

# Crediton Methodist Church



## Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

### Sunday 8th December

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by

Rev Barbara Greenwood

Hymns: StF177 Lo, he comes with clouds

StF471 Lord, I come to you

StF182 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

StF172 Hills of the north rejoice

Readings: Malachi 3: 1 – 4

Philippians 1: 3 – 11

Luke 3: 1 – 6

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

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“Dear Friends

*Already, surely not!” “Oh no, I can’t believe it!”* I expect you heard (or maybe made) comments like these when Christmas items started appearing in the shops immediately after the pumpkins and witches outfits for Halloween had been cleared from the shelves. The ‘run up to Christmas’ seems to start earlier and earlier, doesn’t it? Exeter’s Christmas Light Switch On event was held on 17th November in Princesshay. Tiverton’s happened the following Saturday and here in Crediton the switching on of the Christmas lights was enjoyed on 30th November with music, food & drink stalls in the Square, a lantern procession, Santa’s grotto and more.

Although many events have already taken place, there are still plenty more to come as Christmas Day approaches. It can be a busy and stressful time. Talking to a mum of young children recently I was reminded of when I was at that stage, needing to make costumes for nativity plays (when my dressmaking skills leaved much to be desired), helping at parties where preparing pass the parcel, dishing up jelly and assisting the arrival of Father Christmas all got a bit chaotic. The stresses and strains differ according to our various circumstances, of course, but it’s almost impossible not to be drawn into the commercialisation and consumerism of Christmas.

How important it is, therefore, in these weeks of December, when Advent can easily be overlooked or forgotten, to concentrate our minds and take time to focus on the real ‘reason for the season’.

To help us in this endeavour, we are commencing our Sunday services with an Advent Liturgy.

This Sunday, the second in Advent, we shall think about longing for the peace of Christ in our world and, at the beginning of our service, sing the words:

*“Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.”*

Each week leading up to Christmas we shall repeat the chorus with words which are so apt and so desperately needed in our world today:

*“Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today”.* Hilary Everitt

## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Loving Lord the four candles of Advent represent hope, peace joy and love and this the second Sunday in Advent we pray for peace on earth, throughout the world, but also in our own hearts. We pray that one day in spite of every barrier of prejudice and hatred in our imperfect world, that everywhere may know the peace that comes through you.

Lord guide us all in the way of your peace, a peace that passes all understanding. AMEN

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Do not let your heart be troubled".*

John 14 v 27

Christmas Concert **THIS SUNDAY AFTEROON** (8th Dec) at 4 p.m.

Crediton Singers, our local community choir, invites you to their Christmas concert, here in our church. It will feature anthems, songs and solos plus congregational carols.

Tea and home-made cakes in the interval. Free entry, donations to Hospiscare.

## THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Fridays 13th and 20th December from 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Saturdays 14th and 21st December from 10.00am to 2.00pm with Soup & Roll lunches served from 12.00 noon

We need people to welcome visitors in the foyer - please let Bronwyn know if you can help .

*Most importantly we need people to COME and to advertise it to their friends and family. Those on Facebook please share it.*

Week beginning Saturday 7th December		
Sat 7th Dec	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 8th Dec	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Webb led by Rev Barbara Greenwood
Mon 9th Dec	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 11th Dec	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 13th Dec	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat & 12 days of Christmas Exhibition
Sat 14th Dec	10:00 -2:00pm	12 Days of Christmas Exhibition donations for Church Funds
Sun 15th Dec	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Jeanett Richardson

### Services over the Christmas Period

Sunday 22nd December 10:30 am Morning Worship with Communion led by  
Rev Ben Haslem

“ “ “ 4:00pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December 6:30pm Christmas Eve Communion Service led by  
Rev Barbara & Rev David Greenwood

Christmas Day Service 10:00am led by Rev Barbara & Rev David Greenwood

Sunday 29th December 10:30am Morning Worship led by Pam Murphy

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