# Coastline



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## Appointment of the new Rector.

"We'll have to wait for the announcement in the near future."

That was true at the time of going to press! By the time you read this, the announcement may have been made. But so far ....

Visits and interviews for the post of the new Rector for the Dawlish Coast Mission Community.

The Candidates all met up with the Rural Dean and representatives of the Benefice on Tuesday 17th at Amelia's restaurant in Cofton Holiday Park for coffee and introductions. Thank you, Valerie.

After a chat, the Candidates went to visit all four Churches in the Benefice and St. Mary's hall. Each church had helpful people showing them around and answering their questions. Lunch was also offered and more Church Council members were able to meet some of the Candidates during that time.

They visited the vicarage, then met some of the ministry team later on in the afternoon. Refreshments and questions followed.

A long day for everyone. The traffic between Dawlish and Cofton/ Starcross was busy with traffic lights on Exeter Road which caused some delays but the day went well.

On Wednesday 18th, the interviews were held at St.Greg's. Another busy day. We'll have to wait for the announcement in the near future.

My thanks to all the helpful people in the Benefice who showed the Candidates around, drove them and offered lunch and baked cakes etc. Thank you.

Leena Halse, Church Warden St Greg's

Loving and Gracious God,
We give you thanks for
this our Diocese and all
who build the living body
of Christ. Inspire us with
your vision. Lead us in the ways of
your Son, Jesus Christ. Give
wisdom 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

**Come and Remember** loved ones no longer with us,



**Come and Support** a Humanitarian Aid coffee morning sale,



**Come and Remember** 

**Come and See** 



With the Archbishop of Canterbury



**Come and Pray** 

See pages 2 and 3 for details.



## Come and Pray: Prayer and Worship Gathering Saturday 2 December, 11am-4pm at **Exeter Cathedral**

Bishop Jackie is inviting people across Devon to take part in a Diocesan day of prayer, Come and Pray,

#### The Come and Pray Event at Exeter

Cathedral will feature different forms of prayer, prayer stations for all ages, acts of worship led by Bishop Jackie and Bishop James, and music from the Christian singer songwriter Andy Flannagan and the Exe Valley Community Choir. It will end with carols in the Christmas market. We are encouraging church groups to come together for all or part of the day.

The main worship will be livestreamed. You can stay for the whole thing or just come for part of it. In addition there will be an online prayer room and prayer resources published beforehand so people can take part wherever they are.



Service of Remembering and Hope An opportunity to remember with hope loved ones who have died.



Followed by light refreshments

All are welcome

This gentle and respectful service has been much appreciated by many over the years.

For more information, or If you have anyone whom you would wish to be remembered by name, please contact Revd Prebendary Chris Curd who will be leading this service on behalf of St George's and the Dawlish Group of Churches. 07771842334; prebchris2020@gmail.com

**Struggling to make ends meet** or pay the bills? The Local Councils have information and resources to help. If you are not sure to whom to turn, then call the Citizens' Advice Bureau on 08001448848

**Church Times Anyone?** Would anyone or any of the churches like to have back copies of the Church Times? Contact the Editor for more information.

Men's Breakfast Mon 6th Nov - Mount Pleasant Coffee Morning - St Greg's, 10.30—12.30, Sat 25th.



## **Come and Remember** Remembrance tide services & events Saturday 11th November

11.00-2 minutes silence at the Dawlish Poppy Wall

(This will be on the Lawn from 1st to 14th November and you are invited to add your own knitted poppy to the display.)

Sunday 12th November

St George's at 9.30 and St Mary's at 10.55 both have Morning Worship with a Remembrance Theme and Silence.

Remembrance Parade to Dawlish War Memorial and service in St Gregory's at 3pm

#### Fri 17 Nov- Sun 17 Dec Cathedral Christmas Market.

With a 100+ chalets and free entry into the Cathedral including the Light of Hope Star installation by artist, Peter Walker. Monday-Wednesday: 10am-7pm Thursday-Saturday: 10am-9pm; Sunday: 11am-5pm







## **Humanitarian Aid Coffee Morning and Sale**



## **Saturday 11th November** 10 am to 2 pm **Cockwood Village Hall**



(Cofton Parish Hall, next to The Ship at Cockwood)

Coffees, teas, delicious Ukrainian baking, traditional British cakes and snacks, Christmas decorations, craft items, stocking fillers, items for gifts, some clothing, household and ornaments. And much more besides.

