

# Coastline



A Magazine for the Dawlish Coast Churches

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St George's Holcombe   St Gregory's Dawlish   St Mary's Cofton



A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**

Season of Creation 2023

**1st Sept to 4th Oct**

## Creationtide or the Season of Creation

This is the period in the annual church calendar dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. Many churches choose to use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew their commitment to caring for our one planet home. *See p 3*

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## Senior Clergy Reflection – September 2023

*Very Rev'd Jonathan Greener, Dean of Exeter Cathedral*

Exeter Cathedral is a building site - with a new Cloister slowly taking shape in the garden, and a big white protective tent in the quire, while they're laying underfloor heating and a new floor incorporating a variety of colourful Devon marbles with romantic names: Dove Happaway, Kitley Green, Radford Rose Red and Ipplepen Yellow. The archaeologists have been hard at work, and to our delight have uncovered the floor of the Norman cathedral with its high altar, the outline of the cathedral apse, some bishops' tombs and a crypt no one really knew was there. You may be aware that before the current cathedral, there was a great Norman building on the site, and we still benefit from its immense towers and some internal walls. Following the dig, I've been surprisingly moved to walk on the Norman floor and picture our predecessors standing at their altar 800 years ago, celebrating the eucharist, with pilgrims coming to reverence the relics in the crypt below - none of them having the slightest idea about the exquisite Gothic edifice that would soon come and replace their monumental cathedral.

Building on what's gone before: the story of the Church over the past 2000 years. Seeking to bring the Gospel to life for each successive generation. Taking all that's been good and true, and with those solid foundations, telling the Good News afresh for today. A similar story too for those of us involved with the Vacancy in See Committee, considering what's been good during Bishop Robert's episcopate over the past nine and a half years (of which there's been much), and seeking to discern what is needed for this next stage of our diocesan journey together. Please pray for all those involved in the appointments process for our new bishop: it feels like a weighty responsibility, but at least there's a great deal of good on which to build.



**Bishop Robert's Farewell Service will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday 17 September at 3pm.**

A ticketed event due to limited space because of restoration work.

Refreshments will be served on the Green after the service. The service will be live-streamed for anyone who is unable to come to Exeter. You can also send a message for his card on [this website](https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/events/bishop-of-exeter-farewell-service/).  
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*See also overleaf*

**October Coastline will be guest edited by Liz Hawarth from St George's.**

**All material to Liz please by 20th September: [liz.hawarth@gmail.com](mailto:liz.hawarth@gmail.com); 07837069167**

## The Bishop of Exeter is retiring on

30 September 2023 after more than nine years in the role. The Rt. Rev'd Robert Atwell was installed as bishop at Exeter Cathedral in July 2014. He is currently convenor of the Bishops in the South-West region, chair of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission and the lead bishop for Rural Affairs. He has been a member of the House of Lords since November 2021.

Bishop Robert said: "There is no ideal time to retire, but this seems like a sensible moment. I will be 69 in August. Last year I had surgery and, although it was successful, I am increasingly conscious of how precious the gift of life and health is, and I don't want to take it for granted. It has been an honour to serve as Bishop of Exeter in this beautiful county with so many historic and amazing churches served by faithful congregations. I have been blessed with a fantastic team of clergy colleagues and diocesan staff and I will miss working with them. I know the people of the diocese will continue to live out our vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and to serve the people of Devon with joy."

Bishop Robert studied theology at St John's College, Durham, & trained for ordination in Cambridge and Rome. He served as a curate in the Diocese of London before returning to Cambridge as chaplain of Trinity College for 6 years and teaching early Christian life and thought. He spent 10 years as a Benedictine monk in Oxfordshire, returning to parish ministry in London's Primrose Hill. He was appointed Bishop of Stockport in 2008.

During his time as Bishop of Exeter, he championed the role of the rural church, instigating the Growing the Rural Church project and most recently editing the book *How Village Churches Thrive*.

