

# Crediton

## Methodist Church



## Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

### Sunday 22nd December

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by

Rev Ben Haslem

*Communion*

Hymns: StF175 Light of the world

StF187 The Angel Gabriel

StF471 Lord I come to you

StF35 The trumpets sound

StF186 Tell out my soul

Reading: Luke 1.39-55

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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4:00pm CAROL SERVICE led BY Rev Ben Haslem

followed by

Tea and Mince Ples

**CAROL SERVICE** 4:00pm The carols and readings are as follows

Readings: John 1: 1 – 5, 14

Isaiah 9: 2 – 7

Luke 2: 1 – 7

Carols: StF214 Once in Royal David's city

StF190 Angels from the realms of glory

StF213 O little town of Bethlehem

StF216 See Him lying on a bed of straw

StF203 It was on a starry night

StF202 Hark the herald

## Dear Friends

The waiting's almost over. In just three days we will again celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world that shines out God's glory into our world's darkness. Alike for Christians and for people who do not share our faith,

Crediton's Christmas lights brighten our High Street and Town Square, our shops and our homes with colour and vibrancy. There have been shows and concerts and social gatherings; visits made to family and friends and Christmas cards exchanged; and we get caught up in that whirlwind round of giving gifts that we are always hoping will go some way to expressing the depth of our love for those we give them to.

Over and above all that, the message of Christmas for the world is that He comes to us. Jesus comes to us all. *'He came down to earth from heaven who is God and lord of all.'*

Last Sunday, as we watched the video song of 'Mary, did you know?' I felt a breath-taking moment of awe and wonder at these words addressed to Mary: *'When you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God. Did you know?'*

The depth of intimacy between mother and new-born child is almost impossible to express. Have we ever wondered just how close could we become with God? All too soon, Christmas will be over and the lights will be packed away carefully until next Advent. But, celebrating again Jesus' birth is really just the beginning as we grow in faith and love with God's help.

I wish you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Pam

## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

"*Emmanuel - God with us*". - (Matthew 1 part v 23)

Thank you Lord for the gift of your Son. May we find time this Christmas time to stop for a moment, and in our minds, enter the stable, approach the manger and stand quietly by to experience and realise that the small baby in front of us is the source of your love for us all.

Lord of time and space, thank you for that well loved Nativity scene, signifying that all those years ago in Palestine, God was made man and still lives in our hearts today.

Thank you that you continue to be our Advent hope in all things, may we feel able to sing like Mary - "*my soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour*" AMEN

## THANK YOU

Thank you June for your continual submittance of prayers each week for the notices *Gill*

**12 Days of Christmas Exhibition** continues this weekend

Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm when soup will be served

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
EVERYONE**

## Week beginning Saturday 21st December

Sat 21st Dec	10:00-2:00	Together 4 Coffee 7 12 Days of Christmas Exhibition donations for Church Funds
Sun 22nd Dec	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Webb lead by Rev Ben Haslem
	4:00pm	Carol Service led by Rev Ben Haslem
Mon 23rd Dec	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
		No Big Top
Tues 24th Dec	4:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service led by Rev Barbara Greenwood & Rev David Greenwood
Wed 24th Dec		No 3Ls Discipleship in the
Fri 27th Dec	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 28th Dec	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 29th Dec	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Pam Murphy

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