

DAWLISH COAST TEAM MINISTRY

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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WHAT IS CATALYST?

Maggie Farley writes about her experience:

Catalyst is in its third year and having just completed the 2025/26 course I thought others from the Team Ministry churches may like to hear about it.

Free and fully funded by the Church of England, Catalyst is a dynamic training course which aims to equip and connect those who work with children and young people in the local church. In particular it is for those who want to be equipped, empowered & resourced to serve the next generation and those who want to be a catalyst for change in their own churches and communities. It creates a local reflective hub of people who want to share good practice and connect theory and practice.



The course is brilliant! It teaches you many different ways you can bring children and youth to know God and how we as a church can reach out into our community.

There are 1-2 hours study and a 2 hour meet-up with fellow students approximately once a month. If need be this meet-up can be done online on Zoom but my own preference was meeting face-to-face as I found we could bounce ideas off each other and make new friends along the way. There's also one weekend away for a residential conference at Ridley Hall College in Cambridge. However, if circumstances and/or other commitments mean you can't make it to the weekend away (which I couldn't) then you are asked to go to Plymouth (or some other close location) for a 'catch-up' study day. I truly recommend this course for anyone interested in the next generation coming to know God.

I'm pleased to say I received a Catalyst course pass. This October I'll be celebrating both Catalyst and Children's Ministry Essentials at the Bishop's Palace in Exeter with my fellow students when we'll also be receiving our certificates.

My journey started a year ago when Reverend Linda thought the Diocese of Exeter's Foundations Course (*see the Editor's Note at the end of this article*) would be good for Alex Pugh and I to do. That was the start of many good things to come! Alex and I built a fantastic friendship, we're always there for one another and we've made some great memories along the way. There will be many more to come, I'm sure. We both passed the Foundations Course in June last year and the photo on this page shows Alex and I on the day we received our certificates.

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I liked the Foundations Course but not the theological study side of it. When it was finished I said that I never wanted anything to do with theology ever again! That was until Steve Cronin explained it to me in layman's terms.

After that I went on the Catalyst course and, for the first time in my whole life, I really enjoyed learning..... yes, even theology! Each month I couldn't wait to get to the course session to learn new things. I'm dyslexic and grew up being told I was stupid by teachers and my father. In the end I gave up trying because I started to believe it. Since being on the Catalyst course my confidence has really grown in so many ways, I've taken on new roles that a year ago you would have seen me run a mile from.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank you to:

- Reverend Linda for believing in me in the first place
- Steve Cronin for explaining that theology isn't anything to be afraid of
- Ceri Lee for believing and supporting me in taking over her role in leading the Messy Church team
- Alex Pugh for always being there for me
- The St Greg's PCC for making it possible for me to go on the Foundations Course by funding my attendance
- Sharon Blyth (Diocese of Exeter Children and Families Mission Adviser) for being a fantastic tutor who encouraged me to grow and blossom on the course.

I will be forever grateful to all these folk. God used each one of them to reach out to me, to support and to guide me, and to let me see and use the talents and gifts which God gave to me to bring people to know the joy of having Him in their lives. I'm looking forward to wherever He leads me next.

Maggie Farley

Editor's Notes:

'Foundations', the course to which Maggie refers in her article, is an interactive and enriching introductory course for anyone in the Diocese of Exeter who is exploring their vocation, wants to go deeper in understanding their faith or grow in their discipleship, or is simply curious. It is the foundational course to train as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) or for one of the new Commissioned Roles, or if you are discerning a call to ordained ministry. It is run as part of the Diocesan commitment to lifelong learning and development for all, and is open to everyone who is a member of a church community. 'Foundations' covers the basics of Theology, The Bible, Spirituality and Ministry in a supportive and engaging learning environment. You can read more about it on the Diocese of Exeter website – follow this link [HERE](#)

'Catalyst' has its own website where you can read a great deal more about the course, its aims and content – follow this link [HERE](#)

GARDEN OPEN FOR CHARITY with cream teas, cakes etc on sale!

Cliff and Chris Curd have counted that this year they will have grown 117 different vegetables, fruit bushes and trees, drink flavours, herbs etc as well as flowers, many for pollinators. All on a steep north facing slope at **2 Middlewood, Cockwood, Exeter EX6 8RN.**

The garden is open on:
Friday 10th and Sunday 12th July,
from 1pm - 5.30pm.

Adults £6, children free

Please note that the garden presents challenges for those with walking difficulties, but there is seating and shade.



EMERGENCY BRIEFING ON CLIMATE & NATURE

Join us for a screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing* — an eye-opening film on the climate and nature crisis, followed by a discussion with your local MP and community.

Time: Friday 10 July 2026, 7pm Venue: Pavilions Teignmouth, TQ14 8BG

This powerful film features nine leading UK scientists and experts, sharing the latest insights on the climate and nature crisis and its impact on everyday life. Topics include: Extreme weather; Food security; Health; Cost of living. Based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster, the film has been covered by ITV, Channel 4 and *The Times*. It also features contributions from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, surprise guests, and people from across the UK. Following the screening, there will be a short open discussion with your MP and local residents about what this means for our area and what action we can take together.

