

DAWLISH COAST TEAM MINISTRY

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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Linda Cronin writes.....

OUR BEST KEPT SECRET???

- *Acts 2:42–47*: The early believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. They met together regularly in the temple courts and from house to house, sharing meals with glad hearts.
- *Acts 5:42*: The apostles and early disciples did not stop teaching. They proclaimed the good news of Jesus daily in the temple and in homes.
- *Acts 20:20*: The Apostle Paul reminded the Ephesian elders that he did not hold back from teaching them publicly as well as from house to house.



Home Groups!

Did you know we have groups that meet every week in someone's home? As you will see it was common practice with the early Church, to do this. So ok, you'll tell me things are different now – but are they really? We as Christians still need:

Fellowship – much easier to get to know others in Church, in a small group.

Teaching – together you can dig deeper into the Bible

Prayer – the wonderful gift of being able to pray for one another and see prayers answered

Breaking of Bread – if you have a Priest or an Authorized minister in your group. – or you can invite them along and share Holy Communion together.

Our Home Groups – are all led by lay people and shared together as a group of God's people. Steve Cronin LLM now oversees the groups and has met with the leaders recently. Together this term, the groups will be looking at Discipleship, through an 8-week study of Philipians. The material is provided, including a short DVD, notebooks/discussion guides. There's usually a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a biscuit or even cake!

Day	Time	Location/Leader
Monday	Evening	Rosemary Hughes-Parry
Tuesday	Afternoon	Jane Pearce
Tuesday	Evening	Marjorie Thorne
Wednesday	Afternoon	Roger Hunt
Wednesday	Evening	Steve Cronin
Thursday	Afternoon	Noel and Sue Fray

Why not come along and get to know others in the Churches and learn more about God's Word and being His disciple?

Chris Curd and Maggie Farley talk about their experiences of becoming Creation Care lead and Children and Families lead, respectively.

Cathy Slade and I completed the Diocesan 'Leaders in Creation Care' earlier this year. It is presented as training for laity, but they were very happy for me to join. I completed it in my capacity as Eco Champion for the Benefice, and Cathy was interested to complete it as a member of the Eco Group and also as Fair Trade Rep – both for St Greg's. At some point in the near future, you may find me referred to as a "Leader in Creation Care"!

Cathy and I have taken a service, centered around "Creation Care" to each of our 4 churches, and those in the congregations will have heard just a small sample of what came from the Course; both the science* and the "eco-theology". What came over clearly to us is that all the "green stuff", the eco concern, is not an add on to our faith, certainly not a "project" (although it may involve projects!) but an integral part of lives lived in relationship with the Trinity. I am still awe struck when I contemplate that God in Christ became part of the carbon cycle. We are to love what he loves. Nature is definitely not a commodity for us to use and pillage, but a community to which we belong.

Maggie Farley writes on her experience of completing the Catalyst Course, "Being on the catalyst course has really opened up a totally new life for me, I never thought I'd enjoy learning so much. My confidence has really grown and I've taken on more roles in church over this past year. Some of this was down to the online questions that got me reflecting back on my life and also theology. This course has shown me how to work with whatever team I have. I've always said 'there's no I in team' we all work together. I will be forever grateful to Rev Linda for believing in me in the first place, Steve her husband for explaining in layman's terms theology is nothing to be afraid of and Sharon Blyth for being a fantastic tutor who encouraged me to grow and blossom on the course.



Remembering **Jean Potter**

At The Strand Community Centre/Church, Dawlish. EX7 9PT
Tuesday 13 October 11am - 1pm



You are invited to join us in celebrating the life of our friend Jean Potter.

A brief Service of Remembrance will be followed by light refreshments where we can share our memories and chat with each other and members of Jean's family.

Anne Pemberton, Elder at the Strand Church URC, Dawlish writes:

There may be people at St Gregory's, St George's or St Mary's who remember Jean Potter. Jean who was deeply involved in the life of the URC in this area over many years and was considerably engaged with other denominations. Having moved away from Dawlish some years ago to be nearer family, Jean died in June, and we have now arranged a celebration of her life. It will be held on Tuesday, 13 October between 11am and 1pm at the Strand Church/Centre in Dawlish. A brief service of remembrance will be led by Jean's daughter, the Revd Anne Potter, after which light refreshments will be served, giving a time to share our memories of Jean and chat with members of Jean's family.

Gill Stone has asked for this piece to be shared. It is from Premier Christian News, written by Rachel Huston on 8/09/26

A Devon beach was awash with new Christians last weekend, as 170 people were baptised in the sea at Bigbury-on-Sea, with many more looking on. The mass baptism was organised entirely through social media by Merlin Kraft, founder of the Christian channel BibleLadUK, after he began receiving requests from people across Britain wanting to take part.

Kraft put out an online invitation and attendees travelled from as far as Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Liverpool, Manchester, Salford and the Isle of Wight as well as more locally from Cornwall and across Devon. Some went to remarkable lengths to be there. Speaking to *Premier Christian News*, Kraft said: "There was an extraordinary couple that came from Leeds, and they could only get themselves as far as Kingsbridge, and then they walked the remaining three hours through fields to get to Bigbury to be baptized. The event was partnered with local churches, pastors and volunteers who helped baptise attendees and provided free food and Bibles afterwards.

