

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 e-mail Kim at dcfkim1@gmail.com Thank you.



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Dawlish Christian Fellowship

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Sunday 7th

July



July 2019

Welcome to DCF at St Agatha's

Today service is an All Age Service

There will be tea & coffee served afterwards in the church hall.

Toilets are also found there.

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

Prayer for Schools is from 10am on Monday 15th July @ St Gregory's Church if you would like more information please speak to Jane Larkman.

Katie Hunt would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the church for their support given to Vince Hunt, Katie & Emma's dad. Many gave financially & have supported him through prayer & encouragement. He made it 55 miles & raised over a £1000 for force cancer charity. As a family they are all so thankful for the support given.

Susan would like to say thanks so much to all you lovely friends and anonymous people who sponsored my abseil 220 feet down Canonteign Falls. Hospiscare set a target of £80, but I've raised about £270 Perfect weather & brilliant instructors made it a fun day. It was very slippery and I lost my footing a couple of times, spinning around in the water, but managed to grab at passing rocks. I didn't look down, so was surprised when I realised I'd got to the bottom!

Hospitality Month

Thank you to everyone who engaged with Hospitality Month. We had a lot of fun and fellowship and raised £577.95 (including gift aid) for the new building.

After some concerns have been raised by members, it has been decided by the SLT that the wearing of PJ's or onesies will no longer take place on Sunday 28th July. Please speak to SLT if you wish to comment on this decision.

TODAY 7th July	10:00am DCF Prayer in St Agatha's Church Office 10:30am All Age Service 6:30-8:30pm Anchor Youth @ Keith & Eileen's
MONDAY 8th July	9:00am Prayer @ The Black Swan Unit
TUESDAY 9th July	3:15-4:00pm Be-Dazzled @ Westcliff School 6:30-8:30pm Prayer / Members meeting
WEDNESDAY 10th July	
THURSDAY 11th July	9:00-11:30am Women's Bible study speak to Cecilia for details 11:30-12:30pm Prayer @The Strand Church 6:00-8:00pm Coombes & Evan's Life group
FRI 12th July	6:00-8:00pm Youth ROC drop in Café
SAT 13th July	
SUNDAY 14th July	10:00am DCF Prayer in St Agatha's Church Office 10.30am Stories & Communion 6:30-8:30pm Anchor Youth @ The Lear's