

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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Dear Friends.....

Linda Cronin writes.....

Dear Friends,

So, the well-known country singer Dolly Parton has died!

I took time to look at some of her famous quotes, which I will share with you.

Dolly Parton On Identity

"To thine own self be true."

Dolly Parton On Secret-Keeping

"A loose tongue can lead to broken teeth."

Dolly Parton On Prayer

"Prayer is not a formal affair, it's more a come-as-you-are."

Dolly Parton On Money

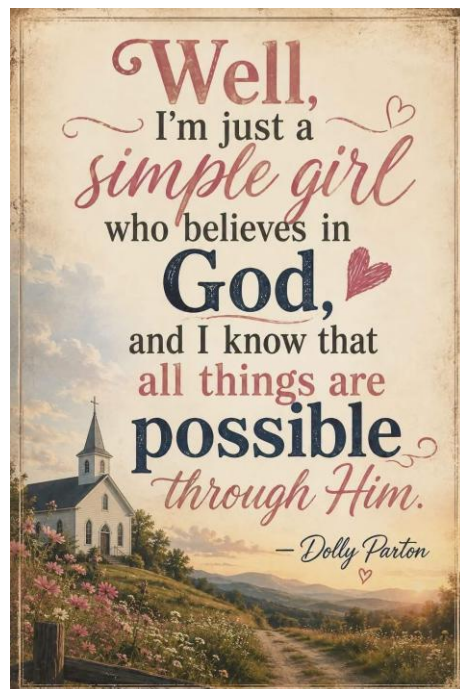
"I always count my blessings more than I count my money. I don't work for money, never did."

Dolly Parton On Change

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."

Dolly Parton On Celebrity

"If I can hold God's attention, I can hold the world's."



Dolly Parton On Hardship

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain!"

Dolly Parton On Stardom

"Being a star just means that you just find your own special place, and that you shine where you are."

Dolly Parton On Smiles

"If you see someone without a smile, give them yours."

I think you'll agree there are some little pearls of wisdom there.

RIP Dolly Parton, a woman of deep faith: As her family said in a statement, "Dolly lived in the light and is in the arms of Jesus."

Rev'd Linda Cronin

Ukrainian Day Monday 24th August

On Monday, Chris Curd, The Town Crier and Mayor gathered on the Lawn with the Ukrainian local community, this was watched by around 100 people. The ladies sang their National Anthem. Followed by the opening of the Ukrainian Day Celebrations held in the Strand Centre. Visitors enjoyed a traditional Ukrainian Lunch whilst being entertained with music and singing.



AN EXTRA-SPECIAL
GREG'S@10

FIT FOR A PURPOSE
Honouring the past – building for the future

A special time to share together our hopes and dreams for our beautiful St Gregory's and our wonderful community

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER • 10AM

Breakfast baps and coffee from 9.30am

ALL WELCOME

DAWLISH COAST TEAM MINISTRY

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The Church of England
in Devon

LADIES LUNCH
– NEW DAY! –

From September, the Ladies Lunch will be moving to the
3rd Thursday of every month

Our next Ladies Lunch will be:

Thursday 17th September

Location:
Amelia's, Coston Holiday Park

We look forward to seeing you there!

Everyone welcome – come along and enjoy good food and great company.

The Greatest Story Ever Told at Dawlish Carnival!

What a truly wonderful evening we had taking part in the Dawlish Carnival procession!

Our float told the story of Jesus' birth, His death on the cross and His resurrection — sharing a message of hope, love and new life with our community.

A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to design and build the float, created costumes and props, walked with us and helped bring the story to life. From angels and disciples to Roman soldiers, everyone looked absolutely brilliant — and had plenty of fun along the way! A very special mention and heartfelt thank you to Alison Pengelly from Alison's Florist Dawlish for generously allowing us to use her field for carnival preparation lending us the trailer and driving us safely through the procession. We simply couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you also to everyone who cheered, waved and encouraged us along the route, and to Dawlish Celebrates Carnival for organising another fantastic week of events!

