



# Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

# Sunday 5th May

10:15 for 10.30am Café Church in Church led by Abigail Hardiman Hymns: StF 41 Blessed be Your name StF 610 Best of all is God is with us StF 636 O love that wilt not let me go

Reading - Romans 8: 31-39

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer or mobile app with Worship on the Web

Click here to join the meeting

or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593

Phone Conference ID: 419 576 441

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#### **Dear Friends**

'DO NOT TURN AWAY' The war in Gaza is not over religion, it is over land.

It is so easy to turn away or even change to channels when the horrific war and genocide in Gaza is on our screens. We may feel helpless but we are not. Briefly Bronwyn and I attended a very informative meeting at the Boniface Centre on Monday evening. The whole purpose of the meeting was to learn up to date information on the war, and its effects, first hand. Rev Sandra Collier spoke directly to The Very Revd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem, who was screened live. He explained how for those living in Gaza life is horrific and terrifying, yet he has hope through his faith in Christ Jesus. He is one of many who despite fear, hunger and the possibility of his own death, continues his ministry. He doesn't sleep well and he constantly thinks about the war, a few hours in his garden makes him happy for a while.

We, as a church, must do more and you will soon have more information about this.

#### FOR OUR OWN CHURCH - TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS - BOTH ON 19TH MAY

During the week leading up to 19th May you are invited to attend the lunch time short acts of worship and prayer for Christian Unity. These are held at 12 noon, around all of the churches in the town, the theme this year being' Love your neighbour.' On the 19th, which is Pentecost Sunday, we are invited to bring a packed lunch to a 'Picnic in the Park' after morning worship. There will be a time of worship after the picnic as Christians in Crediton together.

AT 4PM on the 19th May you are requested to attend the Annual Church Meeting. I write 'requested' personally, I cannot make you attend but I can emphasize just how important it is that you do attend. At present our church is an aging congregation with no children or families ministry, apart from Big Top. Our church is facing a crisis in the near future and we need to give this serious attention. You are needed, your opinion is needed and your input is needed.

With Love in Jesus, Rev Alison Richardson

#### FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Dear Lord, thank you for this day - a day that will not come again and yet we take every day for granted. Help us to value each moment whether difficult or easy, valuing it for all it offers, opportunities that we so often fail to use to your glory.

Thank you for being the foundation and cornerstone of our lives, supporting us and guiding us in all that we do, the unshakable constancy in our lives. AMEN

"I trust in you O Lord; I say, "You are my God". My times are in your hand. Psalm 31 v 14,15

#### ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual General Church meeting for 2024 will be held in the Church at 4.00pm on Sunday 19th May. All members and friends of the Church are invited and welcome to attend. Tea and cake will be served after the meeting. Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13 th May 2023
- 4. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2022/2023
- 5. Election of Stewards for 2024/2025
- 6. Election of representatives to the Church Council 2024/2025

We would welcome new members to join the Church Council. This meeting can elect up to 15 members to the Church Council. If you are interested and would like more information about the work of the Church Council, please contact me.

If you want an electronic copy of the Annual Report for 2022/23, please contact me. *John Ashley*, Church Secretary john.ashley@creditonmethodist.org.uk

### **TABLE TOP SALE**

Tomorrow Saturday 4th May from 10am to 12.00 noon.

#### **TALK**

Sunday 5th May 3:00pm Bronwyn's illustrated talk of India. Tea and cake will be serve. All welcome

Week beginning Saturday 4th May		
Sat 4th May	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions and Table Top Sale
Sun 5th May	10:00-10:30 am	Café Church in church or on the Web led by Abagail Hardiman
	3:00pm	Bronwyn's talk on India
Mon 6th May	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm-5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 8th May	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 10th May	10:00-12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 11th May	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 12th May	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Barbra Greenwood

# CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Small jars of coffee, Small packets of tea bags, Jars of curry sauce, Small bags of sugar, Gluten free pasta, Packets of breakfast cereal ( not porridge please)

Tinned custard, rice pudding, fruit. Long life fruit juice, Bottles of squash

Shampoo and conditioner, Dog food

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