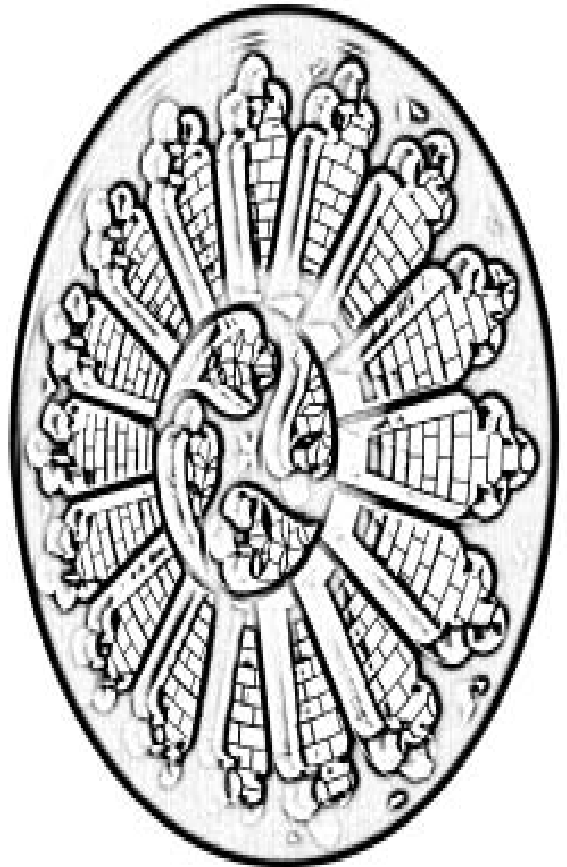


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The **Methodist** Church

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Minister: Rev Barbara Calvert, Tel: 01363 772441

Services this month:

- April 2nd: 10.30 Rev B Calvert (Sacrament)
6.30 Mr P Luscombe
- April 9th: 10.30 Rev K Hext
6.30 Rev B Calvert (TW)
- April 16th: 8.45 Rev B Calvert (Sacrament)
10.30 Miss M Hext (All age worship)
6.30 Rev B Calvert (Sacrament)
- April 23rd: 10.30 Dr Forbes
6.30 Fellowship
- April 30th: 10.30 Rev K Rowbotham (Church Anniversary)
6.30 Rev A Sails

Church Groups:

- Toddlers – meets on Tuesdays 1.30 to 3.15 during term time
(contact Ann on 01363 773088 or Sarah on 01363 774370)
- Women's Open house at the manse -3rd Tuesday each month at 7.30 p.m.
(contact Rev B Calvert 01363 772441)
- Knit & Natter: Wednesdays 2.30 to 3.30 (Contact Wendy on 01363 77 2786)
- Bright Hour: Fridays at 2.30 p.m. (Contact Kath Wollacott 01363775445)
- Fellowship Groups meet regularly. (Contact Ken Saunders on 01363 773078)
- Every Saturday: Coffee Morning from 10.30.
Church is open for prayer 9a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Sunday Services at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m (most Sundays)
- Every Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Junior Church and Creche

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June Redfern

Sarah Turner

Material for May newsletter required by April 23rd.

INTERNATIONAL AID UPDATE

In the past few months the Newsletter has been featuring various ways to save money, use resources wisely, look after our planet and re-cycling initiatives. It hardly needs saying but in terms of clothes, bedding and soft furnishings so many of you in our Church and your friends take part in re-cycling by giving to International Aid. The Charity has a good system whereby clothes and soft furnishings either go directly to those in need mostly in Eastern Europe OR if the items are not good quality, then they are re-cycled in return for money. The Government reimburses International Aid with their Landfill Tax Scheme when clothes, soft furnishings etc. leave this country. *I might add here, that everything that we pack from here is of good quality – thank you for this!*

The effects of the **Tsunami** sadly still go on. Dealing with authorities is not easy, but 4 Rotary Clubs in the North of England in conjunction with International Aid are building a completely new Village in Panadura in Sri Lanka. Yes, there have been problems, but Rotary members and a member of International Aid have been on the spot, in fact one IAT member has spent 5 months in Sri Lanka. In recent days we have received the complete plans and photographs of what is being achieved with the help of Rotary Club members.