His time in office has also seen the development of the Devon Pilgrim project, the Devon Church Weddings project and social justice work through Transforming Plymouth Together. He steered Devon's 600 Anglican churches through the Covid-19 Pandemic. Bishop Robert is also patron of Plymouth Marjon University, numerous charities and voluntary agencies including YMCA Exeter, St Petrock's and Devon Historic Churches

Trust. He is a trustee of Devon Community Foundation. He is an accomplished author, whose works include *Celebrating the Seasons*, *Celebrating the Saints*, *The Contented Life*, *Peace at the Last (on funeral ministry)* and *The Good Worship Guide*.

The Lord Lieutenant of Devon, David Fursdon, said "It has been my privilege to work with Robert as Bishop of Exeter for eight of his nine years in office. He has indeed, as he set out to do, served the people of Devon with joy.

"Through a series of challenges, not least the Covid crisis, he has led by example. His deep personal faith, empathy and pragmatism coupled with humility and a gift for clear communication has enabled him to exercise strong leadership whether in the Diocese, as chair of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission or being the lead bishop for rural affairs in the House of Lords. We will miss him very much."

Bishop Robert will be stepping back from public duties in late July. The Bishop of Crediton, the Rt. Rev'd Jackie Searle, will be Acting Bishop of Exeter pending the appointment of the new bishop. Bishop Jackie said

"It is an honour to serve with Bishop Robert in this wonderful diocese. His retirement will be a significant loss to us all, and we are deeply thankful for his ministry. He will leave a rich legacy that includes his collaborative, prayerful and wise leadership, a strong team, and the Diocesan vision to guide us as we continue to pray, grow and serve the people of Devon with joy. It will be my privilege to be Acting Diocesan Bishop through the forthcoming vacancy."

Annie Jeffries, who as Chair of the House of Laity, represents lay people in the diocese, said

"On behalf of the laity of the Exeter Diocese may I say how sorry we all are to hear that Bishop Robert is retiring. He has encouraged and supported the laity in all that he has instigated and achieved throughout his tenure as Bishop. It has been an absolute delight and privilege to work alongside him, as many of us have been fortunate to do. We wish him much happiness and continuing good health in the future years, with many thanks for his outstanding leadership."

You are a Child of God.

Please phone home!

Anon



**The theme for the Season of Creation 2023 is  
Let Justice and Peace Flow.**



The prophet Isaiah proclaims:  
“Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43: 19) Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, at the same time that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair.

Prophet Amos cries out: *“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”* (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of bio-diversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

**Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory**

**Janet (Jan) Green** died unexpectedly at home on 19th July. Her funeral was held in St George’s on 21st August. Jan is remembered as a choir member, chalice assistant, Home Communion Minister and Helper at Messy Church—among many other things. An avid Cliff Richard fan, Cliff’s Millenium Prayer was sung at her funeral and members of the choirs of St George’s & St Greg’s sang Ave Verum Corpus.

**Vivien Rew-** Born in Bideford, moved to Newton Abbot in her teens. Loved cricket all her life. Took her Civil service exams, joined the Inland Revenue! Married a farmer and became the mainstay of the business.... an excellent cook. She loved the life of a farmer’s wife. Despite the difficulties. She was in her element, surrounded by animals. Harvesting mushrooms, sloes, blackberries, apples, and making them into wonderful things. She had a true appreciation of nature, A talented musician - grade 8 as a pianist and vocalist; a sought-after soloist and organist in many local chapels and churches. Joined Kenton choir, appearing on radio and TV, and invited to sing at Exeter Cathedral services. Joining Dawlish Choral Society and St Gregory’s Church Choir in recent years has enabled her to sing some of her favourite music again. Gave her much pleasure, and for a naturally shy lady, some wonderful friends. At her funeral on 24th August the choir sang Stanford’s *Jubilate in B flat*, joined by 4 members of Vivien’s family Ian Bartlet, played G.F. Handel’s *I know that my Redemer Liveth* and J.S. Bach’s *Sleeper’s Awake*”

**Hazel Huggins** We continue to pray for our friends at Hope Church and all who knew and loved Hazel. Her Memorial Service was on Friday 25th August at Hope Church.