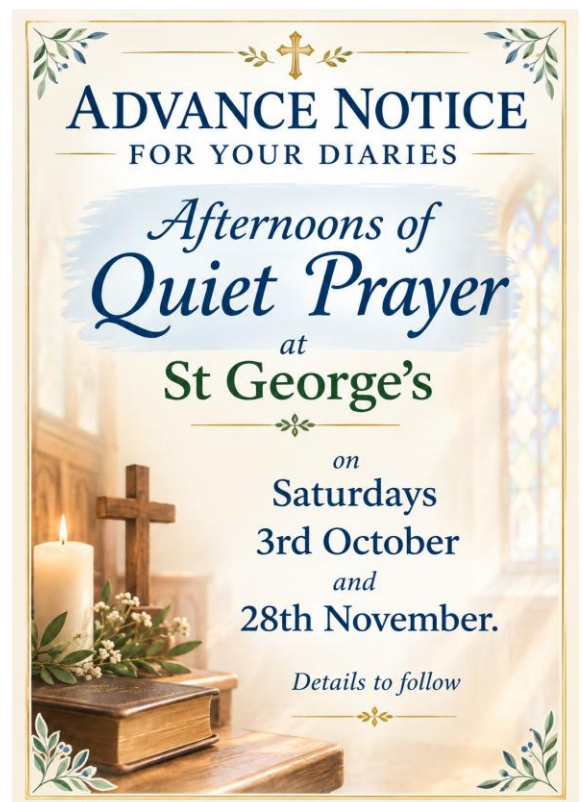
We were even blessed with a beautiful rainbow before the procession — the perfect finishing touch to a very special evening!

Christians Together for Dawlish & District, Sharing hope, love and life in the heart of our community



A member of our regular St Greg's congregation stepped into the limelight at the weekend and came away a winner!

🏆 **Bertie won 1st Prize at Teignmouth's Dog Show** in the category of **Best Trick**.
Well done, Bertie! 🐕🐾



Nick Sant, a St Mary's Congregation member writes:

On August 29th, 2026, I will be setting off to walk the entire South West Coast Path solo from Minehead in Somerset to South Haven Point in Dorset. Staying in B&Bs and hostels along the way, I'm planning big mileage days to complete the walk in less than a month. As part of the challenge, I am fundraising for Cofton's 2026 charity partner Children's Hospice South West. CHSW 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 children and their families by donating through JustGiving, it is simple, fast, and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Children's Hospice South West, making it the most efficient way to contribute—saving time and cutting costs for the charity. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code opposite or contact Valerie Jeffery Valerie@coftonholidays.co.uk or 07970255712.

WALK ITINERARY: Minehead 29/8 Lynton 30/8 Mortehoe 31/8 Instow 1/9 Clovelly 2/9 Bude 3/9 Tintagel 4/9 Padstow 5/9 Newquay 6/9 Portreath 7/9 St. Ives 8/9 Lands End 9/9 Marion 10/9 Lizard Point 11/9 Helford 12/9 Portloe 13/9 Carclew 14/9 Polperro 15/9 Plymouth 16/9 Bigbury 17/9 Torcross 18/9 Paignton 19/9 Dawlish 20/9 Beer 21/9 Abbotsbury 22/9 Weymouth 23/9 South Haven Point 24/9



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.

DONATE NOW
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Songs of Space

An Evening with
**South Devon Singers
& the Children of Cockwood School**

**Friday 11th September
at 7.00pm**

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of Songs of Space, performed by South Devon Singers together with the children of Cockwood School.

Composed by David Haines, Songs of Space takes us on a musical journey from the smallest atom to the vastness of space.

TICKETS

£5
per person

Includes nibbles and a soft drink in the interval

£10
for a family

ALL WELCOME!

**ST MARYS CHURCH,
CHURCH ROAD
COFTON
DAWLISH DEVON
EX6 8RP**

Tickets from
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or
ruthcann737@btinternet.com

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday 4th September • 7pm

St Greg's

Come along for good food, games, laughter and friendship!

Mac 'n' cheese, garlic bread & cake

Completely free – just come along!

Everyone is welcome – you don't have to be a member of the church.

Dawlish Coast Team Ministry

SERVICES – 30th August to 12th September 2026



Sunday 30th August – Trinity 13

10:30am Benefice Service at St Mary's Church Hall
Dawlish Warren, Followed by BBQ.

Wednesday 2nd September

10am St Gregory's – Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 6th September – Trinity 14

8am St Gregory's - BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St George's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Paul's – Holy Communion
10am St Gregory's - Greg's @10
11:15 St Mary's - Morning Worship
4pm St Gregory's – Choral Evensong

Wednesday 9th September

10am St Gregory's – midweek Holy Communion

Funerals Fri 11th Sept 1pm Muriel Barton
(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 August - Sept

Thurs 3rd Sept 2pm Pudding Club St Greg's Upper
Narthex
Fri 4th Sept First Friday @St Greg's 7pm
Mon 7th Sept Craft and Chatting - 1.30-3.30pm, St
Paul's, Starcross
Mon 7th Sept 9am Men's Breakfast St Greg's
Tues 8th Sept 9:30am Little Greg's St Greg's
2pm Mother's Union
Thurs 10th 3:30pm Messy Church St Greg's
Saturday 12th Devon Historic Churches Day

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

*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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