

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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“FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA?”

Revd E. Patrick Parkes, Minister at St Paul's, Starcross writes:

On Sunday 23rd June, Churches up and down the Devon coastline with a strong maritime connection observed Sea Sunday, when they traditionally remembered seafarers and their families.

Coincidentally, in the gospel reading for that Sunday we are told the story of Jesus stilling the storm on the Sea of Galilee. (not really a sea at all but a large inland fresh water lake).

Both events remind us of the unpredictability and dangers of 'a life on the ocean waves'. The hymn referenced in this reflection's heading is an iconic piece that is invariably sung on Sea Sunday.

The words of the second verse are:

Oh Christ whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at Thy word.

Who walkest on the foamy deep and how amidst the storm did sleep.

O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in Peril on the sea.

It is likely that most of those reading this article do not have the close affinity that those early disciples had with the sea, at least four of whom were fishermen by trade, before Christ called them. However, it is probable that many of us at one time or another have been buffeted by the storms of life and may have felt so overwhelmed by life's circumstances that we were in danger of drowning. The storms may come suddenly and unexpectedly as was the case with Jesus's disciples and be so tumultuous that, like these seasoned fishermen, we begin to believe that we likewise might perish. We also might believe, as they did, that Jesus is either oblivious or indifferent of our plight. Asleep as he was in the back of the boat, as it were!

Yet impressions can be deceptive. Christ was not indifferent to the disciples needs but rather wished to teach them that, despite appearances to the contrary, God was present and in control. In speaking to the winds, he was able not only to still the raging storm but also calm their fearful hearts. As the tempest abates, He gently reproves them for their lack of trust in his ability to preserve them in their time of trouble. There is nothing wrong about crying out in times of need, indeed it is sometimes both helpful and necessary. The support of others can be crucial in getting us through moments when we feel completely overwhelmed.

Rather it was the belief that others didn't care about them that was the problem. We too can live under the misapprehension that we have to weather the storms on our own when we are in fact surrounded by those who, if they only knew of our difficulty, would be more than willing to stand alongside us. Speaking words of peace and comfort into our lives. When we despair of finding solutions to our tempests, may we realise that there is someone we can turn to for help, and sometime that help comes in the guise of others who are similarly willing to lend a hand.

So Lord, "hear us when we cry to thee..." in our times of peril or need, whatever form that might take.

SUCCESSFUL OPEN AFTERNOON HELD AT ST. GEORGE'S, HOLCOMBE

Saturday 22nd June saw a beautiful summer afternoon. A very warm welcome was given to all who came along to St George's, Holcombe.



Local Holcombe harpist Sonia played, in Church, to a very appreciative audience.

The Church was decorated with flowers and foliage gathered from hedgerows in and around the Village and looked splendid.



In the Church Room St George's ladies pulled out all the stops with their cake baking skills, all enjoyed with copious amounts of tea.

Generous donations were divided between the RNLI and CHSW (St. George's current supported charities) and Church Funds.



JOIN US FOR OUR

BENEFICE WORSHIP & BBQ

Worship together with others from our Churches and then enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch



ST MARY'S HALL

WE PROVIDE THE BURGERS/SAUSAGES & BUNS.
YOU BRING NIBBLES AND PUDDINGS PLEASE

30TH JUNE

10.30AM

LADIES!

PUDDING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



pudding Club will not be meeting on July 4th due to the General Election polling taking place that day.

As the sun has finally decided to come out, a couple of day trips for the summer have been planned.

On **Thursday 1st August** it will be a trip to Sidmouth for the day and on **Thursday 5th September** to the Rare Breeds Centre in Totnes (£9 entry cost).

If any ladies would like to join either or both trips, or want to know a bit more about the regular Pudding Club meetings, please contact: **Jacqui** on **07804 639999**.

Enjoy your summer!

