

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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JESUS WALKS WITH US

Steve Cronin writes:

Last Sunday's Gospel reading was Luke 24.13-35. The reading tells the story of the two disciples leaving Jerusalem and travelling to Emmaus on Easter Day. These disciples were discouraged and confused, the man they had put their hopes in (Jesus), to redeem Israel had been arrested, tried and crucified, and now on the third day some of the women in their group had been to the grave and the body was not there.

The women said that they had seen an angel who told them that Jesus had risen. Some of the men had gone to check and found that the body was indeed missing. At this point they decided to go to Emmaus. Cleopas and his friend were walking along the road obviously talking about all that had happened, when they were joined by a man (at this point they didn't recognise Jesus). He asked them what they were discussing, they were surprised that he hadn't heard of all that had been happening in Jerusalem, and they told him of Jesus, what had happened to him and how his body was missing.

Jesus' reaction is maybe surprising as he said: 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Vs 26,27: Jesus went on to explain from the scriptures what had been said about the Messiah, starting at Moses and going through all the prophets. When they reached their stopping place, they pleaded him to stay with them, he agreed and as they sat down to eat, he broke bread and they then recognised Jesus for who he was. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

Vs 32: Jesus disappeared; within the hour they were back on their way to Jerusalem and the other disciples to tell them all what had happened. When they got there, they heard that Jesus had appeared to the others, and they told how he had appeared on the road to Emmaus.



The disciples were discouraged and confused; all of their hopes apparently had come to nothing! They weren't sure what to believe anymore. Yet Jesus walked alongside them, he helped to explain what was happening.

We all have times when things don't make sense and we have doubts, it's important that we remember that Jesus is walking with us. If we turn to him we can find out the truth, and as it says "the truth shall set us free!"

You may be familiar with "Footprints in the Sand" by Mary Stevenson:

'One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints. So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?" The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you."

Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus found, in our hardest times, we find that Jesus is with us!

ROC DAWLISH SCHOOL AND FAMILY: UPDATE FROM ADAM GIDNEY

The Easter period was a busy time for schools work as we ran our 'Easter Is...?' experience for around 200 children. Through this we gave out around 100 bibles and opened the door to a further collaboration with Dawlish College. Overall, it was an enriching and encouraging time for all, one that really was a church-wide effort.

Our newest project, St Agatha's Rest (weekly after school drop-in club), got off to a great start and again is wonderfully ecumenical with Christians from across the churches serving and growing in relationship with our Year 7 children.



We now turn our attention to the Summer term where we will hopefully establish a new project before the end of the academic year and start to wind down some of the existing ones and ready them for 2026/27. This is especially so for our ROC Champions yearlong befriender program. We have seen such wonderful relationships grow between the Year 7 and 9 children this year and look forward to celebrating them this July at the project end party.

Lots to be encouraged and thankful to our Lord about! Please keep this ministry in your prayers. For more information on schools' work - either contact me or go to the ROC Dawlish website.

Many blessings, **Adam Gidney, ROC Dawlish School and Family Mentor Coordinator**
07711 234948 (Usual days of work: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays).

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL COMMITTEE SAY A BIG THANK YOU!

When the cables to the sound equipment at the Hall were damaged recently, Steve Cronin took them away and repaired them to make them as good as new. ***Very many thanks to Steve for all his work for us at the Hall - we are very grateful.***

DAWLISH COMMUNITY LARDER – URGENT APPEAL

Dawlish Community Larder are currently seeking financial support to raise funds for a Larder Co-Ordinator and a fully developed signposting service along with helping those in need with food and stopping food going to waste; they are also looking to open the Larder to clients to come and choose the items they need, rather than be given a bag of items that might not be fully appropriate for them and their family's needs.



Here are two links - one is a video of one of our volunteers and the other is to the Crowdfunding page. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYND8gGn6sI>
https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/qr/Yy0GYYqn?utm_campaign=sharemodal&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=shortlink

They have only until April 30th to reach their target of £12,000. They are nearly there, however if they don't reach it, they lose the match funding and everyone who has donated will get a refund - **it's all or nothing!!**

REQUEST FOR EARTH!

