

Crediton Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 2nd February

10:15 for 10.30am **Café Church** in Church led by
Local Arrangement

**"Out of Obscurity . . . Power from Weakness
Gideon"**

Hymns: StF548 Blessed Assurance

StF161 Speak O Lord

StF546 Behold the Servant

StF481 The Lord's my Shepherd

StF465 Guide me, O thou great

Reading: Judges 6 v 11-24

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer
or mobile app with Worship on the Web

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or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593

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Café Church

Out of Obscurity . . . Power from Weakness -Gideon

This Sunday in Café Church, we'll be taking a closer look at the man Gideon, secret follower of the Lord, who was called out of obscurity for a seemingly impossible mission. His story is found in Judges chapters 6-8. Please do come and join us.

Coffee will be served from 10:15 am.



Dear Friends

Amazon has a lot to answer for... by the way, I'm talking about the online shopping site rather than the rainforest and I should also add that I have been known to shop on Amazon myself so those opening words were not meant to be in any way sanctimonious!

However, there is some evidence to suggest that the ability to order an item with one click and have it appear on your doorstep the day after is one of the factors contributing to a culture of instant gratification, of expecting things to happen when we want them to happen. God doesn't fit very well into this culture as, well, to us He often seems ridiculously slow.

Sometimes He doesn't seem to act at all. This can lead us to wonder if He really cares about what's happening around us, and leads some to question whether He is really there at all. God can still be found however, not at the click of a mouse or the snap of the fingers, but in the quiet and patient waiting of those who are prepared to seek God and attune themselves to His rhythms.

Psalms 130 begins with a heartfelt cry from the depths but it's a cry which reaches up to the heights of heaven. The psalmist, confident that God is merciful and gracious, is therefore prepared to wait on the Lord, to live in a way that is attentive to God's word and God's voice, that is willing to learn to discern God's presence in the whole of life and realises that this is not the work of a moment, but a question of developing spiritual awareness, a way of life rather than a transaction. Where does all this watching and waiting lead?

Well, 'with the Lord is unfailing love... with Him is full redemption'. Not that

we somehow earn this redemption by waiting on Lord, but that we cannot possibly begin to appreciate that which we don't pay proper attention to.

So let's practice paying attention, making the most of our time with the Lord and pray for the ability to sense His presence where ever we are and whatever we're doing. God bless, Ben

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Loving God, at this time of Candlemas we recall the presentation of the baby Jesus at the temple by his parents Mary and Joseph.

We also remember Simeon and Anna who praised God as they recognised the baby Jesus as the promised Christ. May we again receive your Son as the Lord of our lives, submitting ourselves to serve you.

Lord, thank you for being with us in every aspect of our lives and that like Mary and Joseph may we be obedient to serve you throughout our lifetime. AMEN

"When Joseph and Mary had finished all that was required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their home town of Gallilee. The child grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom, and God's blessings were upon him".

Luke 2 v 39,40

FRIDAY FOCUS This Friday the 7th at 2.30 when we will be considering "Love is" Do you have a memento of a past Valentines Day?

REMINDER

Saturday 8th February TABLE TOP SALE 10:00—11:30am

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Tinned tomatoes, ravioli, ham. Small jars of instant coffee, Long life cartons of fruit juice, semi skimmed milk and washing up liquid.

Week beginning Saturday 1st February		
Sat 1st Feb	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Disaster Emergency
Sun 2nd Feb	10:30 am	Cafe Church in church or on the Web lead by Local Arrangement
Mon 3rd Feb	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
	7:30pm	Discipleship contact Cathy
Wed 5th Feb	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 7th Feb	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
	2:30 pm	Friday Focus
Sat 8th Feb	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds (Table Top Sale)
Sun 9th Feb	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Stephen Mosedale

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