

Crediton Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 16th March

10.30am Morning Service in Church

"Church for All" led by Sue Jones

Hymns: StF137 - New every morning is the love

StF666 - Master Speak

StF82 - O Lord my God

StF141 - Abide with me

Readings: Isaiah 43: 18-19

Revelation 21: 3-5

John 10:10

John 15:10-11

Matthew 27:45-46

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

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Dear Friends

'A coincidence is when God performs a miracle, and decides to remain anonymous' This quote is attributed to Albert Einstein.

The Bible is a book that's full of miracles. Wherever you look, I love the one tucked away in 1 Kings 17, where Elijah goes to Zarephath at the time when there is drought across the whole land, and meets a widow and her son, who are on their last bit of food. A miracle was duly performed and the widow's jar of oil and bowl of flour perpetually flowed, providing the wherewithal to make bread for as long as was needed. Talking of food-related miracles, there is of course the well-known account of when Jesus turned five loaves and two fishes into a feast for thousands of people. And then there's the parting of the Red Sea, Daniel in the Lion's den, the raising of Lazarus from the dead – the list is endless. Some people say that whilst miracles may have happened in the Bible, they don't happen today. After all, we don't see waters parting, or endlessly flowing jars or oil much these days do we?

Oh yes we do. There are miracles happening all over the place, if we care to look a little more closely. Let's consider for the moment the following sayings that we not infrequently hear people say, or indeed may have said ourselves:

"Good timing." "Couldn't have planned that better if I'd tried."

*"In the right place at the right time."
"It just so happened..."*

We have all kinds of sayings like these. But how often do we stop and wonder why we happened to be in the right place at the right time or how it is that although things didn't



go according to our plans, they turned out even better than we could have imagined? Is it just a coincidence? Or is it a God-incidence? Given that God is sovereign, all-powerful and all-loving, the answer is clear. The same God who makes sure the birds are fed, who sends the rain to water the earth and keeps all the planets in the right orbit, is taking care of the little details of our lives too.

Performing miracles every day, if we but look for them, and recognise them. Let's give God the credit for all the 'God-incidences' that happen in our lives, and respond with thankfulness to the One who is working his purposes out in every minute detail.

Every blessing *Cathy*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Gracious God, during Lent it is good to take time to examine our commitment to you, as we are acutely conscious of our many failings and inadequacies. Be with us as we face up to our own personal challenges and our many weaknesses. We pray for the strength to stay true to you, trusting in your purpose in our lives, with the assurance that your goodness will always prevail.

Sovereign God, we pray that you will renew our faith - revive our hope - restore our trust - and rekindle our vision, so that we are equipped to daily serve you as you deserve, AMEN

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness".

2 Corinthians 12 v 9

HELD TOGETHER Monday 17th March in Boniface Centre 10.30am

An accessible service for older people and carers

Followed by tea/coffee and cake and a chance to chat.

Message from Cynthia - last week's puzzle

"Pas d'il y a Rhone qu'a nous?" Don't try to translate these French words, just say them very quickly and you will find the answer. It is "Paddle your own canoe". Well done to Jan and Hilary who both succeeded in solving the puzzle.

Change of subject - it's good to see the beautiful pulpit fall displayed on the lectern. For anyone who doesn't know or who has forgotten, it was made by Sarah Tyson, Mary and Ken's younger daughter. Sarah did a lovely job and we should remember her handiwork with gratitude.

CHURCH FAMILY Jenni Hext would like to thank everyone for their good wishes. She is gradually improving, but not as quickly as she would like !

WORLD DAY of PRAYER

Many thanks to those who gave cakes and helped at the "World Day of Prayer" which contributed to making a lovely afternoon.

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week;

Breakfast cereals, Weetabix, Cartons of long - life fruit juice, Jars of pasta sauce,

Tinned fruit, corned beef, tomatoes, Deodorant, Toilet rolls, Size 4 and 7 nappies.

Week beginning Saturday 15th March		
Sat 15th March	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
Sun 16th March	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Webb lead by Sue Jones
Mon 17th March	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together Service
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 19th March	10:30am	Lent Coarse
Fri 21st March	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 22nd March	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 23rd March	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Ben Haslam <i>Communion</i>

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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