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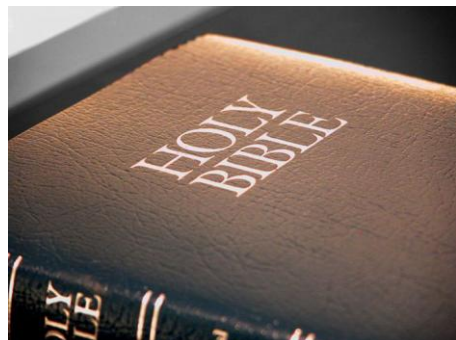
A newsletter brought to you every fortnight throughout the year with information from the churches of St Gregory's (Dawlish); St George's (Holcombe); St Mary's (Cofton) and St Paul's (Starcross).

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BIBLE SUNDAY *Will Halse writes:*

This Sunday, October 26th is not only the Sunday the clocks go back an hour, but also Bible Sunday. A day to celebrate the gift of God's written word. I want to use this letter to encourage you to read the Bible. The Bible is really a small library. It has 66 books – 39 in the Old Testament (before Jesus) and 27 in the New Testament (after Jesus). None of the books are very long; and some are very short. Each book is divided into chapters and verses. So, for example, John 1:14 refers to verse 14 in chapter 1 in the gospel of John. It's a wonderful verse but it does need an explanation... The Word is Jesus, and John wrote his gospel to help us to see and believe in Jesus!



I have devised a short quiz to give you a taste of what the Bible says. For each question I have given the Bible book, chapter and verse, that has the answer. That's because I would like you dig into the Bible, and look up the answer, even if you think you know it already! If you don't have a Bible at home you can easily search for the Bible passages on the internet. For a translation in simple English try the Good News Translation. If you love language you will enjoy the King James Version! Here goes...

- ❖ In the creation story, what was the first thing that God created? *Genesis 1:3*
- ❖ How does the Bible say you should treat foreigners? *Leviticus 18:33,34*
- ❖ Before Israel entered the land of Canaan Joshua sent two spies to Jericho. What was the name of the prostitute in Jericho who hid the Israelite spies? *Joshua 2:4-6*
- ❖ The book of Ruth is a wonderful story of love and commitment. Ruth was a woman from Moab, a young widow, who came to live in Bethlehem. She married Boaz, a relative of her first husband and they had a son. What was his name, and who was his famous grandson? *Ruth 4:16-17*
- ❖ In the sermon on the mount where did Jesus say your heart will be? *Matthew 6:21*
- ❖ What clothing does Paul recommend in his letter to the Christians in Colosse? *Colossians 3:12-14*
- ❖ James warns Christians against something that is full of deadly poison? What is he talking about? *James 3:8*

Since I was a child I have been encouraged to read a short passage from the Bible every day. I use Bible reading notes that give me a passage to read and also a short reflection to help apply it to my life. I don't manage every day, but I feel it is important to keep going and not to give up. There are many Bible aids available now – just ask a friend or search the internet or even AI will help!! A little library of God's love - let's celebrate the Bible this Sunday and every day.

Love from the Bible.

Will

**Would YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW
be interested in a FREE piano? If so.....
please contact Lorraine on 07538 229977**

FUNDS RAISED FOR HOSPICE *Wendy Williams writes:*

As a result of this year's Torbay Half Marathon, Rowcroft Hospice has raised nearly £60,000 in vital fundraising, according to the last update. Your sponsorship of Will Halse and myself contributed to that amazing total! Thank you! Over the last two years our fundraising pages raised just shy of £1000 for Rowcroft Hospice and the St Gregory's Church community were responsible for a large part of that amount!

After the disappointment of last year's half marathon event being cancelled both Will and I made the most of the extra year to train and both achieved personal bests in the 13.1 mile distance. Both of us were ranked on the 1st page of the results for our age group! I ran it in 2 hours and 9 minutes, while Will achieved a stunning time of 2 hours and 2 minutes.

