

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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'HERE IS A BOY WITH FIVE SMALL BARLEY LOAVES AND TWO SMALL FISH, BUT HOW FAR WILL THEY GO AMONG SO MANY?' *Rev Patrick Parkes writes:*



The story of the feeding of the 5,000 is probably the most well known of Jesus's miracles and as such, its familiarity can obscure the lesson that was meant to be conveyed in its retelling. The disciples of Jesus were given the seemingly impossible task of feeding a huge crowd of people who had followed Jesus to a place variously described as deserted and desert like! With no thought about what they would eat and driven by a desire to see and hear more of this remarkable prophet from Nazareth, they had placed the burden of caring for their physical needs on Jesus and the disciples. Having scoured the crowd for resources, they returned to their master bearing the meagre pickings of a young boy's lunch, consisting of five small loaves and two small fish. Rightly, they posed the question, 'how far will they go amongst so many?'

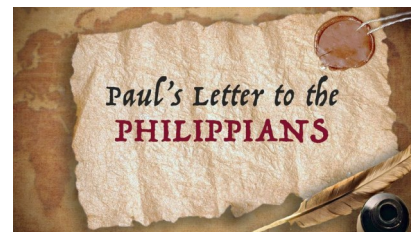
One might have thought that the bigger miracle was that the disciples were able to relieve the boy of his food without protest! However it seems that it was willingly given and gratefully received. Once placed in the hands of the master it was blessed, broken, distributed and multiplied. The church and local communities around the county are celebrating Harvest time which, as we know, comes in the context of a national economic downturn. As such, we might be tempted to believe that our own 'meagre pickings' are hardly enough to support ourselves, let alone the overwhelming needs of the troubled world around us. The temptation now, as then, is to conserve and not share (I wonder how many other lunches were concealed when the disciples went seeking food!). Had this boy not been so forthcoming, the crowd would have gone hungry, the miracle would not have occurred and the boy would have remained an anonymous and faceless member of the 'plus women and children' who accompanied the men. In the event, he was offered a personal audience with Jesus and not only saw the miracle first hand, up close and personal, but was a partner with Jesus in the miracle itself. It was his food that was shared and multiplied!

As we give thanks to God for his goodness in providing a world rich with resources that meet our daily needs, the principle of sharing with others less fortunate is also to the fore. In my own church, I will receive gifts from grateful parishioners and members of the public and they will be distributed to various organisations or charities that are helping those in much greater need than ourselves. Like the boy in the story we too have a choice, either we can secrete what limited resources we have away and consume them all ourselves, or we can put some of them in the hands of others so that more may benefit from what we have, including ourselves. After all, in giving his lunch away, the boy received it back from Jesus, blessed and multiplied. When the Apostle Paul was asking for help for his fellow Christians in Jerusalem, who were experiencing a famine he prayed: 'Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:10-15).

My prayer for our own churches and communities is that they will be enriched in every way, and that we will, in gratitude and thankfulness for our own supply, find opportunity to be generous to others as a result.

BENEFICE ADVENT EVE RETREAT DAY: ADVANCE DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

This will be held on **Saturday 30th November** from **9.30am - 4.30pm** at **St Paul's Church, Starcross**. The day will be based around **'Reflections on the Letter of Paul to the Philippians'** led by Bishop Nick McKinnell. There will be coffee and lunch included. The afternoon of Quiet Prayer originally planned for this date and previously publicised will not now take place.



ST.GREG'S LADIES' EVENING OUT

Cath Godden writes:

A wonderful evening was shared on Friday 20th September when despite the horrendous weather forecast resulting in a late change to the itinerary, (if only I'd believed our prayers for a warm dry evening would be answered): 10 fun loving ladies from St Greg's still made it a night to remember.



Instead of a picnic style fish n chip supper sitting on Back Beach watching the sunset in Teignmouth, we dined indoors still with a chippy supper at Sea Breeze in Dawlish. Ash and his team of gents looked after us superbly and did a marvellous job of keeping Alex's birthday cake secret until its fully lit moment. We didn't have to travel far for our after dinner drink as we simply moved to their bar next door and sipped al fresco style, on various scrummy liquid refreshments some hot and some fizzy but all delish.

