



# Weekly Notices

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am Morning Service led by Revd. Kevin Hooke

**Hymns:** StF 297 Christ is alive !

StF 409 Let us build a house

StF415 The Church of Christ

StF395 Spirit of the living God

StF449 Lord of creation, to you be all praise

**Readings:** 1 Kings 8:22 – 30

Ephesians 2:14 – 22

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

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**Dear Friends,**

Happy Birthday, to Crediton Methodist Church! 134 years ago, this beautiful building was opened, and the ceremony was performed by the President of Conference and founder of the National Children's Home, Revd Dr Thomas Stephenson. The day was busy with celebration as the President preached at 3.00pm, and a tea was enjoyed by many people at 5.00pm, then there was a public meeting at 6.30pm where there were speeches and an address given by the President. We are told that it was a day filled with blessings.

I don't think that birthday celebrations have changed greatly over the years – particularly those 'special' birthdays – and we still have gatherings of friends and family, called parties, and we send greetings to each other celebrating a particular number of years. Of course, when we are children, they are very special times, and we are always delighted to be growing up and reaching a higher number.

Our church building has changed since these first days as we realise that life, as it moves on, changes. The church entrance has changed considerably (much to the delight of undertakers who were juggling to bring coffins into the building through a very limited space) and now we have a foyer, toilet, kitchen and a versatile worship space. Many people have visited over the years, all expressing the feeling of peace and serenity, making it feel a very special place. The building alterations have not changed this feeling, and visitors are still making the same comments.

But we must remember that there is far more to a church than the stones by which it is physically built. For the church to grow and prosper we need people who are living stones, eager to worship God and share the good news of Jesus with others, both inside the church walls and outside. As written in 1 Peter verse 5, ***You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.***

We are so grateful for all those who have gone before us at Crediton Methodist Church, proclaiming the gospel message of Jesus and we pray that today we may continue to share this joy. On this anniversary day may we take the words of Paul to heart,

***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*** Colossians 3 verse 16.

Every blessing, *Marjorie*

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

Gracious God, as we celebrate the 134<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Church here in Crediton, may we, like those who have gone before, have the same fire in our hearts to serve you. Help us and empower us with the confidence to take our church forward in whatever way into the future - " working out God's love in Crediton" . AMEN

*"I will sing unceasingly of your unfailing love, O Lord; I will declare your faithfulness to all generations. Your constant love is unchanged from the beginning of time, and your faithfulness is as permanent as the heavens."*

## **FRIDAY FOCUS – 2.30 p.m. on 1st May**

What's in a name? Come and find out about how and why hymn tunes were given names, listen to some well-known tunes and see if you can identify others. All are welcome. Tea and home-made cakes will be served.

## **CHURCH CHALLENGE – Café Church, Sunday 3rd May**

As part of our ongoing series on prayer, we'd love to include your voice in the conversation. In advance of the service, you are invited to send in a brief response to one or both of the questions below:

### **a) A tip for regular private prayer**

Do you have something that helps you in your daily rhythm of prayer? It might be a particular time of day when you find it easiest to meet with God, a place or space that helps you settle, a set of study notes or a prayer discipline you've found helpful, or perhaps a way you deal with distractions. Anything that has supported your walk with God could be a blessing to someone else.

### **b) An example of answered prayer**

Looking back, can you share a particular example of answered prayer?

Please send your answer(s) to [cathy.jerrard@creditonmethodist.org.uk](mailto:cathy.jerrard@creditonmethodist.org.uk), and copy in [av-team@creditonmethodist.org.uk](mailto:av-team@creditonmethodist.org.uk), or text/phone **07816 428 470**.

Thank you so much for taking part and helping us grow together in prayer. *Cathy*

## Week beginning Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	Church Anniversary in church or on the web led by Revd Kevin Hooke
	6:30pm	Evening worship and Communion led by Rev Simon Leigh
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> April	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
	2:30pm	Friday Focus
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:15 for 10:30 am	Cafe Church in church or on the web led by Cathy Jerrard

**CREDITON FOODBANK** requests this week: Tinned custard, Pasta Decaff tea, Long life cartons of apple juice and orange juice, Crisps , Bars of soap, Packets of cleaning wipes, Shampoo, Shower gel

### **FREE OF CHARGE**

Green plastic garden table and 4 chairs in good condition. Must collect.

Please contact Elizabeth on 01363 772936

## Contact Details

A CHURCH STEWARD

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