

Coastline



A Magazine for the
Dawlish Coast Churches

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St Paul's Starcross



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Loving and Gracious God,
We give you thanks for this our
Diocese and all who build the liv-
ing body of Christ. Inspire us with
your vision. Lead us in the ways of
your Son, Jesus Christ. Give wis-
dom and discernment to those
who will choose our new Bishop.
Help us to be faithful in our lives
and our prayers.
In Christ's name. Amen
From the Diocesan Website



Linda being welcomed by Fr Mark Skelton of St Agatha's.

Left to right—Revd Ruth Frampton, Rural Dean; Bishop Jackie, Bishop of Crediton and acting Bishop of Exeter; Revd Linda Cronin, Rector; Canon Cate Edmonds, Cathedral; the Ven Andrew Beane, Archdeacon of Exeter. Below, Linda with Dawlish Churchwarden Leena Halse. And there had to be cake!

World Day of Prayer Service:
Friday 1st March, 2.30pm,
St Agatha's RC Church, Dawlish



See page 3 for details of Easter and Holy Week Services



pray



grow



serve
with joy

Created for Work, Rest and Worship

We have recently been running a series based on the book “The Rest is Worship” by Sara and Sam Hargreaves. An idea that I found in that book that struck me is the idea that we are created for work, rest and worship.

If we look at the origin story of humanity found in *Genesis 1-3*, we unearth a narrative of pristine harmony before the fall, where work and rest were pure expressions of God's good creation. Work, presented as a gift, and rest, a divine invitation to enjoy creation with God, were intertwined in a seamless dance. The intrusion of sin transformed work into toil, and rest became recovery from the burdens of a fallen world.

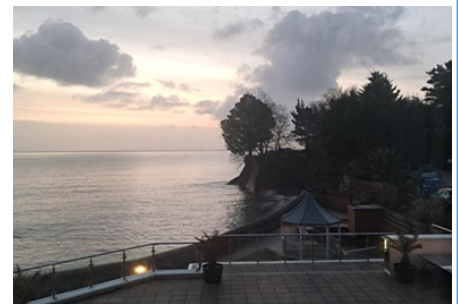
Today, is our concept of rest merely a desperate attempt to recharge before the next exhaustive task? God's gracious invitation urges us to rediscover His original intent for work and rest – as profound gifts inviting us to worship. In the perfection of Eden, God designed a place for seamless integration of work, rest, and worship. Sadly, in our fallen state, we often compartmentalize these aspects.

John Mark Comer beautifully articulates, "Just like work, when it's done right, is an act of worship, the same is true with rest." Indeed, every act of work can be offered to God as an act of worship. Similarly, rest, when experienced in communion with God, fulfils His intention in creating us. When we rest with God, we are not only embracing a crucial part of our design but also offering Him glory and praise. May we keep this in mind as we journey through Lent.

Rev'd Tanya Hockley Still, Diocesan UKME Advisor

Licensed Lay Minister's Conference in Torquay

On Friday, 9th February, Ceri, Margaret and I went to the Livermead Cliff Hotel in Torquay for the annual Reader (LLM) Weekend. We can recommend the hotel – a beautiful location right on the water, and the food and service were first class. Many thanks to St. Gregory's PCC for footing the bill for us - a challenging and thought-provoking conference.



The theme was mission and the key speakers on Saturday morning were Paul Friend, Director of South West Youth Ministries, and Tim Gibson, Anglican priest and communications expert, from the Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries, and Education at the University of the West of England (UWE). Paul spoke first and asked what (or rather who) it was that drew us to Jesus. He talked about the challenge to pass on the baton of Christian faith to the next generation, referring to Judges 2:10 which talks about the children of Israel after the death of Joshua. Sadly 'a generation grew up who knew neither the Lord, nor what He had done for them'.

Paul spoke about the problems faced by today's youth, and of the needs and the opportunities for mentoring – showing an interest in and love for young people. There is a great need for spiritual mothers and fathers. Are we outward focused or do we wait for families to come to us? And are our churches welcoming spaces for families?

Tim Gibson spoke on the theme of Imagining Mission and of the world's search for meaning in life. Our Christian faith aligns with the hope that most people have – a longing for eternity. We need to renew our hope in eternal life and to sit alongside others. The challenge is not to bring people into church but to take Christ into the world. And that requires our imagination, to communicate, to engage with the world, and to address the big questions of life; the difficult stuff.