Members of the Eco Team and Friends are working on St Greg's entry for the Planting for Pollinators Trail run by Turn the Tide. The displays have to be ready by May 9th. We are being given some large planters which will need filling with earth. This may be one of the most unusual requests ever to the congregations, but if anyone has any spare earth - of any type as we can add some compost - please could they leave it in a bag next to the pots which have appeared along the outside of the south wall! Just a few carrier bags full would make a big difference!



APPEAL FOR COLLAGE ITEMS

There will be an Eco Church stall at Turn the Tide on 23rd May, and we hope to invite people to create a collage. So this is an appeal for the following items - where to leave them will appear in the next newsletter, but if you could start collecting!

- Corks or pieces of cork
- colourful sweet wrappers
- pieces of thin colourful paper/wrappers/foil etc that stay scrunched up.
- colourful buttons of all sizes
- dried flowers, petals, lavender
- magazines with pictures, including pictures of green energy production and heating if possible.

Nothing should be new, but should either be from nature or something that would otherwise be thrown away, no longer needed etc!

VOLUNTEER

for Community Transport

Make a difference in your local community



VOLUNTEER MINIBUS DRIVERS REQUIRED

VOLUNTEER CAR DRIVERS REQUIRED

- Drive our vehicles
- Give your time - as little or as often as you can
- If driving isn't for you, there are many other opportunities

For more information please contact, or call in
Dawlish Community Transport
01626 888890
Email: admin@dawlishcommunitytransport.co.uk
www.dawlish-mobility.co.uk or find us on Facebook
Based in Barton Hill Car Park, off Barton Terrace, Dawlish, EX7 9GH
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We are a Community Transport Service offering accessible affordable transportation for the community, to those who are unable to use public transport or where no suitable transport is available - open to all age groups and most abilities.
Covering a wide area from Kenton through to Shaldon/Bishopsteignton.

*Charity Trustees are important people in a charity; supporting how it is lead and agree how it is run.
Your skills, experience, enthusiasm and a little time could help the Charity's survival to continue this essential and vital service; to support with the best chance of shaping and fulfilling its purpose into the future, together.*

Can you enable the Charity to do even more to support people in our community?
We can't do this without our Community on board - in the Community, for the Community
If you're not sure you have the time/don't want to commit to being an actual Trustee, then speak to us for other suggestions - the Charity needs you

Please give Sally, Office Manager, a call (01626 888890)
or email Sally@dawlishcommunitytransport.co.uk

We look forward to, and welcome, hearing from you

Reg Charity No: 1168994 (East Teignbridge Community Transport Association)
Incorporating Ring and Ride, Community Car Scheme, Private Hire Vehicles and Shopmobility

NEW WINE – a poem, by Marjorie Thorne

He called it the new wine, untasted ere is coming.
In the legalistic cups of their tradition
That taste was shocking, frothing up and spilling over
they could not, would not drink it , - such Life did it contain.
We, who at the Wedding,
had seen men fill with water empty vats
Marvelled when rich and red the wine poured out !
Was this it? This 'new wine ' tangible to taste and tongue
or was there something still?
The 'blessings ' He pronounced that turned our values
upside down upon that grassy hill?
We could not understand.
Nor when the cup was passed on that dark night
"My blood " He said, ominous mystery to us so dim our light.
And in the garden - What cup was it He pleaded not to taste?
What wine so potent that He could not face?
Yet gave assent to Father's will above and drank
the shame and agony- still breathing love.
And Love is the wine which nothing could destroy,
It's pardon, peace and joy forever bubbling up!
No hangover for all who drink -
if humbleness shall fill their cup.

THE DEVON LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

is a new county-wide plan to help wildlife recover and restore habitats across Devon, adopted by Devon County Council in early April. It sets out where action is most needed to protect and rebuild nature, from rivers and wetlands to woodlands, grasslands and coastal areas and brings together local authorities, landowners, farmers, community groups and environmental organisations, focusing on improving wildlife and the natural environment.

The Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy is being published this Spring, once it has been approved by all supporting authorities. It will be reviewed and updated within 10 years, to reflect new evidence and progress on the ground.

*from a
Devon County Council newsletter*

ST PAUL'S AT EASTER

Click on the image below which links to a recording on YouTube of 'For the beauty of the earth' sung by singers at St Paul's, Starcross on Easter Sunday put together with photos taken at St Paul's.