Reflecting on the day, Kraft, who says he's not a pastor himself, but a "follower of Christ" said: "I'm still in disbelief at what I saw at Bigbury Beach at the weekend. God was in it the whole way. All I can say is all glory to God at this point, but what we saw down there was extraordinary. It was amazing."

Kraft, whose channel has seen a surge of interest in Christianity, says he thinks people responded to him because of his boldness in talking about his faith and the fact that there is a lot of "doom and gloom" in the news.



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Saturday 17th October 2026

St Gregorys Church

Dawlish EX7 9QR

Sunday 18th October 2026

St Lukes Church

Countess Wear EX2 6LG

7.00pm

Tickets £20

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10th Anniversary!

South West Celebration

Join our ecumenical celebration service, followed by light refreshments, stalls and workshops. Everyone is welcome but please book to help with catering.

Scan to book



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Saturday 17 October

2-5pm

The Mint Methodist Church,
Fore Street
Exeter
EX4 3AT



Advance Notice of *Upcoming Events*

We would love you to join us

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st November
Service of
Remembrance and Hope
3:00pm • St George's

Saturday 28th November
Quiet Afternoon
of Prayer
2:00pm • St George's

Sunday 29th November
Benefice Service
10:30am • St Paul's

DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 9th December
**Christmas Tree Festival
Begins – Opening Ceremony**
6:00pm • St Greg's

Wednesday 16th December
Carol Service
4:00pm • St George's

Saturday 19th December
Christmas Fun Day at St Greg's
Including Christingle at 4:00pm

Sunday 20th December
Carol Service – St Mary's 4:30pm
Carol Service – St Paul's 6:00pm
Carol Service – St Greg's 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE – THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Crib Service • St George's • 4:00pm
Crib Service • St Greg's • 4:00pm
Crib Service • St Paul's • 5:00pm
Holy Communion • St Mary's • 6:00pm
Holy Communion • St George's • 6:00pm
Midnight Mass • St Greg's • 11:00pm

• St George's • 4:00pm
• St Greg's • 4:00pm
• St Paul's • 5:00pm
• St Mary's • 6:00pm
• St George's • 6:00pm
• St Greg's • 11:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

St Paul's • 9:30am
St Greg's • 10:00am

• 9:30am
• 10:00am

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us



DEVON
**HISTORIC
CHURCHES**
Fun Day

THANK YOU
at St Greg's
you raised

£71.93

a splendid effort

50% comes straight back to your parish the rest is used by the
Trust for Grants across the county

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or a date to suit you



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Benefice

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 3rd October

The evening was a great success
and **£251** was made in total
which will be divided between
CR2EE AND DCT.

Thank you to all that attended!

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Phase One appeal

Making the building watertight and secure



£125,000

estimated total cost

Help us complete Phase One



£48,000 RAISED

£77,000 TO GO

THREE PRIORITIES

WINDOWS

£20,000

PORCH ROOFS

£30,000

PINNACLES & LEADWORK

£75,000

WORK PROGRAMME



JUNE

Windows began



END SEPTEMBER

Windows due to finish



NOVEMBER

Porch roofs to start



MARCH

Pinnacles and leadwork

HOW PEOPLE HAVE HELPED

Items sold	£310	Choir concert	£1,000
200 Celebration	£1,172	13 personal donations	£17,878
Coffee morning	£380	Grants	£20,500
Men's Breakfast	£400		

**Would you like to help protect St Gregory's
for future generations?**

To make a donation or discuss fundraising ideas, contact Rachel:

01626 864322 | eddawilshcoasttm@outlook.com

SERVICES – 11th October – 24th October

Sunday 11th October – Trinity 19

- 9.30am St George's – HARVEST PRAISE
- 9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
- 10am St Gregory's - HARVEST PRAISE followed by lunch 12
- 11:15 St Mary's – Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th October

- 10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 18th October – Trinity 20

- 9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
- 9.30am St Paul's – Morning Worship
- 10am St Gregory's - Greg's @10
- 11:15 St Mary's – Morning Worship
- 6pm Phone Service - to join dial 0330 088 1927 followed by access code 2132492

Wednesday 21st October

- 10am St Gregory's – midweek Holy Communion

Sat 24th Oct 11am

Geoff Wildey Memorial service St Greg's



**A half hour of
prayer online
Tuesdays at 9am.**

Click on [this link](https://zoom.us/join)
or go to
<https://zoom.us/join>
and enter:

**Meeting ID:
891 1433 5818
and Passcode:
Wedlake**

DIARY DATES

- Sun 11th Oct** 2pm – 4pm Play and Connect St Paul's Church Rooms
- Tues 13th Oct** 9:30am – 11:30am Little Greg's
2pm Mother's Union St Greg's
- Sat 17th Oct** 11am – 1:30pm Starcross
Monthly Sale St Paul's
- Sat 17th Oct** 7pm Red Earth Opera St Greg's
(Tickets Available from St Greg's office)
- Tues 20th Oct** 9am – 11am Kid's Swap Shop
9:30am – 11:30am Little Greg's
- Weds 21st Oct** 3:15pm- Messy Church St Paul's

PLAY & CONNECT



Join us for a fun and relaxed afternoon of board games. Open to everyone. Bring along your favourite board game or card game to share and teach others or join in with games others have brought.



**Sunday 11th October, 2-4pm
St Paul's Church Rooms**

Tea, coffee & biscuits

FREE



*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 from the Ministry Team: **Revd Linda Cronin (Rector)**: 01626 927281 or email:*

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