

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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Will Halse writes: **TIMOTHY'S VIEW OF PAUL'S CHRISTIAN MISSION TO PHILIPPI**

"The apostle Paul was quite a hit with my parents. When he and his friend, Silas, came to my home in Lystra, they agreed I could join them on their journey, visiting churches in Asia Minor, bringing news and advice from the church in Jerusalem.

Paul seemed to want to go everywhere to tell people about Jesus, but we hardly went anywhere. We ended up in Troas looking across the sea towards Macedonia. That's where we met Luke, the doctor. And that's where Paul had his night vision - a man from Macedonia pleading, 'Come and help us'.

So we went down to the harbour and onto a ship, for an Aegean mini-cruise. Two days later we landed in Philippi, once home of Alexander the Great, now a colony of Rome, and crawling with ageing Roman soldiers.

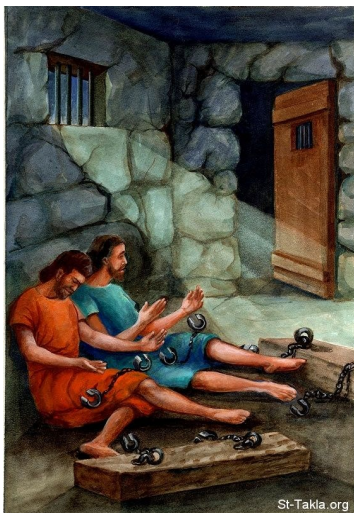
Luke knew the best place to stay. On the Sabbath (Saturday) he took us outside the city to the place of prayer, by the river. Some women had gathered there, and Paul told them the good news of Jesus. Lydia dealt in purple cloth - she was from Lydia, Thyatira to be exact - and a very astute woman. She opened her heart to the Lord Jesus and was baptised a believer. She was very insistent that we must stay on in Philippi, and stay in her home.

We did. That prayer place by the river became a favourite place for us. But then a young woman started following us, a fortune teller, with her pet python. She had minders - at least four of them - tough old legionnaires. It was the snake that terrified people. They thought it was a god, Apollo, or one of his minions. And they paid well for a good word from the snake. Paul said she was just a ventriloquist and an evil spirit was driving her.

The girl kept shouting after us, 'These men are slaves of the most high God. They tell you a way to get saved.' Paul was angry, frustrated. She was not good news. And he didn't warm to her minders.

This went on for weeks until Paul could stand it no longer. He turned on her. 'In the name of Jesus Christ, come out of her'. And then - the snake just disappeared. She sat down beside us - completely changed, at peace. Her minders could see, and they were furious. She had been their pension. They grabbed Paul and Silas, whipped up a mob, and dragged them into the market square. The cry went up. **'These Jews are ruining our city'**.

The city leaders stripped Paul and Silas naked. They beat them with rods, again and again and again; then handed them over to the jailer and to lock them up in the prison on the hillside - in the inmost cell, feet in the stocks. No escape.



The jailer made them secure - very secure. He retired upstairs to bed, fell sound asleep to the sound of praying and singing. Paul and Silas were singing hymns, the prisoners were listening.

Suddenly, around midnight, the earth shook - earthquake. Doors opened, chains broken loose. Wakened, the jailer emerged. Silence. Deafening silence. He looked down and saw the doors open. He drew his sword with a rasping sound - suicide!

But a loud shout came from the depths of the jail. **'DON'T! We are all here.'** It was Paul. The jailer called for lights - every prisoner was still there. He fell down, shaking, before Paul and Silas. 'What must I do to be saved?'. Paul could have asked him for anything, but all he said was: 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' And he did. And they were saved! Thanks be to God."

To read the full story go to Acts 16!

THY KINGDOM COME PENTECOST CELEBRATION 8 SUNDAY JUNE

**EXETER CATHEDRAL
6PM - 7.30PM**

Cloister Garden available
from 4.30pm for children
and families activities,
crafts and prayer.



