

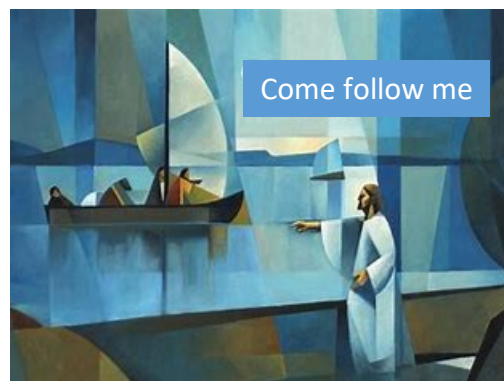
DAWLISH COAST MISSION COMMUNITY

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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CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES *Steve Cronin writes:*

As Christians we are all called to be disciples (followers of Jesus), we know that is true, but how does that make you feel inside? When you read the stories of the disciples in the bible or those people like John Wesley who stand out in our history for their faith do you ever think - I can never be like them? It's certainly true for me, even though I've now been licensed to the benefice as a LLM and I'm looking forward to taking the service at St George's this Sunday. As you get to know me you will find the idea of discipleship is something that I feel really strongly about. Yet it's easy to look at the people we read about, and think, that's alright for them what about little old me?



When I think like that, I remember that in Jesus time, all Jewish schoolchildren, from the age of 5 until about 11 (equivalent to primary school age today) would learn the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Torah (their scriptures), and what we know as our Old Testament, by rote. That's Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. I remember learning my times tables at school but that's nothing like committing the first five books of the bible to memory!

After this the rabbis would choose the very best students (boys only I'm afraid at this time), and they continued to learn the rest of their scriptures. Those that didn't make the grade went home to their families and learnt a trade. When the students reached the age of about 15 years old the rabbis separated out the very best of the best and said to them "Come follow me" These students became their disciples, and literally followed in the rabbis footsteps and would see how their rabbi lived and reacted to different things. The rabbis equipped them to be rabbis in turn. Again, those who didn't make the grade went home and learnt a trade.

In Matthew 4 vs 18 – 22 we read the story of Jesus calling his first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John. Jesus said to Simon and Andrew "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

A familiar story, but did you notice that these men were fishermen? They didn't make the grade in school, these guys weren't the very best of all the scholars in their school, these guys had a trade! Jesus wasn't interested in the very best of the best, he was interested in the everyday guy that had rough hands and smelt of fish. That same Jesus, is interested in us ordinary people, he wants us to be his disciples today - you don't need to have dirty hands and smell fishy! He wants you to follow in his footsteps here in Dawlish, Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross, when we are in work, at the shops or chatting to the neighbour over the fence.

The four disciples in the bible dropped everything and followed - are we willing to follow Jesus today?



Paul Jones, St Greg's Church Treasurer, writes:



FEES TREASURER—COULD THIS BE YOU?

After doing the job admirably for 12 years Graham Reynolds has decided it is time to let someone else have the fun of being the Fees Treasurer at St. Gregory's (responsible for the fees for Weddings and Funerals). So we are looking for a volunteer for a new Fees Treasurer please. It is not an onerous task but it is an important one.

The role requires a little knowledge of Excel, occasional contact with Funeral Directors (including sending invoices), and takes about 2 hours a week and 2 additional hours a month.

So if you would like to take on the role, want to know more about it, or know someone who would be prepared to do it, please let me know. My phone number is 07917 024959 or I can be reached by email at pj.dawlish@btinternet.com

ALSO: THANKS ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCHES AND PCCS

The Churches in the Benefice only survive due to the regular giving of Parishioners, one-off donations and appeals are wonderful, but it is Regular Donations that keep the Churches functioning and able to pay the routine bills and expenses. So on behalf of each of the Churches and PCCs in the Benefice we'd like to thank all those who give regularly, no matter how you do it or how much you give.

There are many ways to give, notably PGS (Parish Giving Scheme), Bank Standing Orders, Bank Transfers, Gift Aid envelopes or Cash and we are grateful for them all. The Parish Giving scheme has the option of an automatic annual increase but if you would like to make a change to your giving and are unsure how to do it please contact your local Treasurer. And if you haven't yet signed a Gift Aid form allowing your Church to reclaim tax on your donations please consider it, it costs you nothing and is a great help to your Church. For more information please contact your own local Church Treasurer.

ST GREG'S HARVEST AND DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST OPEN DAY

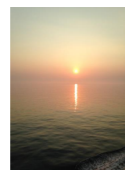
Last weekend (14th and 15th September) saw the Harvest Festival service at St. Gregory's on Sunday and the DHCT (Devon Historic Churches Trust) Open Day on Saturday.

The collections at the Harvest Service raised £175 which has been sent to St. Petrock's in Exeter, and the food donated was taken to the Dawlish Community Larder.



Donations and Bric-a-Brac sales at the DHCT Open Day raised nearly £340 which will be sent off to DHCT, who have assisted St. Gregory's several times in past years.

Dawlish Coast Mission Community



**"At the End of the Day,
is God Enough for Us?"**

an afternoon of quiet prayer
at St George's Church, Holcombe
on Saturday 28th September 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

All are welcome!

For information, phone Helen Bays 01626-863098

Text 07391-594867

helen.bays@hotmail.com

SCAFFOLDING - A PLAY - Saturday 5th October, 7.30pm at St Greg's

On Saturday 5th October, at 7.30pm, St. Gregory's is hosting a performance of this play, written by local author Lucy Bell and set at a Church. The play has recently been performed at the Exeter Phoenix, Bristol Old Vic and Edinburgh Fringe, and is due to be performed at the Exeter Barnfield Theatre. Lucy also wanted to see it performed in a local Church, so as a one-off it is coming to St. Gregory's, and will be preceded by the local Learning Disability Makaton Choir "Sing and Sign Jukebox".

