

# Crediton

## Methodist Church



## Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

### Sunday 25th May

10:30am Morning Service in Church led by Rev Ben Haslam

*Communion*

Hymns: StF358 Let heaven and earth agree

StF398 There's a spirit in the air

StF30 Jesus stand among us

StF186 Tell out my soul

Readings: John 13.31-35

Acts 11.1-18

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

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**Please note this service will be followed by the  
Annual General Meeting**

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Rev David Greenwood

**Dear Friends,**

It's strange how, within families, we often have several important occasions occurring within a short space of time. We are about to embark on one of these series starting with the birth of a new grandchild and ending with a very important birthday.

In between we have another important birthday, a graduation and a golden wedding. The well-known saying of waiting a long time for a bus and then 3 come along together, comes to mind. During the next few weeks we are going to feel very much like that and to be able to join with loved ones and celebrate something really significant is such a lovely thing to do.

We, as Christians, are still in the time of Easter. Do we feel the great need to celebrate at this time? We have had Easter Day and the great jubilation of the empty tomb, followed by several appearances of the risen Christ. We have the Ascension of Jesus witnessed by his disciples and we await the time when God would send the Holy Spirit to empower his followers at Pentecost. Can we imagine the powerful wind which seemed to fill the house they sat in and the fire which separated into tongues of flame resting on each one of them as they began speaking in different languages? This was an amazing spectacle for the large crowds in Jerusalem to take in. What a celebration this must have been for them all, and as the church was born at this time it is something we should celebrate too. For us, this is the centre of our faith, knowing the great promises that Jesus made to his disciples, and hearing about them from his witnesses.

This Sunday is Aldersgate Sunday, the day when we celebrate the foundation of the Methodist Church. It was on this day, 24th May in 1738, that John Wesley had such a profound heart-warming experience that changed his life for ever. He was at a religious meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, when he felt his heart strangely warmed; there-after travelling numerous miles on horseback across our land, to preach the Gospel and build a body of believers.

Subsequently, he wrote the hymn which has been called his Conversion hymn, 454 in Singing the Faith. Where shall my wondering soul begin?

*How shall I all to Heaven aspire?  
A slave redeemed from death and sin,  
a brand plucked from eternal fire,  
how shall I equal triumphs raise,  
or sing my great deliverer's praise?*

So let us 'raise the roof' as we sing our praises to God this Aldersgate Sunday.

Blessings to you all, *Marjorie*

## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Loving God, at this time when we remember our founders John and Charles Wesley at the time of their conversion. A time when we too commit ourselves in the words of Charles Wesley when he wrote -

***"To serve the present age, my calling to fulfil:- O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will".***

May we in this age serve today's needs as part of our calling. AMEN

In the words of John Wesley ;

***"Since God is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve God in our neighbour, which God receives as if done to himself in person, standing visibly before us".***

## WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity commences on Sunday 1st June with a Picnic in the Park and a short Ecumenical service and Songs of Praise. Each of the four churches in the town will have their own morning service, then we will meet in Newcombes Park for a picnic and there will be games for the children. The service will start at 2.00pm with music from the Town Band. Please bring your own picnic chair and food. The event will be held in the Boniface Centre if wet. Please do come to this event which should be very enjoyable and an opportunity to sing accompanied by Crediton Town Band

**Monday 2nd June** there will be a service at our church starting at 12.30pm (lunchtime), led by someone from St Boniface Catholic Church

**Tuesday 3rd June** the service will be at the Congregational Church and our own Pam Murphy will lead

**Wednesday 4th June** it will be at Holy Cross Church with someone from the Congregational church leading

**Thursday 5th June** it will be at the St Boniface statue in Newcombes Park led by Revd Matthew Tregenza

**Friday 6th June** it will be at St Boniface Catholic Church led by someone from Connect ***(all services start at 12.30pm)***

***Please do come along to some or all of the above services and show your solidarity with our friends from other churches***

Week beginning Saturday 24th May		
Sat 24th May	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
Sun 25th May	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Rev Ben Haslam
	6:30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev David Greenwood
Mon 26th May	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
		NO Big Top
Wed 28th May	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 30th May	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 31st May	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee
Sun 1st June	10:30 am	Café Church in the Church or on the web led by Sue Jones
	2:00pm	"Picnic in the Park", Newcombe's Meadow

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Saturday 28th June- Strawberry Tea

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

### CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Shampoo, Shower gel, Washing pods, Washing up liquid, Toilet roll, Soup, Fruit juice, Tins of rice pudding and baked beans, Jars of jam and peanut butter

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