

# DAWLISH COAST MISSION COMMUNITY

A newsletter brought to you every fortnight throughout the year with information from the churches of St Gregory's (Dawlish); St George's (Holcombe); St Mary's (Cofton) and St Paul's (Starcross).

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## 'BELL SUNDAY' GREG'S@10: 18th May 2025

*Cath Chappell writes:*

Our Greg's@10 Morning Worship at St Gregory's on 18th May 2025 at 10am will celebrate 'Bells and Bell Ringing' and our St Greg's ringers and Rev'd Russell Chamberlain warmly invite you to come and join us.

Many of you will know Russell from Wednesday morning Holy Communion at St Greg's or possibly through Exeter Cathedral but you may not be aware he is also a very keen Bell Ringer and a very welcome attendee at our Wednesday night ringing practices at St Greg's.

Within our service of praise and thanksgiving, we aim to share what Bell Ringing is and why we do it. We've chosen some lovely songs that our Music Group will lead us in, including some well-known favourites and we've some special readings and prayers too.

For anyone wanting to have a peep at our bells and/or to come up to the ringing chamber – you'll be very welcome to do so after the service.

If anyone fancies a go at Bell Ringing (under expert supervision) – this can be arranged too for a future time. We promise you a real *Ding Dong Merrily on High* of a Sunday morning – you won't want to miss it!

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*Thank you to Ann Leigh for sending in these humorous examples (below) of what NOT to write in a church newsletter!*

**Church bulletin board**

**The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.**

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'	The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.	At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.	The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.	This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.	Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.	The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'
Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.	This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.	

**Compiled by Max Bowen**



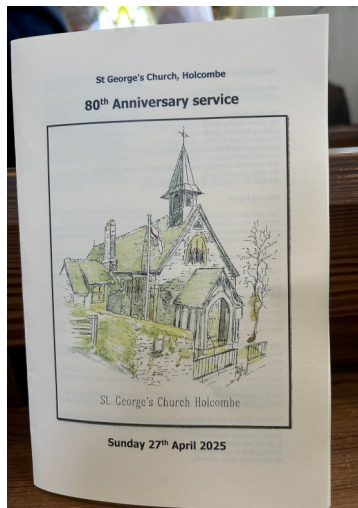
## ST.GEORGE'S 80th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION

*Marilyn and Mike and the Holcombe Team write:*

St George's, Holcombe, celebrated its 80th Anniversary since its Consecration in April 1945 on the weekend of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April.

On Saturday the Church opened its doors and welcomed visitors to view the beautiful floral decorations and a host of historic information about the Church and past events. As always the tea flowed and an array of sumptuous cakes were enjoyed by the many visitors.

On Sunday St George's hosted the Benefice Churches to a wonderful Service led by Linda and it was lovely to welcome 'home' Helen Bays and Chris Curd, who assisted. Sonia Mysterly, local harpist, provided a special accompaniment to the celebrations. The Church was bursting at the seams. The Celebrations continued afterwards in Holcombe Village Hall, with a light refreshment finger buffet and the cutting of St George's 80th Anniversary cake, by Rev Linda.



### Dawlish Coast Mission Community



### "Waters of Life"

an afternoon of quiet prayer  
at St George's Church, Holcombe  
on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2-4pm

2pm Opening worship and reflection  
followed by an hour or so on our own in the stillness  
3.30pm Closing worship  
followed by tea and cake

**No need to sign up! All are welcome!**

For information, phone Helen Bays 01626-863098

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## ST. GREGORY'S APCM REMINDER: Are you being called to serve?

The annual church meeting will be taking place on **Sunday 11th May** following the morning service with a **Bring'n'Share Lunch** afterwards. Each year we elect 4 new PCC members to serve for 3 years and 2 wardens who will serve for one year. Nominations need to be submitted before the meeting with a proposer and seconder for each candidate. Forms are available in the Narthex. These cannot be done electronically!

In the meantime perhaps you could think about whether this is a way you could serve the church. Meetings are held once every other month and thanks to modern technology reports can be circulated before to cut down on the meeting times. We therefore usually finish within 1½ hours.

It is your chance to have a say on what happens at St Gregory's, being involved in major and minor decisions running the building and events, how money is spent and which projects are tackled first. No previous knowledge of committees, business or finance is required. The only qualification you need is to be on the electoral roll.

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## EASTER GARDEN THANK YOU!

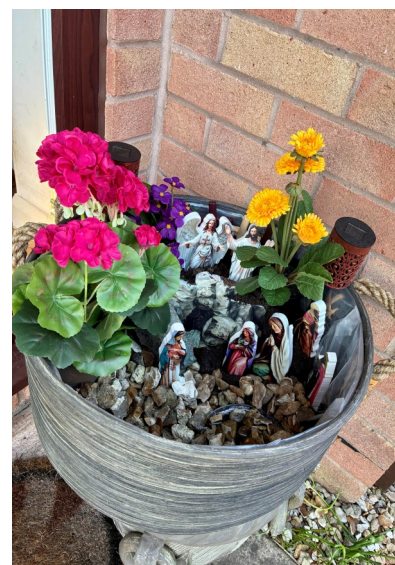
*Cath Chappell writes:*

A big **THANK YOU** to all the 'Easter Gardeners' for creating such wonderful, unique and beautiful gardens as part of our Easter Garden Trail. It was a delight to spot them dotted out and about through Dawlish and into Cofton; spreading the Easter Message of forgiveness, love and hope.

