



Weekly Notices

Sunday 8th February

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by

Revd. David Greenwood

Hymns: StF106 God whose almighty word

StF167 Colours of day dawn into the mind

StF504 may the mind of Christ

StF545 Be thou my vision

StF59 Lord the light of your love

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Readings: Matthew 5 v 13-16

1 Corinthians 2 v 1-16

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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 “

If you are using the telephone, please ensure that your telephone is muted during the service

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Dear Friends,

When Pam, Cathy and I were at the MET “Methodist Evangelical Together” Conference at Torquay a couple of weeks ago, in one of the sessions people were encouraged to share what was happening in their church. The word that was often used to describe their church was “*flourishing*”. Imagine my surprise when I returned home and opened the book I am using for Advent Through to Epiphany this year. There in front of me was the word “*flourishing*”.

“What does it mean to flourish?

The word implies health, at least, if not vigour and strength. We flourish when we use our capacities to the full, when we achieve something great without completely exhausting ourselves or wrecking all our relationships. A good or true community properly seeks the flourishing of all its members and will not willingly see any diminished.

Flourishing rightly suggests fullness of life, fulfilment, and delight in being active. To flourish is to bloom; to fulfil hidden potential. Flourishing is beautiful – a delight to behold; a wonder to experience. Flourishing brings its own ecstasy. It is so richly, abundantly, entirely complete that it needs to create another dimension.

To flourish, then, is not to stop for long, if at all. It is certainly not to hold our breath. No, we seek all the more earnestly the breath of spirit and the water of life. We look around us again and respond with envy or thanks to the glories of others. We look, stare, long for the light that will lead us – all of us – home, knowing only that our former flourishing was but a foretaste of the flourishing that is yet to come.”

May we find our Church flourishing; not finding ourselves stagnating or going backwards but ever moving forward; ever finding new ways to be like Christ in Crediton. May our heartbeat be centred on Jesus, as in hymn 447:

Jesus, be the centre, be my source, be my light, Jesus

Jesus be the centre, be my hope, by my song, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails;

Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME;

Gracious God, you are our strength "***I call to you O Lord my rock***" (Psalm 28 v 1). Lord we bring to you those times when we call to you and you seem to be silent, apparently not hearing our earnest prayers, you seem to be silent however hard we listen. We pray for faith to hold on to and to trust in your promises and the knowledge that even when you appear not to hear our pleas, the knowledge that your answer will come in your time and in your way. May we sincerely say - Lord you are my God, in you we trust. AMEN

"Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard my plea. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him I trust with all my heart. So I am sustained; my heart dances for joy and my whole body gives praise to him." Psalm 28 v 6,7

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will take place at the Red Deer on Friday 13th February 12:30pm. Please add your name to the list if you wish to attend or contact Margaret

RAISING AWARENESS

Details of our services are now being posted online each week. If you have a Facebook account, please 'follow' the Crediton Methodist Church Facebook page and 'like' and 'share' the posts to help raise the church's profile. *Hilary*

Week beginning Saturday 7th Feb

Sat 7 th Feb	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 8 th Feb	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Revd David Greenwood
Mon 9 th Feb	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30-5:00pm	Big Top
Tues 10 th Feb.	7:00pm	Church Council, Epworth Room
Wed 12 th Feb	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 13 th Feb	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
	12:30pm	Lunch at the Red Deer
Sat 14 th Feb	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 15 th Feb	10:30 am	Worship in Church or on the Web led by Lloyd Smale

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week: Long life fruit juice
 Bags of microwave rice, Tinned ham, corned beef and fish(not tuna)
 Chocolate spread
 Pot noodles
 Tinned pulses (kidney beans, butterbeans, chickpeas, etc).

Contact Details

A CHURCH STEWARD

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