

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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TIME TO TAKE STOCK?

Rev Patrick Parkes, Minister for St Paul's, Starcross, writes:

Most religions in the world have as part of their annual calendar a period of reflection and self-examination. For Muslims it is a month long event called Ramadan, a time of fasting, alms giving and pilgrimage. For Jews Yom Kippur, is a day of fasting and national mourning for sins committed over the previous year.



In biblical times the High Priest would make atonement for the people by sacrificing a bull and casting lots over two goats to determine which of the two would also be sacrificed, and which would be chosen to symbolically carry away the sins of the people into the wilderness.

For Christians Lent is a 40 day period, echoing Jesus's time of fasting in the wilderness of Judea before being tempted by the devil. This six-week period is characterised by self-denial, through abstaining from certain 'rich' foods, self-examination through prayer and reflection and self-sacrifice, which takes the form of giving to others less fortunate than ourselves.

This year Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March, Ash Wednesday, when ashes in the shape of a cross will be applied to the foreheads of worshippers to symbolise their sorrow for their sins.

It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) when all sweet foods are cleared from the cupboards and baked into pancakes in preparation for the more austere fare of the weeks to come. The fast is broken on Easter Eve in anticipation of the celebration of the resurrection the following day.

Whatever our religious persuasion, whether we are people of faith or not, a periodic time of reflection can only be good for us. A time to take stock of ourselves and our life, its purpose and its direction. A time to consider our lifestyle and its impact on those around us. A time for us to commit to a kinder more generous outlook that seeks the common good and not merely our own self-advancement.

You may not be inclined to join us on our Lenten journey, but, can I encourage you to hear the message of that discipline and seek to be a better person for the sake of others and ultimately ourselves!

THE SEASON OF

Lent

JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES
AS WE EXPLORE THE CORE OF CHRISTIAN
BELIEF THROUGH THE NICENE AND
APOSTLES'S CREEDS.
(EACH WEEKLY SESSION IS IDENTICAL)

TUESDAYS IN STARCROSS - 1PM & 7PM
BEGINNING 11TH MARCH
WEDNESDAYS IN DAWLISH - 7PM
BEGINNING 12TH MARCH
THURSDAYS IN HOLCOMBE - 2PM
BEGINNING 13TH MARCH

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REAL EASTER EGGS 2025

Alex Pugh writes:

It is that time of year again!
These fantastic fairtrade Easter eggs are available now,
last order date **Sunday 9th March**.



All the chocolate is Fairtrade. This means the farmers receive a fair price for their sugar and cocoa and an extra Fairtrade Premium cash payment which they can use to invest in their community, buying everything from school books to solar panels and providing fresh water supplies. So not only delicious but the chocolate is also ethical! All eggs also include the Easter story. You may wish to support our Dawlish Community Larder with a donation and these are always greatly appreciated!

Milk Chocolate Egg- £5.50 each; Dark Chocolate Egg - £6.50 each;
Real Easter Blessings chocolate bar - £3.00 each (milk chocolate only)

You are welcome to email your order to alex_pugh@sky.com or text me 07487223851 or see me in church over the next couple of weeks. No payment required until delivery.

All blessings, Alex



THANK YOU FROM REVD. LINDA

Revd Linda would like to express her thanks to whoever it was who sent her a beautiful bouquet on the occasion of her 1 year anniversary.

CARBON CUTTING

Preb Chris Curd, Benefice Eco-Champion writes:



Seven of us, with several apologies, gathered on a very wet afternoon to hear Fuad and Scott from ACCT present the Carbon Cutters Lite session. We learned that Action for Climate Change in Teignbridge was founded by volunteers in 2019 to assist Teignbridge with the practical issues connected with the climate emergency which had been declared by the Council.

These are the first questions we were asked:

What is the cause of climate change? What are the consequences of climate change?

Fuad explained that although it is possible to give a list of actions that will help, the most effective way forward is to understand the overall impact and then move to the part that we can play.

Humans emit roughly 40 Gigatons of CO₂ a year (40,000,000,000,000kg). In 2019, the scientific calculation was that another 400 gigatons in total into the atmosphere will cause a temperature increase of 1.5 degrees. Once this is sustained over several years, it is likely that irreversible damage to the climate of the planet will be caused. Hence the declaration of the climate emergency by councils.

At this point, I will put in a paragraph from the commentary on Philippians in the
Lectio 24/7 reading for Tuesday 25th February:

“At times in life it can feel jarring to be repeatedly told to “rejoice in the Lord”, particularly when times are tough. But I’m reminded me that joy is born not from pretending everything is fine, but from holding both hope and truth together. I can rejoice because Jesus is with me, I can rejoice because God is steadily putting things right. I can rejoice because one day God will wipe away every tear (Rev 21:4) and the glory of God will cover the earth like the water covers the sea. (Hab 2:14)”

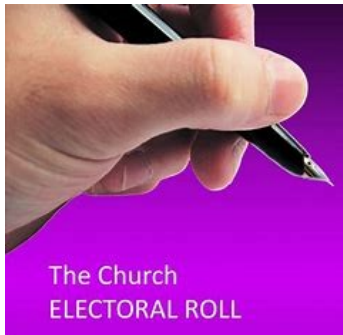
So how do we work together with the Lord in sorting out this carbon business?

