



Weekly Notices

Sunday 26th October

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by
Rev. Donna Leigh (*Communion*)

Hymns:

StF 526 - Lord of all hopefulness

StF 544 - As the deer pants for the water

StF 495 - Dear Lord and father of mankind

StF 586 - Here is bread, here is wine

StF 611 - Brother, sister, let me serve you

Readings:

Matthew 22: 34-40

Romans 12: 9-21

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer
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In a newspaper supplement recently there was a two-page spread of the best wildlife spectacles to be experienced in autumn, listing places where you can see the most breathtaking sights in the natural world at this time of year.

It kicked off with starling murmurations, the dramatic aerial displays of thousands of starlings flying together in synchronized formation. In the southwest, Marazion Marsh in Cornwall is recommended as one of the best places to view this. However, cycling back along the lanes from Thorverton at dusk recently, I witnessed, albeit on a smallish scale, an absolutely wonderful display of birds twisting, swooping and swirling, creating amazing shapes above the empty fields and against the vast open sky.

Rutting deer was number two on the list, the time when stags fight to establish dominance, accompanied by distinctive fiery roars and bellows. The article cites the Cairngorms as one place to experience the rut, but I wasn't surprised that the top spot goes to Richmond Park and Bushy Park in SW London. As most of you know, I used to live close to these Royal Parks, both of which have many hundreds of free-roaming deer. Notices are displayed on the park gates during autumn warning of the dangers from rutting deer and I can vouch for the fact that, when you suddenly hear a loud roar or the sound of clashing antlers coming from the bracken just yards from the path where you're walking, cycling or riding a horse, it's pretty scary, certainly increases your heart rate and makes you quicken your pace!

The third spectacle listed is Atlantic salmon runs, the remarkable natural phenomenon that sees fish make an epic journey from the ocean back to the exact river where they were born. They return to spawn, fighting their way up waterfalls and weirs. On one occasion when I was walking along the Byes in Sidmouth, I noticed some people in waders, standing in the river Sid below School Weir, netting salmon, putting them in wheelie bins and translocating them above the weir. They explained to interested spectators that the weir, constructed to reduce flooding in the town, is a complete barrier to upstream migration. It is hoped a fish passage will soon be constructed but in the meantime are manually doing what they can to help. There are plenty of other autumn wildlife spectacles, but I hope the three I've highlighted are enough to help your minds marvel and to encourage you to turn your thoughts to our great creator God.

Consider the words of David, who slept under the stars as a shepherd boy, and wrote in Psalm 8: "O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! ... When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers — the moon and the stars you set in place — what are human beings that you should care for them?"

May the endless wonders of nature be a reminder that God created us, knows us, loves us and sent Jesus to earth for us.

Hilary

For Our Prayers at Home:

Loving Lord, we know we can come to you this day and every day with all that we have on our hearts, in the certain knowledge that you always hear our prayers, however jumbled they are.

Teach us that whatever today may hold or whatever tomorrow may bring, the future is secure for you are with us, the same yesterday, today and for ever. Help us to live each moment with you, aware that you are by our side in every situation that we experience. AMEN

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and set me free from all my fears".

Psalm 34 v 4

Email migration

At the moment we are planning to migrate the church email accounts to a new platform on Wednesday November 5th. Once the migration has taken place, you would need to re-setup the email with Microsoft. If you need help with this please contact me. If you have a church account and don't need it please let me know and I can remove it from the system. You only need a church email if you are corresponding to external users for church matters or need access to any of the church documents. Thank you Glenn.

Table Top Sale

Our next Table Top Sale will be held on Saturday 8th November from 10am to 12 noon. Would you please advertise this to family and friends and, if you are on Facebook, please distribute it there. We still have some tables available at a cost of just £10 per table. The seller keeps all monies raised. If anyone wants to book a table, please contact bronwyn.nott@creditonmethodist.org.uk. Please also do come along and support the event - the last sale we held there were very few people who came along to buy which was very disappointing. There are quite a few people who will be selling craft items- so an opportunity to pick up unusual gifts for Christmas. Do please come along and support it. Bronwyn

Week beginning Saturday 25th October

Sat 25 th	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 26 th	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Revd. Donna Leigh (<i>Communion</i>)
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship led Revd. Barbara Greenwood
Mon 27 th	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30 pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 29 th	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Thurs 30 th	7.30 pm	Steward's meeting in the Epworth Room
Fri 30 th	10 - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 1 st	10 - 11:30 pm	Exhibition of Occupations with Flowers
Sun 2 nd	10:30 am	Café Church in the Church or on the web led by Karenza Cordery

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Decaf tea bags, size 4 nappies, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, corned beef, instant hot chocolate, toilet roll, tinned meat meals.

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