

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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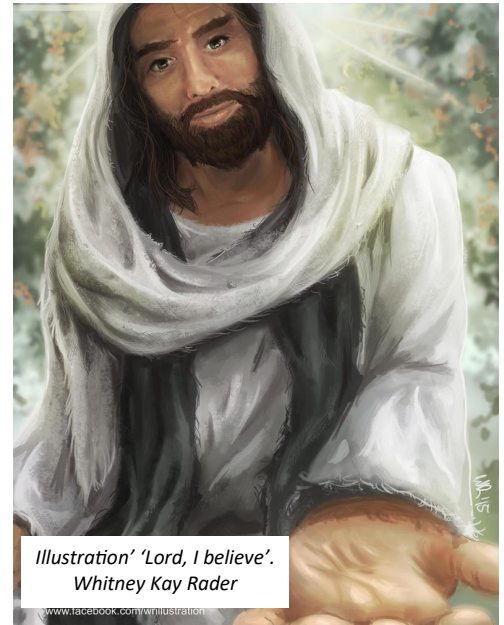
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'LORD, I BELIEVE, HELP MY UNBELIEF.'

Revd. Patrick Parkes writes:

There is often an assumption that faith is absolute, either you have it or you don't! In fact, as the title quote suggests this is not always the case.

Unbelief can lurk in the minds of the most ardent and seemingly faith-filled disciples. This certainly was the case with those early Apostles during the days after the crucifixion. Despite repeated assertions by Jesus that death would not have the last word in the Easter story, we are told by Luke that the claims of the women that they had seen the risen Christ *'seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them'* (Luke 24:11).



So, it was not just 'doubting Thomas' who had a crisis of faith, almost all of the disciples at one point or another struggled to accept the testimony of the women who visited the tomb on that Easter morn.

At the end of Mark's Gospel we are told that Jesus chided the remaining eleven for their stubborn refusal to believe the account of the women and that of others, who Jesus appeared to on their way out of Jerusalem that same day.

We are also told that when, that evening, he showed himself to the disciples in the upper room *'in their joy they were (still) disbelieving and wondering.'* All needed him to explain again the story of redemption and the purposes of God and to be repeatedly reassured that he was indeed amongst them in his resurrected form. The physicality of the resurrection was repeatedly reinforced, Thomas was invited to touch Christ's wounded body, the women clung on to him and he frequently ate meals with them; in Emmaus, in the upper room and by the sea of Galilee.

So it is permissible, during this Christian festival, to both confidently sing the Easter anthems that attest to the resurrection and yet still have moments of doubt. This is not evidence of our lack of faith but part of our journey of faith.

There will be times when the reality of Christ's resurrected presence is hard to grasp. On such occasions may we, like those early disciples, find consolation in God's forbearance and be reassured by his acceptance of the measure of faith we have, and his willingness to meet us where we are.

THE BE-ATTITUDES

By John Polhill
(from 'Eggs and Ashes' at www.ionabooks.com)

Blessed are those who use low-energy light bulbs,
for theirs is the light of God's wisdom.

Blessed are those who travel by train,
for their lives are on God's track.

Blessed are those who choose a car with low fuel
consumption,
for they are in God's fast lane.

Blessed are those who insulate their homes,
for theirs is the warmth of God's love.

Blessed are you when you put yourselves out
to use energy from renewable sources,
for you have kindled the flame of the future.

STOP PRESS: FROM ST. PAUL'S

Saturday 26th April, 3pm:
Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Pam Browne. All welcome to this cheerful, positive service of remembrance, with a cream tea (Devon variety!) afterwards, sharing memories of Pam's life. Any donations received will go to ELF (Exeter Leukaemia Fund) and Camphill Village Trust, charities with which Pam felt connected.

Saturday 10th May, sale, 11am-1.30pm
with the usual stalls, refreshments, plants and delicious refreshments.

Wed 14th May, Messy Church from 3.15pm

Sunday 18th May, APCM following the morning service, including election of churchwardens and PCC members.

Saturday 24th May
The Mathieson Music Trust - **concert at 6pm**, followed by **Indian Curry Dinner, 7.45pm**

FOUNDATION SAFEGUARDING COURSE

Tess Hickson, Safeguarding Officer, writes:

There will be a session of the **Foundation Safeguarding Course** on **Tuesday 6th May at 2pm** in Dawlish.



This is the course for those who have done the Basic course and need to also complete or renew the Foundation course, for responsibilities such as PCC, DCC or a leading role in the church. It is a relaxed 2 hour session face-to-face in a group, with tea and biscuits. Please email me on tessh@btinternet.com if interested in attending. Thank you.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Margaret Noel writes:

Now I have finished my 'farewell tour' of the Benefice I want to thank you all for all the cards, and gifts I have received. I feel quite humbled to receive such a warm response from you all for simply carrying out a most rewarding ministry to you. I have made so many friends over the years and worked with caring, supportive colleagues. But I haven't totally retired, just sparing you from having to listen to my sermons! I am still about. When I decide on how I will spend the very generous gift token I will let you know.

Blessings and Love
Margaret.

AND TO PROVE SHE'S STILL ABOUT!

Just a reminder there is a planning meeting for the September **FLOWER FESTIVAL** on **Tuesday 29TH April in the St Greg's Narthex at 7pm**. It is an open meeting for anyone who feels they can help in any way or contribute ideas.. Thank you.
Margaret.

*Join us for a day of
Celebration in Dawlish!*



12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Fish & Chips Lunch*
Location: The Manor House EX7 9AP

A tasty traditional Fish and Chip lunch will be served along with a side of mushy peas and tea! Dine to the swinging sounds of the 1940's while enjoying a special WWII themed Punch and Judy Show!