A short silence will be observed at 11.00 and poppies will be available for sale

Organised by Liubov Nazarok and Cliff and Chris Curd, along with Ukrainian and British friends in our community.

Proceeds to be divided between CR2EE, based in Starcross and Exmouth, and the work of Liubov's friend, Maxim.

who has been engaged in humanitarian work since the invasion.

 $Details\ etc-07771842334-text\ please\ if\ possible,\ or\ contact\ via\ village\ social$ media. Donations of good quality goods and seasonal clothing appreciated, including items that would work as stocking fillers and gifts.

Parking on road in the village or 3/4 minutes walk from no 2 bus stop at Cockwood Harbour. Silence will be observed at 11.00

## Ladies' Lunch

Tuesdays 14 Nov and 12 Dec 12 for 12.30pm Amelia's, Cofton Open to all ladies connected with our churches in any way. For details or to say that you are coming, please contact Valerie on 07970 255712 or Chris on 07771 842334.

## Reader Day 2023

In Exeter Diocese the first Saturday in October is the annual Reader Day.

This is a special day set aside for

Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and its climax is the annual Licensing service in Exeter Cathedral.

The day began with two workshops aimed at giving lay ministers practical help in their ministry. One was 'Worship with Children and Families'

I attended the 'Come and See' workshop. 'Come and See' is a mission event and is happening on this Remembrance Day weekend. Archbishop Justin will be visiting our diocese. This mission weekend is inspired by that simple invitation.

Two disciples of John the Baptist asked Jesus where he was staying. He answered 'Come and see'. When Nathanael asked 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' his friend, Philip, replied: 'Come and see'. When Jesus asked where Lazarus was buried his friends replied 'Come and see'. And the angel led the women to the empty tomb with these same words.

There are invitations and simple Bible Study leaflets which we can use on the weekend itself or for outreach in the future. Come and see – there should be some at the back of church.

The Reader Service was a choral eucharist. Bishop James Grier presided and John Dunster, a licensed lay minister from Sidmouth, was the preacher. Eight new Lay Ministers were admitted (for a Lay minister this is like being ordained). Eight Lay Ministers transferred to Exeter from other dioceses. And we welcomed Heidi, a Church Army evangelist. Along with our new colleagues a number of Lay Ministers who are over the age of 70 were licensed on this special day. That included Margaret Noel and myself. At the same time Ann Leigh became Reader Emeritus after well over 50 years of licensed ministry which began in the Methodist church. Her ministry will be less 'up front' but will continue in the many ways it has developed in recent years. As Lay Ministers, Margaret, Ceri, Ann and I all need and value your help and support, especially in prayer. Thank you. Will Halse

#### **Come and See**

Archbishop Justin will be in Devon for the whole of Remembrance weekend supporting churches across the county running 'Come and See' outreach events for their local communities. He will mark he Remembrance silence on 11 November in Torquay and will lead prayers at the Plymouth Hoe parade on Sunday 12th.

## ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO HOLD CON-VERSATIONS ABOUT GRIEF AT UNIVERSITY OF EXETER EVENT

FROM THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is to take part in an event focusing on bereavement during his visit to Devon over Remembrance weekend.

The Archbishop in Conversation will take place at the University of Exeter on Saturday 11 November. The afternoon event will explore themes of loss, bereavement, and hope. It will draw on Archbishop Justin's own experience of losing his baby daughter some years' ago, and more recently his mother.

The Archbishop in Conversation is being run in collaboration with South-West bereavement charities and will feature the archbishop in conversation with others who have experienced loss.

They include Jane Harris and Jimmy Edmonds, from south Devon. Their son Josh died in a road accident in Vietnam in 2011 aged 22. They founded <u>The Good Grief Project</u> to help other bereaved parents. Their book <u>When Words Are Not Enough</u> was published in 2022. Jimmy said: "We're honoured to be invited to share our grief journey with the Archbishop and to explore some of the creative responses we have found essential to keeping a loving bond with our son."