**September Dates**

**St Gregory the Great—3rd September**

Pope Gregory never called himself ‘the Great’, but instead ‘the Servant of the Servants of God’. Nevertheless, he was one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. The son of a very rich Roman senator, he left the service of the State upon his conversion as a young man. . Gregory then sold off his tremendous estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome, and gave generously to the poor. He became a monk and adopted an austere lifestyle. But he was destined to be a frustrated monk, because successive popes kept appointing him to jobs with major public responsibilities. Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, ‘They are Angles.’ Moved with compassion for these humiliated and despised men, he replied, ‘They are not Angles, but angels!’ He wanted to lead a band of missionaries to England to evangelise the Angles, but then plague broke out in Italy, and during this time he was elected Pope. Reluctantly he accepted, and then set to work to deal with the crises facing Christendom: plague, floods, famine, and a Lombard invasion. But busy though Gregory was, he did not forget the Angles. He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

**2nd September - The Anglican Church in Australia still honours the New Guinea Martyrs of 1942.**

These brave men and women, 10 Australians and two Papuans, refused to leave their missionary work on the island as the Japanese military forces advanced. As one tribute to them put it: *‘They knowing full well the risk, elected to stay with their flock.’* The missionaries were serving the people of Papua New Guinea as Christian priests, teachers, workers and medical nurses. All twelve were unarmed as they were going about their normal missionary work. The martyrs were: In Gona, on the NE coast : May Hayman (medical sister), and Mavis Parkinson (teacher): both bayoneted to death. In villages inland from Gona: Vivian Redlich (priest), Margery Brenchley (medical sister), Lillar Lashmar (teacher), Henry Holland, (priest), John Duffill (carpenter): all beheaded. Also, Lucian Tapiedi, an indigenous Papuan: axed to death. (A statue of Tapiedi now stands as a memorial above the West Door of Westminster Abbey.) Outer islands: John Barge (priest), Bernard Moore (priest), boat sunk; In open sea: Henry Mathews (priest), Leslie Gariadi (Papuan assistant): boat sunk and men machine-gunned in water. Today the Church also remembers the more than 300 church workers of all churches who were killed in 1942, during the Japanese occupation of Papua New Guinea.

## It happened this summer

**Dawlish Garden Society Annual Show.** “Well”, whispered Helen into the editor’s ear, as along with Gill the three of us huddled closer for the group prizewinners’ photo—“This would be a good one for Coastline. The multi talented ministry team !!!”

Well the group photo was not available, so here are some not very flattering pics from the Strand Centre FB page.—see below



Top right,  
and right,  
St George’s  
Cream Tea



## Carnival Songs of Praise

This was ably led by Helen and the St Greg’s music group and a most worthwhile event. Could we see even more people next year?

## Benefice Service

We lost count and neglected to take photos, but over 85 people gathered in St Mary’s Hall on Sunday 30th July to celebrate Lammas. The combined musicians of St Greg’s and St Paul’s, Starcross, led the music, others gave a dramatic reading of part of Ruth’s story, we thought about bread and food. Over £70 was collected for the Community Larders in Dawlish and Starcross and the Table was laden with donations of grain derived produce. Afterwards about 20 stayed for a most enjoyable shared lunch. Copies of the special Eco Edition of Coastline for Lammas are available from the Church Office.

## Why is ... not mentioned in this edition?

If “your” event or concern is not here, that is because no one sent in any details!!

If you would like anything included in Coastline, including obituaries, please contact the editor. We are not including a comprehensive “from the registers” as there is no central record and it is too time consuming to source all the information.

But it would be lovely to include more reports of events across the Benefice so we can all see what we are all up to!! Ed

On a late sunny July afternoon (yes we did have one) a Cream Tea was held at St George’s.

Supported by over 60 folk, all enjoyed a Cream Tea and were entertained by Sonia playing her harp in the Chancel. Thank you to the Cream Team and all those making scones, donating jam and clotted cream

The afternoon raised £256 to be equally Divided between Children’s Hospice South West and CAP.

(St George’s current chosen charities.)  
Thanks Everyone. Marilyn.

