

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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Dear Friends

We are amid a busy time of celebrations and thanksgiving, with St Gregory's 200th anniversary and looking ahead to the Blessing of Pet's at St Greg's (5th Oct) and our various Harvest Festivals.

In an article I read recently, '30 Ways to Say Thank You', it says:

- ❖ Other ways to say thank you include: "Thanks a ton" or "You're the best" in informal settings, "Thank you kindly" or "My sincerest thanks" in formal settings, and "I'm truly grateful" when you want to express heartfelt gratitude.
- ❖ A thank you message is a verbal or written expression of appreciation for a kind or helpful act.
- ❖ Saying "Thank you" strengthens relationships, fosters goodwill, and leaves a lasting positive impression.
- ❖ Choosing the right way to say "Thank you" ensures your gratitude comes across as sincere, appropriate for the context, and meaningful to the recipient.
- ❖ Personalizing your thank you message by specifying what you appreciate can make it more heartfelt and memorable.

I've not given all 30! (See <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/writing-tips/thank-you-so-much/>) But it's food for thought, especially during all our times of celebrations. In two ways.....

- ❖ **Remembering that we are giving thanks to God**, for His faithfulness, His provision, His love – indeed the list is endless
- ❖ **Remembering to thank others** – those who work tirelessly behind the scenes as well as the 'upfront' roles. Those who make the beautiful displays, those who clean the Church, those who make the refreshments, the musicians, again the list is endless.

One thing really impacted me many years ago. We were part of organising a huge outreach event across London. We were responsible with other leaders for our area in West London. There were loads of people involved. But one thing stood out. One of the Church leaders from another Church, took the time at the end of the day to say thank you to EVERYONE, not just the ones everybody would've seen being active, but those too who others may not have noticed. This has stuck with me throughout my ministry.

Through this season of celebration and thanksgiving who could you say thank you to? Maybe face to face, through a card or a letter, a cup of coffee. There are many ways we can do this, and one size doesn't fit all. The important thing is we say thank you.

Thank you to God. Thank you to each other

*'Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever. ' Ps 107*

With my thanks for all you do. **Rev. Linda Cronin**



**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD**
HIS LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

SUPPORTING ROWCROFT HOSPICE

Just a reminder that Wendy and Will are running the Torbay Half Marathon on 21st September, Celebration Sunday.



They would welcome your support for Rowcroft Hospice. Wendy's donation page is at <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/wendys-race-for-life-411774140>

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFEGUARDING COURSE



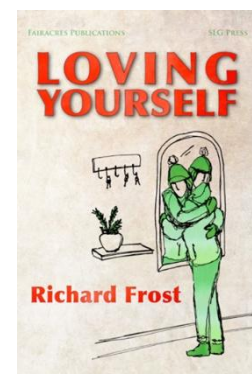
There is an opportunity to complete the Domestic Abuse safeguarding course face to face in Dawlish on Tuesday 30th September at 2pm. This is for people who have responsibility within the church, such as PCC, DCC or leaders of groups or activities.

Please speak to Tess Hickson or phone her on 07376 658440 if you would like to attend.

(NB: Tess says there'll be nice biscuits and discussion included!)

NEW BOOK: LOVING YOURSELF by Richard Frost

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. Most people feel comfortable with 'love your neighbour': thinking of others, being kind to people. But what about, 'as yourself'? To have love for ourselves in the same way as we love others? 'Loving Yourself' is a new book by Richard Frost, Licensed Lay Minister on the Totnes Ministry Team. He explores how love for both neighbour and ourselves stems from God's love for us: and what loving ourselves means in practice. [Click here](#) for more details of the book.





DO IT FAIR
BREW IT FAIR
AND STAND
WITH TEA
FARMERS

Dawlish Fairtrade Friends

**Mon 22nd Sept
3pm - 5pm**

**Afternoon Tea
Strand Centre, Dawlish**



**Tea, Coffee
& Cakes**

Sue Errington is
the speaker, from
The Global Centre

Donations welcome for
Afternoon Tea

Book through Facebook
or call The Strand Centre
on 01626 889038
or Paul on 07572127965



BE THE CHANGE

Buy
Fairtrade
Today

[Learn more](#)

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



Dawlish Community Transport is working with Dawlish Town Council
and South West Ambulance Service
to offer more

Defibrillator Awareness Sessions

You could save a life – don't miss this opportunity

on

Saturday 13th September 2025

from

10.00am to 12 noon

and

Thursday 18th September 2025

from

7.00pm to 9.00pm

at

The Manor House, Old Town Street, Dawlish, EX7 9AP

Sessions are **free of charge** and open to all; booking essential

If you would like to attend, please phone to reserve a place

01626 888890

Dawlish Community Transport

MONTHLY SALE

St Paul's Church, Starcross

11am- 1.30pm

Saturday 20th Sept

Refreshments - pasties - savouries

cakes - tea - coffee

books - bric-a-brac - jigsaws

children's magazines - raffle

You can book space to sell some items

No fee but donation welcome if you are successful

Email claire@goshayes.com to book

The church will also be
open for donations for

DEVON
HISTORIC
CHURCHES
TRUST

Blessing of our pets

Sunday 5th October 2025
St Greg's Church 10am

BRING YOUR PET ALONG

- ALL WELCOME

DOGS MUST BE ON A LEAD

OTHER PETS IN CAGES AS APPROPRIATE



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL
01626927281

Dawlish Fairtrade Friends



**FAIRTRADE
FORTNIGHT
2025**

**DAWLISH
MUSICAL THEATRE
COMPANY**

YOUTH CHOIR

CONCERT

**Dawlish
Rockwaves**

Strand Centre, Dawlish

Friday 3rd October
7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

Tickets £9 from The Strand Centre

Tea/coffee and Fairtrade refreshments available
Donations welcome

**Concert in aid of Fairtrade
and The Strand Centre, Dawlish**

SERVICES & EVENTS – 14th to 27th September 2025



Sunday 14th September — Trinity 13

- 9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11.15am St Mary's – Holy Communion
3pm St Gregory's – Civic Service

Wednesday 17th September

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 21st September — Trinity 14

- 10.30am St Gregory's 200th Anniversary – Benefice Service
with Bishop Mike, the Bishop of Exeter.
Lunch to follow.
6pm Telephone Service - dial 01200 480091 to join

Wednesday 24th September

- 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

*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, Thurs, Fri.
Until further notice.

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 16th Kids' Swap Shop** – St Gregory's, 9-11am
Little Greg's – St Gregory's, 9.30-11.30am
Ladies' Lunch – Amelia's, Cofton Holidays, 12pm for 12:30pm

- Saturday 20th Men's Breakfast** – Hope Church, 8:15am for 8:30am, £5.
Monthly Sale – St Paul's, Starcross, 11am-1:30pm.

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

'Honouring the Past - Embracing the Future'

- Thursday 18th **Opening Ceremony** – 10:15am; Flower Festival and refreshments – to 6pm.
Friday 19th **Flower Festival and refreshments**, 10am-6pm;
History Talk with David Force, 7:30pm.
Saturday 20th **Flower Festival and refreshments**, 10am-6pm;
Visiting Bellringers – 12:30pm;
Crazy Foot Tappers – 1pm;
'Wonderfully Wild' – Family Outdoor Event, exploring the churchyard – 2pm;
Bay Brass Concert – 7:30pm.
Sunday 21st **Celebration Benefice Service** (and lunch) with Bishop Mike, 10:30am.

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[Instagram](#)
St George's [Facebook](#)
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](#)