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NEW BISHOP OF CREDITON



*Bishop Mike (Bishop of Exeter) and Bishop James (Bishop of Plymouth)
welcome the Venerable Moira Astin (Bishop of Crediton Designate)
to the county*

An announcement from the Bishop of Exeter's Office:

We are delighted to announce that the King has approved the nomination of the Venerable Moira Astin to be the new Bishop of Crediton. Moira is currently the Archdeacon of Reigate in the Diocese of Southwark. Moira will be consecrated as a bishop by the Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral on 3rd July. There will be a welcome service for her at Exeter Cathedral on Sunday 6th July at 4:00pm. Details will follow in the next week.

The news story on our diocesan website including a video with the new bishop can be found at this link [here](#)

MESSY CHURCH AT ST.GREG'S

Ceri Lee writes:

The next Messy Church session at St Greg's will be on **Thursday 19th June from 3.30pm-6pm**. Our theme will be a character from a story in the Old Testament: Joseph. So expect tales of betrayal, forgiveness and a spectacular coloured coat!

As usual at Messy Church, (which the enthusiastic team now plan to run each month) there's always lots to do throughout the afternoon - with refreshments on arrival, plenty of 'crafty' activities for adults and children to do together, a worship celebration time and a hot meal before going home..... hopefully feeling happy! **ALL (of ANY age) are very welcome.**

We're looking for donations of homemade or bought cakes for dessert on the 19th June. These can be brought to St Greg's on the previous Sunday (if their 'Best before....' date allows), or on the day (anytime from 1pm). Or, if they need collecting, folks can get in touch with either me (07739 936286) or Alex Pugh (07487 223851) to arrange it. *Thank you!*



at
St. Greg's

**Thursday
19th June
3.30-6pm**

It's church, but not as you know it!

*There will be lots going on throughout the afternoon,
including:*

- Refreshments on arrival
- Plenty of FUN with 'crafty' activities for adults and children to do together
- A celebration time with stories, songs and prayers
 - A hot meal before going home

We'd love to welcome YOU!

Messy Church values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.



REPORT ON REACHING DAWLISH 6

Mark Jones writes:

Just a quick word following up from Reaching Dawlish 6 on Friday the 23rd of May in the Council Chamber at the Manor House.

43 people attended the event, we had a great meal and it was a really encouraging time together.

As well as a good hot meal, and time of

fellowship with people from across the churches sharing around the tables, we also heard short reports from a wide range of current Dawlish-based mission, outreach and evangelism initiatives. From serving coffee to swapping clothes to debt advice to motivating and mobilising young people in our schools to reaching out to our most vulnerable local residents struggling with severe mental health problems to providing much-needed furniture and white goods to feeding hungry children to getting people connected online, to list goes on and on!

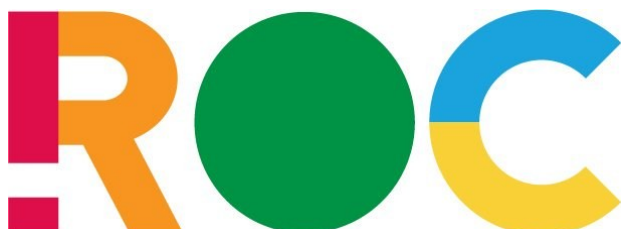
On the night, we sensed the Lord reaffirm the power of Kingdom collaboration, inviting active participation, engagement and ownership, in prayer and action, and refreshing unity across the churches and ministries. We celebrated and shared the breadth of God's work in Dawlish and gave everyone a chance to step in, commit, or reconnect.

If you weren't able to be there and you'd like to get involved, we would still love to hear from you. Just come and find out what's going on. There's no commitment.

We'd love to have a coffee with you, hear your heart and share more together over prayer. We'd love to hear from you.

God bless.

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Reaching Dawlish 6 – Friday 23rd May 2025, The Council Chamber, The Manor House



Acts 13:5 "So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off."

