

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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SPECIAL SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S *Becky Bird writes:*

It has been very many years since there has been a **CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S (STARCROSS)** and so it was a great pleasure to find out there were seven candidates wishing to be confirmed, four of whom would also be baptised at the same service. Five of the candidates for confirmation were the parents and godparents of baby Arabella, who will be baptised in November, and two of our church members, Ian Frost and Debra Watts.

A special service of Baptism and Confirmation took place at St Paul's during August; led by The Right Reverend Nick McKinnel, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Exeter, with all of St Paul's Music Group leading the varied selection of music, plainsong, traditional hymns and contemporary songs.

It was a beautiful, atmospheric service affirming faith and commitment - and wonderful to see so many family and friends, along with many from our Mission Community churches, for the baptism of Holly, Gareth, Henry and William followed by their confirmation along with Jasmine, Ian and Debra.



SPOTTING LADYBIRDS IN THE CHURCHYARD: Tiny heroes in polka-dot armour

There are 46 different species of ladybirds in the UK and about 5,000 species worldwide. While some sport the classic red with black spots look, others come in shades of yellow, orange, or even black with red spots. Many species hatch from pupae in August or September so look out for a new generation of adults feeding up ready to overwinter. They are voracious predators of aphids and other garden pests, serving as natural pest-control agents and helping to keep plants healthy.



Churchyards and cemeteries can be great for ladybirds as they tend to be free of insecticides and full of food. Monuments including chest tombs, gaps made by tree roots, wood piles, spaces beneath flaking bark, leaf litter, tussocky grass and drystone walls are full of potential places to overwinter. With their rounded bodies and distinctive markings, ladybirds are easily recognisable. If you see one, take a photo or count its spots and make a note of both spot and background colours. The spot number indicates which species it is, not as some people believe, how old it is.

Extract of an article by Caring for God's Acre www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk



LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO RENT, MIGHT YOU BE ABLE TO HELP?

Chris Curd writes:

Looking for somewhere to rent for a friend of our Ukrainian guest and her 17 year old daughter. Quiet, responsible English-speaking people. They were going to leave their host accommodation under 'Homes for Ukraine' but there is an issue with the property they were going to have.

Does anyone know of anything or have an Annexe or similar available? Or accommodation with ensuite? From Exminster to Teignmouth and within reach of the bus route. Dad is in the Ukrainian armed forces. 17 year old is due to start A Levels. Mum is working. Another adult relative is in Dawlish with a host.

If you know of anything, please contact Chris Curd. 07771842334; prebchris2020@gmail.com. They are, of course, registered with all the agents. Thank you.



ST. GREG'S BIG CHURCH CLEAN

It's happening on **SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**, 10am-12.30pm!
Many hands make light work so **PLEASE COME** if you're able.
Coffee, tea and cake during the break.
Any questions, please talk to Leena.

ECO-CHURCH: RECYCLING AT ST.GREG'S

Chris Curd, Church Eco Group and Eco Champion, writes:

As part of the Church's commitment to the Eco Church Scheme and to doing what we can to protect Creation, there is going to be a trial of recycling boxes in the lower Narthex at St Greg's. The trial will run through September (The Season of Creation) and probably into October.



The items recycled will be those which may not be possible to recycle through kerb side collections and the schemes are made available through Terracycle. (terracycle.com) They offer a guarantee that the items will be recycled properly.

Please ensure that the correct items are squashed and put into the correct boxes which are:

1. **Cheese Packaging Recycling Scheme:** - including plastic nets for mini cheeses
2. **Biscuits and Snacks Recycling Programme** - flexible plastic packaging from cakes, biscuits, crackers etc
3. **Bakery Recycling Programme**- bakery plastic packaging and closure tags



at
St. Greg's

Thursday
11th September
3.30-6pm

It's church, but not as you know it!

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE STORY THEME:
CREATION



There will be lots going on, including:

- Refreshments on arrival
- Plenty of FUN with 'crafty' activities for adults and children to do together
- A celebration time with stories, songs and prayers
- A hot meal before going home

We'd love to welcome YOU!

Messy Church values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.