But how do we do it? Tim suggests the resources are in the air we breathe. We must not be worldly, so that we can better serve the world! We need to be formed in Christ – fully in the world, and fully in Christ.

We learned about a flaneur - someone who walks around a city (it was originally Paris) observing people

and society. Tim suggests we should be spiritual flaneurs – out in the world and taking it in, embodying our hope in Christ, dreaming of something better. We should give time - to meditate, to imagine, to pray; to look, taste and see, to imagine a world as we long it to be; part food for thought, part inspiration.

The afternoon workshops included sessions on Craft, Mission for Families (with Sharon Blyth, Children’s Mission Adviser); Paul Friend speaking on Fierce Humility, leading the way to Jesus; Mission to the environment (with Sophie, Net Zero Carbon Officer and Sarah, Creation Care Engagement Officer); and Looking after yourself in Ministry (with Richard Frost). Excellent topics - it was difficult to choose between them.

Add to all this an evening walk in Cockington Valley (which I preferred to a refreshing dip in the sea), after dinner question time with Tim Gibson, and Sunday morning Bible study followed by Communion, with Bishop James Grier. And did I mention the excellent food and fellowship, catching up with friends in Licensed Lay Ministry, and taking in the views out to the bay? It was indeed a wonderful weekend – and all part of our lifelong learning.

Together in Christ , Will with Margaret and Ceri



30 years since the ordination of women (to the priesthood)

It was 30 years ago this month, on 12th March 1994, that the first 32 women were ordained as priests in the Church of England. The service was officiated by Bishop Barry Rogerson at Bristol Cathedral.

Bishop Rogerson ordained the women in alphabetical order, so Angela Berners-Wilson was the very first woman to be ordained. She was a university chaplain. The youngest woman to be ordained that day was aged 30. The oldest was 69. By 2004, ten years on, one of the women priests had died, and 14 had retired.

Bishop Rogerson reckoned it would take 10 years before the first woman would be ordained as a bishop. In the end, it took 21 years. Then Libby Lane was ordained the first female bishop in the Church of England. She became Bishop of Stockport, a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Chester.

The first woman to be ordained a diocesan bishop was the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, appointed on 26 March 2015. There are currently 25 women bishops in the CofE

Note: in 1989 when the ed was ordained deacon, there were just 7 ordained women in the Diocese, all non stipendiary—i.e. unpaid.

Holy Week and Easter Services

more information nearer the time

Sunday 17th March—Passiontide Begins

9.30 HC@ St George’s; Greg’s @10;

11.00 Morning Prayer @ St Mary’s

Palm Sunday 24th March

Holy Communion: St Greg’s 10.00, St Mary’s 11.00;

9.30 Morning Worship St George’s

Maundy Thursday 6pm for 6.30

Maundy Meal with Holy Communion

@ St Mary’s Hall, Dawlish Warren

Good Friday

10.00 St Greg’s Quiet Reflection

11.00 Walk of Witness, Churches Together

2.00 pm St George’s Quiet Reflection

3.00 pm St Greg’s, Good Friday Gardening



The world cannot bury Christ. The earth is not deep enough for His tomb, the clouds are not wide enough for his winding-sheet. - E Thomson

Easter Sunday

7.00 Sunrise service at Dawlish Warren
Followed by breakfast in St Mary’s Hall.

Holy Communion for Easter Sunday
9.30, St George’s, 10.00 St Greg’s, 11.00 St Mary’s



The best news the world ever had came from a graveyard. - Anon



What's the Big Idea? –

A series by Canon Paul Hardingham

An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Leviticus & Numbers

These books are concerned with Israel's wandering in the desert, on their journey from slavery in Egypt to the promised land of Canaan.

Leviticus focuses on the regulations about worship, ceremonial cleanness, moral laws and holy days. The key theme is that of *holiness*, as every detail of our lives is affected by the presence of a holy God. The aim of the sacrifices, feast and Sabbaths was to enable the people to enter God's presence. We should see the instructions and practices in Leviticus as pointing to Jesus. He totally fulfilled the law through the sacrifice of His life, as Easter reminds us. He demonstrated the love and holiness of God, so that we can share His life: 'Be holy, because I am holy' (1 Peter 1:16, cf Lev 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7)

The book of **Numbers** tells the story of Israel's journey through the wilderness. The people were coming to terms with their *identity* as God's people and the *call* to serve Him. They didn't always respond with faith, gratitude and obedience, but with unbelief, ingratitude and rebellion. As a result of their refusal to enter Canaan (ch 14), they were condemned to spend the rest of their lives in the desert. However, God in His grace allowed their children to enter the Promised Land. The book reminds us that the Church is called to be a community that honours God, learns how to deal with sin in ourselves and others, and lives out love and justice in daily life.