The event is being organised by Rev'd Philip Sourbut, the former Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese of Exeter, who lost his daughter suddenly in 2017.

He said "Grief has no sell-by date and, if we ignore it, has a habit of ambushing us. My hope is that this event will give opportunity to share experience with others on a similar journey and realise that we are not alone." The event will include a market-place area where people will be able to chat to representatives from around 12 different bereavement charities.

Archbishop Justin and Bishop Jackie will also lead a candlelit walk of reflection to the university chapel, where people will be invited to remember loved ones. Music will be provided by the chapel choir.

Free tickets for the event can be booked <u>here</u> ( via the Diocesan website or office).





The Bishop of Norwich, who is the Church of England's Lead Bishop on the Environment, has issued the following response to the announcement by the Prime Minister on Net Zero policies:

"The Prime Minister's Net Zero speech calls for a welcome change in the debate from loud polarised voices, but he set out delays in policy before hearing the properly informed debate he called for. Whilst it is right that he has kept our international commitments, postponing changes leave necessary adaptations to the last minute, rather like last-minute exam cramming—a risky gamble. Ignoring the ongoing carbon emissions exacerbates climate change's impact. "The Prime Minister said we can meet our climate targets without taking the carbon reduction actions the Government had previously announced. We can't. Decarbonisation must permeate every aspect of our lives. Failing to acknowledge the urgency undermines progress, impacting business, investment, green job creation, and global influence.

"We are already seeing the devastating effects of climate change, which is hitting the poorest people of the world hardest. We must act now to ensure a just transition, it is our moral duty to care for God's creation. "Christians are called to be a people of hope; to live in harmony with our world; to treasure God's creation and to love our global neighbours."



In a speech he gave in June 1940, Churchill famously said 'the Battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian

civilization'. In this season of Remembrance it is right that we pause to consider the lasting legacy of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our 'Christian civilization', especially in the light of the direction of travel our nation has taken since the victory celebrations of 1945.

One could rightly argue that, in the decades since the end of the Second World War, much ground has been

## Play your Part in the Big Green Vision

Anyone who is online and who wishes to is invited to Join Andy Atkins, A Rocha UK CEO and hear more about A Rocha UK's Big Green Vision on 21 November, 2-3pm.

Registration is via Eventbrite via a link at the bottom of this webpage.

https://arocha.org.uk/play-your-part-in-our-big-green-vision/

## A Rubbish Quiz Courtesy of Tear Fund

- 1. How many waste pickers are there in the world?7 million
- 14 million
- 20 million
- 2.In what country has a local church become 'zero-waste' and is campaigning for the local government to clean up plastic pollution from the local river?
- 3. Which was the first country in Asia to ban single use lightweight plastic bags?

Answers on page 7

conceded to secularism, and yet there is still room for great hope. Indeed, since the initial community consultation at Cofton Country in 2017, 'Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) Dawlish' has become established as a registered charity, pioneered Helping Dawlish during the pandemic, and is now widely seen as a credible partner by local schools, local authorities and many local people. The gospel opportunities are opening wide in our community. Our next challenge is to strengthen the connections between ROC Dawlish and the local churches to enable us to step into these opportunities together in Jesus' name and 'redeem our community'. A bit like the reinforcements needed in the days following D-Day in June 1944, much now depends on strengthening the 'beach-head' before we can push further inland and liberate territory currently under occupation.

To this end, lead ministers have agreed a new strategy to foster a greater sense of ownership and participation by local Christians. This strategy will be presented to the Christian community on Friday 24th November. Following two previous gatherings in 2022 and 2023, ROC Dawlish and Christians Together in Dawlish and District will host 'Reaching Dawlish 3' at the Hope Centre, starting at 6pm and finishing by 9pm at the very latest. This enjoyable, informal dinner will celebrate all that God is doing on mission in our community, and give everyone the opportunity to have their say in what happens next.

Lead ministers are actively encouraging all local Christians to get involved in some way, through attending, praying for the work, or perhaps getting involved in some practical way. Free tickets for the event can be booked on Eventbrite at

reachingdawlish3.eventbrite.co.uk. Mark Jones, Hope Church Contact Mark Jones on 07729998334 or <a href="mailto:rocdawlish@gmail.com">rocdawlish@gmail.com</a> for more information. (phone if you are not online and can't book.)

#### LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS FROM TEIGNBRIDGE COUNCIL

Residents across Teignbridge could benefit from free energy efficiency upgrades to their homes if they're not connected to the gas grid - through a Government-backed Home Upgrade Grant scheme.

We're working with Devon County Council and the Energy Saving Devon Partnership to offer households the chance to make improvements to help make their homes warmer and lower energy bills and carbon emissions. Upgrades could include cavity wall insulation, solid wall insulation, loft insulation, external wall insulation, draught proofing, underfloor insulation, low energy lighting, heat pumps, heating controls, solar PV (where heating is electric), solar thermal and double glazing. The upgrades would depend on the outcome of a free site survey and to be eligible, householders will need to:

- Own and live in your property that is not connected to mains gas for heating
- Have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F, or G.
- Have a combined gross household income of less than £31,000 a year OR live in an automatically eligible postcode area (some EX7 areas qualify)

The no cost offer is on a first-come, first-served basis so find out more on Energy Saving Devon's website or phone the Energy Saving Devon Advice Line on 0800 138 6207 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) or email Energy Saving Devon.

**ANNA CHAPLAINCY** Our Dawlish Coast Mission



Community is part of Kenn Deanery which brings churches together for mutual support. Our deanery synod reaches from Teignmouth to Cheri-

ton Bishop along the borders of Dartmoor and meets three times a year. The venues move around the parishes. Each meeting has a guest speaker to talk about an aspect of mission and ministry. In October, it was the turn of St. Greg's to host. Our speaker was Annie Jeffries who, with Dr Jon Curtis, oversees the Anna Chaplaincy in Exeter Diocese. Anna Chaplaincy is a ministry to older people in their own homes, sheltered housing or care homes. It was pioneered by Debbie Thrower, supported by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF). Anna Chaplains are trained volunteers who offer spiritual support and friendship - to people of strong faith, little faith

#### Link road project well underway

Contractors Montel Civil Engineering are pushing ahead with construction of the £6.2million Dawlish link road and bridge. Work started on schedule at the end of August and good progress is being made on this vital infrastructure project which will give access to an 860-home development near Secmaton Lane, providing a key link to the A379 Exeter Road. September's activity focused on much of the essential site setup work to enable construction of the link road and bridge to take place. This included a haul road, a works compound with temporary power, vegetation and tree stump removal, drainage and silt protection and a temporary brook crossing. (October) has seen further clearance work, some ground improvements, the extension of the haul road and temporary water management drainage being put in place. You can follow progress on Devon County Council's dedicated Link Road and bridge web pages

or no faith at all. They are named after the widow, Anna, who welcomed the infant Jesus in the temple (Luke 2) and include men and women. The training course is on Zoom (6 weeks for 2 hours per week) and is reimbursed by the diocese. Commissioning services are led by a bishop or archdeacon. Anna Chaplains will give about 7 hours per week. Listening skills are very important and an understanding of dementia is helpful. It is a ministry to people who need a listening ear. Annie takes communion wherever she goes. In her words she is giving but also receiving.

Each Anna Chaplain works within a Mission Community and is accountable to the local incumbent (minister). The vision is to see an Anna Chaplain in every community. Referrals may come from hospitals when patients are discharged, from GP surgeries and social services, as well as from friends, neighbours and family.

Anna Friends are people who want to help in this ministry but have less time to give – perhaps 3 hours per month. Anna Friends are trained and commissioned locally. Would you like to know more about Anna Chaplaincy and how you might become involved? Email Annie at

<u>annie.jefferies@btinternet.com</u> or phone the Diocese of Exeter Mission and Ministry team on 01392 294973. *Will Halse* 

By the time this magazine is being read, events in the Middle East will have moved on, for better or for worse. So it is difficult to add any comment.