The crowd cheered, lining the route. The atmosphere was fantastic, and the purple vests of Team Rowcroft were everywhere! The photos show us fresh faced and eager to go at the start line. A proud show of our medals at the end as well as the moment, about halfway through the race, where we were beside one another to run! There is also a final picture of us with Hayley, the fundraising manager, at Rowcroft, who expressed her gratitude to every single sponsor - just as both Will and I would like to take the opportunity to do too....here! Thank you, all!



A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY LARDER

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to our Harvest Festival collections this year. Your gifts of food and essentials for the Dawlish Community Larder will make a real difference to those in need within our community.



As we gathered our harvest offerings into the larder, we were reminded that we are One Church — united in love, faith, and purpose — serving together as the hands and feet of Christ in Dawlish. When we give and share with others, we strengthen the bonds of community and reflect God's abundant grace.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”
Hebrews 13:16

Thank you once again for your kindness, unity and generosity. Together, we continue to sow seeds of hope and love in our community.

Bless you and thank you all,
Jo Jones

HARVEST AT ST. PAUL'S, STARCROSS

The photo compilation aside shows a beautifully decorated church at the St Paul's Harvest service at the beginning of October, followed by a delicious roast chicken dinner (*thanks to Tim and Alison Miles*) and choice of puddings.

The St Paul's harvest offerings this year were for non-perishable food items, which cr2ee (Christian Response to Eastern Europe) will be delivering to Ukraine and Moldova.



NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING: CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISIS

Preb. Chris Curd writes:

Let's encourage our MP to attend the National Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis. It is on 27th Nov in Westminster Central Hall. All MP's have been invited.

The climate and nature crisis is a multi-pronged emergency that will impact all aspects of British life, from national security to the food supply. This briefing has been commissioned to report the latest evidence, clarify what is at stake, and outline actionable solutions.

Details, including a link to message the appropriate MP can be found at <http://www.nebriefing.org> or search for 'email your MP' online or write to him at the Palace of Westminster.

The National Emergency Briefing and the Climate Coalition also have Facebook pages. With the Climate Coalition ensure it is the group with the green heart logo as there are other smaller groups of the same name.



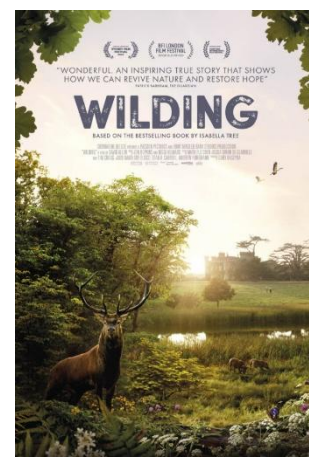
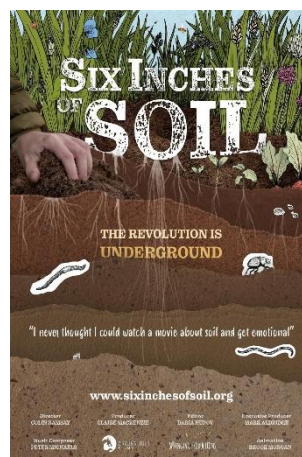
DIOCESAN NOTICE: ENVIRONMENT FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, 17 January '26 12:30pm – 5pm

Exeter Cathedral

198 spaces available

Book on the Diocesan website, or contact Chris Curd on 07771842334 if you are unable to do this.



Each film will be followed by a panel of experts in their area who will share how the films are relevant to our faith and take questions.

Six Inches of Soil tells the inspiring story of young British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food - to heal the soil, our health and provide for local communities.

Wilding tells the story of a young couple that bets on nature. Ripping down the fences, they set the land back to the wild and entrust its recovery to a motley mix of animals both tame and wild. It is the beginning of a grand experiment that will become one of the most significant rewilding experiments in Europe.

RED EARTH OPERA.....