Quiz on the Book of Numbers

1. "*Bemidbar*," the Hebrew title of the book "Numbers" means what?
In the beginning; In the wilderness; Accounting
2. What does the book of Numbers describe?
the priestly rituals and rules for conduct; the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt; the numbering of God's people
3. How many years will the Israelites wander in the wilderness? 30 40 50
4. What tribe was given the responsibility of doing the work of the tabernacle? *Asher; Judah; Levi*
5. Why does God prohibit Moses from entering Canaan in Numbers 20? *because - he spoke to the rock; he threw the rock; he strikes the rock*
6. What did Moses hold up in Numbers 21, to heal the people who had been bitten by poisonous snakes when they looked at it? *The Ten Commandments; A Brass Serpent; Aaron's Rod*
7. When the twelve spies were sent to Canaan, how many returned with a good report? 2, 12, 1
8. 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.' What are these verse from Numbers 6 called?
The Shema; The Mezzuzah; The Aaronic Blessing

In the wilderness; The numbering of God's people; 40; Levi; Because he struck the rock instead of speaking to it; A brass serpent; Two; The Aaronic Blessing



Windsor Castle

In December King Charles invested Sue Young with an MBE. Sue is daughter-in-law to our own Fred and Frances Young and she played an important part in planning the period of mourning and the state funeral of the Queen. In Sue's own words: 'The King asked about my role and a couple of times said how grateful he was for all the planning that went into the national mourning period and the State Funeral. When it was time to leave the King shook my hand and said "Please accept this as a token of my appreciation." I felt so humbled.'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Gregory's Church has been booked for a **Music Workshop** on the **11th, May '24** from 1-6 pm. If you like singing do join us. More details later. Dill Cameron(dillcameron@icloud.com)

COCKWOOD SHANTY FESTIVAL
23RD AND 24TH MARCH

Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday 19th March, 12 for 12.30pm
Amelia's, Cofton. For all ladies connected with our churches in any way. For details or to say you are coming, contact Valerie 07970 255712 or Chris 07771 842334.



Rules of living well after 60 (and under as well!!)

The King is 75. Last year he did 516 engagements, and before his recent diagnosis for cancer, he had no intention of slowing down. Instead, he was keen to be 'back up and running' as soon as possible after his prostate operation. Was he right?

"Absolutely he was – you shouldn't slow down," says Sir Muir Gray, 80, former chief knowledge officer for the NHS. "Ageing exists as a normal biological process but until the age of 90, it has little effect on your ability to look after yourself, engage with others or get about independently. In fact, paradoxically, as we get older, we need to become more active – physically and mentally. Ageing doesn't make you feel old – disease and loss of fitness will."

A study from the Yale School of Public Health found that people who had positive ideas about their own ageing ("I have as much pep as last year") lived for an average of 22.6 years after they first participated in the study, while the people who felt less positively about ageing, lived for just 15 years more on average. Of course, getting older does involve some loss of energy. But slowing down a bit is never something to be ashamed of, and getting enough rest is the very cornerstone of leading a good life.

Exercise is also crucial as we get older. Focus on the four Ss: stamina, strength, skill (balance) and suppleness. Maintain your stamina by brisk walking every day for 30 minutes, if you are able. When you are ill, get up again as soon as you reasonably can. Otherwise, you are at risk of 'deconditioning syndrome', a physiological decline where muscle strength can decrease dramatically if you are over 70.

Thoughtfully review of your personal life-balance. Try to find the 'sweet spot' between activity and rest. Gray advises: "If you're only doing activities, you are inevitably going to burn out. But if you only rest, you will become sedentary and you're more likely to fall ill, feel disconnected and lonely."

Finally, don't run on a hamster wheel of someone else's making. This Lent, before God, rethink your real purpose and calling in life. And live it! *Parish Pump*

Did you know? That you can sign up to receive the **Green Spaces** Newsletter from Teignbridge.
<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/sports-and-leisure/events/sign-up-to-receive-our-green-spaces-newsletter/>

A recent edition contained information about the **Teignbridge Wellbeing Walks**.
[Sign up here](#) or [email](#) Or . 01626 215751.