From the Diocese of Exeter in October

Archbishop Mourns Lives Lost after "Devastating"

Attack on Hospital from Roots and Shoots

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has responded to the bombing of the Anglican Ahli Al Arab Hospital in Gaza, in which hundreds are feared dead and injured, by saying: "This is an appalling and devastating loss of innocent lives. The Ahli hospital is run by the Anglican church. I mourn with our brothers and sisters - please pray for them. I renew my appeal for civilians to be protected in this devastating war. May the Lord God have mercy." The Acting Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev'd Jackie Searle, said "This hospital has been described in the past as an oasis of healing and hope. It is known for treating anyone in need. This is devastating news." Earlier in the week Archbishop Justin had appealed for the hospital and others in Gaza to be protected from air strikes, warning that they were "facing catastrophe."

## <u>High and Holy Days in November—space only</u> allows for a very few mentions!

1st All Saints' Day – the feast day of the redeemed.2nd All Souls' Day

**3rd Richard Hooker** – priest, apologist, teacher *Have you ever wondered about the statue on Cathedral Green?* one of the most important theologians of the 16<sup>th</sup> C. He gave the CE a theological method which combined the claims of revelation, reason, and tradition. Traditionally, he has been credited as the originator of the Anglican *via media*; the middle way between Protestantism and Catholicism. Born in Heavitree.

6th The Martyrs of Vietnam d. 1745 – 1862
During the first 200 years of Christianity in Vietnam/
Indo-China, a staggering 100,000 Christians are believed to have been martyred for their faith. During the first 20 years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the Church grew steadily, only to face dire persecutions under the Annamite kings Minh-Mang (1820-41) and Tu Duc (1847-83). All foreign missionaries were thrown out, and Vietnamese Christians were ordered to renounce Christianity by trampling on the crucifix. Many died of hunger and thirst or were tortured to death.

19 Hilda - Abbess of Whitby (look her up!)

26 **Christ the King** reminds us that this world with its evil and unfairness will not be allowed to go on forever. Jesus Christ has overcome death and will return to us one day. And HIS Kingdom will be one of justice and righteousness, with no more tears, and He will reign forever. Amen!

#### **News from Melanesia**

In Dawlish Mothers' Union we have members from all of our Benefice churches, and we meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm, usually in the Upper Narthex at St. Gregory's Church. On 3<sup>rd</sup> October we had a special visitor, Katie Drew from Feniton who is the Executive Officer of the Melanesian Mission UK. Earlier this year she made a two-week visit to the Solomon Islands, and she gave us a most interesting illustrated talk about life the other side of the world. The Solomons lie in the South Pacific north east of Australia, and they are particularly threatened by climate change because as the sea level rises several of the smallest islands have been completely submerged, with the inhabitants forced to relocate. Life in the Solomon Islands, one of the poorest countries in Asia, is completely different from ours in England, with less education, less money and less security, but their Christian faith is very strong. The largest Christian group is the Anglicans and many of the women are in the Mothers' Union, trying to help their neighbours as we do here, but without the same support. Katie highlighted the need for them to learn to make clothes both for themselves and to sell to support their families.

Other MU branches in Devon are already collecting sewing machines, materials and haberdashery items which are then sent to Melanesia, and we feel we could do the same, so boxes have now been placed at the back of St. Gregory's and St. George's for contributions. Anything used in sewing or knitting is welcome so we are inviting those in our congregations to look through their cupboards and drawers for unwanted lengths of material, wools, cottons, needles, zips, scissors

....... Margaret Kerr is taking responsibility for storing anything we collect until Katie can pick it up, and her address is 10 Fordens Lane, Holcombe (phone 01626 867484) Do support this appeal if you can.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November we again have a visiting speaker, Anne Hayward, who will give us an illustrated talk on a recent pilgrimage she made from Glastonbury to St. Michael's Mount. All are welcome - and not just the adies in our congregations!

Ann Leigh

#### Tares or Weeds?

The traditional and modern in worship. Excerpts from an article submitted by George Lipscombe

Richard Orr's frontispiece to the Benefice News letter of 15<sup>th</sup> October, struck a chord with me because he used the traditional words rather than the updated words of the Harvest Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come: "wheat and tares together sown", rather than "wheat and weeds". Some years ago, Alan Smith reminded us that the tares our Lord referred to were not weeds. Our Lord did not condemn biodiversity. That term then was unknown; but tares are thought to be darnel: the poisonous wheat lookalike.

