

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 18th May

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by
Chris Mann

Hymns: StF25 God is here as we his people
StF65 Sing of the Lord's goodness
StF242 A new commandment I give
StF553 I am a new creation
StF690 the church's one foundation
Reading - Acts 11.1-18

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

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Dear Friends,

Evie, a teenager from Lyme Regis, began searching along the Jurassic coastline as a young schoolgirl and became fascinated by fossils. During one fossil-hunting trip she learnt about Mary Anning who, in 1823, discovered an ichthyosaur and went on to help shape the science of prehistoric life. Evie campaigned for a statue to recognize the importance of her pioneering work. In 2022, on what would have been Mary Anning's 223rd birthday, crowds turned out for the unveiling by Prof Alice Roberts (anthropologist and TV presenter). On a short break in Lyme Regis last week I was interested to see for myself, overlooking the beach where she went fossil hunting, the imposing bronze statue of Mary Anning, striding forward, hammer in one hand, fossil in the other. Perhaps you've seen it, too?

A while ago, walking past St Mary's Church in Ottery St Mary, I saw another bronze statue, this time of the romantic poet, Samuel Coleridge Taylor, which had also been unveiled in 2022, marking the 250th anniversary of his birth. He stands, notebook in hand, gazing towards the site of the schoolhouse where he had been born. It was particularly meaningful for me because it had been sculptured by Nicholas Dimbleby who sadly died of Motor Neurone Disease last year and whose sister, Sally Dimbleby, was a friend and colleague of mine when I worked for the Dimbleby Newspaper Group in Richmond. And, just to complete a trio of recently erected statues in Devon, BBC spotlight showed one of crime writer Agatha Christie which was unveiled last month in her home town of Torquay. It's a focal point of the new harbourside plaza and she is depicted sitting on a bench, book in hand, with her wire-haired terrier named Peter.

These statues commemorate people who lived and died and represent something of their life's work. The approach of Ascension Day later this month provides us with the most important reminder that Jesus, though he lived and died on earth, this was not the end. We recall the words said to the women ready to anoint the body of Jesus: *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen."* And during his resurrection appearances Jesus explained the plan for something better after his earthly life and for that to happen he needed to ascend.

"It is better that I go away... I will send the helper to you." When Jesus ascended into heaven, He was no longer bound by time and space, His Holy Spirit could be with each one of us, all the time. Thus he said: *"Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age"* And we can echo the words of a song: *"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way."* Hilary

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME

Lord Jesus Christ, sometimes the only time we come to you is when we are in need, forgetting to thank you for all the blessings we receive, acknowledging that so often we take your gifts for granted. Thank you that you are with us in our waking and our sleeping, at our beginning and our end, with us on our journey as our true and faithful friend.

We pray for grace for our needs,
Strength in our weakness,
Love in our loneliness,
Peace when we are anxious.
Lord Jesus Christ, you are all we need. AMEN

"If you appeal to me in prayer, I will hear you; if you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will ensure you find me, says the Lord".

Jeremiah 29 v 12-14

4:00pm THIS AFTERNOON

You are invited to come to the church to join with others to pray. Some prayer stations will be set up to guide your thoughts and refreshments will be provided afterwards.

HELD TOGETHER

The next Held Together accessible service for older people and carers will be at the Boniface Centre at 10.30am on Monday 19th May

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Bags of rice, Soup, Tins of baked beans, fruit, Fruit juice, Jars of jam, Peanut butter, Washing up liquid, Washing tabs, Shower gel, Toilet roll,

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. John Ashley – Secretary

Week beginning Saturday 17th May		
Sat 17th May	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Christian Aid
Sun 18th May	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the web led by Chris Mann
Mon 19th may	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together Service
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
	7:30pm	Discipleship, Cathy Jerrard contact
Wed 21st May	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship i
Fri 23rd May	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 24th May	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
Sun 25th May	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Ben Haslam <i>Communion</i>
	6:30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev David Greenwood

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Sunday 1st June 2:00pm - "Picnic in the Park", Newcombe's Meadow

Saturday 28th June- Strawberry Tea

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

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