

TURRET TIMES - June 2017 - Pentecost and Trinity - St George's Church, Holcombe
In the HOLiDAY COaST Mission Community in the Anglican Diocese of Exeter

Tuesday at Ten – Pause for Prayer



Various Dates and Information:

Messy Church – Weds 14th June and 12th July at 4 pm. None in August.

Ladies' Lunch – Thurs 15th June and 13th July, **12 noon in Amelia's at Cofton Country Park.**

Ladies, have you come along yet? Regulars have voted to keep going there as they look after us so well and it is such a lovely venue. Our last 2 lunches until the autumn (!!!). It might be an idea to double up on lifts as the parking will be more in demand in the summer, although we are booked for outside of the peak holiday time. We have varied in number from 9 to 20+, have had a chance to get to know each other better and generally catch up with things. It was at the last lunch that we talked about Samara's Aid and there was a strong swell of opinion that we should do the Dignity Bags. Ladies connected with Holcombe are welcome.

Gentlemen, the challenge remains as to whether someone wants to do something for the menfolk!!

Choral Favourites and Organ Fireworks, Concert with Paul Morgan, organist emeritus of Exeter Cathedral and the United Choirs of St George's and St Greg's. In aid of HAP, our building project, and the St Greg's Lift project.



Saturday 17th @ 7 pm in St Greg's. £10 on door incl glass of wine and refreshments.

Dementia Awareness in the Holiday Coast Churches. **Open afternoon with tea and cake.**

2.30-4.30, Weds 21st June, St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren. Ample parking, accessible venue, free refreshments. Drop in or stay for a time. This is an invitation to all interested, a chance to listen to carers and those living with the condition; a chance to think about

- How can our churches offer support and understanding, to complement what is happening locally?
- How can our churches be more user friendly for those affected?
- Where should we go from here?

And remember that there is a folder at the back of the church with local information, contacts etc. This is for anyone to look at in church. If you want a copy of anything, please ask Chris or Bill. If you come across anything interesting or useful that could be added, please let Chris know.

Holcombe's Sea Sunday @ **HVH – Sunday 2nd July 9.30 for 10.00.** 9.30 for light refreshment, quiz, and other sea themed delights! Songs of Praise for Sea Sunday at 10.00. (HVH = Holcombe Village Hall!)

Open Garden – Saturday July 8th – 2.30 to 5. **Cliff and Chris again invite any who would like to, to wander round the garden and/or sit in the house and have a tea. If you don't know where we are, please ask us, or someone who does. Again, because of parking please car share if you can or use the no 2 bus. If the weather is very inclement, we will postpone, but if just light rain, please bring a change of shoes and a mac! Or just stay in the house and chat and enjoy!**

Sunday 30th July – Morning Service will be at 10.30 at St Mary's Hall,

Dawlish Warren. This is for the whole Mission Community and there will be no other service anywhere else on that day. Please come. Share cars to avoid having to use Council car park. Accessible venue. Tides and weather permitting Dallas plans to walk along the sea wall – watch this space for info if you would like to join her if coming from the Dawlish direction!



More MC news – St Greg's will now no longer have an 8.00 service on the 4th Sunday of the month but will join with us. Up to now we have been having two 8.00 BCP services at the same time in the same parish!!

Other Matters

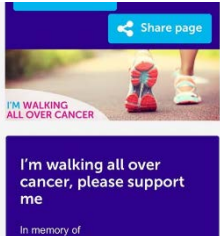
Holcombe Accessibility Project – if you want detailed information, please see Mike Burden our DCC secretary and leader of the project group. We are very grateful to him for all that he is doing. Over the next few weeks we hope to be approaching various grant making bodies with applications. We will be in a very good position to do this as with Gift Aid to be recovered **the fund now stands at just over £40K.** Grant funders like to see commitment to a project from the people involved and we can now demonstrate that. So thank you to everyone who has given. There is a tremendous amount of work going on behind the scenes so please do continue to pray for wisdom, strength and the right direction. Thank you.

