

# Crediton Methodist Church



## Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

### Sunday 11th May

10:30am Morning Service in Church

led by Cathy Jerrard

Hymns: StF161 Speak, O Lord as we come to you

MP757 When peace like a river (all is well)

StF528 Pray without ceasing

StF610 Best of all is God is with us

Readings: 2 Kings 4: 8 – 37

John 11: 20 – 2

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

Hello Friends!

On 21st April, Easter Monday, we heard the sad news of the death of Pope Francis. Within the eulogy delivered at the funeral in the majestic St. Peter's Square, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re said, "We are gathered with sad hearts in prayer around his mortal remains. Yet, we are sustained by the certainty of faith, which assures us that human existence does not end in the tomb, but in the Father's house, in a life of happiness that will know no end."



It seems very poignant that Pope Francis died right after Easter Day, his earthly life's work in faithfully following the Lord, sharing the gospel, speaking truth to power, and serving others with a true servant heart, done. Jorge Mario Bergoglio (his name before he became the 266th Pope) was, for sure, a man of deep faith for whom the resurrection is the breaking of a new dawn.

The Catholic cardinals are now gathered, under great secrecy in the Vatican to elect a successor. The breaking news is that black smoke was seen coming from the stovepipe chimney above the Sistine Chapel this afternoon (Wednesday), indicating the latest ballot to be inconclusive.

Robert Harris wrote a thriller in 2016 called 'Conclave', a fictional story woven around the election of a new Pope, and according to the reviews full of skull-duggery and intrigue. I can't vouch for the storyline (I haven't read the book), and I suspect that being a work of fiction it won't tell us much about the real thing. However, it does contain an extremely interesting quote: "*Our faith is a living thing precisely, because it walks hand in hand with doubt. If there was only certainty and if there was no doubt, there would be no mystery and therefore no need for faith.*" This is a tension that we do indeed live with isn't it? But there is a lovely modern hymn, 'See what a morning, gloriously bright' and the last verse says this: 'One with the Father, Ancient of days, through the spirit, who clothes faith with certainty . . . Honour and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority! And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered; and we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead! Hallelujah! Who knows, by the time you are reading this, the white smoke might have gone up the chimney and the 267th Pope (or 'Papa') will have been revealed. Let's pray that he, like his predecessor, will be a servant-hearted man of deep faith who faithfully follows the Lord and, guided by the Spirit, leads well. Every blessing *Cathy*

## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Creator God, thank you for this new day with all its opportunities. As we approach the season of warmer and longer days, like the Celts, we see your handiwork in so much around us from the smallest insect, so vital in the food chain, to the grandeur of the mountain ranges. We see you Lord in the silence of the stars, the tranquillity of the hills, in the ebbing and continuity of the seas around us and the awesomeness of the heavens above. Lord amongst all this beauty we step out into a new day, with your love encircling us, the love of Christ encompassing us and the power of the Spirit surrounding us, what more do we need! Thank you Lord. AMEN

*"I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praises to your name, O Most High".*

Psalm 9 v 1,2

## CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week runs from 11th to 17th May. Envelopes and collecting boxes for your donations are available in the Church. *John Ashley*

## CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Church Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th May in the Epworth Room. All are welcome to attend this meeting - you do not need to be a member of Church Council. *John Ashley – Secretary*

**BEETLEDRIVE** Saturday 17th May from 4pm to 7pm. Price is £5 per person which includes a pasty supper. Please sign the form on the notice board if you wish to attend indicating meat or cheese pasty

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church meeting will be held after morning worship on Sunday 25 May. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

At that meeting we will be electing Stewards and members of the Church Council for the next year. There are vacancies for both Stewards and members of Church Council. If you are interested in either of these positions and would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to me.

Copies of the Annual Report for 2023-24, which will be considered and approved at the Meeting, are available in electronic form. Please contact me on [john.ashley@creditonmethodist.org.uk](mailto:john.ashley@creditonmethodist.org.uk). *John Ashley – Secretary*

Notices to Gill by noon on Thursday please.  
Tel: 01363 773641 or email: [notices@creditonmethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@creditonmethodist.org.uk)

Week beginning Saturday 10th May		
Sat 10th May	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 11th May	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the web lead by Cathy Jerrard
Mon 12th May	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Tues 13th May	7:00pm	Church Council, Epworth Room
Wed 14th May	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 16th May	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 17th May	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Christian Aid
	4:00pm	Beetle Drive
Sun 18th May	10:30 am	Worship in Church or on the web led by Chris Mann
	4:00pm	Tea, prayer and Fellowship

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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 request for this week:

Jars of pasta and curry sauce, Rice Washing up *liquid* , Pulses (kidney beans, butterbeans, chickpeas etc) Orange and apple juice, Peanut butter Tinned soup, meat meals (ravioli, pies, curries, hot dog sausages) Cereal

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