SAMARA'S AID

Many will remember packing items to send out to the Middle East via Samara's Aid. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the latest newsletter from Samara, please let Chris Curd know on prebchris2020@gmail.com If you are not online, or receiving electronic mail is difficult on your device, please text her on 07771 842334.



PRAYING FOR DAWLISH

You are warmly invited to a time of prayer for our town.
Methodist Church, Dawlish. Tuesday 5th May. 12-12.30pm.
Come together with others as we lift up Dawlish in prayer—its people, families, schools, businesses, and all who live and work here. The café will be open from 10:00am – 12:00pm, offering a welcoming space to gather beforehand, with a hot drink and homemade cake available. As Christians, we believe in the power of prayer to bring hope, unity, and transformation. In a world where many face uncertainty, loneliness, and challenge, joining together in prayer allows us to support one another and seek God's guidance for our community.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face... then I will hear from heaven... and will heal their land."

— 2 Chronicles 7:14

Whether you are a regular member of the church or simply curious, you are very welcome to come along.

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS OF TWEENS AND TEENAGERS

Adam Gidney, ROC Dawlish School and Family Mentor Coordinator, has had the below links sent through from the wellbeing lead, Tiffany, at Dawlish College. Through them you can sign up for short, online information sessions that target parents of tweens/teenagers. Tiffany recommends the course and wants to encourage others in the community to engage with it.

Let's Talk are starting with the new **Let's Talk Teenagers** sessions. These are online sessions that are **FREE** and aimed at parents and carers of teenagers. It is an opportunity to hear about the challenges young people are facing today and what you can do to support them.

- Session 1 - Tuesday 5th May at 7pm – Understanding your teenager - [Click here to book](#)
- Session 2 – Tuesday 12th May at 7pm – Community Risks - [Click here to book](#)
- Session 3 – Tuesday 17th May at 7pm – Family life - [Click here to book](#)

NEW VENUE: RED EARTH OPERA'S "LA TRAVIATA" – SATURDAY 2nd MAY

Red Earth Opera's production of La Traviata was due to be performed in St Greg's on Sat May 2nd. However, due to the temporary closure of St Greg's, the venue has now been changed to the Hope Church Centre, EX7 0FS. The organisers are understandably anxious that everyone who has bought tickets (60+ at time of writing) and anyone else interested in attending is informed of this change of venue. If anyone needs transport from St Greg's to the Hope Centre, please call Miranda Rees on 07889 675058.

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement taking place each year for 10 days from Ascension Day up to Pentecost. This year, from 14th to 24th May, Christians are urged to pray for their own communities and to include specific prayers for five people who they know personally and would like to see come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Each day across the world, Christians can come together to pray, or pray on their own wherever they may be, for these people. They might be family members or those you meet in passing on your way to work or while walking the dog, maybe only knowing their first name. It gives us all a way to focus on growing the kingdom of God here on earth. So why not ask the Father who he might want you to lift up to him throughout this time of Thy Kingdom Come, and join together as we pray for them?



Christian Response to Eastern Europe REVIEW OF 2025

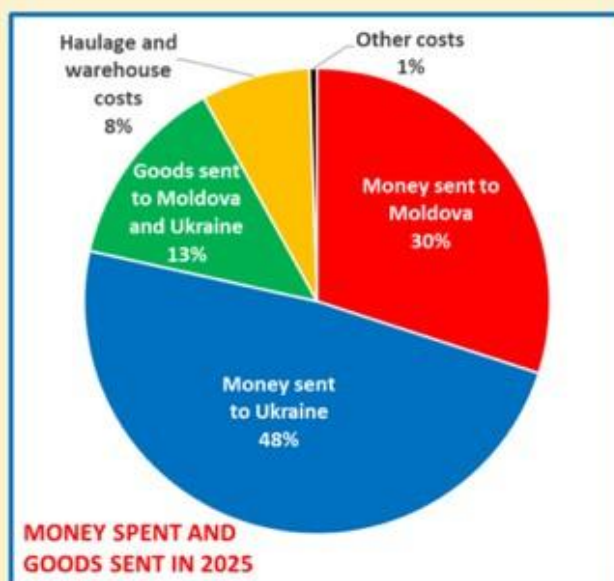


cr2ee's **MISSION** is to provide relief to disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Moldova and Ukraine through the generous support of individuals and organisations in the UK.

cr2ee is a **VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION**. We have no staff, no-one receives any pay and everyone gives their time freely. As a result, our administration costs (for insurance, audit, postage and banking charges etc.) were less than 1% of total outgoings.

