



# Weekly Notices

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by  
**Lloyd Smale**

**Hymns:** StF20 Be still

StF261 Transfigured

StF706 longing for Light

StF134 Christ, whose Glory fills

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**Readings:** Matthew 17 v 1-9

2 Peter 1 v 16-21.....

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

You may, or may not, know this but Local Preachers are subject to various disciplines one of which is to submit to a peer review of a service they have taken. Doing so periodically, as part of a commitment to continuous learning and development. Whilst visiting the Wesley Museum in Bristol some months ago I noticed a display there headed 'John Wesley's Advice on How to Preach'. It left me wondering what if the venerable John was my peer reviewer! A shiver ran down my spine!!...Here's a summary of his advice:

- . Always suit your subject to your audience.
- . Do not preach more than twice a day in the week or three times on a Sunday. (!!!)
- . Choose the plainest texts from the bible to preach on.
- . Take care not to ramble from your text but to keep close to it.
- . Be sure to begin and end at the time appointed.....the Methodist rule is to conclude within an hour. (Born out of a concern that the weekday services at 5.00 am should finish in time for the congregation to get to work on time!)
- . Speak justly, readily, clearly.
- . Beware of clownishness....Avoid all lightness, jesting and foolishness.
- . Never scream. Speak at the normal pitch of your voice.
- . Take care to avoid anything awkward or affected in either your gesture or pronunciation.
- . Don't just say, "I only read the Bible" in order to preach, read the most useful books....at least five hours in twenty-four.
- . There's no need to throw away old sermons just because they are old the best can be reused.

It would be an understatement to say that the above, although written a long time ago, remain exacting standards. I wonder if he would feel a need to rewrite them for our times. Either way there's certainly no room for complacency on my part, or that of any preacher. Plenty of food for thought as well for all of us as we reflect on how we communicate the Gospel and reflect the Word in our lives. Every blessing *Lloyd*

## **FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:**

Gracious and all seeing God, open our eyes to your greatness and incomprehensible power; forgive us for limiting you to the narrowness of our understanding and vision. Loving Lord, thank you that despite all our doubts and failings, we can come to you with our simple prayers and concerns in the certain knowledge that you hear what is on our hearts.

AMEN

***"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts".***

Isaiah 55 v 8,9

**HELD TOGETHER SERVICE** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10am in the Boniface Centre

You are very welcome to join us at this short service and time of fellowship for older people.

**WORLD DAY of PRAYER** is to be held 6<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at Saint Boniface Church Park Road

This service has been prepared by Christian women in Nigeria. It will be led on their behalf by representatives from each of the churches in Crediton.

**CHURCH FAMILY** Marjorie Webb's funeral is taking place Saturday 7th March 11am at Exeter Crematorium.

## Week beginning Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Sat 14th Feb	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:30am	Worship in church or on the web led by Lloyd Smale
Mon 16th Feb	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	10:00am	Held Together Service, Boniface Centre
		No Big Top
Wed 18th Feb	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 20th Feb	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 21st Feb	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 22nd Feb	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the web led by Revd. Andrew Sails <i>Communion</i>

**CHURCH BOOKINGS** There was an incident this week where someone came to use the premises but there was no heating on in the room. The original date for the event had to be changed and Marie was not aware of the new date. Hence she did not ask for the heating to be put on.

Please when anyone books the premises for a meeting or event will they book with Marjorie for the church diary and Marie for the premises diary.

Marie will then know when to request the heating to be put on. *Bronwyn*

## Contact Details

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