In the Garden at Dusk - Joyce Grenfell

In the cool of the garden
When the evening draws in
Serenity waits
Where the shadows begin
In the fragrance of dusk and the
Murmur of clover
The concerns that we carried
Pass peacefully over
Flowers in their fullness shed
Blessings about
And the turmoil of living fades
Quietly out.
Hope glimmers through each
Evening star
And our cares will shrink
to the size that they are .

*Read at the
funeral of
Aileen Webster
19th February
St George's*

*Photos of St
George's Garden
by Marilyn.
Also the
Daffodils on the
first page.*

Spring's a time for planting in the warming earth
Seeds and saplings growing at this time of birth.
Carefully we tend them, pulling out each weed
Watering and weeding every plant and seed.

Yet we are just helpers – nothing done alone
For without our Father, nothing will be grown;
He's the Creator, He alone can bring
Growth into our gardens each succeeding spring.

Let us praise our Maker who makes life appear,
Praise Him in the springtime, and throughout the year;
Praise Him for all nature – ev'ry tree and flower
Gaze upon the garden, praise Him every hour!

God the gracious gardener cares for more than plants
As to us, His children every breath He grants.
He that for salvation gave His only Son,
Do not fail to praise Him for all that He's done.



The Big Plastic Count. 11th to 17th March; thebigplasticcount.com

LET'S INVESTIGATE TO STOP THE PLASTIC CRISIS

Nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging are thrown away by UK households every year, and 12% is recycled in the UK. It's time the government got serious about tackling the plastic crisis. You can help by taking part by taking part in

We're all doing our bit to recycle, but plastic waste is still everywhere. And recycling alone isn't going to solve the plastic problem.

This year, we have an incredible opportunity to end the plastic problem for good. Negotiations for a Global Plastics Treaty are happening at the United Nations and we want the UK Government to push for a strong and ambitious treaty that protects people and planet from plastic production and pollution. By getting your community involved in The Big Plastic Count, you can help gather evidence that will put pressure on the UK government to step up and take real action.

To take part register on the website to either download the pack or receive one (not containing plastic!) through the post.

If you are not online, contact the Eco Champion (Chris on 07771842334) who can order a pack for you.

We are only interested in counting plastic packaging waste, so you don't need to include plasters, dog poo bags, plastic cutlery or hygiene products. We are also excluding non-dairy milk/juice cartons (TetraPak), Pringles tubes, coffee cups, as they are made of a mix of materials. We recognise that some plastic products are essential for Disabled People, or people with medical conditions, and so for example we don't count plastic straws or medication blister packs.

Ripple Effect reaches more than a million people

Ripple Effect, the humanitarian Christian agency working in Africa (formerly **Send a Cow**), has reported a bumper year of ministry for 2023. "Last year we reached more people than ever before – 1.38 million people in rural Africa."

The people have taken part in projects that help them adapt to the climate crisis, regenerate tired land, boost food security and give them the tools to transform their own lives for the better.

Ripple Effect tells its supporters: "Because of your generosity, hundreds of thousands of women have gone through gender training with their families, helping to share workloads and reduce intimate partner violence.

"Those same women have been supported to start small agribusinesses, which provide essential products and services to their communities, whilst also giving them vital financial independence, and the ability to pay for medical care and their children's schooling."

172,500 young people have been supported to access jobs, and many have been linked with artisans so they can learn the skills to create their own businesses.

19,175 refugees in Uganda have taken part in Ripple Effect projects, helping them to connect with their host communities and build a reliable income through farming the land

Garden Twinning

Did you know you can twin your garden with an African garden with Ripple Effect? Contact via the website - rippleeffect.org or tel:01225874222Ripple Effect, The Old Estate Yard, Newton St Loe, Bath, BA2 9BR



2 Middlewood, Cockwood is open again

with the National Garden Scheme on 29th and 30th June and 6th and 7th July.

Put the dates in your diary!

If anyone would like to help on any of the days, garden stewards, teas etc, please contact Cliff on 07881442031.