Panadura Project in Sri Lanka

The population are predominantly Buddhist, Hindu and Catholic but most people from all religions respect the auspicious timings for building work. Last year there were ceremonies for starting renovation work and for the village foundation stone. This year there was a ceremony for the beneficiaries and neighbouring villagers to begin work on the site. Finally, the first sod was cut on Friday 3rd February 2006 as this was an auspicious time. It had to be before 0900 but the 'Foundation Stone' (ceremonial stone, which will lie underneath the foundations) had to be laid between 1000 and 1100 hours. The ceremony could





not be started before 0900 as Saturn was influencing the other stars and after 1100 would be useless for laying the foundation stone. If this was not adhered to no-one would want to live in the house and it would be considered a bad omen for the rest of the village. The

picture shows the commencement of the Shramadana ceremony, where the tsunami victims and people from the neighbouring village pray and then start working together.

February 2006 – work has now started.

Prayers are still needed for **Khadjibe**, although you will remember that recently an urgent appeal was made because the Ukrainian Government decided they wanted another £72,000.00 for the site and buildings. In the short time since the appeal was launched and at the time of writing this, £40,000.00+ has been raised. ***Thank you to all of you who responded.***

The work we do in terms of helping to find sponsorship for needy families goes on every day. As in all families, changes happen, death and sickness affect the needy families. Although this makes us sad, it is so heart-warming to see how UK families respond to the needs of people they have never seen. They respond because of their Christian faith and commitment, and in confidence that the money they send will be used in helping the family. All monies have to be signed for by the recipients. The families go to the local Church to collect and sign for the money. (We keep the receipts here) Sometimes money is not given because it is not appropriate, in these cases the IAT managers will buy food or pay family bills.

June Redfern

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT – Pam Murphy

Throughout April we will be very mindful both of Jesus' harrowing journey to the cross and of the bright hope for tomorrow of Easter Day and beyond. I would like to invite you to prayerfully use some of the symbols that we associate with Lent and Easter to reflect on what they mean for *you*, just where you are at this time.

Palm branches: (Matthew 21: 1a, 6 – 11)

Representing the all too brief acclamation of Jesus by the people.

The bowl and the towel: (John 13: 4 – 5, 12 – 15)

The Servant King. Jesus calls us to serve as he has served.

Bread and Wine: (Matthew 26: 26 – 30)

We remember Jesus' body and blood, the Word made flesh.

The bread of life and the cup of salvation.

30 pieces of silver: (Matthew 26: 14 – 16)

What value do we place on Jesus today?

The scourge: (Mark 15: 9 – 15)

Highlighting the awful nature of the suffering and death that Jesus endured for all humanity.

The purple robe and crown of thorns: (Mark 15: 16 – 20)

Many people despise Jesus still today. Do we give him his true place as King of all our lives?

The cross:

Place of despair (Matthew 27: 46, Mark 15: 34); of forgiveness (Luke 23: 31 – 34); of compassion (John 19: 26 – 27); of faith and trust (Luke 23: 46).

The empty tomb:

'He is not here; he has risen!' (Luke 24: 6)

That joyous rising raises us up in hope, as it says in 1 Peter 1: 3 –

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead'

Finally, in the words of Julian of Norwich:

'It is God's will that we should rejoice with him in our salvation and that we should be cheered and strengthened by it'

Happy may you be in our Easter blessing.

Enabling Mission

In the Wolverhampton and Shreswbury District Issue 2:
January 2006

Holiday Clubs for Older People

God is at work with people of all ages.

In November I attended a training day for those interested in running holiday clubs for older people. The day was run by the Outlook Trust which specialises in supporting 'Holidays at Home' for older people.

Outlook realised that August was a difficult month for many older people. Younger people tend to be away and many activities close down. So they developed Holidays at Home which are very similar in format to holiday clubs for children but with different activities.

These include

- . Armchair aerobics
- . Memories and bygones
- . Plant care
- . Indoor bowls
- . Visits form local groups (eg handbell ringers) or advisory services
- . Cake decorating

And many more.

As with children's clubs there is ample scope for devotions or sharing the Gospel in a culturally relevant way

I have the full Outlook pack if anyone would like to borrow it or visit www.oulook-trust.org.uk for further information. These clubs could be an excellent form of mission and outreach for many of our churches.

See notice in the foyer about a Training Day in Exeter *Barbara*

Rev Joan

A tribute by Rev. Barbara Facey

I have known Joan for many years and although we have worked in different locations over the years, our paths often met – not least, of course, when retirement brought her to Crediton.

Joan came from a Baptist background but in her teens she came to the Methodist Central Hall in Plymouth where I was a member.

During the ministries of Rev. Clifford Ladlow and Sister Olive Greensmith we both felt the call to full-time Christian work – Joan to overseas and myself to the Deaconess Order. In the year of my formal preparation for Deaconess training Joan had already presented



herself, quite unannounced, to the Mission House in London. No interview had been arranged, but Joan, like Gladys Aylward of a former generation, insisted God had called her to the Mission field.

