



Weekly Notices

Sunday 31st May

10.30am Morning Service led by

Revd Stephen Leigh

Communion

Hymns: StF 11 - Holy, Holy, Holy

StF 663 - I the Lord of sea and sky

StF 503 - Love divine 503

StF 499 - Great God your love

StF 397 - The Spirit lives to set us free

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8

Matthew 28: 16-20

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer

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Dear Friends,

During days out exploring the Devon countryside John and I invariably come across a church or chapel, often of ancient origin. The doors are usually unlocked and we can ease our way in to a world of peace and serenity, and be enveloped by a sense of wonder and awe amidst the beautiful architecture, intricate carvings in wood and stone and, in many cases, wonderful stained glass windows.

A sign inside one such church greeted us:

*“ Welcome, new friend, to this holy place,
Where warm hearts gather, and grace leaves its trace.
Step in from your journey, lay burdens aside,
Here’s a place for your spirit to gently reside”*

A while ago, having caught the bus to Sampford Courtenay and walked to Honeychurch, we found its gorgeous gem of a church. Norman in origin, we spent a while sitting on the now gnarled and wonky pews, marvelling that this place of worship, with no heating or electric lights, and in such a small community, still survives and holds regular services, thanks to the care of the parish folk over the centuries.

On another occasion, we changed bus at Newton Poppleford to catch one to Otterton . The bus stop is outside St Luke’s and there was time to pop into the church. It happened to be the week after Easter and there was an array of hand-crafted banners pronouncing ‘*Christ is Risen*’, also a childrens’ corner with beautiful miniature Easter gardens. The eye-catching posters outside added to the feeling of a thriving and welcoming church. Messy Church monthly on Friday afternoons. Monday mornings ‘Tea and Toast’ - “Somewhere comfortable to start the day with a cuppa and a chat before you tackle what you have to tackle. “

Sometimes we cycle to Tedburn in order to catch the bus to South Zeal, an ideal starting point for Dartmoor walks. In St Mary’s church (15th century origin), it was interesting to look at photos taken during their popular Animal Blessing service where even a small pony had joined the congregation along with other assorted pets and their owners.

It’s refreshing to see how churches are being resourceful and innovative to attract and welcome newcomers so that the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ can continue to be spread.

Outside Coventry Cathedral is a great example of an inclusive welcome message, part of which reads:

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down-at-heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters and you".

Hilary

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Lord of all on this Trinity Sunday, we celebrate all that you mean to us in our lives. We thank you that as our God we worship you, you sent your son Jesus Christ who became human like ourselves, walking this earth and experiencing all human conditions to the point of death, and the gift of the Holy Spirit a daily presence in our lives.

Lord you are a God beyond our human intellect, greater than we can ever conceive; and on this day and every day we celebrate you as our triune God.

AMEN

"Now there are various gifts, but the same Spirit; various ministries but the same Lord; different types of service but the same God working through all of them". 1 Corinthians 12 v 4-6

FRIDAY FOCUS – 2.30 p.m. 5th June.

Cathy Jerrard will give a presentation about her work with the South West Community Chaplaincy.

All welcome. Tea and home-made cakes will be served.

Week beginning Saturday 31st May

Sat 30 th May	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
Sun 31 st May	10:30am	Morning Worship in church or on the web led by Revd Stephen Leigh
Mon 1 st June	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
		NO Big Top
Wed 3 rd May	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 5 th May	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
	2:30pm	Friday Focus
Sat 6 th May	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 7 th May	10:15 for 10:30	"Cafe Church" in church or on the web led by Dr Sue Jones

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week: Long life Juice
 Tinned fruit, custard, sweetcorn
 Dog food - tins and dry
 Breakfast cereal especially weetabix (no porridge oats please)
 Long life dairy free milk
 Toilet roll

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A CHURCH STEWARD

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