

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 15th December

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by

Rev Jeanett Haslem

Church for All

Hymns: StF171 Hark the glad sound

StF330 Joy to the world

StF205 It came upon a midnight clear

StF206 It was a starry night

StF216 See him lying

Reading Luke3 v 7-18

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

Dear Friends,

We've had the great switch-on of the Christmas lights here in Crediton, as have most towns and cities in this country. Crowds of people turn out for this event and great cheers erupt as the twinkling and sparkling lights appear. A massive number of people made their way to Holy Cross last weekend to see the Christmas Tree Festival. There is something very wonderful and special about being in the midst of these bright and colourful displays.

Last month we were fortunate enough to visit the famous Blackpool Illuminations, and we were even able to travel The Golden Mile in a really special tram made like a steam train, but festooned with brightly coloured lights. We were amazed at the amount of skill which had gone into making the various displays, and I am not surprised that the lighting team are already planning the next display for 2025.

Christmas would not be Christmas for us if we were not surrounded by the coloured lights winking and blinking at us from our Christmas trees or an illuminated garden, creating enchanting places.

Lights are important at Christmas because they are reminders of the story of Jesus coming to our earth as a tiny baby. The twinkling bright star gave direction to the wise men as they travelled from the east; the dazzling light revealed the angels who announced the good news of our Saviour's birth in Bethlehem to the shepherds; then '*Light of the World who stepped down into darkness*' when Jesus was born in a dark stable where he was surrounded by animals, probably.

Foretelling the birth of Jesus, Isaiah says *The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light.* (Isaiah 60: 19)

This Christmas, may we be mindful of Christ's light and pray that His light may shine on us, so that we may be lights of love and hope in our world today.

Marjorie

CHURCH FOR ALL Sunday 15th December

As part of this service, Jeanette is inviting everyone to bring along one - or all - of these characters from the Nativity story that you may have at home.

Maybe they are part of a nativity set, or ones you have knitted or any others you may have.

***** MARY ***** JOSEPH ***** SHEPHERD ***** ANGEL *****

We look forward to seeing them.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Gracious and loving Father, as we light the third Advent candle for joy, may we feel able to share with others the joy and promise of your impending birth. We feel the joy, but our hearts are tinged with deep sadness as we know that it will be very hard for so many to experience joy. Be with everyone who is worried about their health, those who are lonely, families suffering hardship, the homeless, missing a loved one and the ongoing devastation caused by war and famine. Lord be with them all this Christmas time, that they may be able to experience your unfailing love and care throughout their sadness. AMEN

"May the Lord fill you with peace and joy as you place your trust in Him".

Romans 15 v 13

HELD TOGETHER Carol Service

At The Boniface Centre, Monday 16th December. 10.30am

This is an accessible service for older people and carers everyone welcome.

CONCERT

The Crediton Singers postponed concert will now take place at the Elephant on the Green this Monday 16th December 7:00pm

Week beginning Saturday 14th December		
Sat 14th Dec	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee & 12 Days of Christmas donations for church Funds
Sun 15th Dec	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Webb lead by Rev Jeanett Richardson
Mon 16th Dec	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held together Carol Service Boniface Centre
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
	7:30pm	Discipleship contact Cathy
Wed 18th Dec	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship in the
Fri 20th Dec	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat & 12 Days of Christmas Exhibition
Sat 21st Dec	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee & 12 Days of Christmas Exhibition donations for Church Funds
Sun 22nd Dec	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Ben Haslem <i>Communion</i>
	4:00pm	Carol Service followed by coffee and mince pies

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