

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 24th August

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by

Rev Glennys Bamford

Communion

HYMNS: StF79 I'll praise my maker

StF685 In Christ there is no east or west

StF588 I come with joy a child of God

StF418 We have a gospel to proclaim

Readings: Isaiah 58 v 9(b) - 14

Luke 13 v 10—17

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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6:30pm Evening Worship led by Rev Barbara Greenwood

Hello Friends,

The gracious and kindly young man who served at the counter was wearing a T-shirt printed with the periodic table.

Thinking about the periodic table reminded me of a cautionary rhyme from a chemistry lesson of long ago; “Johnny was a chemist’s son, but Johnny is no more, For what he thought was H_2O was H_2SO_4 .” H_2O is, of course, water (not a volume of Encyclopaedia Britannica), and it seems fitting to tell you a very topical water story. In our garden, despite the lack of rain, we’ve noticed a soggy swamp that’s slowly spreading. The grass around it is lush and green, while the rest of the lawn is dry and parched. A recent water bill confirmed our suspicion: we’ve sprung a leak in the main water supply pipe. Last week, a specialist came to investigate. He poked around in the mud with a long, rather unsophisticated spike and listened at the other end. After about twenty minutes, he declared, “*I don’t know exactly where the leak is and I don’t like to dig large holes,*” adding, “*after all, the more ground I dig out, the more I’ve got to put back.*” And with that, he left. We await further developments.

Water is a remarkable substance, isn’t it? It quenches our thirst, hydrates us, cleanses us, and forms the foundation of countless useful chemicals. It keeps everything flowing. How blessed we are to be able to turn on a tap and draw clean, fresh water at will (even if, from time to time, it decides to escape and start its own unofficial irrigation scheme). Water is a basic necessity of life – it is life giving. The Bible has many references to ‘*Living Water*’.

The gospel writer John recorded an occasion when Jesus was at a feast: ‘On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “*Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’*” (When he said ‘*living water*’, he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him). John 7:37–38, NLT)

Water finds a way. It seeps through cracks, saturates soil, and brings life where all was barren. Likewise, God’s Spirit moves gently but powerfully, reaching into the hidden places of our hearts, healing what’s broken, and refreshing what’s dry. So may we keep on returning to the fountain of life. May we drink deeply of His grace, and let His Living Water flow freely through us—bringing hope, healing, and renewal.

Every blessing Cathy



FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Heavenly Father, there are moments in our lives that we never want to end. Moments that are so special we wish that time could stand still, holding on to them for ever. Lord, we know you are with us in happy times and also when dark clouds appear, but we know that you will lead us through whatever circumstances we experience. Loving Lord, when we feel we are on our own, open our eyes to see and feel your presence now and throughout our lives. AMEN

"If God is at work on our behalf, who can prevail against us?" Romans 8 v 31

HARVEST WEEKEND 27th/28th September

As part of our Harvest celebrations this year we invite you to join us on the Saturday from 4.00 to 7.00pm for '***A Place for Prayer***'. There will be floral harvest displays and prayer stations based on parables from nature. There will be opportunities for '*prayer share*', and fellowship over tea and refreshments before going home. We are linking our Harvest celebrations this year with Gift Day, and donations will be received gratefully on either the Saturday or Sunday. Do come and join us both days and make harvest time a real celebration this year.

A MESSAGE from Revd Iris Bray.

Revd Iris Bray, lead of the District ECO Team has enquired whether we have any ECO milestones to share with the rest of the District. Also, she would welcome anyone who would like to join the District Team. If you would like to respond, please speak to one of the stewards.

Week beginning Saturday 23rd August		
Sat 23rd Aug	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 24th Aug	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Rev Glennys Bamford <i>Communion</i>
	6:30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev Barbara Greenwood
Mon 25th Aug	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
Fri 29th Aug	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 30th Aug	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church funds
Sun 31st Aug	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Norman Wallwork
	4:00pm	Farewell service for Rev Paul Collings at Topsham Methodist Church

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Teabags, Juice/squash, Tinned ham, corned beef, sweetcorn, soup
Hot dog sausages (tin or jar) Tins or packets of custard, Marmalade

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