

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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RECOGNISING WHERE GOD IS ALREADY WORKING AND JOINING IN

Ceri Lee writes.....

The future of Kids' Swap Shop at St Greg's hangs in the balance at the moment.



There will be no sessions in September as there's not enough of the team available to staff it. The usual two sessions per month in term time are next scheduled for 6th and 20th October (9-11am) but after this there will be no-one to lead the team as I'm having a hip replacement operation on 22nd October and will be out of action for at least 6 weeks. But, it's not just the imminent challenge of November and December which needs addressing.....

Having set it up at Rev Dallas Ayling's inspired suggestion, fine-tuned and run it, with Leena Halse and Cathy Slade (and with help more recently from Lynn and Kate of St Agatha's – thank you 'girls' for your continued support!) Swap Shop is celebrating its fifth birthday this month (September 2026). If it is to continue, we need to source a new 'lead' and some new faces (from across the Benefice area) to be on the team from November. It needs fresher, younger and/or fitter(!) energy to carry it forward.

There is a small amount of physical work involved in moving the boxes of clothes, with the aid of a porter's trolley, back and forth from their storage area (currently behind the big grey screens close to the 'Music Group' area) to the pews and tables which we erect in front of the Lady Chapel. Each session is spent sorting any donated clothes and, most importantly, getting to know and engaging positively in conversation with the mums, dads and grandparents who come regularly or just now and again. You'd be surprised how many faith questions can be forthcoming over a Marks & Spencer jumper for a 4-year-old!

When Barnabas (*in Acts 11.22-24*) heard that God was working in Antioch, he dropped everything and travelled 300 miles to join what God was doing. He didn't try to start something new; he looked for where people were already being drawn. Swap Shop is just one illustration of how God has been and continues to be actively working around us right now, preparing hearts and creating opportunities. Our job isn't to manufacture spiritual results but to recognise where God is moving and join Him there..... and it doesn't need to involve a 300-mile journey!

Kids' Swap Shop is a worthwhile, environmentally-friendly, well-used, valuable resource and is particularly important when so many local families are finding the cost of living so tough – could you be one of the people to continue and build on this outreach?

If you'd like to know more, without obligation, then please get in touch with me for a chat or come along to the session on 6th October to see what it's all about. If it's not for you then please pray for the right person(s) to be called.

All blessings, Ceri - 07739 936286 ceriflee@gmail.com

REDEEMING LOVE

Mark Jones (ROC Dawlish) writes:

Following the inspiring visit of Debra Green OBE to Dawlish in March 2026, we're holding an informal but reverent follow-up gathering on Saturday 19th September 6.30pm-8.30pm.

There'll be heartfelt worship, an inspiring message, prayer ministry and space to respond to God personally.



If you're in need of a renewed sense of purpose, a fresh spiritual perspective, or simply time in God's presence alongside others, this gathering is for you.

Anyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments on arrival. The venue is The Hope Centre, Swift Road, Dawlish (thanks for kindly hosting us again).

We would love you to join us for what promises to be another meaningful and uplifting evening together.

Mark and the ROC Dawlish team.
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Geoff Wildey sadly died on 15.8.26. He was 95 and by his own admission had lived an amazing life and through it made many special friends including all he loved at St Greg's.

His funeral will be at St Peter's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium at 10.30am on Friday 25.9.26. As space in the chapel is limited, the funeral will be live streamed.

To watch Geoff's funeral live i.e. from approximately 5 minutes before service starts or on demand within 3 working days of the funeral please go to