St Greg's Parish Picnic

SUNDAY 7TH JULY
in the Newhay

Come along, bring your picnic and enjoy food and friendship together

12 noon

Hot and cold drinks provided
(you may wish to bring a chair or a blanket)

CALL 07534 369 035 FOR MORE INFO

MONTHLY SALE

St Paul's Church, Starcross
11am- 2pm

Saturday 13th July

Refreshments - pasties - savouries
cakes - tea - coffee
books - bric-a-brac - jigsaws
children's magazines, raffle

plus plants for sale

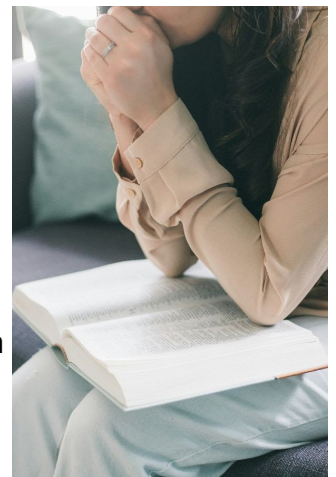
*Do you want to sell some items?
You can book space on a pew, half or a full one
No fee but donations welcome if you are successful*

To book email claire@goshayes.com

CHRISTIANS IN POLITICS PODCAST

Christians in Politics has created a podcast for the run-up to the General Election on the 4 July. Join Andy Flannagan from Christians in Politics and Rev Celia Apeageyi-Collins along with guests as they open the bible and see what it has to say about the issues of our time.

The show is broadcast on Premier Christian Radio, 5pm every Tuesday in the run-up to the election. [Click here](#) to listen to the podcast.



SUMMER SERENADE WITH THE EXETER CATHEDRAL CHOIR

*St Mary's Church, Totnes,
Saturday 6 July at 5pm*

A special opportunity to experience a summer serenade from the Choir of Exeter Cathedral, as they visit St Mary's Church, Totnes. This unforgettable performance will include music from Mozart, Goodall, Ireland, Bach and more.



Tickets: Adults £12; Juniors £5; On the door £15. [Click here](#) for more info or to book tickets.

SERVICES 30th JUNE to 13th JULY

Sunday 30th June

10.30am Benefice Worship (followed by BBQ)
at St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren.
**(NB: No services elsewhere in the Mission
Community this Sunday)**

Tuesday 2nd July

9am Prayer Meeting by phone - dial 01200 480091

Wednesday 3rd July

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion
7pm St George's - Mission Community
Prayer Gathering

Sunday 7th July

8am St Gregory's - Holy Communion
9.30am St George's - Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's - Parish Communion
10am St Gregory's - Greg's@10
(followed by Parish Picnic in the Newhay
at 12noon - see notice on page 3)
11am St Mary's - Morning Worship

Wednesday 10th July

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon ...

JUNE

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th **ALSO: Sat 6th & Sun 7th July**
Open Garden at 2 Middlewood,
Cockwood from 1pm-5pm.
Entry: Adult - £5, Children - FREE. Further info: Chris on 07771 842334.

JULY

Monday 1st **Men's Breakfast** at St Greg's, 9am.
Tuesday 2nd **Kids' Swap Shop** at St Greg's, 9am-11am
Little Greg's at St Greg's, 9.30am-11.30am
Wednesday 3rd **Drop In** at St George's, Holcombe, 2pm-4pm
Mission Community Monthly Prayer Gathering at St George's, 7pm
Saturday 6th **'Let's Do Lunch'** at St Greg's, 12 Noon. Christians Together For Dawlish & District. Book by text: 07534 369035. See notice on this page for more info.
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th **Open Garden** at 2 Middlewood, Cockwood from 1pm-5pm.
Same details as above for 29th & 30th June.
Tuesday 9th **Mothers' Union** at St Greg's, 2pm
Choral Society Gilbert & Sullivan 'Summer Musical Party', 7.30pm
Saturday 13th **Monthly Sale** at St Paul's, Starcross - see notice on page 3



TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING BY PHONE

All welcome to a half hour of prayer.
Just dial 01200 480091 to join at 9am.
It's good to pray together!



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Let's do Lunch

Saturday 6th July @ 12 Noon
St Greg's Church

Time of renewing fellowship
Discussing the future and praying
and a free lunch!

All welcome - book in by text 07534 369 035

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: 01626 927281 or email: revdlinda@icloud.com **Margaret Noel:** 01626 863148; **Will Halse:** 01626 866054; **Ceri Lee:** 07739 936286