I assume the unorthodox arrival and subsequent interview went something like this:

So you believe God has called you to the mission field?

Are you a nurse? No

Are you a teacher? No.

What gift then are you offering – what work do you do?

I work in the Devonport Dockyard. I'm a civil servant.

Oh.....

Then followed their recommendation to get some training through the deaconess order.

With Joan's arrival I'm sure the staff wondered what had hit them! She was the youngest of our year. She was enthusiastic, bubbly and noisy. When the staff were not dining with the students, the dining room exploded with her loud laughter. She whistled in the corridors, and, at a time when students did not wear jeans or slacks, Joan appeared in a pair of jodpurs which someone had given her to keep her warm!

But Joan was recognised as someone with a good brain and she was a good and serious student. She mastered Greek better than most of us. She was a

people person and was especially supportive of two Burmese students who had joined our year.

When college days came to an end we were not surprised that Joan was appointed to go on Home Missions caravan work. Joan was capable of making quick relationships with local people on whose patch the caravan rested for three weeks. She developed her preaching skills, and through her caravan ministry many people started on their Christian pilgrimage.

Joan's next appointment was a connexional one – becoming secretary of the Youth Missionary Association. This meant travelling all over Methodism and introducing young people to the needs and opportunities of overseas work.

Naturally these connections fired her original calling to overseas work and this was her next move – to Nigeria. I recall going to Tilbury Docks to watch this small figure on a huge ship, sailing out of sight. Joan was all smiles, I was in tears.

Joan had a good aptitude for languages and soon she was preaching to people in their native tongue, although she said, sometimes the stray dogs seemed to understand her better than the members of her congregation.

From that time Joan lived on a large map. She represented the Order on several occasions in various overseas locations. She was an assistant Chaplain to the forces in Germany for several years ...and so on.

Her last appointment before candidating for the Ministry was an ecumenical venture in a new town in Scotland where she saw the church established and grow.

Final appointments, as a minister, were in Cornwall and Leeds.

I can honestly say that in all these various situations Joan gave of her best and there will be,

I am sure,
numberless
people who have
been blessed by
her ministry.
Her big heart was
full of Christ.
Her one desire
was to commend
her Saviour to
others.



Café Crawl



On Saturday 11th March, the beginning of Fairtrade Week, a group of Fairtrade enthusiasts walked to all the CREDITON retailers who sell Fairtrade goods. These include Landscore Stores, Stevie B's, CREDITON Foodfair, Four Seasons, the Green House, Triple C Café, Somerfields and also Downes Café.



Stopping at the Methodist Church for a Fairtrade Coffee break.

Environmental policy update.

Thank you to the people who signed the order form requesting a water saving device for their toilet cisterns. These will be delivered to your home address. The order form is in the downstairs foyer for anyone else who would like one.

The environmental group is now considering ways the church community can reduce waste and increase recycling. We are going to have a collection point for plastics. This will be at the car park side of the church, and will take any plastics with a recycle symbol on it. Carrier bags, bread bags and other plastic bags can be put out with your recyclables for kerbside collection.

When shopping, please buy recycled goods whenever you can. Toilet rolls, kitchen towels and facial tissues made from recycled paper are available on the Traidcraft stall at the back of the church. The white copies of our weekly notices are printed on recycled paper. *Bob Wright*

Smiles

If you want to dress in style,
Always wear a smile.
No need for posh hat
Or anything like that.
It is never outdated
But always top rated.
It will enhance your face
And never out of place.
Give someone a smile, nothing
you will lack,
You will probably get one back.
So always wear a smile
And make someone's life
worthwhile.

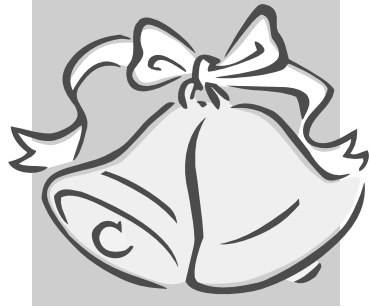
Eileen Tarr

Bright Hour

April 7th: Members' and Friends'
afternoon
April 14th: Good Friday – no
meeting.
April 21st: Mr John Gooding.
April 28th: Rev K Hext.
Meetings are held on Fridays at
2.30 p.m. all are welcome.

Coffee Morning Methodist Homes for the Aged Moreton

13 Drakes Ave, Exmouth
Thurs 6th April
10.30 to 11.45 a.m.
Coffee & Biscuits 80p
Handicrafts
Cakes & Gifts
Plants & Bric-a-Brac



Wedding Invite

On Saturday April 15th
at 1 p.m.