(One online dictionary lists the side effects as pupil dilation, disturbances in perception, coordination and movement, vomiting, headaches, sleepiness, respitory paralysis . It notes the effect could last for days but was not usually lethal. However, as the grains were often baked into bread one could speculate on the effect on medieval peasantry Ed.) Another example that irks me is the substitution of 'brother' for 'husband' in the hymn "How Sweet the name of Jesus Sounds", which destroys Newton's original meaning. (How many would realise that the word "husband" here refers to the act of "husbandry", not being a husband in the modern sense), but that change is not recent and can be found in hymn books from the 1940's, if not earlier.

I'm not the only nonagenarian within the Benefice, and I suspect that others may like me observe with regret the dramatic change in Christian worship experienced in our lifetime. As a teenager in the 40's and 50's, the scurrilous and derogatory term, 'Oncers' was used to describe those who onlyworshipped once on a Sunday!

My greatest regret is the decline in Evening worship. True, Radio 3 still broadcasts Evensong every day; but so many of the fine old hymns such as: "Glory be to thee, my God, this Night", and "God that madest earth and heaven" are not being sung. "Only Abide with Me" (allegedly composed on Berry Head) and "The Day Though Gavest Lord is Ended" (my father's favourite hymn) have made their way into modern hymnals. *GL* 

What are your thoughts? Should we be preserving some of these hymns that George mentions, so that the next generation know of them? And if so,

how? Let the editor know. I particularly love the words of "Glory to Thee", although in 1697 Bishop Thomas Ken wrote 12 verses, and I doubt if all 12 made their way into most hymn books! Here is a selection of the most commonly used. Interestingly, in our family we used to sing the last verse as a grace when the children were little. ED

GLORY to Thee my God, this night, For all the Blessings of the Light; Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings, Under Thy own Almighty Wings.

Forgive me Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the World, my self, and Thee,
I, e'r I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread The Grave as little as my Bed; Teach me to die, that so I may Triumphing rise at the last day.

O may my Soul on Thee repose, And with sweet sleep mine Eye-lids close; Sleep that may me more vig'rous make, To serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,
My Soul with Heavenly Thoughts supply,
Let no ill Dreams disturb my Rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.

Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, Praise Him all Creatures here below, Praise Him above y' Angelick Host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### Rubbish Quiz answers

- There are at least 20 million waste pickers in the world
- Coqueiral Baptist Church in north-east Brazil has gone zero-waste
- 3. Bangladesh was the first country in Asia to ban plastic bags in 2002.

Visit the Tear Fund website to check the facts!



Dwight L. Moody is quoted as saying that out of 100 people, one will read the Bible and the other 99 will read the Christian.

### **Smile Lines**

Underneath a street sign 'St Matthew's Close', someone had added:
 'Well, I can't see him.'



#### Notice on a church in Cheshire:

'This is the House of God, this is the gate of Heaven.' (This door is locked in winter months.)

- A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"
- A man had the courage but not always the skills to tackle any home-repair project. For example, his garage was littered with the pieces of a lawn mower he had tried to fix. One day his wife found him in the living room, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "I can't get this thing to cooperate!" he exclaimed. His wife replied, "Why don't you just drag it out to the garage and show it what happened to the lawn mower?"

### **CONTACTS DURING THE VACANCY**

There is currently no Rector or Licensed member of the clergy in our three churches. Services are being taken by the Ministry Team (Lay Ministers and retired priests). The service rota is being put together by the Revd Helen Bays.

Contact details during the Vacancy are as follows.

<u>Church Office</u> 01626 864322. usually open Tuesday and Thursday mornings. At other times messages can be left. <u>st.gregs@btinternet.com</u>.

Baptism and Marriage—enquiries should be made to the Church Office as above.

**Funerals**—contact Lay Minister Mrs Margaret Noel—01626 863148; oldstokeroad57@outlook.com **Other urgent or pastoral enquiries** 

Please contact one of the Lay Ministers:

Margaret Noel: 01626 863148 Will Halse: 01626 866054 Ceri Lee: 07739 936286

- St Mary's Cofton: If you would like to receive regular news from St Mary's, please contact the Churchwarden, Valerie Jeffery, 01626 890401, valerie@coftonholidays.co.uk
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