St Gregory's Church, Dawlish
proudly presents

A Grand Gala Concert

Saturday 13th September 2025
at 7.30pm

Enjoy an evening full of music and song including

Donna-Marie Broomfield (soprano) ISCA strings

Rebecca Squire (soprano) Sonia Mistely (harpist)

Stephen Tanner (organ) Rev Linda (trumpet)

** Prize draw and refreshments (during interval) **

FREE ADMISSION with any donations welcome
in aid of St Gregory's Church Restoration Fund

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Honouring the past - Embracing the future

18 - 21 September 2025

Thurs, Fri, Sat

Doors Open 10am - 6pm

Refreshments Available

Thursday 18 September

Floral Displays

10.15am Opening Ceremony by the Mayor
and our Town Crier

Friday 19 September

Floral Displays

7.30pm "The history of Dawlish through the Church
and the Railway" by David Force

Saturday 20 September

Floral Displays

12.30pm Visiting Bell Ringers

1pm Crazy Foot Tappers

3pm 'Wonderfully Wild' family event

7.30pm Bay Brass concert

Sunday 21 September

Floral Displays

10.30am Benefice Celebration Service
with Bishop Mike

Followed by Buffet Lunch

*All events FREE - donations to St Gregory's Church Restoration Fund,
will be very welcome*

For more information please call 01626 927281

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Thurs, Fri, Sat

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Refreshments Available

Floral Displays and Exhibition

Come and see the wonderful display of
flowers created by Church and community,
celebrating our anniversary.

Exhibition of Church past, present
and our future hope and dreams
for our wonderful 2nd listed building

Friday 19th Sept.

**7.30pm "The history of
Dawlish through the
Church and the Railway"
by David Force**

Saturday 20th Sept.

7.30pm Bay Brass

**Come and listen to an
evening of music, played by
a local brass band**



JUST A FEW OF THE MANY IMAGES FROM THE AUGUST SESSION AT ST.GREG'S

Noah and the Big Flood! Faith, Fun, Food and Fellowship



SERVICES & EVENTS – 31st August to 13th September 2025



Sunday 31st August — Trinity 11

- 10.30am Benefice Service - Café Church and BBQ
at St Mary's Hall, Dawlish Warren
- 4pm St Gregory's - Choral Evensong
with the Archdeacon of Exeter (followed by tea)

Monday 1st September

- 10.45am St Gregory's - Funeral of Frank West

Wednesday 3rd September

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 7th September — Trinity 12

- 8am St Gregory's - Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
- 9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
- 10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
- 11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship

Wednesday 10th September

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 11th September

- 3.30-6pm St Gregory's - Messy Church



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.

The Lady Chapel at St Greg's is available for quiet prayer from 9.30am, before the 10am Sunday service



PRAYER HALF-HOUR

6pm at St Greg's
Each Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri.
Until further notice.

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

Tuesday 2nd Praying for Dawlish, 12noon at Methodist Church

Wednesday 3rd Drop In, 2-4pm at St George's, Holcombe

Thursday 4th Pudding Club, 2.30pm, Upper Narthex, St Greg's. A chance to plan sessions for the next year.

Saturday 6th Big Church Clean, 10am-12.30pm at St Greg's
CTDD Planning Meeting, 11am, Strand Chapel
Quiz Night and meal, 6.30pm, Strand Centre

Tuesday 9th Little Greg's, 9.30-11.30am at St Greg's
Mothers' Union, 2pm in Lady Chapel, St Greg's

Thursday 11th Messy Church, 3.30-6pm at St Greg's

Saturday 13th Men's Breakfast, 8.30am at Hope Church

DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES DAY:

St Mary's, Cofton Open 10am-4pm, refreshments including light lunches, music 1pm 'The High C's' & 2pm 'Wrecked Again' Shanty Crew.

St Greg's Open 10am-2pm, Tower tours 10am to 12pm.

Grand Gala Concert, 7.30pm at St Greg's.

Thursday 18th to Sunday 21st - St Gregory's 200th Anniversary Celebrations

'Honouring the Past - Embracing the Future' See Page 3 for full details.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Honouring the past - Embracing the future

18 - 21 September

Thurs, Fri, Sat 10am - 6pm

Live Music • Floral Displays • Exhibition • Refreshments

Sunday 10.30am

Celebration Service with Bishop Mike



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St Mary's [Facebook](#)

St Paul's [Facebook](#)

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

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