

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 9th March

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by
Rev Barbara Greenwood

Hymns: StF28 Jesus calls us here to meet him (vv1-3)

StF65 Sing of the Lord's goodness

StF236 Forty days and forty nights

StF489 All I once held dear

StF558 Lord you have come

Readings: Romans 10 v 8b-13

Luke 4 v1-14

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

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Dear All

*"It is hard to part with a friend
When your heart is full of hope
But it's harder to find a towel
When your eyes are full of soap".*

That piece of doggerel was written in my teenage Autograph book. ~Unfortunately, in the course of many moves, it has been lost. This is a pity because it would remind me of old friends. However, I do remember some of the entries besides the one already quoted.

My father wrote *"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"*. Dear Dad, of course I don't need my Autograph book to remember him.

It was wartime when I was at school and our male teachers were all elderly, having been brought out of retirement because the younger men were in the forces. Then as the war ended they returned. One of these was Mr Johnson, fresh from the R.A.F. He taught geography. Perhaps I had a bit of a crush on him, anyway I asked him to write in my Autographed book. This is what he wrote:

"Pas d'il y a Rhone qu'a nous?"

I thought I was quite good at French but I could not translate this. After a week or so I gave up, but did not go to Miss Gale, our lovely French teacher, but back to Mr Johnson. He said, *"I'll give you a clue, perhaps you're not saying it quickly enough"*. I soon had the answer. See if you can manage it. If so give me a ring any case, answer in next week's notices.

Another entry was this verse, put in by another member of staff.

*"Your whole life lies before you
Like a field of untrodden snow
Be careful how you tread it
For every step will show".*

~Reflecting on those words now I see their truth. After a fall of snow its pristine whiteness is soon ruined for ever by foot marks, tyre tracks etc. So with our lives, we mess them up in many ways, but the wonderful thing is we can be forgiven and lose those mistakes which mar our lives. Isaiah says if we live in fellowship with God, even if our sins are scarlet, they can become white as snow. I doubt St Paul had an Autograph book, but he frequently wrote personal messages to friends and colleagues in his letters. So I wonder what he would write in my book if I ask for an entry? Perhaps he would honour me with the message he sent to his friends in Corinth and which I send to you.

"Greet one another with the kiss of peace. All God's people send you their greetings. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all". (2 Cor v. 12 & 13) *Cynthia*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Loving Lord, at this beautiful time of the year, we see new growth all around us, daffodils and snowdrops pushing up through the cold and barren soil. So that in this season of Lent it is good to reflect and remind ourselves of our calling and the quality of our discipleship. May we experience new growth in our often barren and lack lustre spiritual lives. May we find the time for reflection and fresh commitment to you, seeking out new opportunities to proclaim the certainty of your living presence in our lives. AMEN

"Assess yourselves to check that you are living in the faith. Test yourselves to make sure" 2 Corinthians 13 v 5

"Examine me O God, and search me; test my heart and mind". Psalm 26 v 2

LENT COURSE Our minister, Revd Ben, is leading a Lent course at our church, beginning on March 12th. You are all welcome to come and join in each Wednesday morning at 10.30am.

FRIDAY FOCUS 14th March will be an Easter Quiz

LUNCHEON CLUB is to be held at Homeliegh Garden Centre please note the time 12:00pm.

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

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week Breakfast cereals, Jars of pasta sauce and \coffee Tinned custard and sweetcorn, Long life cartons of fruit juice. Washing tablets Deodorant. Toilet roll

Week beginning Saturday 8th March		
Sat 8th March	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 9th March	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web lead by Rev David Greenwood
Mon 10th March	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 12th March	10:30am	Lent Course
Fri 14th March	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
	12:00pm	Luncheon Club
	2:30pm	Friday Focus
Sat 15th March	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
		Soup and Pud Evening Postponed
Sun 16th March	10:30 am	<i>Church for All</i> in Church or on the web led by Sue Jones

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Saturday 12th April - Film Night

Sunday 27th April- Church Anniversary and Lunch

Saturday 17th May - Beetle Drive

Saturday 24th May - Table Top Sale

Saturday 28th June- Strawberry Tea

Saturday 12th July - "Away day " to Budliegh Salterton details to be announced

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