Of course the best part of the night was the excellent company and the happy chatter accompanied by lots of laughter. It was the most perfect opportunity to make new friends whilst cherishing those we already had. Huge thanks to the 'Daves' (Lee and Chappell) for taxiing us home safely at the end of the evening and to all the wonderful ladies who came along. It's definitely an evening out that will be repeated next year - hopefully on a warm sunny dry summer's evening in Teignmouth - so for those who enjoyed the fun PLEASE come again and for any lady who couldn't come this year - there'll definitely be another time to join in the fun in 2025. Watch this space!

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

CR2EE (Christian Response to Eastern Europe) will again be distributing shoeboxes filled with goodies to bring good cheer to children and adults in Moldova and Ukraine.



See more info on the next page of this Newsletter including some ideas for what to put in your shoebox. You can bring your filled shoebox to church (by mid-November), from where either Dawlish Water Rotary Club will collect them. Or there are two collection points in Dawlish town. They are Fraser & Wheeler (Estate Agents) at the top of Queen Street, or Dawlish Funeralcare (next to the Library) at the top of The Strand.

FAREWELL TO DOREEN

Little Greg's recently held a surprise party to say goodbye to a VIP! A familiar and friendly face in church at St Greg's and also at Little Greg's where she has helped for many years, Doreen Harrington is moving away. We all wish her God speed!



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, HOLCOMBE



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2024



Sunday 13 October at 10.00am

Morning Worship with a Harvest theme

led by Will Halse

followed by Harvest Loaf with butter and home-made jam

There is a box now in church for donations of items to be collected and taken to the Dawlish Community Larder in the run-up to 13 October.

The special request this year is for non-perishable food items such as rice, tinned meals and toiletries.

Many thanks for your support

St Gregory's Church, Dawlish

MUSIC MEGAFEST SPECTACULAR

A Very Musical Concert

featuring

Donna-Marie Broomfield (soprano)

Sonia Mistely (Harpist)

Rev. Linda Cronin (Cornet & Trumpet)

Tasha Goldsworth (soprano) Andrew Fuller (Baritone)

Combined Church Choirs (songs from the stage)

Saturday 12th October 2024

at 4.00pm

FREE ADMISSION

(with a retiring collection in aid of St Gregory's organ fund)

Refreshments will be provided during the interval

DO YOU FANCY A DAY OUT?

Join Dawlish Community Transport on our Tuesday Trips

Door to Door Transport

Picking you up/returning you to/from your home

NOVEMBER 2024:

5 th Otter Nurseries	£15.00
12 th Bernaville Nurseries	£12.00
19 th Topsham/Darts Farm	£12.00
26 th Trago Mills	£12.00

DECEMBER 2024:

3 rd Exeter Christmas Market	£12.00
10 th Christmas Lunch (Langstone Cliff)	£34.00 *
17 th Endsleigh Garden Centre	£18.00
24 th & 31 st No Trips	

JANUARY 2025:

7 th Fermoy's Garden Centre	£15.00
14 th Ullacombe Farm and Dartmoor	£15.00
21 st Trago Mills	£12.00
28 th Nutwell Lodge (Lypstone) for Lunch	£12.00

*10th Dec: £10 non-refundable deposit is required when booking
+ £24 by 18/11/24 (inc of transport)

'BINGO & BUS'

Wednesday's 6th November, 4th December 2024 & 8th January 2025

Arriving for 7.30pm/eyes down from 8.00pm at Ashcombe Village Hall

Vehicle available for Dawlish passengers who can benefit from Community

Transport support (£5 each to cover costs) - book in advance/limited spaces. Pick-up time confirmed on day of travel



For more information or to book please

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A few ideas for Christmas Shoeboxes



It's that time of year when many are asking about making up a Christmas Shoebox to fill it with lovely gifts for a child, or even an adult, in Moldova or Ukraine.

Use your imagination to decide what to put into the box, that way all the boxes will be different which is lovely.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, all items **MUST be NEW**, as we certify everything in the boxes is new and we risk the whole load being rejected and turned back at customs to return to the UK if anything used is found in the Christmas boxes. We appreciate this is costly but why not get together with friends and make one really good box. Used toys etc. is always appreciated but not in the Christmas Boxes.

*If you would like to make up a box fill it to the brim with suitable items, wrap it in nice paper, seal it up and mark clearly on the outside the age and gender the box is for.