Church of England Parish Church in Dawlish presents....

A Mid-Summer Night's Theme!

**An evening of music & song by four amazing groups
from our local community.**

**St Gregory's
Church Choir**

The High C's

One Accord

**Dawlish
Rockwaves**

Saturday 5th July 2025

at 6:00pm

**St Gregory's Church,
Dawlish**

**Entry is free but donations will be
welcomed on the night**

Light refreshments provided during the interval

Proceeds from the concert will be
for the benefit of the St Greg's Fabric Fund

FLOWER FESTIVAL UPDATE *Margaret Noel writes:*

The festival, part of the week long celebrations of 200 years since the re-build of St. Gregory's is finally taking shape. We have received some positive responses to the invites to businesses and groups in the area to participate. And now the hard work of planning is beginning.

There are a few things we would like to borrow if possible:

- * Dressmaker's dummies or mannequins to display the robes on
- * Any photos of past events, outings, etc which we will copy and give you back the originals. It would be especially good to have photos of previous church wardens, and clergy, as far back as possible.
- * Jacqui Andrews is putting together a film of reminiscences that will be played throughout the day on monitors. So if you have any anecdotes of church events and are happy to be filmed, speak to Jacqui.
- * If you have ornamental greenery flourishing in your gardens, maybe consider cutting some in September to help with the decorating.
- * In 1985 when the Narthex was completed a small booklet of recipes from church members was put together and sold. It would be good if we could produce one for September. So if all you lovely cooks would like to send the recipe for your favourite or 'signature dish' then perhaps we can combine them with some of the recipes of '85 and produce a new one to sell.

David Force will be giving a talk on the history of Dawlish on the evening of 19th September which we hope will be well supported, and on the 19th July there will be a Coffee Morning at St Greg's to promote the festival — *see the advert aside*.

There will be more updates from me over the next few months and requests for things but meanwhile hold the team working on the festival, in your prayers, and pray it will be a grand celebration of centuries of God's work in this community of Dawlish.



*Photo aside:
Just a reminder of
one of the
spectacular floral
displays at the last
Flower Festival for
the Platinum Jubilee
of Elizabeth II*

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH
COFFEE MORNING



Come with friends or to meet new ones!

CUPPAS & CAKES

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

Saturday 19th July
10am -12.30pm

Coffee, Tea and Cakes (to eat-in or takeaway)
PLUS: Bric-a-Brac Stall; Raffle; Kids' Craft Activities

SERVICES & EVENTS – 8th to 21st June 2025



Sunday 8th June — Pentecost

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

Monday 9th June

11am St Gregory's - Funeral of Pauline Timms

Wednesday 11th June

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 15th June—Trinity Sunday

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 18th June

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 19th June

3.30-6pm St Gregory's - Messy Church



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 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 those taking any part in it.



DIARY DATES in JUNE

Sunday 8th **THY KINGDOM COME Pentecost Celebration** at Exeter Cathedral 6-7.30pm

Tuesday 10th **Little Greg's** at St Greg's, 9.30-11.30am

Saturday 14th **Monthly Sale** at St. Paul's, Starcross, 11am-1.30pm
Quiz Night at the Strand Centre, 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th **Kids' Swap Shop** at St Gregory's, 9-11am
Little Greg's at St Greg's 9.30-11.30am
Ladies' Lunch at Amelia's, Cofton Holidays, 12.30pm

Thursday 19th **Messy Church** at St Greg's, 3.30-6pm

Sunday 29th **United Benefice Service** at St Paul's, Starcross 10.30am
Choral Evensong (followed by tea) at St Gregory's, 4pm

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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.

This lovely, happy photo is of the
BENEFICE LADIES' LUNCH
held in May.

The next one is on **June 17th**
at Amelia's, Cofton Holidays. 12.30pm
Call Chris Curd to book: 07771 842334

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](#)