Spaces are limited – book your FREE seat now on the [Teignmouth Pavilions website](#).

Please note: this film is only available at in-person screenings and will not be shown online.

Presented by Teignbridge District Council
& [Action on Climate in Teignbridge](#)

(Information taken from website of TDC)

BEWARE ROGUE GARDENERS!

We have been asked by a member of our church family to make you all aware that 'rogue gardeners' have recently been operating in the area – trying to get you to spend money on work that doesn't need doing. PLEASE be wary of anything other than word-of-mouth recommendations.

ODE TO ST PETER by Malcolm Guite,
quoted by Chris Curd at the end of her sermon in St Greg's on 28th June.

Impulsive master of misunderstanding
You comfort me with all your big mistakes;
Jumping the ship before you make the landing
Placing the bet before you know the stakes.
I love the way you step out without knowing,
The way you sometimes speak before you think,
The way your broken faith is always growing,
The way He holds you even when you sink.
Born to a world that always tried to shame you,
Your shaky ego vulnerable to shame,
I love the way that Jesus chose to name you,
Before you knew how to deserve that name.
And in the end your Saviour let you prove
That each denial is undone by love.



Dawlish Community Transport, Dawlish Town Council
and South West Ambulance Service

are working together again to offer more

Defibrillator Awareness Sessions

You could save a life – don't miss this opportunity

on

Tuesday 7th July 2026

from

7.00pm to 9.00pm

and

Saturday 11th July 2026

from

10.00am to 12 noon

at

The Manor House, Old Town Street, Dawlish, EX7 9AP

Sessions are **free of charge** and open to all*

If you would like to attend, please phone to reserve a place

01626 888890

Dawlish Community Transport

*any person under 16 yrs of age is very welcome to attend accompanied by an adult



DAWLISH CHORAL SOCIETY

MUSICAL SUPPER



Join us for a friendly, relaxed, sociable
and entertaining evening. Enjoy a semi-
staged concert performance of Gilbert
and Sullivan's one-act comic opera



TRIAL by JURY



and a buffet supper in the Narthex

Saturday 11th July 2026 at 7.30pm

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH, DAWLISH

Tickets on the door at £12, or £10 in advance,
from Dawlish Bookshop, Queen St. accompanied
children free. Registered Charity No. 1094785



**ST MARY'S COFTON
EX6 8RP**

JULY SERVICES

Sunday 5th 11.15am Morning Worship

Sunday 12th 11.15am Sea Sunday Celebration
on Cofton Village Green

Sunday 19th 11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th 11.15am Holy Communion

Coffee served from 10.30am

ALL WELCOME



Cofton St Mary Church

Will be celebrating Sea Sunday
with a service at 11.15am on July 12th

on Cockwood Village Green

(or the Hall if wet)

Join us from 10.30am
for Refreshments in the Parish Hall



All are welcome
We look forward
to seeing you



SERVICES – 5th to 18th July 2026

Sunday 5th July - Trinity 5

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
4pm St Gregory's – Choral Evensong *followed by tea*

Wednesday 8th July

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 12th July – Trinity 6 – Sea Sunday

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 – Sea Sunday Celebration
on Cofton Village Green

Wednesday 15th July

There will be no 10am Communion service today at St Gregory's - the Church will be closed for replacement of the glass panel in the Upper Narthex



TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM

A half hour of prayer online
Tuesdays at 9am.

Click on [this link](#)
or go to <https://zoom.us/join>
and enter:

Meeting ID: 891 1433 5818
and Passcode: Wedlake

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

DIARY DATES in JULY

Friday 3rd First Friday @ St Greg's – 7pm, Friendship, fellowship, food, fun

Saturday 4th 'A Chorus of Sunshine' Massed Choir Concert – 7pm at St Greg's

Monday 6th Mens' Breakfast – 9am in the Upper Narthex, St Greg's
Craft and Chatting – 1.30-3.30pm in the Church Room, St Pauls, Starcross

Tuesday 7th Kids' Swap Shop – 9-11am at St Greg's
Defibrillator Awareness Session – 7-9pm, The Manor House

Thursday 9th Funeral of Revd Diane Caine – 2.30pm, St Michael's, Teignmouth

Saturday 11th Defibrillator Awareness Session – 10am-12pm, The Manor House
Monthly Sale - 11am-1.30pm in St. Paul's, Starcross
'A Musical Supper' with Dawlish Choral Society, 7.30pm in St Gregory's
- See page 4 for full details

Tues 14th to Thurs 16th St Gregory's CLOSED - for replacement of the glass panel in the Upper Narthex

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 from the Ministry Team:

Revd Linda Cronin (Rector): 01626 927281 or email: revdlinda@icloud.com
LLMS: Steve Cronin: 07817 678774; **Will Halse:** 01626 866054; **Ceri Lee:** 07739 936286.

Benefice Administrator: (Tues-Fri 10am-2pm): Rachel Hammond 01626 864322

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](#)