

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 17th August

10.30am Morning Service in Church
Church for All

"Made Special by God's Hand"

Hymns: StF17 With gladness we worship
StF728 O God you search me
StF489 All I once held dear
StF556 – Just as I am

Reading – I Corinthians 12 v 12-20, 27.

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

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or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593

Phone Conference ID: 419 576 441

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Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, at about midnight, I was reading in bed when suddenly I was plunged into complete darkness. There was a power cut. With the merest flicker of light from a tiny torch with a fading battery I managed to make my way into the sitting room to find matches and a candle. Then into the bathroom where I had a candlestick on the window sill. So back to bed with my lit candle beside me. Then I received a message from the National Grid to say power would be restored by 3 a.m. Yes it was, but I thought morning will come and I'll be able to see anyway.

But as I lay awake feeling strangely isolated by a few hours of darkness I thought of those who are totally blind and will never see the dawn. In

future I shall try not to take precious sight for granted.

However, some of the most inspiring stories we shall ever encounter are from blind people who have refused to be defined by their disability.

Helen Keller, the American civil rights activist became deaf-blind before she was two years old due to illness. She learned to communicate and became the first deaf-blind

person to win a university degree. A Christian, she wanted all children to have equal opportunities and was an author and tireless campaigner for people with disabilities.

Then of course there was Fanny Crosby, the hymn writer, who was born blind but who refused to be pitied, indeed felt her blindness caused her other senses to be greatly accentuated. Certainly she had an amazing memory and learned whole books of the Bible by heart. Education was important to her and she attended an early school for the blind, learning to play the piano, organ, harp and guitar and was a good soprano singer. We have two of her hymns in our book and they're favourites - *Blessed Assurance* and *To God be the Glory* (StF548, StF94). Thank you, Fanny, for those.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says we should shed light among others so that when they see the good we do they may praise our Father in heaven. Although blind, Helen Keller and Fanny Crosby certainly fulfilled Our Lord's request.

We all know that famous painting by Holman Hunt, the Light of the World. It depicts Jesus holding a lantern in his left hand and knocking on a door with the other. There is no handle on the door, it can only be opened from the inside.

The door represents the human heart and so Our Lord is pleading for us to open up and let Him in. Surely we cannot refuse him admittance?

"Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today" (StF706)

That is my prayer. Every blessing, *Cynthia*.

(This is my last piece. Thank you if you have bothered to read them)

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Lord of all, we have recently been remembering with compassion and great sadness, the terrible events of 80 years ago at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We earnestly pray that lessons have been learned from the horrors of so many deaths as a result of the two atomic bombs dropped on their cities, the ensuing destruction and the ongoing suffering to this day.

Lord at this time of so much turmoil in our world, we pray that leaders will be ever mindful of the slippery slope of nuclear deterrents, putting aside their political motives and truly committing to pursue a path to lasting peace amongst the nations of the world. AMEN

"If possible, and so far as it's down to you, live peaceably with everyone.

Romans 12 v 18

HELD TOGETHER accessible service for older people and carers

Monday 18 August 10:30am at St Boniface Centre.

Time for refreshments and Conversation after the service.

Week beginning Saturday 16th August		
Sat 16th Aug	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Ministry in Britain
Sun 17th Aug	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by The Worship Group
Mon 18th Aug	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together Service Boniface Centre
Fri 22nd Aug	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 23rd Aug	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 24th Aug	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Glennys Bamford <i>Communion</i>
	6:30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev Barbara Greenwood

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Instant hot chocolate, Tinned custard, rice pudding, ham, corned beef, tomatoes and sweetcorn.

Jars of curry sauce, Long life juice, Toilet roll, Washing up liquid .

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