

## Marks Blog

Jesus made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant (Philippians 2). He did not come announcing 'Do you people have any idea who I am?' even though He could justifiably have started by singing His own praises. He came humbly, even telling people he healed not to reveal His true identity. Why was this?

He could have ripped open the sky and declared His own glory, but He chose to wash feet and hug lepers. He chose to bide His time.

What do we need to learn from his example to us?

Do we start by announcing our presence in the community, saying 'Make way, the Christians are coming!', or do we get on with serving, and, like Jesus, wait to be asked questions about why we are doing these things, and in whose name?

I can see how ROC could easily be misunderstood as just social gospel but, in fact, it's only ever been about the full Gospel. We can look on such ministries and wonder if they are proper Christians, or even if they have sold out to the world for not starting with evangelism. But Ephesians 4 five-fold ministry starts with missional, apostolic work, not with evangelism. As every Third World missionary knows, evangelism comes a little later in the process, after credibility and trust has been built in the community, and after people start asking the question 'Why would you do this for me? You don't even know me.' Let's follow the apostolic model Jesus gave us, through people-based movements like ROC and become the real deal, declaring Jesus' Lordship over every area of human life. If our God is not passionate about every school, every police station, every council chamber, and every hospital, He is not Lord at all. We would do well to consider the example of ROC and imitate them as they imitate Christ. It's not that we don't proclaim the Kingdom, it's about what context are we culturing in our community to speak the Kingdom into? As the stories emerge from ROC Dawlish that tell how the doors are opening for the Gospel, consider how you might pray and respond. The Holy Spirit is moving in this land in a new and unexpected way. ROC is part of that Kingdom-building movement.

## First Aiders

We need your help. If you are a qualified first Aider & have an up to date Certificate & wouldn't mind being on the first Aid rota for Sunday please email Kim at [dcfkim1@gmail.com](mailto:dcfkim1@gmail.com) Thank you.



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# Dawlish Christian Fellowship

*more people, more like Jesus*

## Sunday 30th



## Joy as a safeguard against evil

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.



Philippians 3:1

# June/ July 2019

## Welcome to DCF at St Agatha's

Today service is, Joy as a safeguard against evil  
Junior Church is on today  
There will be tea & coffee served afterwards in the church hall.

### THURSDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

#### THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

THIS YEAR OUR TRIP IS TO SEATON VIA THE SEATON TRAMWAY,

LEAVING DAWLISH AT 12.20 FOR COLYTON, ARRIVING AT SEATON ABOUT 3.00PM

WITH A LITTLE TIME TO LOOK AROUND, WE WILL THEN BE HAVING A CREAM TEA AT PEBBLES CAFÉ AT 4.00PM.

WE SHOULD BE ARRIVING BACK IN DAWLISH ABOUT 6.30PM.

THE COST, ALL INCLUDED IS £15.00.

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US

PLEASE CONTACT EITHER

KEITH & EILEEN ON 01626 895464 OR ROS ON 01626 862314.

WE WOULD ASK FOR A £5 NON-RETURNABLE DEPOSIT.

We are also in need of two 'carers' to assist two ladies in wheelchairs. The carers go free!

Children welcome with parents and can travel free.

**Prayer & Members Meeting** on Tuesday 9th July @ Dawlish Baptist Church. Prayer 6:30-7:30pm Followed on with the Members meeting.

Next Ladies Breakfast will be is on Saturday 13th July at 9:00am at a local café in Dawlish Warren. Why not come & enjoy some quality time together. To book a place please contact Christina on 07808213649 lifts to the venue are also available.



**ROC Dawlish Action Meeting**  
Come together and talk.

**Addiction, Mental Health & family break down**

**Friday 19th July**

**From 1:00-2:15pm**

**Youth**

**Friday 19th July**

**From 2:30-3:45pm**

**Venue: The Strand Hall Dawlish**

### **Sunday 28th July**

Anchor Youth are raising money to go towards Soul Survivor & would like to do this by encouraging EVERYONE in the church to wear your PJS/ Onesies or dressing gown to Church on this day. If you are able to please contribute a £2 donation Thank you.

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| <b>TODAY 30th June</b>    | <b>10:00am DCF Prayer</b> in St Agatha's Church Office<br><b>10:30am Joy as a safeguard against evil</b>  |
| <b>MONDAY 1st July</b>    | <b>9:00am Prayer @</b> The Black Swan Unit  |
| <b>TUESDAY 2nd July</b>   | <b>3:15-4:00 Be-Dazzled @</b> Westcliff School  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 3rd July</b> | <b>12:00pm ROC Lunch Club @</b> Brunswick Arms<br><b>6:30-8:30pm Harveys' Life Group</b><br><b>7.30—9.00pm Brooks' Life Group</b>   |
| <b>THURSDAY 4th July</b>  | <b>9:00-11:30 am Women's Bible study</b> speak to Cecilia for details<br><b>11:30-12:30 Prayer @</b> The Strand Church<br><b>2:30-4:30 pm Thursday Friendship Club</b> Seaton Tramway<br><b>6:00-8:00pm Coombes &amp; Evan's Life group</b> |
| <b>FRI 5th July</b>       | <b>6:00-8:00pm Youth ROC drop in Café</b>   |
| <b>SAT 6th July</b>       |   |
| <b>SUNDAY 7th July</b>    | <b>10:00am DCF Prayer</b> in St Agatha's Church Office<br><b>10.30am All Age Service</b><br><b>6:30-8:30pm Anchor Youth @</b> Keith & Eileen's  |