More in a future newsletter.

In the meantime, have a go at the two questions listed above.

You’ll find some answers elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ELECTORAL ROLL AT ST. GREGORY'S



We can now begin preparing our **new Electoral Roll** for this year which has to be ready and on display by April 23rd. Anyone wishing to be included on the roll has to follow, please, the procedure requested by the diocese every six years and complete again an application for enrolment form. Application forms are available for collection in the Lower Narthex together with a copy of our current electoral roll and a timetable reminder.

If any queries, please contact me on 01626 772249.
Many thanks, Graham Reynolds.

PUDDING CLUB: PAINTING PEBBLES!

Those who would like to come to the next session of the Pudding Club, on **Thursday 6th March at 2.30pm in the Upper Narthex of St Greg's**, will have the opportunity to join in painting pebbles with an Easter theme. These will then be left in various places around Dawlish for children (and their families) to find.

(Editor's Note: What a lovely way to tell the Easter story and spread its message of Good News in a creative way!)



FLAG RAISING CEREMONY FOR UKRAINE

Chris Curd represented CTDD on Monday 24th at the flag raising ceremony on the 3rd Anniversary of the full scale invasion of Ukraine. Also present were the Mayor of Dawlish, Cllr Lyn Goodman-Bradbury, the Chair of Teignbridge, Cllr Rosie Dawson, and Martin Wrigley MP. Many of the Ukrainian community were at work or school, but some were able to attend. Prayers were said in both languages.



Photos from Martin Wrigley's Facebook page



LOOKING FOR THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS PUT BY PREB. CHRIS CURD ON PAGE 2?

CLIMATE CHANGE is caused by the presence of excess greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The **CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE** are many and varied, and some we may not know of yet, but they include:

- Sea level rise
- Glaciers melting
- Saturation of CO2 in oceans means currents may change, bringing different climatic conditions to different parts of the world
- More storms and floods due to unstable climatic conditions
- Political instability and mass migration as some parts of the planet become almost uninhabitable.

Always remember we should bring everything to the Lord in prayer and every small action counts.



An illustrated talk on life in Ukraine and Moldova and the work of the local charity cr2ee

Wednesday 12th March 2025
7:30pm for 8:00pm start
at the Fishing and Cruising Club, Starcross.

The bar will be open to buy drinks, teas and coffees.
Parking at nearby New Road car park.
This event is NOT a fundraising event,
it is intended as an opportunity to gain an insight into the work of this local voluntary charity.

SERVICES – 2nd to 15th March

Sunday 2nd March – Sunday next before Lent

8am St Gregory's—Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship
4pm St Gregory's Choral Evensong
(followed by refreshments)

Wednesday 5th March — Ash Wednesday

10am St Gregory's - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
12 noon St Gregory's - Memorial Service for Jean Elson
7.15pm St Paul's - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Thursday 6th March

9.15am St George's - Common Worship Morning Prayer

Friday 7th March

9.15am St Mary's - Common Worship Morning Prayer

Sunday 9th March — 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Parish Communion
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11.15am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Wednesday 12th March

9.15am St Gregory's - Common Worship Morning Prayer
10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 13th March

9.15am St George's - Common Worship Morning Prayer

Friday 14th March

9.15am St Mary's - Common Worship Morning Prayer

EARLY MARCH - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 1st CTDD Planning Meeting in the Strand Centre, 11am

Monday 3rd Men's Breakfast in St Gregory's, 9am

Tuesday 4th Kids' Swap Shop in St Gregory's, 9-11am

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

CTDD 'Praying for Dawlish, 12 noon in Dawlish Methodist Church

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at St Paul's, Starcross, 3-6pm

Wednesday 5th Drop In at St George's, Holcombe, 2-4pm

Friday 7th World Day of Prayer Service in Hope Church, 2.30pm

Saturday 8th Men's Breakfast, Hope Church, £5, 8.30am

Wednesday 12th Illustrated talk on work in Ukraine and Moldova by CR2EE,
Starcross Fishing and Cruising Club, 8pm. *See page 3 for more details.*

Saturday 15th Big Church Clean and Churchyard Tidying, St Gregory's, 10am-12noon.
Please come - there'll be coffee, cake and fellowship along with the cleaning!

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 (Day off - Monday):

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Will Halse: 01626 866054; **Margaret Noel:** 01626 863148;

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



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.

Rector Linda's Lent Challenge

From Thursday 6th March and continuing through Lent

join me

Wednesday 9.15am
St Greg's
Thursday 9.15am
St George's
Friday 9.15am
St Mary's

for Common Worship Morning Prayer

See page 1 for details of
LENT COURSES
starting week
commencing 10th March

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