....is South Devon's own opera company. With Chudleigh as its base the company brings high quality music performances at affordable prices whilst also showcasing young emerging opera singers. Performing both full operas and gala concerts their soloists are backed by a chorus and full orchestra.

The company is staging two exciting gala performances (*see details aside*) with an appealing selection of extracts from opera that is sure to delight and raise the roof! There will be excerpts from Mozart's Idomeneo, Donizetti's L'Elisir d'Amore, Verdi's La Traviata, Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin as well as contributions from Ivor Novello.

Come for a relaxing, enjoyable evening from 7.30pm at St Gregory's on Sat 8th November or Chudleigh Parish Church on Sun 9th November. *You may also be interested to spot someone you know in the orchestra – our Rector, Linda Cronin!*

Tickets £15/£12 available in advance on: 07790 889709 or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/southdevonsingers or even on the door.



**AUTUMN
Concerts 2025**

Red Earth Opera Presents

Rebecca Louise Dale - Soprano
Alex Aldren - Tenor
Jane Anderson-Brown – Musical Director
With the Red Earth Opera chorus and orchestra

Saturday 8th November St Gregory's Church, Dawlish EX7 9QR 7:30 pm	Sunday 9th November Chudleigh Parish Church TQ13 ODA 7:30 pm
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Reaching Dawlish 7
Saturday 8th November 2025
1000 – 1100 meet and greet, followed by a short presentation and fellowship lunch, ending by 1230
Dawlish Methodist Church Hall, Brunswick Place,
Dawlish EX7 9PB



Uniting our efforts to advance the Kingdom and bring the Good News to the people of Dawlish and District

Book your free tickets online via Eventbrite.co.uk Contact Mark Jones 07729998334, markjones918@gmail.com

Cockwood   **Ukraine**

**Aid for Ukraine's Adults and Children
Sale and Song, Tea and Cake!**

Saturday 8th November
2 pm to 5 pm
Cockwood Village Hall
(Cofton Parish Hall, next to The Ship at Cockwood)
2 Bus to Cockwood Harbour or parking on the road in the village

Coffees, teas, delicious Ukrainian baking, traditional British cakes and snacks, Christmas decorations, original Ukrainian craft items, stocking fillers, items for gifts.

Organised Cliff and Chris Curd, along with Ukrainian and British friends in the community.
NEW THIS YEAR!
Ukrainian Folk Singing organised by Olena Chertok

Proceeds to be divided between CR2EE, based in Starcross and Exmouth, and Save Ukraine, which works with traumatised children and rescues children from occupied territories.

Details etc—07771842334—text please if possible, or via village social media.
Donations of good quality goods appreciated,
including items that would work as stocking fillers and gifts.

SERVICES – 26th October to November 2025



Sunday 26th October — Bible Sunday

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's – Holy Communion
11.15am St Mary's – Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th October

10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd November —All Saints' Sunday

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 with Baptism
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship
3pm St George's - Service of Remembering and Hope

Wednesday 5th November

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.

DIARY DATES



OCTOBER

Tuesday 28th Little Greg's – St Gregory's, 9.30am-11.30am
Julian Group – St Gregory's, 2pm

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd Mens' Breakfast – St Gregory's, 9am

Tuesday 4th Kids' Swap Shop – St Gregory's, 9 -11am
Little Greg's – St Gregory's, 9.30am-11.30am

Thursday 6th Pudding Club – St Gregory's, 2.30pm. Assembling tree decorations for the Pudding Club tree in the Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 8th Reaching Dawlish 7 – 10am-12.30pm, Dawlish Methodist Hall. See page 4 for more details - to book your place text or call Mark Jones on 07729 998334
Aid for Ukraine's Sale & Song, Tea & Cake – Cockwood Village Hall, 2-5pm. See page 4 for details
Red Earth Opera Autumn Concert – St Gregory's, 7.30pm
Also Sunday 9th – Chudleigh Parish Church, 7.30pm. More details – page 4

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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](#)