<https://watch.obitus.com>

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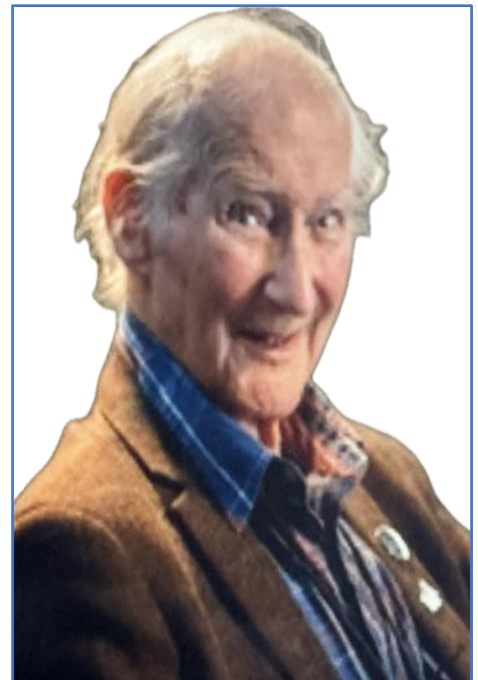
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A Memorial Service for Geoff at St Gregory's church Dawlish followed by a light refreshment buffet, is also being planned and is expected to be a date in October. More details regarding this to be shared asap but everyone is welcome to come to this

Following Geoff's funeral on 25.9.26, Paul and his team at The Strand Centre Dawlish invite folks to enjoy light refreshments with them from approximately 11.45am until 3.00pm. Donations to help cover costs would be appreciated. Any additional monies will be shared between The Strand Centre and Dawlish Community Transport. In addition, The Shaftsbury Theatre Dawlish are also kindly opening the theatre bar from 2-3.30pm that same day, and warmly invite those wishing to raise a glass to Geoff to come and do so there amongst good friends.

Please do feel welcome to come to any or all of the above to remember, celebrate and ask for God's blessing on this very special Gentleman ❤️



Thank you to all who supported the Ukrainian Day in the Strand Centre on 2nd August. After the flag raising ceremony reported in the last newsletter at which I represented CTDD, we all repaired to the Centre for a day filled with folk music, traditional costumes, good food, sales, exhibitions and lots of conversation. As well as many non financial benefits I am pleased to report that the day raised just over £1,600 for Ukraine, of which about £1,200 has gone via CR2EE based in Starcross and Exmouth. Chris Curd

Climate Cafe

There are provisional plans for a Climate Cafe to be run by members of St Greg's, incorporating CTDD. Venue to be arranged but would be central Dawlish, probably monthly.

It would be informal, with people able to drop in.

What is a Climate Cafe? Time to Chat, Time to Act.

Sharing information, encouraging, awareness raising, deciding on actions either personal, local or joining in with national actions or campaigns.

Nothing compulsory. Chat themes would run across a broad spectrum from wildlife in gardens to the fossil fuel industry. No specialist knowledge needed.

If anyone is interested, please let me know. I will be taking holiday time for a lot of September so please don't worry if you don't get a reply before the end of the month.

Chris Curd, Benefice Eco Champion

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St George's Church, Holcombe will be OPEN to welcome visitors on Saturday 12 September from 12 - 4 pm. Refreshments and Cakes. Formally known as Ride & Stride when folk visited Churches either by Car, Cycle or on foot (and still do!) to raise funds for Devon Historic Churches Trust. Or just pop into St George's to say Hello and enjoy a friendly welcome or sit and enjoy the peace of the lovely Church Garden.



DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES FUN DAY

Ride & Stride Day Saturday 12th September



COFTON ST MARY'S CHURCH EX6 8RP

SPACESHIPS TO HEAVEN

with flowers

Exhibits by the children of Cockwood Primary School

The Church will be open 10.30am- 3.30pm

Thursday Friday and Saturday

10th to 12th September

refreshments available

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER at 7pm

Songs of Space from the smallest atom to the vastness of space

by **SOUTH DEVON SINGERS**

And children of Cockwood School

Tickets £5 per person or £10 for parents with children

From miranda.rees@btinternet.com or ruthcann737@btinternet.com

SAVE THE EARTH..... ONE STEP AT A TIME

An extract of a heartfelt ‘story’ from Georgia (aged 12) – particularly pertinent after having just celebrated ‘the first ‘Creation In Christ’ Sunday on 6th September



You might hear people say “Save the Earth” quite a lot. They aren’t wrong, but they aren’t right either. They aren’t right because you can’t save it by yourself. Everyone needs to choose to help “Save the Earth”.

