

# Crediton Methodist Church



## Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

### Sunday 5th January

10:15 for 10:30am Café Church in Church led by  
Cathy Jerrard

Hymns: StF224 As with gladness

H & P128 Wise men seeking Jesus

MP 790 You are the king of glory

StF188 There's a light upon the mountain

StF327 Jesus is king and I will extol him

Reading Matthew 2 v1-12

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

See [www.creditonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.creditonmethodist.org.uk) or phone 01363 777308 for details



Enigma Investigations . . . . . Finding the King

This Sunday in Café Church, we'll be taking a closer look at the characters in Matthew's account of the Epiphany. As the search is on to find the King, what does this story of intrigue have to say to us today?

Please do come and join us.

Coffee will be served from 10:15 am.

Dear Friends

As I write this, I am conscious that there are any number of gloomy things I could mention. The news gives us plenty to be apprehensive about. There might be things in your life which mean you're entering the new year with trepidation, wondering what dubious joys the next twelve months will bring. However, I'm going to take all that as a given and instead focus on the one thing we can be certain of: that God has gone before us and holds the future in His hands.

The words '*do not fear*' appear again and again in the Bible (some say those words are mentioned 365 times in total, a promise for every day of the year! I've never counted but it could well be true!) God frequently, it seems, addresses those words to people who have plenty to fear. So what's the secret? How do we take seriously the instruction, '*do not fear*'?

I don't think there's a simple, trick to living without fear. Fear, scripture says, is driven out by love – love of God. So, we are invited to live in such a way that our love and trust in God are growing and deepening as time passes. Prayer and devotion are central to this, the main thing being that our lives should be rooted in the one thing which time and chance can't take away from us – our loving and gracious God. Anything else, as the old hymn says, is '*sinking sand*'. I think of Mary (sister of Martha), sitting at Jesus' feet, listening, learning and adoring – attending to the 'one thing needful' and I find myself better able to look towards the coming year with fresh hope, whatever it might bring.

Happy New Year! *Ben*

## CHURCH FAMILY

Those of us who knew Margery Watt will be sad to learn that she died on Boxing Day. Margery worshipped with us for a short time before she moved to Coplestone.

Until she became unwell a few months ago, Margery would still often join us on Saturdays at the coffee mornings. *Pam*

## CONNECT QUIZ

The Connect Quiz night on Saturday 18th January is just a couple of weeks away. If you are planning to bring a team to this fund raising event for Connect, now is the time to book with Wendy Anez at [wendyanez71@hotmail.com](mailto:wendyanez71@hotmail.com) Also, please encourage family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, church family, etc to sign up a team! There is a poster at the back of the Church giving all the details

## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you".*

Isaiah 60 v 1

Lord of all, we come to you at this time of Epiphany recognising that with the birth of your son, you revealed yourself to us and to all the world.

Thank you that you still come to us in every generation outpouring your love which is freely given for all mankind.

Like the Magi who sought out the baby Jesus, we too come to you just as we are, ready to receive your unconditional love, and we thank you.

So as we go forward into another New Year we again pray that nations will come together to work for peace, so that wars will be no more. AMEN

*"Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn"*

Isaiah 60 v3

Dear Friends

I would like to thank you for your support for our Christmas Appeal and all the lovely shoeboxes as well as your most generous donation of £100 to help with the cost of the transport of our Christmas Shoeboxes, this was very kind and thoughtful.

I must apologise for not writing earlier however life has been hectic arranging everything, you know we are a voluntary charity which is good, but can lead to delays. We are truly blessed with some fantastic supporters and volunteers and this has enabled us to achieve so much.

Needless to say, all our Christmas boxes were delivered to Ukraine and Moldova in time. I cannot over emphasise the excitement these create. I put a short video on Facebook showing some being opened, I don't know if you managed to see it.

Again my most sincere apologies for not thanking you all earlier, your donation was given a while ago now. Time disappears so quickly these days. Although your donation was banked and helped with the transport costs it has taken me a while to catch up, I am sorry and somewhat embarrassed by the delay.

With every blessing to you all for 2025. *Hugh Scudder*

Charity Director Christian Response

Week beginning Saturday 4th January		
Sat 4th Jan	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Ministry in Britain
Sun 5th Jan	10:15 for 10:30am	Café Church in church or on the Web lead by Cathy Jerrard
Mon 6th Jan	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
		NO Big Top
Wed 8th Jan		No 3Ls Discipleship in the
Fri 10th Jan	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 11th Jan	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for CHAT
Sun 12th Jan	10:30 am	Covenant Service led by Rev David Greenwood <i>Communion</i>

## FUND RAISING

Our next Table Top sale will be on Saturday 8th February from 10am to 12.00 noon. To book a table costing £5 please contact

Bronwyn on 01363 775450.

If anyone does Facebook, could they please advertise this . *Bronwyn*

## WARM SPACES ROTA

There is a new sheet for January to June at the back of the Church for the Warm Spaces, Friday Coffee and Chat, rota. If you can spare a couple of hours from time to time on a Friday morning, your support would be much appreciated. Please indicate on the rota which dates you could manage.

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