## In September



DEVON  
HISTORIC  
CHURCHES  
TRUST

St Mary's Church, Cofton—Saturday 9th September  
Tickets £5 from Ruth Cann, 01626 864537  
10.30 church opens—teas etc.  
2.30 onwards—cream teas available  
4pm - Musical Entertainment

St George's Church, Holcombe will be open on Saturday 9th September to welcome visitors especially those visiting as part of the Devon Historic Churches Open Day, formerly called Ride and Stride. Refreshments available 10 to 4 and a welcome stop for any folk calling in to visit the Church garden too.

## DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES

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## St Paul's Church Starcross

Saturday 9th September

Church open 10am - 12 noon  
Tea, coffee & cakes

### Ladies' Lunch

@ Amelia's Cofton, Tuesday  
19th September 12 for 12.30;  
for all ladies connected with  
our churches in any way.

St Gregory's Open 10.00 am – 4.00 pm; serving light refreshments, toilet. Bric-a-Brac stall; tower open from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm, with magnificent views of Dawlish . Choir sing at 2.30; Organ recital at 3.00.

**East Teignmouth** [St Michael] open from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm  
with refreshments and craft stalls, toilet

**West Teignmouth** [St James] open from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm  
with access to toilet

### St Clement's Church, Powderham

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September  
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September  
2pm -5pm

#### Events:

##### Saturday 9th September

2.30pm- Talk by Charlie Courtenay, Earl of Devon  
'The Courtenays and The Church'

Art Exhibition by Ray Balkwill, local artist

Meet the Artist – 2pm -5pm

##### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Art Exhibition, Musical Interludes & Cream Teas!

##### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

3pm – 'A Life in Verse' with Actor, Paul Jesson

Art Exhibition, Musical Interludes & Cream Teas!

##### Sunday 17th September

Meet the Artist, Ray Balkwill

3.30pm - Angus Ramsay – Organist \*

Art Exhibition, Musical Interludes & Cream Teas!

Proceeds to Devon Historic Churches Trust

\* Angus is the Organist at St Mary's, Cofton

St George's 'Drop In' reopens after a summer break on Wednesday 4th October.  
Held in the Church Rooms 2 - 4 pm.  
Tea/Coffee cakes can be enjoyed over friendly chatter, a game of Scrabble, jigsaws or just a meet with friends old and new. All welcome.

### Harvest Services

#### St Gregory's

Sunday 8th October 11.00

#### St Mary's

Sunday 1st October 11.00

#### St George's

Sunday 8th October ,

time tbc

*Please see the weekly newsletter  
for more details nearer the time.*

From a church  
notice sheet.:



Women's  
Luncheon: If each  
member can please  
bring a sandwich, Polly  
Phillips will give out  
the medication.

Karen's beautiful  
solo: "It is Well with  
my Solo"

Bet you didn't notice this, but dinner plates have got bigger. In the 1950s, a dinner plate measured 25cm across; now the usual is 28cm. And take a look at those very old wine glasses in the charity shops: our grandparents served wine in what looks like liqueur glasses to us now. These days, many wineglasses seem to hold nearly half a bottle....

## When Autumn Comes

Nigel Beeton

Should we be sad  
When autumn comes  
And winter looms ahead?  
Is it so bad  
That days grow short  
And verdant leaves grow red?

We'll miss the sun  
And long, hot days  
We'll miss the sea and sand;  
But soon will come  
The starry nights  
And wintry landscapes grand!

Perhaps it's best  
That nature sleeps  
And things no longer grow;  
We get a rest  
From vibrant weeds  
And grass we need not mow.

So celebrate  
The equinox  
The autumn season's here!  
It is a date  
To mark, with joy  
The turning of the year.

## The Secret of Living

Anon

The secret of living  
Is learning to pray –  
It's asking our Father  
For strength for the day!

It's trusting completely  
That His boundless grace<  
Will overcome care  
And each problem we face!

It's walking by Faith  
Every mile that we plod  
And knowing our prayers  
Bring us closer to God.