People don’t seem to understand things in the best way sometimes. People know that littering is bad, but they do it anyway. People know making plastic is bad, but they do it anyway. People know that chopping down trees is bad, but they do it anyway. And temperatures on Earth will increase. We are still in an ice age, it’s not until the polar ice caps fully melt that we are no longer in an ice age, so temperatures will increase naturally, but we are making it happen much, much faster than it should.

No-one is perfect, hear me out. Not everyone can stop getting plastic, it’s everywhere. Cups, boxes, dolls, cabinets, plates, bags, water bottles, drinking straws, containers, notebook covers, picture frames, musical instruments, toys, electronics, toilet seats, bathtubs, towel racks, ice packs, clothes, charging cables, fidgets, book covers, shop signs, everywhere. You can’t ask a child to give up their toys, and you can’t never buy boxes or use your toilet. But you can make small differences.

Instead of plastic cups, get glass. Instead of plastic boxes, get metal. Instead of plastic dolls, use fabric. Instead of plastic cabinets, get wooden. instead of plastic plates, try paper or china. Instead of plastic bags, buy fabric. instead of plastic water bottles or containers, buy metal. Instead of buying plastic wrapped vegetables, buy them loose or, even better, if you’re lucky enough to have a garden or allotment, grow them at home. You get the point. Some things, you can’t do much about, but we can all make small changes.

A note from Ceri (LLM and Georgia’s ‘Nanna’): If you would like to hear more, there’s plenty! Just let me know.....

DAWLISH COAST TEAM MINISTRY

Not just about the Animals

Celebrating the legacy of Francis of Assisi

An afternoon of quiet prayer
St George's Church, Holcombe

Saturday 3rd October : 2-4pm

2pm Opening worship and reflection
followed by an hour or so on our own in the stillness

3.30 Closing worship
followed by tea and cake

No need to sign up — all are welcome!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES DAY

Saturday 12th September

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH, DAWLISH

Church open 10am–3pm

TOWER TOURS 10am-12 noon

Ages 5+ • Sensible footwear essential
No flip-flops or heels

Light refreshments • Toilets open
for walkers and cyclists

Bric-a-brac stall

Dawlish Coast Team Ministry

pray give witness

DIOCESE OF EXETER

SERVICES – 13th to 26th September 2026

Sunday 13th September– Trinity 15

9.30am St George's – Morning Worship
9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's - Holy Communion
11:15 St Mary's – Holy Communion

Wednesday 16th September

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 20th September – Trinity 16

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

Wednesday 23rd September

10am St Gregory's – midweek Holy Communion

Funeral Fri 25th September 12.30pm Geoff Wildey
(at Exeter Crematorium)



A half hour of prayer
online
Tuesdays at 9am.

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

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

DIARY DATES

Tues 15th Sept 9:30-11.30am: Little Greg's at St Greg's
Thurs 17th Sept 12pm for 12.30pm: Ladies' Lunch
at Amelia's, Cofton Holiday Park
Tues 22nd Sept 9:30-11.30am: Little Greg's at St Greg's
2pm: Julian Group at St Greg's
7.30pm: PCC Meeting at St Greg's

Advance Request: All members of congregations at all 4 churches are welcome to attend The Harvest Festival with harvest lunch on Saturday 11th October at St Greg's 12pm for 12:30pm. Please contact Rachel in the office if you would like to attend Lunch. Many thanks

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:

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Rachel Hammond 01626 864322

Safeguarding Officer at St Greg's: Tess Hickson 07376 658440



NICK'S EPIC SOUTH WEST COAST PATH WALK

On August 29th, 2026, I will be setting off from Minehead to walk the entire South West Coast Path.

As part of the challenge I am fundraising for Children's Hospice South West who provides respite, palliative, end of life and bereavement care for life-limited children and their families in the South West.

Find out more about this great charity at chsw.org.uk

Please help me reach my fundraising target to provide care and support for these kids and their families by scanning the code below and clicking on the Give Now button.

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