

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 13th July

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by Lloyd Smale

Hymns: StF24 Come now is the time to worship

Stf72 Father God I wonder

StF440 Amazing Grace

StF481 The Lord's my Shepherd

StF736 In heavenly love abiding

readings; John 2 v 1-11

John 12 v 44-50

or join the service from 10:00am on ycomputer

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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Dear Friends

Before moving to Devon we lived in Hampton, Middx, where we paid our water bills to Thames Water, our police force was Thames Valley Police, the local secondary school in Twickenham was called Thames Valley School, Sunbury-on-Thames and Kingston-upon-Thames were nearby towns, and our Council Tax went to the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

You notice the common denominator in those facts? Yes, the river Thames was a dominant feature in that south west London suburb.

In a travel documentary that was on TV recently, Joanna Lumley tracked the river Danube from its origins in Germany to its delta in the Black Sea. In one episode she visited a monastery in Austria and there was a delightful scene where she was in the garden on the banks of the Danube, sharing afternoon tea with a nun. Sister Justina talked about how being by the river is refreshing and restorative, how its continuous flow, from source to destination and its passing through different landscapes, offers a metaphor of our lives.

My brother lived in Cricklade, close to the Cotswold meadow where a stone marks the trickle which is the source of the Thames. On a small footbridge across a tiny stream in the town, there's a brass plate that proudly states "*River Thames*". By the time it reaches Hampton Court, near where we lived, a substantial road bridge with three arches is required to take traffic across and the water is wide and deep enough for traditional River Thames passenger boats to offer cruises to Richmond, Kew or all the way to Westminster.

Rivers and the theme of water feature many times in the Bible. Probably the best known is from Psalm 23 ; "*He leads me beside quiet waters*" It's an image of our Lord guiding us to places of peace and refreshment where we can experience the restorative nature of God's presence.

I know many of us have been able to claim God's wonderful promise in Isaiah 43: "*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you*".

And, thinking of our final destination, we read of John's vision of heaven in Revelation 22: "*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God.*"

Whether it's the Thames or the Danube, the River Exe, Dart or Creedy, may these lovely rivers remind us of God's promises for our life's journey from beginning to end. And may we be able to echo the words of the hymn: "*Peace (and in subsequent verses - love, joy, faith, hope) is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me.*" Hilary

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME

Ever present Lord, - "I need thee every hour"

Thank you for those moments in our lives when lines of well-loved hymns come into our minds, and the words seem to express just what we need at the time. Thank you for our hymn writers who too have experienced ups and downs in their lives and have given us a treasury of comforting and inspiring words. AMEN

"I need thee every hour" - first line of hymn S the F 467 written by Annie Sherwood Hawks 1835 - 1918.

Annie Hawks writes "I remember well the morning when in the midst of the daily cares of my home, I was so filled with the sense of the nearness of the Master, that wondering how one could live without him either in joy or pain, these words 'I Need Thee Every Hour' were ushered into my mind. The hymn was wafted out to the world on the wings of love and joy, rather than under the stress of great personal sorrow. It was not until long years after when the shadow of a great loss fell over my way that I understood something of the comforting in the words I have been permitted to write." (The Tabernacle Choir Blog, *"I Need Thee Every Hour: A Hymn of Great Comfort,"* 2014)

"Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5 v 19,20

SUICIDE AWARENESS

The Connexional Safeguarding Team is organising a webinar on the theme of "Suicide Awareness" on Tuesday 15 July from 11am - 12.30pm

This 90 minute webinar will be facilitated by David Brown, Head of Training and Development at If U Care Share foundation, a suicide prevention charity based in the North East of England. The webinar will cover: An introduction to suicide prevalence; Language around suicide; Impact of suicide; and Available support. Please sign up for the webinar here: www.methodist.org.uk/safeguarding/webinars/suicide-awareness-webinar-tuesday-15-july-2025/

If you or anyone else you know is personally affected, you could contact: www.samaritans.org www.giveusashout.org.

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2025/2026 It will soon be time to order copies of the new Methodist Prayer Handbook called 'Our Story, Our Song'. I will automatically reorder for everyone who received it last year, unless you cancel with me. If you haven't been receiving the Handbook and would like to give it a try, please let me or a steward know. Price £4:15 Pam

Week beginning Saturday 12th July		
Sat 12th July		Annual Away Day
Sun 13th July	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Lloyd Smale
Mon 14th July	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 16th July		3Ls Discipleship <u>Summer recess</u>
Fri 18th July	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 19th July	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
Sun 20th July	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Chris Mann

CHURCH FAMILY

Colin has let us know that Julie fell on Sunday morning and broke her hip. She's had an operation which was successful. We wish Julie a good recovery. Please remember Julie and Colin in your prayers.

TOGETHER 4 COFFEE Saturday 19th July Rev Donna Leigh (who will be our Pastor leader from September) will be joining us for coffee and giving us a chance to meet her. Please come along and make her feel welcome.

WONFORD MC Sunday 20th July 4:30pm

Please add your name to the list if you are attending Ben's leaving service at Wonford and need a lift or can offer a lift to someone.

CHURCH LUNCH The lunch following Rev Ben's final service with us on the 27th July will take the form of a Buffet in the church. Please add your name to the list on the notice board if you would like to stay and join us. *Gill*

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