## Canon Colin Evans

### Funeral Service—All Saints, Moulton, Lincolnshire

#### 25th August

#### **Member of the Staff and Ministry Team in our Churches.**

Born 1924. Graduated from Reading University with a BA in 1947. Attended Lincoln Theological College and was ordained deacon in 1957 and priest in 1958. From 1957 to 1990 he ministered in Lincoln Diocese. Curate at Boutham and Newport; vicar St Mary-le-Wigford 62-66, Rector Bassingham 66-74, Vicar Auborn, Haddington, , Carlton le Moorland, Stapelford, Skinnand, Thurlby with Norton Disney at various times 62-74. Rural Dean 69—89 in 2 Deaneries.

1974– 1989—Vicar of Holbeach and Canon of Lincoln Cathedral. Honorary Curate of Dawlish 1990—1997, Rural Dean Kenn 95-97, Permission to Officiate from 1997. (*from Crockford's Clerical Directory!*)

That is the bare bones of the ministry of Colin Evans, who , with Margaret, moved back to Lincolnshire to be near his family as their health and energies waned. We can only imagine the number of people who must think fondly of him.

He was of course the faithful editor of the previous Parish Magazine for many years, getting it ready by the deadline for the printers. He was a tremendous support to the succeeding Vicars/Rectors, indeed to all of us, and he was much missed when he left.

Personally, I remember him as a wise guide, always ready to offer advice and share information about some of the more arcane matters pertaining to the Church of England. But he wore his knowledge and experience lightly and always encouraged. He was, of course, one of my predecessors as having oversight of St George's Holcombe. We exchanged banter about his Lincoln cassock being blue and my Exeter one being red.! Even less than 10 years ago he was assisting at the funerals of those he had known and pastored. A courteous and kind gentleman to whom many have owed much.

*Chris Curd*

The readings for his funeral were Ps 39: 1-11; Revelation 22: 1-6, 22-25, and 22: 3-5; John 14: 1-6;

Hymns—Through all the changing scenes of life, Christ is made the sure foundation , All my hope on God is founded.

## **Food, Farming and our Shopping**

*Excerpts from a newspaper article which I felt worthwhile reproducing. Apologies to those who may have already read it! Ed.*



I fell into a habit of shopping thoughtlessly, just picking up anything from the supermarket shelves, filling the trolley with whatever I wanted regardless of season or where it came from, quite often choosing the cheapest plastic-wrapped chicken. I didn't properly understand the consequences of my actions. But we now know beyond doubt that cheap food from bad farming wrecks the world.

We need to be highly suspicious of food that seems too cheap to be true, because somewhere a field, an animal, a farmer or a worker is paying the price for that. But a lot of what we eat now is prepackaged or cooked for us, and those ingredients sneak into our diet in all sorts of ways – in pies and sandwiches, in cafes, restaurants and takeaways, on hospital trays and on school-dinner plates. Doing anything about all this as an individual is complicated. It is not as simple as switching to a “plant-based” diet to save the planet. The worst farming on earth is acres and acres of wheat, soy and maize grown by ploughing, which creates whole landscapes devoid nature. These crops are wholly dependent upon synthetic chemicals – pesticides, herbicides and fossil-fuel fertilisers are that disastrous for the soil, rivers, oceans, insects and birds. .. Ultimately we need to understand ecosystems and farming better to make informed decisions about what to eat,

Not all beef is fed on grain or from a feed-lot. It is good to care and want to act to make a change, but I know what a good healthy farm looks like, and it includes grazing livestock .. our cattle and sheep are grown from sunshine, rainfall and grass. They live in a landscape that increasingly, thanks to our efforts, has lots of wild things. Our farm hums with insects and birdsong. We can't produce meat as cheaply as they can in cleared Amazon rainforests .. I know we are in the midst of an economic crisis, but for me good food from good farming is the last thing I'd seek to spend less on.