Welcome Pack – Willi Armes will deliver a **welcome pack** to all new residents of the District, welcoming them and telling them about us. We cannot assume that people will realise we are here. However, she can only do so if people tell her of SOLD and LET boards which go up and it appears that no one has moved house much recently, from the lack of information!!! This is where we need everyone to think of this. Willi would rather be told several times than not at all! 866267; randwfa@talktalk.net

Parish Giving Scheme – if you pay income tax, we applaud this scheme for its efficiency; also less money has to be physically counted and taken to the bank. See Peter Dummett or Derek King or Chris.



Mission Community Magazine will be out in June. All existing subscribers will get one. In 2018 the annual sub will be £12. The vision is that it will be a vehicle for exchange of information across the HCMC, but also attractive and interesting enough to pass on to friends. Please subscribe, if you don't! See our magazine secretary Marion Wannell. Items should be sent to Sabrina (see mag) and copied to Chris so we don't duplicate information. Anyone want to write a column? Submit a poem? Any news item from a church activity? Chris doesn't want to do it all!



*There are a lot of demands on our money, or perhaps I should say a lot of opportunities to be joyful givers (!), but I – Chris – am taking up the **Walk All Over Cancer** 10,000 steps a day during June, for cancer research. The form of cancer I had, which is fact is the most common gyne cancer, was not one of the options to which the money could be directed, so I have opted for “where most needed”. This is quite a challenge for me - many will know that I still have challenges after my treatment. I need encouragement to get my fitness back on track (no pun intended!) and this will help me, as well as helping cancer research. Please ask for my sponsor form or <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/alice-and-george> (that may change to “/Chris’ challenge” as I have tried to change the title!)*

Samara's Aid – Prayer and Praise; we are sending 34 boxes and bags, crutches and zimmer frame, after a lovely response from the congregation and village. Thank you all, especially Willi, Diana, Peter and Liz. Samara asks us to pray for a volunteer bookkeeper and for the all the administration of the charity.



She also wants to share this story (which I have abridged).



This Yazidi girl was just sixteen when she was taken by ISIS. They separated the young girls from their families. She described how the fighters beat them, dragging them away by their hair and ignoring their pleas for mercy as mothers and fathers begged the fighters not to take their children. She was among around 2,000 women and girls who were interrogated in the middle of the night. A fighter told her and her cousins to go with him. When she refused, he beat her with a stick, until she lost consciousness. When she came round, her cousins were crying over her. An ISIS fighter asked them to convert to their version of Islam. When they refused, they were beaten relentlessly until they could no longer stand up. In the end, they gave in. They were taken to another house, and an ISIS leader came to pick out girls. One refused to go with him so they dragged her by the hair, hit her head against a wall and shot her. Her body was thrown into the rubbish. They took the girls to another village where they divided them again. Some were taken to Syria, and some like this girl back to Mosul. One day they found an opportunity to put on clothes that would enable them to escape and walk around the streets without drawing attention to themselves. After some time, they found a man with a car. They begged him to help. He was terrified of the price he would pay if caught, but they begged and pleaded until he eventually agreed to help. He kept them at his house for ten days then he rented a house for them in a different area. He gave them a phone so that they could call their families. After a while, they decided to try to reach their families. They walked all night in the dark, hiding from ISIS and eventually found some Peshmergas who helped them to return. The traumas that they have suffered will leave a lifetime of scars. None of them talk about the gender-based violence that they personally suffered. Any female would find that difficult, but in their culture it is even harder for them. This girl, whose face and name we will not show, is one of the tens of thousands of displaced people that we have been supporting in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Every one of these people has a story to tell. The man in this story, the Good Samaritan, who helped this girl and her friends to escape had a choice to make. Which road should he take? Should he protect his own wife and children and leave these girls to try to escape alone, as he faced severe consequences if discovered. But he chose the terrifying and difficult road when he acted with compassion for these girls. Was he ever found out? Our teams on the ground share our heart and vision for demonstrating unconditional love to girls like this. I ask you to share this story, not because it is easy to read or accept, but because we cannot close our eyes and hearts to these people in our world and to their lives. If it hurts you to read this story, then I beg you please, don't turn away because it is the easy option. When we choose the easy road, nothing in this world ever changes. Thank you for your love and support. I am continually inspired and moved by your beautiful hearts and passion to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Love Samara.