

# Crediton

## Methodist Church



## Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

### Sunday 22nd June

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by

Rev Barbara Greenwood

*Communion*

Hymns: StF88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

StF564O thou who camest from above

StF481 The Lord's my shepherd

StF574 Because you have said

StF485 When we are living

Readings: Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer

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Phone Conference ID: 419 576 441

*"Here beside the hedge I stand, With an acorn in my hand.  
Folded small as small maybe, in this acorn lies a tree.  
If this magic thing I keep, The tree will always be asleep.  
If it's buried it will soon, Awake, unfold and see the moon.  
If the tree grows, birds will sing in its branches every spring.  
Here beside the hedge I stand with an oak tree in my hand.*

Dear Friends

I can't discover who wrote that verse, but I have always loved it and was reminded of it recently when my niece took me to RHS Rosemoor. We saw the stump of a hundreds of years old oak tree which was snapped off in a storm last December.

There is now a huge empty space around the stump and the staff plan to plant more oak trees grown from acorns collected in the garden. These will maintain the legacy of ancient oaks at Rosemoor in the future. In every Garden Centre you will see a colourful display of seed packets showing lovely vegetables and beautiful flowers which will be yours if you plant the contents.

A correspondent to my newspaper was wondering why he could buy a large number of Brussels sprout seeds for a very small charge but six tomato plant seeds cost £3. Someone replied: *"Well, nobody likes Brussels sprouts"*. As it happens I do. However, when I look at any seeds or bulbs I marvel at their potential. How can these dry as dust specs produce lovely veg or my beautiful tulips? But as the acorn verse reminds us these seeds, bulbs or whatever will be useless unless they're buried in the earth. They need the wondrous alchemy of sunshine and rain if we are to enjoy their beauty and usefulness.

Our Lord himself likens the growth of the Kingdom of Heaven to a tiny mustard seed which will, if it's planted, grow into a tree big enough for birds to roost in its branches.

Later Jesus develops this to apply to Himself. He says a grain of wheat is useless if it's buried in the ground and dies. However, if it dies it will bear a rich harvest. He is now referring to the necessity of his own death, burial and resurrection.

All this is summed up for us beautifully in one of my favourite Easter hymns. Here are two lines from that hymn (StF 306).

*"Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Love has come again like wheat that springs up green."*

Thanks be to God, Cynthia.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Loving Lord, thank you for this new day - thank you for every day - even those days when life's challenges seem almost too much to bear. Lord, we do know that you are with us in every situation if we but trust and take time to recognise and feel your presence with us. You fill us with your power to cope, covering us with your peace, Lord, we are in your hands and daily have your love and protection in all things. Forgive us for our lack of trust. AMEN

*"My soul waits quietly for God; my confidence comes from him. He and he alone is my rock, my deliverance and my stronghold; nothing will shake me."*

Psalms 62 v 5,6

## EVENING WORSHIP Sunday 22nd June

Sue Jones is planned to lead our worship, and she is bringing a group from The Mint to lead us in an evening of Taizé worship. It would be lovely to have a sizeable congregation to sing the beautiful music, and I encourage you consider joining on this occasion. *Marjorie*

**CHURCH FAMILY** Bronwyn was discharged from hospital on Monday but is experiencing a lot of pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Bronwyn and hope you will make a good recovery soon.

**CREDITON FOODBANK** requests this week: Long life Fruit juice, Tinned custard, rice pudding, sweetcorn, ham, corned beef and meat meals .  
Jars of pasta sauce, Small jars of coffee, Toilet rolls, Washing up Liquid, Deodorant, Dog and Cat food

Week beginning Saturday 21st June		
Sat 21st June	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 22nd June	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Rev Barbara Greenwood
	6:30pm	Evening worship led by Sue Jones
Mon 23rd June	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 25th June	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 27th June	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 28th June	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 29th June	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev David Greenwood

### DIARY DATES:

Reluctantly we have taken the decision to cancel the Strawberry Tea . Sorry for any inconvenience caused

**Saturday 12th July** -"Away Day " to Budleigh Salterton (details to follow later).

**Sunday 20th July** 4.30pm. Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Ben at Wonford MC

**Sunday 27th July** 10:30am Rev Ben's last service at CREDITON.

Followed by a Church Lunch.

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