

# Crediton

## Methodist Church



## Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

### Sunday 27th April

10.30am Church Anniversary Service in Church led by  
Rev Ben Haslem

*Communion and Baptism of Lewis*

Hymns: StF313 Thine be the glory

StF540 The day the universe was

StF295 Allelujah give thanks to the risen

StF487 You shall go out with joy

Reading John 20. 19-31

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

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593

Phone Conference ID: 419 576 441

## Dear Friends

"Oh, to be in England, Now that April's here."

These are, of course, the opening lines of Robert Browning's poem "*Home Thoughts from Abroad*." I used to know this poem by heart. (Do children still learn poetry? I do hope so). Browning goes on to tell us some of the things he loves about an English Springtime: the fresh young leaves, wild flowers, blossom on the grass and the birds. He mentions the song thrush and the swallows. My husband always hoped to see the swallows around April 17th. So far I haven't spotted them and I haven't seen a thrush for ages. We used to hear them cracking open snail shells on the stones of our patio. It certainly is a lovely time of year, full of new life and new beginnings and we don't need to go abroad to appreciate it.

Similarly, it is a good time for a Church Anniversary, we celebrate ours today. We give thanks for the past, for those who have loved and served this church before us, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Of course we greatly value our heritage of fellowship and worship and our sense of being a church family, but we must also trust for the future. Our Lord was never content with things as they are or as we are. He always has something new waiting for us as a church and as individuals: a richer grace we have yet to discover.

Of course we celebrated our best hope and opportunity for renewal last Sunday, the highlight of our Christian year. Our Lord, who conquered death when he rose on that first Easter Sunday shows us there was a love which overcomes all suffering, all resentment, all fear and that love is the source of our own renewal. We celebrate that Resurrection every Sunday, it is the Rock on which we build our lives and undergirds the way we live. It is our Easter gift, our belief that good will triumph over evil, that death and darkness does not have the last word.

Let us celebrate new life and new beginnings.  
It is Easter and Springtime and our Lord has Risen, He is Risen Indeed.

Thanks be to God Love from *Cynthia*



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## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Loving Lord, we thank you that for the past 133 years our Church remains as a sign of your presence in our community.

We recognise and thank all the volunteers, see and unseen who willingly give of their time and love to serve this Church in so many different ways according to their various gifts and talents.

Lord you are in this place, fill us with your power, we are in your hands, hands to do your work and hearts to respond to your love.

***"May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us. May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in his ways."***

1 Kings 8 v 57,58

## FRIDAY FOCUS

Friday Focus will be held on Friday 2nd May at 2.30, when we will be looking a "Special Scriptures".

Do come and join us, and if you have a special scripture that has a special meaning for you, then do bring it along and share it, and have fellowship together with cake and conversation.

*Tina*

## CREDITON FOODBANK EVENTS

We have a couple of events coming up over the next few months and wondered if you might be able to support us.

Our first event is the VE day picnic at Newcombes Meadow. We will have a stall there where we will be sharing information about rations from the second world war, information about the foodbank and the work that we do and we will have a selection of home-made cakes to sell for donations. We would be very grateful if you could donate a home-made cake to our stall. Any cakes would need to be brought to the foodbank between 9am and 1pm on Friday 9th May or to the event around 11am at Newcombes Meadow.

Our second event is The Big Boniface Bash, on June 8th also at Newcombes Meadow. This year, we will be running our tombola again, which was very successful last year. We would be very grateful for any prize donations. These could be dropped off at the foodbank in advance of this date. There is someone there on Mondays 11 am – 6pm, Tuesdays 9 am – 3pm, Thursday 11 am – 3pm and Friday 9am – 3pm. We really would be grateful for any contributions.

*Helen* Foodbank coordinator

| Week beginning Saturday 26th April |                    |   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Sat 26th April                     | 10:00-11:30 am     | Together 4 Coffee donations for CHAT                            |
| Sun 27th April                     | 10:30 am           | Worship in church or on the Web led by Rev Ben Haslam           |
|                                    | 6:30pm             | Evening worship led by Rev Barbara Greenwood                    |
| Mon 28th April                     | 8:00am             | Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are          |
|                                    | 3:30—5:00pm        | Big Top   |
| Wed 30th April                     | 10:30am            | 3Ls Discipleship i  |
| Fri 2nd May                        | 10:00 -12:00pm     | Coffee and Chat   |
|                                    | 2:30pm             | Friday Focus  |
| Sat 3rd May                        | 10:00 -11:30 am    | Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain      |
| Sun 4th May                        | 10:15 for 10:30 am | Café Church in the Church or on the web led by Rev Paul Collins |

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Saturday 17th May - Beetle Drive

Sunday 18th May 4pm 'Afternoon Prayer and Tea'

Sunday 1st June 2:00pm CTIC Songs of Praise, Newcombe's Meadow

Saturday 28th June- Strawberry Tea

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

### CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Small jars of coffee, Tinned carrots, Jars of peanut butter and Jam, Cartons of long-life milk, Breakfast cereals (not porridge) Pasta (Not spaghetti)  
Instant noodles, Toilet rolls

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