

# 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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## ECO TIP FROM A ROCHA *Preb Chris Curd writes:*



Whilst the recent hot weather spell seemed to come to an end quickly, the reality is we will have many more extreme-weather periods in the months and years ahead due to climate change. So while there is a real danger to wildlife in times of drought and dryness (*Ezekiel 15*), it can also be a chance for us to make sure life continues in abundance (*Psalms 65*). So what can we do to ensure nature has a chance in these dry and hot times? Here are A Rocha's top five actions for wildlife:

- ◇ Make sure you have a supply of water for birds and insects. Water stress is one of the biggest killers of wildlife during drought. Keep it topped up every day.
- ◇ Don't forget to continue to supply food for wildlife. Drought can mean grains dry up faster and insect numbers reduce increasing reliance on us to help support nature in times of stress.
- ◇ Avoid cutting your grass. Keeping grass long will help retain moisture, provide a source of shelter for insects and mammals and keep the topsoil from blowing away.
- ◇ Keep your bushes unpruned. Creating spaces of shade will help reduce your garden's temperature, slowing the effect of drought.
- ◇ Make sure you keep fruit trees well watered with a can not a hose.
- ◇ Don't waste water trying to keep the grass alive – instead, focus your attention on flowering and fruiting species. This will help to keep a food source for pollinating insects and for birds and other animals to feed.



A Rocha hope these top tips will help to create a resilient landscape in these challenging times. For more practical eco tips, sign up A Rocha's 'Wild Christian' by following this link: [HERE](#)

## DAWLISH COMMUNITY FOOD LARDER COORDINATOR



The Dawlish Community Larder is looking for a self-starting coordinator who identifies with the ethos of ROC (Redeeming Our Community) Dawlish and can work independently with agencies referring clients who need food support, work with those supplying the food and interact with those receiving it.

This is an important opportunity for someone who likes networking and delivering a critical service to people in need. Starting in September the initial engagement is for one year, potentially extending to three years. 8-12 hours a week, with the potential to increase to 16 hours a week. This is a post requiring a Safer Recruitment process and a DBS safeguarding check. Anyone interested in this exciting opportunity should speak to their minister or priest in the first instance as they have further detail. Salary will be in the region of £12-£15 per hour depending on experience. Applications to close by 18 September.



## PUDDING CLUB

*Maggie Webster writes:*

The women's **Pudding Club** will be meeting on **Thursday 5th September at 2pm** in the **Upper Narthex at St Greg's**. This time, rather than having a set topic, they will be having a general chat and get together. If you would enjoy gathering with like minded women for companionship you are warmly invited to join this friendly and supportive group.

## BRIC-A-BRAC NEEDED FOR DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES DAY

**Devon Historic Churches Day is on Saturday 14th September 2024.** On this day all churches in Devon should be open, welcoming visitors and doing something to raise funds for the Devon Historic Churches Trust.

St Gregory's is one of the churches that will be open and, as in previous years, Graham and Jill Reynolds will be manning a Bric-a-brac stall to help with the fundraising. They would be very grateful for donations of good condition items for this stall.



Items may be brought to St Gregs to be put in the church office for Graham and Jill (*please label the items or their container with 'For Devon Historic Churches Day'*) or, if you would like your items to be collected then please speak to Graham at church or contact him by phone on 01626 772249 or email [reynoldsgraham587@gmail.com](mailto:reynoldsgraham587@gmail.com)

**AFTERNOON TEA**

**BREAST CANCER NOW** The research & support charity

**force** charity

**Join us for Afternoon Tea**  
**raising money for the charities Breast Cancer Now & Force**

**GRAND RAFFLE**

**31st August**  
**2.30 - 4.30pm**  
**Starcross Pavilions**  
**Generals Lane, EX6 8PY**

*Please come to support our daughter Charli Lee, Ceri Lee and Tina Scudder and these wonderful charities*

We are fundraising for Breast Cancer Now and Force Cancer Charity so they can be there for anyone affected by cancer.  
 Breast Cancer Now is a company limited by guarantee registered in England (0447000) and a charity registered in England and Wales (1120900).  
 FORCE Cancer Charity is a registered charity in England and Wales. Charity registration no. 1149076 and company registration no. 7519995

**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**



## EXPLORING YOUR VOCATION?

**FOUNDATIONS** is the introductory course for everyone in the Diocese of Exeter who is exploring their vocation (both lay and ordained). The course is designed to help people grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church. It is the foundational course to train as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader), for ordination training or to train for one of the new Commissioned roles.

The topics covered are: Theology, The Bible, Spirituality and Ministry. The Foundations course is a mixture of in person and online teaching.

The dates for the three Foundations regional groups have been announced. They are:

PLYMOUTH (St Jude's Church) -  
running from October 2024 to March 2025  
BARNSTAPLE (Holy Trinity Church) -  
running from February to June 2025  
EXETER (The Old Deanery) -  
running from February to June 2025



The graphic features the Diocese of Exeter logo in the top right corner. A large blue circle with the word 'FOUNDATIONS' and a cross symbol is on the left. Two circular inset images show a person writing and another person reading. Text describes the course's purpose and teaching format. A box lists dates for Plymouth, Barnstaple, and Exeter. A QR code and registration link are at the bottom.

