Crediton Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 1st June

10:15 for 10.30am Café Church in Church or on the Web led by Sue Jones

Hymns: StF161 Speak O Lord, as we come to you StF343 All my days StF673 Will you come and follow me StF728 O Lord you search me StF407 Hear the call of the kingdom Reading John 1:43-51 Please join from 10:00am Join on your computer or mobile app <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> Or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593

Phone Conference ID: 419 576 441. See www.creditonmethodist.org.uk for details

Dear Friends Acts 2. 1-13

We call Pentecost the birthday of the church, but on this particular birthday, the flames on the candles didn't flicker upwards, atop a delicious cake, but poured down from above, penetrating the hearts and souls of all those early believers hidden huddled behind locked doors. The Holy Spirit came upon them. Thanks to this outpouring of Pentecostal fire, they didn't stay in hiding any longer. From this point the gospel began to spread and the church began to grow as people put their faith in Jesus and they in turn received the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is why two kinds of baptism are referred to in the book of Acts – baptism by water, the means by which believers enter into the fellowship of the church, and baptism by the Spirit, by which believers receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit into their lives.

To come back to the day of a Pentecost itself, it is worth reminding ourselves of just what happened when the Spirit descended. Present on that day were speakers of several different languages and the likelihood is that they wouldn't all have understood one another. With the dramatic arrival of the Holy Spirit however, they found themselves understanding each other perfectly, regardless of their differing linguistic and ethnic backgrounds. They did not suddenly all start speaking the same language. No, they remained who they were, in all their God given individuality, but the Spirit of God created a bond between them which overcame everything which would normally hinder communication and understanding. The Spirit does not destroy our uniqueness. Instead, the Spirit helps us to become who we are supposed to fully be, which is who we are in Christ. This is our real identity and it is the Spirit's work in our lives which helps us to achieve it. We too then, are Pentecost people, and those called to testify that the Holy Spirit is alive and well, and active in the church today as we invite Him to fill us afresh this Pentecost. God bless, Ben

PICNIC IN THE PARK 1:00pm this afternoon with an ecumenical service commencing at 2:00pm with Crediton Town band.

CHURCH FAMILY

We are pleased that dear Reg is home from hospital. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. *Pam*

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FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME

Lord Jesus Christ, sometimes we come to you not knowing how and what to pray, we just know we are in need to be in your presence.

Still our minds, so that we can be with you, without the need to ask for anything. Thank you for the comforting knowledge that in our confused minds you are already with us, just standing beside us.

Thank you for the peace you offer. AMEN

"The Lord searches the mind, and understands every plan and thought".

1 Chronicles 28 v

FRIDAY FOCUS 6th June 2::30pm

Lesley Rogers will be our invited guest to explain a little about deaf awareness and British Sign Language. Do come along to hear more and enjoy tea and cake together

DIABETES AWARENESS

On Saturday 14th June Crediton & District Lions Club will host a "Diabetes Awareness" event at our church from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a nurse from Redlands Surgery to check blood sugar levels and lots of information about Diabetes and healthy eating.

Tea, Coffee and, of course, sugar free biscuits will be available. Do come along and get tested and know your risk of developing the disease - it could save your life.

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Tins of rice pudding custard, fruit, and sweetcorn,, Shampoo and conditioner, Biscuits, Cuppa soup,

Meat meals (preferably not baked beans and sausages please as we have plenty) Coffee, Long life fruit juice, Pot noodles, Washing up liquid, Men's deodorant, Washing pods

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Saturday 28th June- Strawberry Tea Saturday 12th July - "Away Day " to Budleigh Salterton (details to follow later).

Notices to Gill by noon on Thursday please. Tel: 07749912339 or email: notices@creditonmethodist.org.uk

Week beginning Saturday 1st June			
Sat 31st May	10:00am - 11:30	Together 4 Coffee donations in aid of Church Funds	
Sun 1st June	10:15 for 10:30am	Café Church in Church or on the web led by Sue Jones	
	1:00pm	Picnic in the Park	
	2:00pm	Service with the Town Band	
Mon 2nd June	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in Church or where ever you are	
	12:30pm	Week of Prayer Service in our Church	
	7:30pm	Discipleship contact Cathy	
Tues 3rd May	12:30pm	Week of Prayer Service in the Congregational Church	
Wed 4th June	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship contact Tina	
	12:30pm	Week of Prayer Service in the Holy Cross Church	
Thurs 5th June	12:30pm	Week of prayer Service at the St Boniface Statue Newcomes Park led by Rev Matthew Tragenza	
Fri 6th June	10:00-12:00pm	Coffee and Chat	
	12:30pm	Week of Prayer Service in the St Boniface Catholic Church	
	2:30pm	Friday Focus	
Sat 7th June	10:00-11:30pm	Together 4 Coffee donations in aid of Church Funds	
Sun 8th June	10:30am	Morning Worship in Church or on the web led by Pam Murphy	