Sharon, daughter of Ray and
Linda Heard, will be married
at our church. Ray and Linda
extend an invitation to all our
members to attend the service.

Silverton Walk

On Good Friday
Leave from Killerton at
2 p.m.

Worship at Silverton
Methodist Church 5 p.m.

Bazaar

Saturday 8th April
Sidwell Street Methodist
Church
Bazaar

In aid of National
Children's Home

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A senior citizen is one who was here before
the pill, television, frozen foods,
contact lenses, credit cards,
...and before man walked on the moon.

For us, "Time sharing" meant togetherness,
Not holiday homes, and "chip" meant a piece of wood.

"Hardware" meant nuts and bolts,
and "Software" wasn't even a word.

We got married first, then lived together,
and thought cleavage was something butchers did.

A "stud" was something that fastened
a collar to a shirt, and "going all the way" meant
staying on a double decker to the bus depot.

We thought "fast food" was what you ate in lent;

A "Big Mac" was an oversized raincoat
And "crumpet" we had for tea.

In our day, "grass" was mown;
"pot" was something you cooked in;
"coke" was kept in the coal house and
a "joint" was cooked on Sundays.

We are today's senior Citizens. A hardy bunch
when you think how the world has changed !

*Author unknown
Submitted by Wynn Bradley*

Flowers

Feb 5th: arr. by Margaret
Saunders

Feb 12th/19th: Donated by
Margaret Nott and arr. by
Christine Marshall.

Feb 26th: Arr, by Christine
Gregory.

March 15th: Funeral of Rev Joan
Ryeland.

Help will be needed to decorate
the Church for Easter – Good
Friday, 14th April from 10 a.m.
If you are free to help please let
me know. Offers of greenery
would be much appreciated.

There will be a wedding in our
church on Easter Saturday.

Thankyou. *Christine*

Study Day on Islam

A follow-up

A few personal thoughts and
feelings arising from the day at
the Mint.

An unconditional welcome at
both the Church and the Mosque;
evident respect on both sides and
friendly hospitality shown, made
this a worthwhile experience.
Questioning was open, wide-
ranging and respectful, and the
answers given in a straight
forward way and were full of a
reasoning conviction, but, it was
difficult to match them up with
some TV pictures of all male
gatherings; the ‘modest’ dress of
women taken to extremes in the

wearing of the ‘habir’, and the
separation of the people at
prayers. Islam seems to be
strong on ritual and learning by
heart while Christianity tells of
love and acceptance of all.
On this day, good, and only good
was to be found between these
two ways of life and what a
peaceful world it would be if that
could be the way in which
differences are addressed.

Joyce Jarrott

Crediton Bible Convention

Speaker : Derek Cleave

*‘Evangelicals &
Evangelism’*

Friday April 7th 7.30p.m.
Saturday April 8th 7.30 p.m.
Sunday April 9th 8.15 p.m.
Monday April 10th 7.30 p.m.

**To be held at the
Crediton Congregational
Church**

**For further information
please see Tom Squire**



Easter

**at Crediton Methodist
Church**

Maunday Thursday

Communion 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday

Procession of Witness

Easter Sunday

Communion 8.45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

Family Worship 10.30a.m.

Church Anniversary

At our Church Anniversary Service on April 30th our guest preacher at the morning service is Rev Keith Rowbotham. Keith is the husband of Christine, Ivor Coram's daughter.

Marquee Lunch

On May 7th we are invited to Adrian & June's for a shared lunch in a marquee (used the previous day for Caroline's wedding!) After lunch informal worship and fellowship. More details later



Travel with
Keith & Chris Rowbottom
and experience the

Sorrow and Smiles of Sri Lanka

following the Tsunami in
December 2004 and learn
of the projects they are
seeking to support

Saturday 29th April
at 6:30pm

in the Robert Rakes Hall

Crediton Methodist
Church

Annual General Meeting
Sorrow and Smiles
with refreshments



Crediton Methodist Church Prayer Cycle

Welcome to this month's "Prayer Cycle" topic, which we hope will encourage and help you to pray regularly for the life and growth of our church.

Every month, members and friends of the church are asked to pray for a different group or activity within the life of the church.

This month, please pray each day for:

House Fellowship Groups

The church has a number of house fellowship groups which meet weekly (either during the day or in the evening) for bible study, discussion, fellowship and action. They are a great blessing to those who attend.

Each Lent, many members of our church join those from other churches in the town to attend inter-church study and fellowship groups.

Pray that through meeting together to discuss their faith, pray and study the bible, members may become more Christ-like in the way they live, and be more able to communicate their faith to others