

Crediton Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 9th February

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by

Rev Steve Mosedale

Hymns: StF32 Meet and right it is to sing

StF278 O love divine what have you done

StF674 Would I have answered

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

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

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Dear Friends,

We only just seem to have packed away all the Christmas cards, decorations and paraphernalia and now the shops are full of red love hearts of all shapes and sizes.

This week we shall be celebrating St Valentine's Day and many people will be sending hearts and cards etc. to their loved ones. I wondered how all this began and discovered that St Valentine (Valentinus) lived in the third century and was born in Terri in Italy. His life is commemorated in Western Christianity on February 14th but in Eastern Orthodoxy, not until July 6th .

Valentine was a doctor who became a priest and he was sent to jail for performing weddings for couples during a time when new marriages were outlawed in ancient Rome. Judge Arterius was his jailer and he became involved with him in discussing Christian faith and the validity of Jesus. The judge decided to put Valentine to the test and made a bargain with him that he would do anything Valentine said if Valentine could restore the sight of his blind adopted daughter. As you can imagine, Valentine prayed to God and he laid his hands on Julia's eyes and her sight was restored. Judge Arterius kept his side of the bargain and broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and was baptised, then freed all Christian inmates under his authority. However, Valentine was killed for refusing to renounce his faith. But the important thing to remember is that he sent a loving note to Julia, the jailer's daughter, whose sight he had restored as well as being a teacher to her, and this eventually led to the traditional sending of Valentine's cards. So Valentine became the patron saint of love, marriages, engagements, young people, greetings, travellers, beekeepers, people with epilepsy and numerous churches.

When Valentine's day comes round this year perhaps we will be reminded of St Valentine and the greatest commandment that Jesus gave us in St Matthew's gospel. The Sadducees and Pharisees were expecting to catch Jesus out by questioning which was the greatest commandment in the law. Jesus' reply was....*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.* This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: *love your neighbour as yourself.*

So let us be obedient to our Lord this Valentine's day and strive to follow his commandment of love.

God bless. *Marjorie*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Father of all, today we bring to you the mission of Connect and all those involved in working with young people. We hold up to you all those young people who feel called to spread your love in a practical way to other young people whatever their particular need, being with them just where they are. Thank you for their particular gifts, their energy and the positivity of youth.

May we too regain that same exuberance and commitment of youth to share the faith we have steadfastly held on to throughout our lives and exhibit the joy in walking with you. AMEN

*"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds
Can such faith save him? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not
accompanied by action, is dead".*

James 2 v 14, 17

LUNCHION CLUB Friday 14th February 12:30pm at the Three Little Pigs.

Please add your name to the list on the notice board if you would like to attend or contact Margaret Kenshole

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

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week::

Tinned sweetcorn , tomatoes, corned beef, ravioli and custard .

Small jars of coffee, Toilet rolls , Cartons of fruit juice, Jam, Small mayonnaise

Week beginning Saturday 8th February		
Sat 8th Feb	10:00-11:30 am	Table Top Sale and Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 9th Feb	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the web lead by Rev Steve Mosedale
Mon 10th Feb	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 12th Feb	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 14th Feb	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
	12:30pm	Luncheon Club
Sat 15th Feb	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 16th Feb	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Sue Jones

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