In 2025 we achieved yet more than ever before in Ukraine and Moldova!

- **AID GOODS TO UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA.** We sent an incredible 102 tonnes of humanitarian aid in 9 articulated-lorry loads, crammed to the roof with bedding, clothing, food, toiletries, toys and other goods. These helped thousands of families keep warm and safe during the hard winters. The Christmas shoeboxes gave 5000 children much joy and a sense of being remembered at Christmas. The sending of generators and power-packs etc. enabled many homes and community buildings in Ukraine to maintain limited electricity during power outages.
- **GRANTS TO UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA.** Each month we sent money to our trusted partners. Emergency assistance was given to hundreds of poor or displaced families. Firewood was bought to enable many tens of families survive the winter. Several hundreds of vulnerable families and children were regularly fed through soup kitchens and feeding programmes – one church calculated they supplied 7 tonnes of food! Also, we paid for hundreds of children to attend summer camps and Christmas celebrations, offering moments of joy, safety and emotional healing.
- **AND LOTS MORE ...** please contact us if you have any questions or want more information.



SUPPORTERS AND HELPERS. All this was achieved because of your generosity, and the

incredible work by our volunteers to deliver, sort and load 102 tonnes of aid.

PUBLICITY. We gave talks to interested groups, sent out newsletters and held prayer support meetings to help keep supporters updated on cr2ee's activities. News was also posted on our FaceBook page and our website.

TRUSTEES. Hugh Scudder (Charity Director), Andrew Littlejohn and Richard Critchley (Secretary and Treasurer) met officially on 4 occasions to manage cr2ee's finances and operation, in addition to day-to-day discussions.

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SPECIAL NOTICE: Please pay particular notice as some services and events scheduled to take place at St Gregory's have either been relocated or cancelled due to the temporary closure. For any dates listed to be at St Gregory's on or after Tuesday 5th May please await further notice.

SERVICES – 26th April to 9th May 2026



Sunday 26th April — Easter 4

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
RELOCATED TO: St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship

Wednesday 29th April

10am St Gregory's Midweek Holy Communion - **CANCELLED**

Friday 1st May

10.30am St George's – Funeral of Elizabeth Thorne

Sunday 3rd May – Easter 5

8am St Gregory's - Holy Communion (BCP)
RELOCATED TO: St. George's, Holcombe
9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10 - **CANCELLED**
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship
4pm St Gregory's - Choral Evensong (*followed by tea and other refreshments*) –
RELOCATED TO: St. George's, Holcombe

Wednesday 6th May

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion - **see special note above**



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

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri.
PRAYER HALF HOUR
From 6.30pm on Zoom
Please follow this link [HERE](#) to join

DIARY DATES

APRIL

Tuesday 28th Julian Group – **RELOCATED TO: St George's, Holcombe 2pm**
St Greg's PCC Meeting – **RELOCATED TO: St George's Holcombe 7.30pm**

MAY

Friday 1st CTDD – Planning meeting, 5pm in the Strand Chapel
Saturday 2nd Red Earth Opera – concert, **RELOCATED TO: Hope Church, Dawlish 7pm**
Monday 4th Mens' Breakfast – St Gregory's 9am - **CANCELLED**
Tuesday 5th Kids' Swap Shop – St Gregory's 9am-11am – **see special note above**
Little Greg's – Upper Narthex, St Gregory's 9.30-11.30am – **see special note above**
Praying for Dawlish – Dawlish Methodist Church, 12-12.30pm
Thursday 7th Pudding Club – Upper Narthex, St Gregory's 2pm - **see special note above**
Saturday 9th Monthly Sale – St Paul's, Starcross 11am-1.30pm
Monday 11th Craft and Chatting – Church Room, St Paul's, Starcross 1.30-3.30pm

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

LLMS: Steve Cronin: 07817 678774; **Will Halse:** 01626 866054; **Ceri Lee:** 07739 936286.

Safeguarding Officer at St Greg's: Tess Hickson 07376 658440

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