

Crediton Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 16th February

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by
Sue Jones

ROOTS

"What helps us to be rooted in the love of God?"

Hymns; StF18 Be still and know I am God

StF51 Great is thy faithfulness

StF471 Lord I come to you

StF673 Will you come and follow me

Readings: Jeremiah 17: 7-8

Isaiah 40:28-31

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer

or mobile app with Worship on the Web

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Dear friends,

There's a lovely worship song by Noel Richards in our hymn books (StF530) which reminds how, like Mary (Luke 10.38-42), *we can rest and be in Christ's presence: To be in your presence, To sit at your feet ... This is my desire, O Lord, This is my desire.*

I have just returned from a 5 day silent retreat at Lee Abbey where there really is space to sit and rest in God's presence. I felt God prompting me to spend time reflecting on His freely given grace towards everyone – all of us in it together in this messy world: His grace that saves, forgives, restores and gives us all fresh starts when we've got side-tracked.

But we can only go up the mountain to sit with Jesus for a while before we need to come back down and be alongside each other again. And for that, I find these words from hymn StF 611 helpful:

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you—pilgrims on a journey - companions on the road - here to help each other, ... hold the Christ-light for (each other) ... hold (our) hand(s) out to (each other). Supermarkets can be pretty anonymous places can't they, and when they are very busy some shoppers can get a bit fractious and impatient. But have you noticed how responsive people can be to a smile, and a bit of giving-way – to a bit of time given for them? In this anonymous setting, I've found people who don't know me have open up to share a worry or concern. I listen.

Sometimes I ask if I can pray for them, other times that doesn't seem quite the right thing to offer – but I do pray anyway. Reaching out, being inclusive, showing kindness and patience are all ways that Jesus demonstrated God's love for everyone, so let's be encouraged as we go out in His presence and do the same. *Pam*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Creator God, Lord of all creation, forgive us for the wanton way we have despoiled the beautiful world you have given to us to enjoy. We are sorry for the way we have treated the earth's resources, selfishly thinking of our own needs, forgetting the impacts on wildlife and nature and the ensuing pollution. May we learn to use earth's resources with care, being ever mindful of the consequences and the effect it has on our fragile environment. Thank you for all that you have given to us. AMEN

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters".

Psalm 24 v 1,2

HELD TOGETHER - a Service for Older People and Carers.

Our next service is tomorrow, Monday 17th February at 10.30am in the Boniface Centre.

Afterwards, we will have refreshments and time to talk and get to know each other. You are all very welcome to come and share this time with us. There's a notice on the board at the back of the church, or you can speak to Pam.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Saturday 15th March - Soup & Pud evening

Saturday 12th April - Film Night

Saturday 17th May - Beetle Drive

Saturday 28th June Strawberry Tea

Saturday 17th July "Away day " to Budleigh Salterton details to be announced

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Long life cartons of fruit juice and semi skimmed milk

Tins of corned beef, custard, tomatoes and sweetcorn

Toothpaste and Cooking oil

Week beginning Saturday 15th February		
Sat 15th Feb	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 16th Feb	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Webb lead by Sue Jones
Mon 17th Feb	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together Service
		NO Big Top
		NO Discipleship
Wed 19th Feb	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 21st Feb	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 22nd Feb	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Mission in Britain
Sun 23rd Feb	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Ben Haslam <i>Communion</i>

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