday @ St Greg's

MESSY GOOD FRIDAY

18th April
3pm — 5pm
at St Greg's, Dawlish

WHAT IS IT?

Messy Church is an event for all ages. It gives adults and children, including busy families the chance to get together, be a part of their local church and find out about God - all in a fun way. It's welcoming, it's art and crafts, it's songs, games, stories, drama and similar, it's eating together..... *It's messy!*

WHAT HAPPENS THERE?

All activities are available for children and adults to do together. We start at 3pm and we do crafty activities themed on Bible stories.

When we've finished we all get together to see what everyone's been doing and share a celebration time (maybe a story, a song and a prayer) before enjoying a hot meal together and saying goodbye at about 5pm.

All children should bring a responsible adult with them and maybe a plastic bag to take their delightful creations home!

WHEN?

We will run our Messy Church at St Greg's on:
Good Friday 18th April from 3pm — 5pm

Hope to see you there!

Need more info? Contact:

Ceri Lee 07739 936286 ceriflee@gmail
or Rev'd Linda on 01626 927281 revlinda@icloud.com

MONTHLY SALE

St Paul's Church, Starcross
11am- 1.30pm

Saturday 12th April

refreshments - pasties - savouries
cakes - tea - coffee
books, bric-a-brac, jigsaws & more
children's magazines, raffle
plus plants for sale

Do you want to sell some items?

You can book space on a pew, half or a full one

No fee but donations welcome if you
are successful

To book, email
claire@goshayes.com

SERVICES – 30th March to 12th April

Sunday 30th March – Mothering Sunday

(DON'T FORGET THAT THE CLOCKS WILL HAVE GONE FORWARD OVERNIGHT!)

- 9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10 - 'Daffs & Donuts'
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship

Wednesday 2nd April

- 9.15am St Gregory's - Common Worship Morning Prayer
10am St Gregory's - Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd April

- 9.15am St George's - Common Worship Morning Prayer

Friday 4th April

- 9.15am St Mary's - Common Worship Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Gregory's - Funeral of Yvonne Stocking

Sunday 6th April — 5th Sunday of Lent

- 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
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship

Wednesday 9th April

- 9.15am St Gregory's - Common Worship Morning Prayer
10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 10th April

- 9.15am St George's - Common Worship Morning Prayer

Friday 11th April

- 9.15am St Mary's - Common Worship Morning Prayer

APRIL - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Also see page 4)

Tuesday 1st Kids' Swap Shop in St Gregory's, 9-11am
Little Greg's in St Gregory's, 9.30-11.30am
CTDD 'Praying for Dawlish' 12 noon
in Dawlish Methodist Church
Lent Course continues in Starcross,
1pm at St Paul's or 7pm at The Rectory

Wednesday 2nd 'Drop In' at St George's, Holcombe, 2-4pm
Lent Course continues in Dawlish, 7pm at the Vicarage, Shillingate Close

Thursday 3rd Lent Course continues in Holcombe, 2pm at St George's
Pudding Club, 2.30pm at St Gregory's (Upper Narthex)

Monday 7th Men's Breakfast in St Gregory's, 9am

Tuesday 8th Little Greg's in St Gregory's, 9.30-11.30am
Lent Course continues in Starcross, 1pm at St Paul's, or 7pm at The Rectory

Wednesday 9th Lent Course continues in Dawlish, 7pm at the Vicarage, Shillingate Close

Thursday 10th Lent Course continues in Holcombe, 2pm at St George's
Choral Society concert, 7.30pm, at St Gregory's



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.

Rector Linda's Lent Challenge

From Thursday 6th March and continuing through Lent

join me

Wednesday 9.15am
St Greg's
Thursday 9.15am
St George's
Friday 9.15am
St Mary's

for Common Worship
Morning Prayer



DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD!

Clocks go forward by 1 hour overnight on 29th/30th March

FOLLOW THESE LINKS

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

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 Will Halse (LLM): 01626 866054; Margaret Noel (LLM): 01626 863148; Ceri Lee (LLM): 07739 936286; Steve Cronin (LLM): 07817 678774.

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](#)