



# Weekly Notices

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am Morning Service led by  
Revd. Dr Brenda Mosedale

**Hymns:** StF134 Christ whose glory fills the skies  
StF446 I will offer up my life  
StF447 Jesus be the centre  
StF530 To be in your presence  
StF421 Empty and broken  
StF345 And can it be that

**Readings:** John 17 v 1-11

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 couple of weeks ago we spent a few days in Lyme Regis. Whilst there we took a look around The Town Mill, an ancient watermill restored and brought back into working order by local volunteers over a ten-year period and now operated by a charitable trust – well worth a visit, and free entry!

An informative talk and demonstration of the workings of the wheel revealed the origins of a couple of familiar sayings that exist today namely, 'Damsel in distress' and 'Grind to a halt'. The 'damsel' here is a metal component that plays a part in controlling the flow of grain to the grinding stones, which when it becomes jammed is called a 'damsel in distress'. When the damsel is in distress an overflow of grain can pass to the stones causing them to stop, i.e. 'grind to a halt'.

The origin of a lot of common sayings is easily forgotten and I'm sure it wouldn't surprise you to learn that the Bible is the source many, here's just a few:

**The root of the matter:** After being browbeaten by his friends and his wife, and even mocked by the children on the street, Job asks in Job 19.v28 why they persecute him and blame him for the 'root of the matter' being found in him.

**A fly in the ointment:** In the world, this is any problem that throws a spanner in someone's plan. In Ecclesiastes 10.v1 Solomon speaks of the stench of a fly in a perfumer's oil, contrasting it to a little foolishness being an issue for one known as being wise or honoured.

**Doubting Thomas :** We know this comes from the disciple Thomas, who we read about in John 20.vs 26-29, and who wanted to see Jesus's wounds before he said he would believe He was resurrected.

**A good Samaritan:** Luke 10.vs 30-37 recounts this well-known precious story of sacrificial love and the phrase is still used today of someone who has done a good deed.

**A little bird(ie) told me:** derived from Ecclesiastes 3.v20. which urges caution in the words we say, for who knows who might report them to another, and reads, 'a bird of the air may carry your words, and a bird on the wing may report what you say'. A man after his own heart: meaning admiration for someone who shares the same opinion or interests as we do, a kindred spirit, all as found in 1 Samuel 13:14 "But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command.

**No rest for the wicked:** The principle that those who do wrong will lack peace and tranquillity, but also often used in jest to explain why a person must work. See Isaiah 57:21 (NIV): "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

**Rise and shine:** A call to wake up, get out of bed and start the day as found in Isaiah 60:1, but where it carries a deeper meaning looking forward to the coming of the Messiah, "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."

There are of course many other instances of the Word of God being spoken unwittingly in everyday conversation by the faithful and unfaithful alike.

God says of His Word, 'So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.' Every blessing *Lloyd*

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

Lord of all, thank you for all who are involved in the mission of Christian Aid.

At this time in our history we continue to pray for peace throughout the world. So many of our brothers and sisters suffer from the effects of war, persecution, climate change and poverty, Lord be with all those who feel ignored and helpless. May this be a time of renewal throughout the world, changing unbelieving minds to faith, world leaders and all who hold power to govern with justice, so that our world will be a better place as you intended. AMEN

***"You are all children of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, for all who have been baptised in Christ have been clothed with him. There can neither be Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus".***

Galatians 3 v 26-28

### **HELD TOGETHER SERVICE** Monday 18th May

This short service for older people and for carers is held each month in the Boniface Centre at 10.30 am, and followed by cake and refreshments.

With a theme focussing on joy, this time we're looking at the joy felt by the disciples when they realised Jesus had appeared to them again, this time on the beach - with a cooked breakfast for them thrown in!

If you would like to come but need a lift, please do speak to Pam

**PICNIC in the PARK** you are invited to join other Crediton churches next week (24<sup>th</sup> May) after our morning service to the "Picnic in the Park". The Town Band will be leading community hymn singing. Bring your own picnic along to the morning service and provision will be made if wet to use our church

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN** £400 was collected this year for "Action for Children" Many thanks to those who collected and if you would like a lantern please see Margaret

## Week beginning Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Christian Aid
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am	Morning Worship in church or on the web led by Revd Brenda Mosedale
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together Service, Boniface Centre
	3:00pm	Week of Prayer at Methodist Church
	3:30pm-5pm	Big Top
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
	7:00pm	Emmaus at Home
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for CHAT
Sun24th May	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led by Pam Murphy followed by Picnic in the Park
	6:30pm	Evenng Worship len by Revd Stephen Mosedale

**CREDITON FOODBANK** requests this week: Jars of pasta sauce and curry sauce, Crisps, Decaff Tea, Cartons of long life orange and apple juice. Tins of sweetcorn, fruit and Corned beef

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