You will have your own ideas for items you think a child of that age, or adult, would like but here are some suggestions if you need some help:-

A good start is a tooth brush, tooth paste and some soap with flannel, maybe a woolly hat and gloves. In addition everyone likes chocolates, children always appreciate a toy, a doll, toy car or cuddly toy, dinosaurs, a tennis ball, building bricks (i.e. lego type), tapestry or embroidery kits, pencils, pens, colouring pencils, colouring books, sharpener, note books, socks, and, of course, sweets!

There's lots more we're sure you can think of!

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DISAPPOINTMENT FOR WENDY AND WILL

You will remember that in previous newsletters Wendy Williams (Joyce Williams' daughter) and Will Halse reported how they were to run the Torbay Half Marathon last Sunday (29th September) in aid of Rowcroft Hospice. Unfortunately the weather had other ideas, with torrential rain and high winds, and the race was cancelled for safety reasons. Wendy and Will were just two of the many disappointed runners, some 200 of whom were due to run in aid of Rowcroft Hospice. Wendy and Will are planning to take part in 2025, once the organisers have rescheduled, and thank everyone for their generosity in donations already received, or pledged, for the benefit of the great and caring work that Rowcroft Hospice does. Watch this space in 2025 for news of the rescheduled event.



HARVEST CELEBRATION AT ST PAUL'S

As you can see from these photos, many contributed towards the Harvest Festival at St Paul's, Starcross on 22nd September. Fruit, vegetables and flowers were used to decorate the church beautifully. Food, medical supplies and donations were brought in for CR2EE—to go to Moldova and Ukraine.



BOOKINGS FOR ST. MARY'S HALL

If you wish to book St Mary's Hall at Dawlish Warren for a private party or event please contact the bookings secretary Rachel Hammond: email bookstmaryshall1@gmail.com or telephone 07713 929148.

CREATION IS GOD'S GIFT TO US

Prebendary Chris Curd writes:

Across the Benefice we have signed up to the Eco Church scheme offered by the Christian Environmental organisation A Rocha. This is a tool to help us into action, to give guidance to Church Councils, Congregations and individuals as to how to take action to to be yet more faithful stewards of this Holy Gift. It works by means of a survey under 5 headings and depending on the commitments made, the Church achieves Bronze, Silver or Gold award. At the moment we are all Bronze but I suspect that things might have slipped a bit – it happens. So as Eco Champion, and with Rev Linda's support, I would love to meet with a group of people to explain this more and to see how this could work in this church at this time. You may find out more and think – Oh I could do that, or – no, I don't think I can – but please prayerfully consider if you could be involved and let me know. Email: prebchris2020@gmail.com



SERVICES - 6th to 19th October

Sunday 6th October

- 8am St Gregory's—Holy Communion
9.15am St George's – Holy Communion
10am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
Followed by Bring & Share Lunch at 12pm
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship

Tuesday 7th October

- 9am Prayer Meeting on Zoom - *see details aside*

Wednesday 9th October

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 13th October

- 9.15am St George's – Harvest Festival
10am St Paul's – Parish Communion
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11.15am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Tuesday 15th October

- 9am Prayer Meeting on Zoom - *see details aside*

Wednesday 16th October

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion



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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon

OCTOBER

- Monday 7th** **9am Men's Breakfast**
in St Greg's
- Tuesday 8th** **9.30-11.30am Little Greg's**
in St Greg's
2pm Mothers' Union
in St Greg's
- Saturday 12th** **4pm Music Megafest Spectacular Concert** in St Greg's
- Tuesday 15th** **9-11am Kids' Swap Shop**
in St Greg's
9.30-11.30am Little Greg's in St Greg's

KNEELERS!

FREE TO GOOD HOMES

Leena Halse (Churchwarden at St Greg's) says we have a number of kneelers at the back of the church which need new homes.

They can be used indoors or in the garden to save your knees.

The possibilities are endless!

NB: Although they are free, small donations to St. Greg's funds would not be turned away.

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): 01626 927281 or email: revdlinda@icloud.com
Margaret Noel: 01626 863148; **Will Halse:** 01626 866054;
Ceri Lee: 07739 936286; **Steve Cronin:** 07817 678774.

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