Thanks too for all those who followed the 'Easter Garden Trail' and ensured these wonderful creations were thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed.

Hopefully we'll repeat this again next year with even more gardens to create and spot!

*Much love, Cath xxx*



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## IT'S TIME FOR REACHING DAWLISH 6! *Mark Jones writes:*

This time we're gathering on Friday 23rd May 2025, 6-8.30pm, in the Strand Community Centre, 32 The Strand, Dawlish, EX7 9PT, who we sincerely thank for their kind hospitality. As well as hearing the latest news from ROC Dawlish, there'll be the opportunity to hear from other local Christian-led projects working to advance the Kingdom in Dawlish and surrounding villages.

We'll be having a very relaxed, simple, hot fellowship supper with inspiring recent stories, and a time of prayer, as the Lord leads us. We'd love to welcome you to stand with us (*actually to sit down and eat with us!*) in Jesus' name. Anyone from across any of the local churches represented by Christians Together in Dawlish and District is welcome to come along.

The EventBrite link to book yourselves in is in the Diary Dates on page 4 of this Newsletter or just call and we'll save you a seat at the table.

*God bless you all, Mark*

*Dr Mark Jones ROC  
Dawlish Local Coordinator.  
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### Reaching Dawlish 6



Friday 23rd May 2025 - 1800 - 2030

The Strand Community Centre, 32 The Strand, Dawlish EX7 9PT

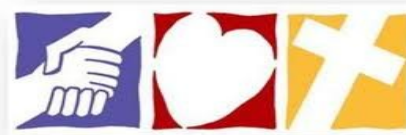


**Uniting our efforts to advance the Kingdom and bring the  
Good News to the people of Dawlish**

Book your free tickets online via Eventbrite.co.uk Contact Mark Jones 07729998334, markjones918@gmail.com



## SERVICES & EVENTS – 11th to 24th May 2025



### Sunday 11th May — 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship  
9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion  
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion  
(APCM at 11.45am, with Bring'n'Share lunch to follow)  
11.15am St Mary's – Holy Communion

### Wednesday 14th May

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

### Sunday 18th May — 5th Sunday of Easter and Bell Sunday

9.30am St George's – Holy Communion  
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship (followed by APCM)  
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10  
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship  
6pm Telephone Service—dial 01200 480091 to join

### Wednesday 21st May

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion



### TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM

All welcome to a half hour of prayer  
online on Tuesdays at 9am.

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

Meeting ID: 575 020 5964  
and Passcode: 850653.

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St Mary's [Facebook](#)  
St Paul's [Facebook](#)

## DIARY DATES

Diary Dates

**Monday 12th** **Men's Breakfast** in Upper Narthex,  
St Gregory's, 9am

**Tuesday 13th** **Little Greg's** in Upper Narthex,  
St Gregory's, 9.30-11.30am

**Mothers' Union** in St Gregory's, 2pm

**Wed 14th** **Messy Church** in St Paul's, Starcross from 3.15pm

**Friday 16th** **'Waters of Life' Afternoon of Quiet Prayer** in St George's, Holcombe, 2-4pm

**Tuesday 20th** **Kids' Swap Shop** in St Gregory's, 9-11am

**Little Greg's** in Upper Narthex, St Gregory's, 9.30-11.30am

**Ladies' Lunch** in Amelia's, Cofton Holidays, 12 noon

**Friday 23rd** **Reaching Dawlish 6** at the Strand Centre, 6-8.30pm.

A chance for news about Christian-led projects around the Dawlish area.

Book a seat for the light supper through Eventbrite with this link

[https://reaching\\_dawlish\\_6.eventbrite.co.uk](https://reaching_dawlish_6.eventbrite.co.uk) or ring 07729 988334.

**Saturday 24th** **Flying Leaps Tea Party** in the Strand Centre, 3pm, with information about this  
local charity which works with adults who have additional needs.  
To book ring 07807 829183

**Mathieson Music Trust Concert**, 6pm, in St Paul's, Starcross

followed by **Indian Curry Dinner** 7.45pm. Music by Bach, Vivaldi, Beethoven,  
Brahms, Faure, Paganini, Chopin.

If you would like any support, or someone to talk to, or you know of someone else who does, please  
contact one of the following: **Revd Linda Cronin (Rector)**: 01626 927281 or email: [revdlinda@icloud.com](mailto:revdlinda@icloud.com)

**Revd Patrick Parkes (Minister at Starcross)** : 01626 685709 [epp@sky.com](mailto:epp@sky.com)

**Steve Cronin (LLM)**: 07817 678774; **Will Halse (LLM)**: 01626 866054; **Ceri Lee (LLM)**: 07739 936286.

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*Information and contact details for Safeguarding Officers in the other churches can be found on our website [here](#)*