



Weekly Notices

Sunday 14th December

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by
Rev. Barbra Greenwood

Hymns: StF34 O Worship the Lord in the beauty
StF463 Deep in the shadows of the past
StF188 There's a light upon the mountain
StF173 Into the darkness of this world

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Readings: James 5 v 7-10
Matthew 11 v 2-11

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

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Dear Friends

A few weeks ago, I had to take one of our daughters up to Bristol for an appointment, and whilst there I was left with the luxury of a couple of hours to spend doing whatever I wanted! So, what did I do?

Well, I decided to do something I've had in mind to do for several years, over the time we were often visiting Bristol because our three daughters had been variously based there at different times for study and work. Where did I go, have you guessed it? Well, John Wesley's New Room and Museum beckoned! Hidden in plain sight in the midst of Bristol's post war city centre rebuild the New Room was trickier to find than I was expecting, but it did not disappoint, complete with the stable that the great man billeted his horse in!

John Wesley's New Room is the oldest Methodist building in the world and was founded in 1739. It is home to the original 18th century Chapel, and to a Museum of John and Charles Wesley's life and their work in Bristol and beyond. Oh! and there's also now an award-winning café!!

It is rightly suggested that it is the Room that changed the world, such was the influence of John Wesley and his co-workers across the United Kingdom and across the oceans! They were people of both words and deeds.

Posted on one of the displays I found this, John Wesley's principles in the 18th century:

Reduce the gap between rich and poor: Seek to ensure full employment: Introduce measures to help the poorest, including a living wage: Offer the best education: Empower individuals to feel they can make a difference: Promote tolerance: Promote equal treatment for women: Create a society based on values and not on profits: End all forms of enslavement: Avoid engaging in war: Avoid narrow self-interest and promote a world view: Care for the animals with whom we share our planet.

Principles he drew from his legendary knowledge and understanding of God's truths as found in the Bible. It's no surprise then to see that these principles remain as valid today as they did best part of 300 years ago! They remain an encouragement for all to aspire to what John Wesley devoted his preaching to, i.e. to holiness of heart and life. This is what the Advent Season is in large part about, getting ourselves ready this Christmas to be the best gift we can be to one another, to the world around us and to of course to Mary's child, our blessed Saviour and the Christ most holy. Thankfully we are not left to do this on our own, such is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Christmas!

Lloyd

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Loving Lord, during this special season of Advent we have focussed on the timeless and enduring message depicted in the three candles - hope, peace and now joy. Thank you for the joy you have and continue to give us as individuals and for the whole world with the good news expressed in the form of a baby - your Son.

In our personal preparations at this time, may we feel empowered to spread the good news of what happened in Bethlehem so many years ago, and is still good news for us today. AMEN

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

Roman 15 v 13

HELD TOGETHER

You are invited to an ecumenical Held Together service on Monday 15th December at 10.30am at the Boniface Centre. It is led by Anna Chaplains and is for older people and their carers, but everyone is welcome.

Tea, coffee and cake are served after the short service when there is an opportunity to chat and make friends.

Bronwyn

CHURCH STATIONING

Revd Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni has accepted the invitation to join the Circuit staff in September 2026. Revd Mmasape is a South African minister who trained in the UK. She moves to Devon from the Barking, Dagenham, and East London Circuit.

Please hold our minister, Revd Donna in your prayers. She has been signed off sick until the end of January, then may return on a part time basis

Marjorie

THE WORLD OF PAINT to be held at Crediton Congregational Church Sunday 14th December 6:30pm The Story of Jesus in six art works.

Join former BBC journalist turned art writer Jake Lloyd, on a visual journey through the greatest story ever told

The talk will be led by Jake who is part of our Leadership Team at CCC and is a former BBC Journalist and Art Writer – he knows his stuff!

Week beginning Saturday ??

Sat 13 th Dec	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 14 th Dec	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Revd Barbara Greenwood
Mon 15 th Dec	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together Service, Boniface Centre
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 17 th Dec	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 19 th Dec	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 20 th Dec	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 21 st Dec	10:30 am	Worship in Church led by Local arrangement
	4:00pm	Carol Service led by Rev Jeanette Richardson

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Soft drinks: such as Coca cola, lemonade, Shloer, Stuffing mix, Gravy granules, Cooking oil, Cranberry sauce.

Small gifts for adults – gloves, scarves, toiletries, stationary, etc

Contact Details

A CHURCH STEWARD

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