For more information please call: 01626863388
www.dawlish.gov.uk/council_events/ve-day-80/

** £15 advance ticket purchase required. Limited seating.*

FROM PALM SUNDAY, THROUGH HOLY WEEK TO EASTER

Over two pages of photos recording a busy, happy time!



Presentation to Margaret Noel during Palm Sunday service at St Greg's



Margaret Noel cuts her 'Thank You' cake with her family looking on



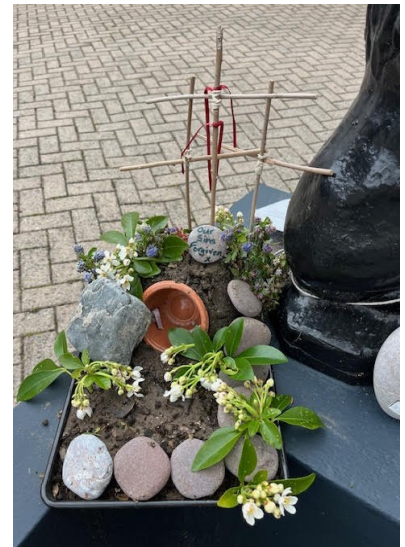
Margaret Noel writes: There has been a place of worship on the site of St. Gregory's church for well over a Millenium and there have been many changes in building, priests and patterns of worship. During my years of ministry I have seen new developments as the Christian family, like all families, evolves and changes. Our Easter services have been joyful but also reflective celebrations of the Easter Story with all ages and Christians from the different Dawlish churches coming together to share the message of God's love for us. Messy Church, as you will see from the photos below was both 'messy' and fun for all ages. The family of God is open to anyone seeking faith and guidance with a warm welcome to anyone coming through the doors to join us!

Quote from Georgina, a young Messy Church-goer!
 "Messy Church was a fantastic, fun and friendly place to spend our Good Friday afternoon!"





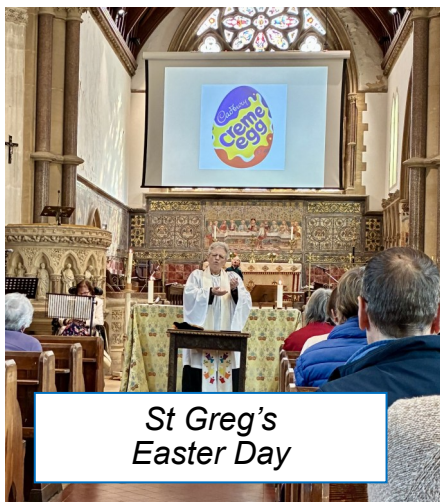
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Easter Gardens



Easter
Lilies



Easter Day
Sunrise Service



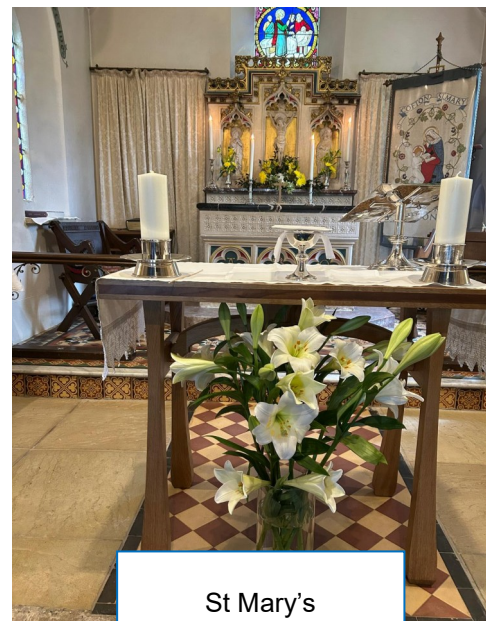
St Greg's
Easter Day



St
Mary's
Easter
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*St Paul's
Easter Day*



*St Mary's
Easter Day*



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

The annual church meeting will be taking place on **Sunday 11th May after the morning service**. 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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SERVICES & EVENTS – 27th April to 14th May



Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

10.30am St George's, Holcombe – United Benefice Service,
Followed by finger buffet in Holcombe Village Hall.
In celebration of St George's 80th year.

*** NO SERVICES AT THE OTHER CHURCHES TODAY ***

Wednesday 30th April

10am St Gregory's - Holy Communion

Sunday 4th May — 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 7th May

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

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

DIARY DATES

APRIL

Saturday 26th Celebrate St George's - Open Day (with displays etc) from 10am-4pm,
part of the 80th Anniversary Weekend at St George's, Holcombe
Visiting Bellringers at St Greg's, 2-3pm

Tuesday 29th St Mary's Cofton APCM 11am, preceded by Coffee Morning
Little Greg's in Upper Narthex, St Gregory's, 9.30-11.30am
Flower Festival Planning Meeting in St Gregory's, 7pm

MAY

Saturday 3rd Memorial Service for Judith Holmes in St Gregory's, 11am

Tuesday 6th Kids' Swap Shop in St Gregory's, 9-11am
Little Greg's in Upper Narthex, St Gregory's, 9.30-11.30am
CTDD Praying for Dawlish in Dawlish Methodist Church, 12noon

Thursday 8th Funeral of Joanna Kelly in St Gregory's, 10.30am
Pudding Club in Upper Narthex, St Gregory's, 2.30pm. Chance for a chat and to get to know each other better! (*Note change of date from 1st May due to St Greg's acting as a Polling Station in the local elections*)

Friday 9th Funeral of Margaret Tarr in St Gregory's, 1pm

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

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

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

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

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

Safeguarding Officer at St Greg's: Tess Hickson 07376 658440 tessh@btinternet.com

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.

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St Mary's Church Cofton

will be open throughout May and June from Monday to Friday 10am – 3pm, and with a Coffee Morning every Tuesday from 10-12noon.