Tickets are available from:

Documentaltheatre.co.uk Email info.documentaltheatre.com or call 07977 534576.



The poster for the play 'Scaffolding' by Lucy Bell. It features a woman on a telephone in a field of yellow flowers. The text includes: 'Bouquets & Brickbats', 'The Scotsman', 'Documental Productions in association with Bristol Old Vic and Pleasance presents', 'SCAFFOLDING BY LUCY BELL', '“little gem of a play” The Stage', 'An explosive new play about strength, love & community by multi-award winning Documental Theatre', 'Mental', 'SCAFFOLDING BY LUCY BELL', 'Sheridan is having a bad day. Her church is closing. Adult Social Care are on her case and she can't work out what ingredients she needs to make a bomb. With no one else to turn to, she climbs the scaffolding around the leaking church steeple with a few questions for Whoever is In Charge.', 'From multi-award-winning Documental Theatre, Scaffolding is an explosive show about strength, love and community.', '“AN INCREDIBLY BRILLIANT AND WELL-DRAWN CHARACTER” Molly Naylor (Stop Trying To Be Fantastic)', 'REVIEWS ★★★★★ The Stage "Aching lovely"', '★★★★ The Scotsman "Funny, frank and clear sighted" Nominated for Disability Champion Award', 'SOCIAL MEDIA insta @documentaltheatre x.com @documentaltheat', 'Tickets & info documentaltheatre.co.uk or scan QR code below', 'Autumn 2024 dates: Fri 4 Oct 8.00pm The Plough, St Tarrington; Sat 5 Oct 7.30pm St Gregory's Dawlish; Mon 14 Oct 7.45pm Exeter Northcott Barnfield; 26 & 27 Oct 7.15pm Pleasance Downstairs London N7 9EF; Fri 1 Nov 7.30pm intoBodmin, Cornwall.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BISHOP OF CREDITON

The Bishop of Crediton, the Rt. Rev'd Jackie Searle, has announced she plans to retire at the end of January 2025. Bishop Jackie has served as Bishop of Crediton for six years, after being consecrated a bishop in 2018. For the last year she has been, in addition, the Acting Bishop of Exeter, overseeing the Diocese of Exeter since the retirement of Bishop Robert last September.



Bishop Jackie said: "It has been the privilege of my life to be the Bishop of Crediton for the last six years, and to have been appointed Acting Diocesan Bishop for the last year. From the time of my interview onwards I fell in love with the Diocese of Exeter and its wonderful people.

"We are blessed with fantastic church communities and congregations, schools, chaplaincies, clergy and laity; followers of Jesus who live out day by day the diocesan vision to pray, grow and serve the people of Devon with joy. This vision grabbed me from the start and has been my personal priority throughout. I have found great joy in the people of God here, and in my own ministry....."

Bishop Jackie's retirement will come three months after the enthronement of the new Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev'd Mike Harrison, at Exeter Cathedral on 2nd November.



A decorative poster for a Harvest Barn Dance. The text includes: 'SAT. 28TH SEPT', 'HARVEST Barn Dance', 'Start at 7.30pm Free entry', 'ST MARY'S HALL DAWLISH WARREN', 'INCLUDES LIGHT SUPPER (BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS)', 'Sign up sheet at back of your church from September'. The poster is framed with autumn-themed illustrations of pumpkins, leaves, and flowers.

SERVICES - 22nd September to 5th October

Sunday 22nd September

- 9.15am St George's – Morning Worship
10am St Paul's – Harvest Service
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11.15am St Mary's – Harvest Service
6.30pm Telephone Service - dial 01200 480091 to join

Tuesday 24th September

- 9am Prayer Meeting on Zoom - see details aside

Wednesday 25th September

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 29th September

- 10.30am United Benefice Service
at St Paul's Church, Starcross
PLEASE NOTE: There are no services
at the other three churches on this Sunday

Tuesday 1st October

- 9am Prayer Meeting on Zoom - see details aside

Wednesday 2nd October

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 24th 9.30-11.30am Little Greg's in St Greg's
2pm Julian Group in St Greg's

Wednesday 25th 7.30pm PCC Meeting in St Greg's

Saturday 28th 11am CTDD meeting
in Dawlish Methodist Church
2pm Quiet Prayer Afternoon
at St George's (more info - see page 2)
7.30pm Harvest Barn Dance & Supper
at St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren

Sunday 29th 4pm Organ Recital by Ian Tracey
in St Greg's

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st 9-11am Kids' Swap Shop in St Greg's
9.30-11.30am Little Greg's in St Greg's

Thursday 3rd 2pm Pudding Club in St Greg's

Saturday 5th 11am-1.30pm Monthly Sale at St Paul's
7.30pm 'Scaffolding', a play by Lucy Bell, in St Greg's (more info - page 3)



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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Have you got the skills we're looking for to be one of our Dawlish Celebrates Carnival Directors or Committee Volunteers?

Interested in creating fun for everyone?
Want to find out more about what we're looking for or to let us know what you can offer?
Email chairman@dawlishcelebratescarnival.co.uk
Phone 07946 626516

We're 100% led by Volunteers and couldn't run Dawlish Celebrates Carnival without support from all of our valued volunteers

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If you would like any support, or someone to talk to,
or you know of someone else who does,
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