

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 19th January

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by
Abigail Hardiman

Hymns: StF84 Praise the Lord, his glories show
Stf35 The feast is ready
StF519 Father, I place into your hands
StF82 O Lord my God

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

Once upon a time, a Minister challenged his congregation to bring to the family service the following Sunday an object or item that could be found mentioned in the Bible, "The more obscure the better", he added.

The people duly obliged, and next Sunday he was presented with gold earrings, pomegranates, sacks, a hammer, a tent, a scroll, a sickle, and much more besides.

Then a young girl came forward and presented him with a watch. "Ah hah!", said the kindly Minister, "I am quite sure that the watch is a much more modern invention, but do tell me where you have found reference to such an item?" "Well", said the girl, "It says in Habakkuk chapter 2 verse 1 I will stand upon my watch" "Hmmm", replied the Minister, entering into the spirit of the pun, "I suppose he was trying to kill some time!"

Not to be outdone, the girl's brother came forward and held up a sausage. The Minister desperately racked his brains and tried to remember where in the Bible there could possibly be mention of a sausage but he could not, so he asked the boy, "Young man, where in the Bible does it say anything about a sausage?" The lad took a crumpled piece of paper out of his pocket and read out, "1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 51, Behold I show you a mystery" Ahh the ingenuity of youthfulness (or was it their parents?).

It is tempting, isn't it, to sometimes take verses out of context and try and make the Bible say what we want it to say! Of course, the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians really has nothing to do with sausages. Rather it is a glorious looking forward to the sure and certain hope we have of a new life in Christ, perfectly fulfilled when Jesus returns.

A life where there will be no sickness and death, when all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well. That is the glorious mystery. Every blessing *Cathy*



FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Heavenly Father, at the start of another New Year with all its hopes and challenges, we know we can safely and confidently put our hand into your hand.

Forgive us for those times when we say we put our trust in you, but so often we doubt, convinced that you have not heard our concerns.

We pray for that faith which enables us to hold onto your promises, accepting that as the Psalmist writes - "*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.*" (Psalm 28 v 8)

Loving Lord, we trust in you, forgive us for our doubts. AMEN

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and set me free from all my fears".

Psalm 34 v 4

HELD TOGETHER Monday 20th January, 10.30am at the Boniface Centre
A Service for Older People and Carers, followed by tea, coffee, cake and chat.

This is a friendly, informal and non-denominational service held on the third Monday of each month, and you will be very welcome.

You can speak to me about it if you want to know more, or Bronwyn, Jan and Martin. Or if you know of someone who might like to come, please let us know. *Pam Murphy*

TABLETOP SALE

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

CHURCH FAMILY

Reg Nott will be 100 years old on Tuesday Feb 4th and is holding an 'Open House' at his home from 10.30am onwards, all are welcome.

Contact details Christine 07795 143149

Week beginning Saturday 18th January

Sat 18th Jan	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
Sun 19th Jan	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web lead by Abigail Hardiman
Mon 20th Jan	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together Service Boniface Centre
	3:30 - 5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 22nd Jan	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 24th Jan	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
	1:00pm	Funeral of Margery Watt Cobblestone Methodist Church
Sat 25th Jan	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 26th Jan	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Ben Haslem

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