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IN DEVON

The Foundations Course is designed to help people in Devon grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church. It includes an introduction to the Bible, theology, spirituality and mission, delivered in an accessible way.

Teaching is a mixture of in-person group sessions and online learning. The course happens around Devon:

**Plymouth:** Oct '24 - Mar '25  
**Barnstaple:** Feb '25 - June '25  
**Exeter:** Feb '25 - June '25

To register, or for more info:  
[exeter.anglican.org/foundations](https://exeter.anglican.org/foundations)

[Click here](#) to find out more about Foundations and to book onto the course.

## SAFEGUARDING COURSES IN CHURCH



*Tess Hickson writes:*

**Basic and Foundation Safeguarding courses** will be available on the screen at St Gregs in September. This is an opportunity for those who find it difficult to access them online to complete or renew their Safeguarding courses as a group. The requirement is that all those with any role in our churches complete the one hour Basic course every 3 years and those in leadership of activities also complete Foundation. If you have completed both and they are up for renewal, you only need to complete Foundation again if you have done basic already.

**Basic** will be at **10am** on **Saturday 21st Sept** followed by coffee, and **Foundation** at **11.30am**. **Basic** (only) will be offered again **after the 10am service** on **Sunday 22nd September**.

If you have any queries about these courses, please feel free to speak to Tess Hickson or email her on [tessh@btinternet.com](mailto:tessh@btinternet.com). Thank you.

## AMENDED DATE FOR QUIET PRAYER

*Rev Helen Bays writes:*

As Richard Orr's licensing as a Licensed Lay Minister is to take place on 5th October, the first **Afternoon of Quiet Prayer** will be brought forward to **Saturday 28th September from 2-4pm at St George's, Holcombe**. The second date and time remain as **30th November, 2-4pm**. Full details will be included in the next newsletter.



## SERVICES 25th AUGUST to 7th SEPTEMBER

### Sunday 25th August

- 9.30am St George's – Morning Worship  
9.30am St Paul's – Parish Communion  
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion  
11am St Mary's – Holy Communion

### Tuesday 27th August

- 9am Prayer Meeting on Zoom - *see details aside*  
2.30pm Funeral of Christine Knight

### Wednesday 28th August

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

### Sunday 1st September

- 9.15am St George's – Holy Communion  
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship  
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10  
*followed by Bring'n'Share Lunch*  
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship  
*(with coffee preceding the service, from 10.30am)*

### Tuesday 3rd September

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

### Wednesday 4th September

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

### Thursday 5th September

- 11am St Mary's - Mission Community Prayer Gathering



### 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 [Facebook](#)

### SPECIAL NOTE:

From **Sunday 1st September** the regular start time of the Sunday morning services at **St George's, Holcombe** and **St Mary's, Cofton** is changed. **St George's** will be at **9.15am**; **St Mary's** at **11.15am** (*preceded by coffee from 10.30am*)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY coming up soon .....

### AUGUST

**Tuesday 27th** Julian Prayer Group, in St Gregory's, 1.30pm

**Saturday 31st** Afternoon Tea, for cancer charities at Starcross Pavilion 2.30-4.30pm.

### SEPTEMBER

**Sunday 1st** Bikes and Trikes on The Lawn, 10am-4pm

**Monday 2nd** Men's Breakfast in St Gregory's at 9am

**Wednesday 4th** Drop-in at St George's, Holcombe, 2-4pm

**Thursday 5th** Mission Community Prayer Gathering in St Mary's, Cofton at 11am

**Pudding Club** in St Greg's at 2pm

**Saturday 7th** CTDD 'Let's Do Lunch' at 12 noon in St Mary's Church Room, Cofton

### Diary Dates

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH DAWLISH

**CHORAL WORKSHOP**

Directed by

**Mr Stephen Tanner**

Music Educator, Choral Director, Organist, Composer, Arranger and Examiner (ABRSM)

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
2.00 – 6.00pm

Get expert tuition singing the following pieces :-  
O Thou the Central Orb (Wood), Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart),  
Jubilate in B flat (Stanford), God so loved the world (Stainer)  
Lord give me faith (Robson),  
O taste and see (Vaughan-Williams) and more

£10 per person (to include light refreshments and all music)

There will be a concert offered free to the general public at 5.30pm, with a retiring collection which will be split between Dawlish Choral Society and St Gregory's Organ Fund.

To enrol for this workshop please contact Dill Cameron on  
07717362907 / 01626 862261

**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](mailto:revdlinda@icloud.com)

Margaret Noel: 01626 863148; Will Halse: 01626 866054;

Ceri Lee: 07739 936286; Steve Cronin: 07817 678774.