

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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Richard Orr (Licensed Lay Minister) writes:

I've been reflecting on one of the readings appointed for Sunday 20 October, (the 21st Sunday after Trinity in our Church calendar). Mark 10:35-45 recounts an exchange between Jesus and two of his disciples, James and John, who ask to sit at Jesus' right and left hand in his glory. Jesus responds by challenging their understanding of greatness, stating that true greatness

is found not in power or privilege but in serving others and sacrifice. He emphasises that the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

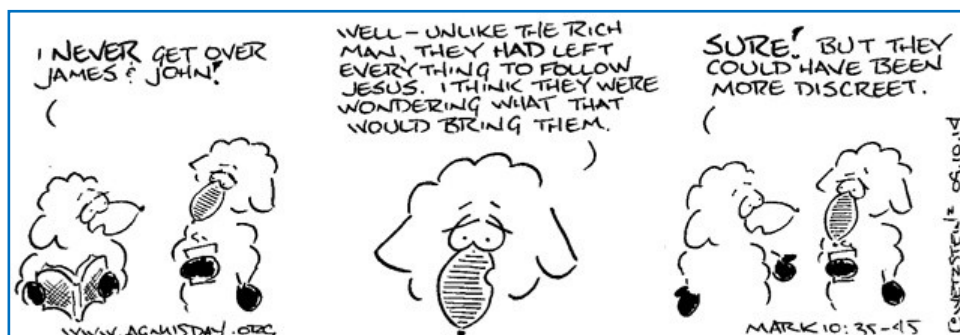
This passage invites us to reflect deeply on the nature of Christian leadership and community life. Many churches today face issues of dwindling numbers, social relevance, and the challenge of adapting to modern life while remaining faithful to the Gospel. Here Mark speaks directly to these concerns by pointing to the heart of our Christian identity: the call to humble service.

For this Benefice, navigating the complexities of modern British society, where individualism and success are often measured by status and material wealth, Jesus' radical redefinition of greatness offers a counter-cultural vision. In South Devon, with its mix of rural traditions and urban challenges, the temptation to focus inwardly, preserving church life as it has always been, can be strong. However, Jesus' teaching calls believers to move outward in service to their neighbours, seeking the welfare of the community over institutional self-preservation.

This passage also speaks to our clergy and lay ministers. As they seek to guide us in mission, they are reminded that authority in the Christian context is not about power but about service. They are not called to wield influence over their congregations but to serve alongside them, embodying Christ's self-giving love.

For all of us Mark 10:35-45 challenges a passive, consumerist approach to faith. Rather than attending church solely for personal spiritual nourishment, we Christians are called to active participation in God's mission, serving one another and the wider world. Whether in outreach to the marginalized, involvement in social justice, or simple acts of kindness, the model of a serving leadership Jesus presents, offers a blueprint for life that in our Benefice is vibrant, outward-looking, and rooted in the love of God.

It calls each of us to embody a sense of service that reflects Christ's example, transforming our community by prioritising humility, compassion, and self-giving.



CONGRATULATIONS, RICHARD!



Friends and family gathered from across Devon to celebrate the licensing of eight new lay ministers (LLMs) at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 5th October. The new LLMs spent three years training for their roles at the South West Ministry Training Course. The cause for celebration was heightened in that among them was our own **Richard Orr**, from St Greg's!



The annual licensing service was led by the Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev'd James Grier. It was attended by LLMs from across the Diocese of Exeter and during the service there was an opportunity for them to renew their ministry vows.

Bishop James said "Our Licensed Lay Ministers provide wonderful and essential ministry across Devon. It is always a delight to welcome and license new lay ministers. Alongside the new LLMs, existing LLMs renewed their commitment to their ministry."

.....AND CONGRATULATIONS, WILL!

On the same weekend that Richard was receiving his licence, Will Halse was enjoying time with Leena and other members of his family as they not only celebrated Will's 45 years of Licensed Lay Ministry but also daughter Miia's ordination.



At a recent ministry team meeting Rev Linda presented Will with a celebratory cake and a beautifully crafted wood-turned pen (hand-made by Steve) to mark the occasion.

PUDDING CLUB GOES FESTIVE

On Thursday 7th November at 2.30pm the Pudding Club ladies will be meeting in the Upper Narthex at St Greg's to make decorations for the Christmas Tree they will be displaying at St Greg's Christmas Tree Festival in December. There'll be plenty of friendly faces to welcome both old and new members!



