



Weekly Notices

Sunday 8th March

10:30am Morning Service in Church led by
Rev. David Greenwood

Hymns: StF107 I sing the almighty power of God

StF479 The King of love my shepherd is

StF346 Christ is the world's light

StF541 To the River

StF248 I heard the voice of Jesus say

StF323 I will sing the wondrous story

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Readings: John 3: 1 – 17

John 4: 5 – 42

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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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or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593

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Dear Friends,

We have raced through January and February, arriving at March – the meteorological start of spring – and oh! What a joy to awaken to lighter mornings, blue skies, sunshine and the busy chattering of the birds.

But somehow, despite the very wet winter and unseasonable autumn, when many flowers were still blooming in the gardens and countryside, we have the joy and wonder of these blooms all over again! I never cease to be amazed by the formation and beauty of the spring flowers, all growing with stems, leaves and petals, but so different. The shapes of the flowers vary so much when you compare a snowdrop with a crocus or a camelia. This reminds me of human beings. We are all made in the same image but vary enormously. It's not only our looks that are different but the way we speak or sing or move and react, responding to this amazingly wonderful God created world and each other.

I am always fascinated by the life spans of each part of creation. Life spans from birth to death occur for all plants, animals, birds, fish and human beings, and they are all very different. But with our Lenten journey we travel week by week with our Lord Jesus and we know that end of life for us is not the end, but the beginning of something even more wonderful.

I found some lovely words in our StF hymn book which I had not previously come across. Tell me who made all of creation, who designed the wonder of nature? Whose idea was pattern and colour, wonderful to see? - Everywhere around me, I can see the hand of God – the evidence surrounds me in the greatness of his world.

So as spring has arrived and our gardens and the Devon countryside radiate God's glory, I must share a prayer found in a poetry book which I retained from my days in school. It was written by *Ralph W. Emerson*.

*For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bees;
For all things fair we hear or see;
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!
For the blue of stream and the blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees;
Father in heaven, we thank Thee! Amen*

Every blessing, *Marjorie*

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club are meeting at The Three Little Pigs Friday 13th March 12 O'clock. Please sign the list if you wish to attend or contact Margret . **Please note earlier time**

THANK YOU We have received a thank you from Tom, the manager of Redvers flats saying

'I would like to thank you for time and patience in letting the workmen do the repairs. A big thank you to everyone at the church for your understanding and being so patient. Bronwyn

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Ever present Lord, we come to you facing up to our many failures, but sustained in the knowledge that you know us intimately and accept us as we are. So in our times of quietness spent with you, may we wonderfully experience all that you freely offer to us. Thank you for your unfailing love for each and every one of us. AMEN

"God's foundation stands sure, bearing this seal: The Lord knows those who are his". 2 Timothy 2 v 19

FRIDAY FOCUS 2.30 p.m. on Friday 13th March

As Mothering Sunday approaches, 'Mothers' is the theme. There will be an informal quiz about mothers (from history, in the Bible, in the media etc) and we will share thoughts on the following (which you might like to think about in advance).

What's the best piece of advice your mother gave you?

What is your favourite childhood memory of your mother?

What do you know about your mother's childhood?

What is the best thing your mother ever cooked?

ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual General Church meeting for 2026 will be held in the Church after the morning service on Sunday 29th March. All members and friends of the Church are invited and welcome to attend. The meeting will be available online for those unable to be at the Church.

We would welcome new members to join the Church Council. This meeting can elect up to 15 members to the Church Council. If you are interested and would like more information about the work of the Church Council, please contact me.

An electronic copy of the Annual Report for 2024/2025 is being circulated with these notices.

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Week beginning Saturday 7th March

Sat 7 th March	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 8 th March	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Revd. Greenwood
Mon 9 th March	8 :00am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 11 th March	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
	7:00pm	Emmaus at Home
Fri 13 th March	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
	12:00pm	Lunch Club. Three Little Pigs
	2:30 pm	Friday Focus
Sat 14 th March	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 15 th March	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the web led by Local Arrangement

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week: Crisps, Tinned tomatoes
Boxes of cup-a soup sachets - any flavour, Hot chocolate,
Carton of long life Apple juice, Cleaning surface spray

Contact Details

A CHURCH STEWARD

Notices to Gill by noon on Thursday please.
Tel: 01363 773641 or email: notices@creditonmethodist.org.uk