On our farm we try to farm “regeneratively”, which is a fancy way of saying we manage grazing carefully, which in turn improves the soil health, and we restore habitats for nature. We have spent 20 years learning about all this. We believe in being good stewards of the land,

Living on a farm has helped me to see that we all have a responsibility, when we shop, to support good farming. If we don't make this effort, we trap families like mine in bad and unsustainable forms of farming .. if you want something better for animals and the land, then you need to support farmers to do better – and “better” has a cost that someone has to pay. Access to good, healthy food, is for me, a basic human right. But it isn't solved by making farming worse in a race to the bottom.

*Excerpt from the Farmer's Wife: My Life in Days,*

## **Worldwide Focus**

The timely arrival of the autumn edition of the “Melanesia News” prompted the inclusion of news from Melanesia and the Melanesian Brotherhood; in the box below.

### **SSF & CSC Continue to Stand up to Logging**

The negative impacts of logging on human rights in Solomon Islands remain largely un-addressed, despite promises made by the government at the UN. In a new publication, Franciscans International provides an overview of the most pressing issues and offers concrete steps forward. The publication was developed in close collaboration with Dominicans for Justice and Peace, the **Society of Saint Francis**, the Dominican Network in Solomon Islands and the **Community of the Sisters of the Church**.

**Pray**—for the SSF throughout the world, including Melanesia and for their work with the UN, drawing attention to the human rights implications of unregulated, illegal and unsustainable logging.

For communities affected by climate change and for the work the Anglican Church of Melanesia is undertaking monitoring weather patterns, coastal erosion, and other environmental changes.

### **Solomon Islands is a country undergoing rapid environmental change**

Coastal erosion, flooding and changing weather patterns—creating challenges for subsistence lifestyles. Particularly the impact of saltwater intrusion on freshwater availability and gardening was a major concern

In addition the Solomon Islands faces another huge environmental threat: Plastic pollution. It is impossible not to notice the plastic waste framing the sides of roads and floating around in fresh and ocean water. Use of plastic is on the rise but lack of waste management and littering pose major challenges .

The pace of environmental change is unprecedented in the history of the country which simultaneously faces global climate change and local environmental degradation due to ongoing development. Most islanders currently lack awareness about how their land use decisions and everyday actions cause environmental issues. The MMUK and the ACoM plan to educate people in Creation Care.

How then do we respond? See the **Eco Edition of Coastline** published for Lammas, available from the Benefice Office.

## Christian Response to Eastern Europe

Braida Garth, Staplake Lane, Starcross,

CR2EE continues to send lorries out to Moldova and now Ukraine as well. Suggestions of items are in the June/July issue of Coastline—available on the website. If you are not online, then please ask someone who is. Items may be delivered to Braida Garth, St Paul's Starcross, or to Chris Curd (Editor). Christmas Shoe Boxes will be going to Moldova this year, and at the time of writing a decision has not been made as to whether 1,000 extra boxes can be requested from supporters to go to Ukraine. Whatever the decision about this, the more the merrier. So start collecting items week by week now, if you are able. If you are not able to physically donate, please pray for all the boxes!

## Back to Church?

*To encourage you to attend, how about if we offered:*

**Beds** – for those who say Sunday is their day to sleep-in.

**Safety helmets** – for anyone who fears the roof would fall in if they entered a church door.

**Blankets and hot water bottles** – for those who find our church too cold.

**Fans and ice cream** – for those who find our church too hot.

**Cushions** – for anyone who find our seats too hard.

**Bicycles** – for those who exercise on Sunday mornings.

**Hearing aids** – for those who find the minister speaks too softly.

**Cotton wool** – for those who find the minister speaks too loudly.

**Score cards** – for all who want to rate the hymns/sermons/coffee.

**Ready-meals** – for anyone who can't come because they have to cook Sunday lunch.

**Some flowers** – for those who prefer to seek God in nature.

**Christmas poinsettias and Easter palms** – for all those who have never seen the church without them.

See you Sunday!

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.

**Church Office 01626 864322.** usually open Tuesday and Thursday mornings. At other times messages can be left. [st.gregs@btinternet.com](mailto:st.gregs@btinternet.com).

**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:

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- 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](mailto:valerie@coftonholidays.co.uk)
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