.....AND, MORE FESTIVE NEWS!



Keep 'Calm and Bright' in the coming weeks and look out for how we'll be 'Following The Star' in our Benefice during Advent and over Christmas!

OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GENERAL SYNOD

There is a vacancy for a lay person to represent the Diocese of Exeter on the Church of England's General Synod. The synod is the Church's main governing body and the place where important decisions about its future direction get made. **Anyone who is on their church electoral roll is eligible to stand.**

The Diocese of Exeter currently has eight synod reps, so the new rep will be joining a committed team who, between them, represent a broad spectrum of church life. Members of Deanery Synods in Devon vote for candidates in what's known as a Casual Lay Election.

If you are interested in standing for the role, please email [Sara Ashton](mailto:Sara.Ashton@dioceseofexeter.org) in the Diocese of Exeter Synod Office or phone 01392 294931 to be sent a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is 12 noon on Thursday 25 October. [Please click here for more information.](#)



BRING'N'SHARE LUNCHES AT ST. GREG'S

Richard and Leena, Churchwardens at St Greg's, write:

Since we re-started the Bring'n'Share lunches at St Greg's, following the service on the the first Sunday of the month, the support for them has not been very good. For the last one, on 6th October, no-one brought anything, so it was cancelled, and we have decided to also cancel the next two, which would have been on November 3rd (which is a very busy day already) and December 1st. We all need to think, pray and talk about how to go forward. For instance, having the lunches quarterly is one idea. Any other ideas and suggestions would be welcome. Thank you, Leena and Richard.

NB: You can email your ideas via these links: [Leena](#) or [Richard](#), or speak to them at church.



Entente Cordiale
Saturday 16 November
Strand Centre, Dawlish
6.30 pm for 7 pm



Anglo-French musical evening
to raise funds for Dawlish Twinning Association

Breton dance tunes
Foot-tapping Cajun rhythms
French & English folk songs
Original compositions
Popular classics...
... and more

Entente Cordiale Band
Leighton Hargeaves, Eddy Richards,
Amanda Wheaton, Alison Thomas

Jenny McCalmont Julien Nietrzebka John White
Tony & Lucy Simister Pippa West Julia Howe

TICKETS
£10 in advance from Alison Thomas £12 on the door
amt@alisonthomas.com 07947 060130

BYOB Hot drinks and food on sale Raffle

Dawlish is twinned with Carhaix in Brittany. Members host their partners one year, and visit them in Carhaix the next. Find out more on our Facebook page.

WINTER WARMER

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, STARCROSS
SAT 16TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 3.30PM
STALLS - GIFTS

* PRE-LOVED * CRAFTS
* CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES
* CAKES * BOOKS * DRAW
+ ALL DAY REFRESHMENTS

£10 A TABLE : TO BOOK
EMAIL: claire@goshayes.com

SERVICES - 20th October to 2nd November

Sunday 20th October

- 9.15am St George's – Holy Communion
10am St Paul's – Morning Worship
10am St Gregory's – Greg's@10
11.15am St Mary's – Morning Worship
6.30pm Telephone Service - *dial 01200 480091 to join*

Tuesday 22nd October

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

Wednesday 23rd October

- 10am St Gregory's - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

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

Tuesday 29th October

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

Wednesday 30th 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

Tuesday 22nd Please note: **NO Kids' Swap Shop** this week
9.30-11.30am Little Greg's in St Greg's
2pm Julian Group in St Greg's

Saturday 26th **11am CTDD 'Let's Do Coffee and Cake'** in the Strand Centre Lounge
2pm 'Aspects of Dawlish History' A talk in the Shaftesbury Theatre
CLOCKS GO BACK TONIGHT!

Monday 28th **2pm The Coryton Trio (recorders)** In Dawlish Library

Tuesday 29th **3pm 'The Lost King'** - a film in the Shaftesbury Theatre

SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AND WATCHES BACK AN HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED!



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

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

Ceri Lee: 07739 936286; **Steve Cronin:** 07817 678774. **Richard Orr** 07759 171058.

Safeguarding Officer at St Greg's: Tess Hickson 07932 560804 tessh@btinternet.com

Information regarding safeguarding issues together with contact details for

Safeguarding Officers in the other churches can be found on our website [here](#)