Abide With Me

I briefly mentioned the above hymn by Revd. Henry Francis Lyte in a recent edition of Coastline. I cannot recall when I last sang it in church, if ever; and it is arguably best known beyond the church. It was first sung after the FA Cup Final in 1923; and the first and last verses have been sung 15 minutes before every FA Cup Final from 1927. Additionally, it was sung at several royal funerals and before the 2012 London Olympics. Unlike Lyte's Praise my Soul the king of Heaven, which is on my suggested Memorial Service list, I find Abide With Me too emotionally charged to be included. That's a shame because it is the most wonderful hymn of Hope. It is usually sung to Eventide by William Henry Monk, written in 1861, after Lyte's death

Lyte was born in Kelso; but opinions differ about his history. One account states that he was a curate in Count Wexford and The Spectator reported in 1925 that Lyte had attended the bedside of a dying friend there, who kept repeating the words Abide With Me; and that was the impetus for the hymn's composition. However, when in 1989, following my retirement as a Headteacher, I took my two youngest daughters, officially out of school for the Summer Term; and made an educational cruise across the South Coast. Whilst In Brixham we visited All Saints Church; and learned that during his 25 year incumbency there Lyte had done much to improve the education of children and illiterate fishermen. We also visited Berry Head where it was claimed Lyte wrote Abide With Me, as he addressed his own mortality. He had suffered throughout life from TB; and finally succumbed to it at just 54. *George Lipscomb, February, 2024*

Editor's Note—regular readers may remember the discussion to which George refers, which I believe was started by Mike Moulds. After reading this I reminisced online with George, remembering with joy the upbeat version of this hymn which the Revd John Teed requested to be played at his funeral. The words are indeed lovely. And which Gospel account inspires the title and opening words of the hymn?

The Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:29.

On Friday my hope died.

The sky wept itself dark
the ground broke apart
and all creation cried
for the bloodied innocence
hammered into a tree.

There were whispers
of a torn curtain,
but they didn't reach my ears
or mend my mangled heart
or stem the bitter tears
as we took
the body
down.

On Saturday we grieved,
hiding from the troops
whom we'd once believed
would be overthrown
by the carpenter's boy,
who had preached and fed
and healed,
and was now dead.

But then on Sunday –
The devastating beauty
of that Sunday –
when time and space
were blown out of shape
and angels wrapped in electric grace
rolled the impossible away

'He is not here'
they proclaimed
for glory had risen
our failings were forgiven
and the rules of life
and death were rewritten
as an empty tomb declared,
'Love is alive.'

Gideon Heugh, Tearfund

A Letter from Syria—Many readers will remember that our support for Samara's Aid started in 2014 when ISIS invaded Iraq and a mum from Brighton, Samara Levy, started collecting "winter clothes for Iraq". More than a few church members were involved in collecting, sorting and packing clothes into banana boxes, and transporting the boxes to the

local hubs for their onward journey first of all to Iraq, and then as the situation changed, to Syria. Over the last ten years, the (now) registered charity developed to meet the need. Samara sends out regular emails (sign up via the website) and this publication often contains excerpts. On this occasion, it was so difficult to precis, so the latest letter is available as a separate Appendix (Word Doc). Coastline March 2024 Appendix—A Letter from Syria.





Mothering Sunday
At Holcombe
Family Service at 9.30 am
IN THE VILLAGE HALL



St Gregory's,
Communion Service at 10.00



Daffs and Doughnuts!




St Paul's Church



You are invited
to join us
to celebrate

Mothering Sunday
Sunday 10th March
9.30am



Thanks be to God
for his amazing love

Mothering Sunday

Celebration
Sunday 10th March
11.00

Followed by tea, coffee, juice, chocolate biscuits!
An interactive informal service
for all ages - More info:
Revd Chris Curd—07771842334

Flowers for Mum, Aunty, Granny,
Neighbour ...
Colouring, Quiz

Come along to
St Mary's Church, Cofton



A Rocha Eco Tip for March **CELEBRATE SPRING.**

— Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season—breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints or identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. If you are confined to the house, ask someone to bring you some spring flowers. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty and thank God for the hope that spring can bring with it. [Www.arocha.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-over-lent](http://www.arocha.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-over-lent)

Eco Church Celebration **Exeter Cathedral**

Sunday 28 April 2024, 12:30-3:30pm

You are invited to our special Eco Church event at Exeter Cathedral. Organised by our creation care team, it will celebrate the eco church scheme in Devon and all that has been achieved so far. Dave Bookless from A Rocha will be sharing a message alongside Bishop Jackie, and churches around the diocese will be sharing inspiring stories. **Come along and be encouraged to take action in your parish and mission community. Tickets are free, but booking is required.** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eco-church-celebration-tickets>
If you are not online talk to a friend who is!!

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