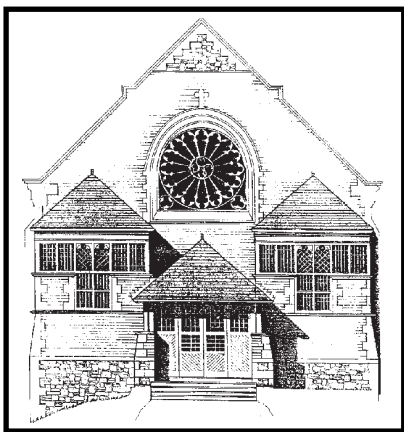


# Crediton Methodist Church



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## **Crediton Methodist Church**

**Minister: Rev Barbara Calvert Tel: 01363 772441**

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### **Services this month:**

Nov 5th: 10.30: Rev V Vine (Sacrament)  
6.30: Mr C Arscott  
Nov 12th: 10.30: Rev D Calvert  
6.30: Mrs M Hardy  
Nov 19th: 10.30: Rev B Calvert (All Age Worship)  
6.00: Talkback  
Nov 26th: 8.45: Rev B Calvert (Sacrament)  
10.30: Mrs J Mann  
6.30: Mrs J Lee

### **CHURCH GROUPS:**

**Toddlers** – meet 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 @ 7.30pm  
(contact Rev B Calvert 01363 772441)

**Ladies Supper Group** - 1st Tuesday of each month (Contact Rev B Calvert)

**Knit & Natter** - Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.30 (Contact Wendy on 01363 772786)

**Bright Hour** - Fridays @ 2.30pm (Contact Kath Wollacott 01363 775445)

**Fellowship Groups meet regularly**  
(Contact Ken Saunders on 01363 773078)

**Every Saturday** - Coffee Morning from 10a.m.  
Church is open for prayer 9a.m. – 10.a.m.

**Sunday Services** @ 10.30 a.m. and 6.30p.m. (most Sundays)

**Every Sunday** 10.30a.m. Junior Church and Creche

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Material for the December newsletter required please by **Sunday 19th November**

## **November Monthly diary of events**

- Weds. 1st Midweek service, Wesley Room 12.30pm  
Weds. 1st **Anglican/Methodist Covenant celebration 7.30pm**  
**Exeter Cathedral** – all welcome
- Tues 7th Ladies Supper Club
- Weds 8th Midweek Service, Wesley Room 12.30pm
- Mon 13th Stewards meeting 7.15pm The Manse
- Weds 15th Midweek service, Wesley Room 12.30pm
- Sat 18th Punch and Pasty Quiz Night 7pm Church hall
- Tues 21st Women's Open House, 7.30pm The Manse, Topic: Celebrating  
Christmas Simply – personal ideas and stories
- Weds 22nd Midweek service, Wesley Room 12.30pm  
Service at Kenwyn, 2pm
- Weds 29th Midweek service, Wesley Room 12.30pm
- Thurs 30th Holy Communion at Clifford Gardens, 11am

### **And advance notice: Christmas services**

- Sunday 17th Dec 10.30am All Age Christmas service
- Sunday 24th Dec 10.30am Morning worship for 4th Sunday in Advent  
and Junior Church party 4pm Candlelit Carol Service
- Christmas Day All Age Service of Celebration 10am

### **More Dates For Your Diary!**

#### **Sidwell Street Methodist Church – MORNING MARKET**

in aid of Overseas Missions at SIDWELL STREET on **Saturday 11th November** – entrance 20p. Stalls and Coffee from 10.30am – Lunches at 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

#### **The Mint – QUIZ NIGHT**

to be held on Saturday 11th November at 7pm @ The Mint Methodist Church. The cost is £5.00 per head which includes a light supper. Teams of 4 are required. Proceeds for the Mint Redevelopment Fund. If you are interested, please contact one of the Mint Stewards. Telephone numbers/addresses are in the Circuit Plan.

#### **St Nicholas Fair**

**November 25th** – we are having a table at the Fair, offers of help please to Margaret Scott – Tel: 776477

## What a waste

We returned home after a day out walking on Dartmoor to find a large flat package had been delivered to the Manse. Guessing at what it might be we ripped it open to find a flat pack, made out of recycled cardboard, which folded out into a large collection box for recyclable computer printer cartridges. These are being sent to churches across the country by Environmental Business Products Ltd.(EBP) and for every recyclable printer cartridge EBP receives it will donate £1 to Christian Aid. Every year only 15per cent of the 65 million printer cartridges sold in the UK are recycled, meaning the rest end up in landfill sites. But why send the collection boxes for used cartridges to churches?

The next day provided a sort of answer. I had a phone call from a presenter at Radio Devon who wanted to do a programme about Crediton Methodist Church's Green Action policy. The presenter was very interested in all that we were doing: energy and water conservation, recycling, our interest in renewable energy sources, our visit to an organic farm... He understood the important role the church can play in raising awareness within the community encouraging households to take similar action.

So listen out for us on the radio and bring your used cartridges to church!

This autumn the hedgerows have been overflowing with abundance – elderberries, rose hips, sloes, apples the trees and bushes sent into overdrive by the very dry summer which threatened their survival. Perhaps it is time we got into over drive. Our Green Policy is one way of putting our spirituality into action.

**Barbara Calvert**

‘The important thing is that we all recognise the responsibility to which Christ calls us... towards ‘ poor people, sick people, oppressed people, people at war, how the resources of God’s creation are used by people, what helps people to live in good communities and more. If you hear the call to discipleship, it means being committed to changing the world.’ President of Conference, Graham Carter, Methodist Recorder 05.10.06

### **Advance Notice for 2007 –The Ordination of Rev Barbara Calvert.....**

will take place on Sunday 8th July 2007 at 4p.m. in Manchester Cathedral. For those of you who would like to go, please contact Tina Turner.

### **PAUSE FOR THOUGHT**

The month of November is a remembering month. At the heart of this remembering is Remembrance Sunday, an annual time when we reflect on the death of people in two world wars, and the many people who have died in conflict since, both combatants and non-combatants. If we will, we can use this act of remembering as an opportunity to pray and work for peace and to seek healing within the communities of the world.

November the 5th is another act of remembering which can be used to work for healing within our own communities. For in remembering Guy Faulkes and the plot to blow up parliament ('Remember, remember the 5th of November . . .'), we can seek a positive response to the religious conflicts of the past by working for peace and reconciliation today. These acts of remembering have become part of our national calendar. But 'remembering' is also a specifically Christian activity. We 'do this in remembrance of him'. When we share in the Lord's Supper, we recall the events of the life and death and resurrection of Jesus as events in the past, but we re-enact them as a means of dealing with the present.

Much of the recent healing course reminded us that there can be no healing unless we learn how to deal with the past. We know this to be true in our personal relationships which have broken down, sometimes in bitterness. It is true too of relationships between communities, as in Northern Ireland, as well as between churches. Is there a positive way of dealing with the past? We know that this is not by pretending that damage and hurt was not real, but rather in facing up to our own responsibility, personal and communal, for the fracture, and therefore our responsibility to play a part in healing the brokenness.

It is not wrong to remember the past. The question is: how do we remember the past? With honesty, or in collusion with the way we would prefer to remember the story??

*Rev David Calvert*

### **OPEN HOUSE @ THE MANSE**

We would like to encourage the ladies of the congregation to come along to our monthly gatherings at The Manse, which are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We decide on a subject we would like to chat about, and this we do, although we do drift into many other areas with much laughter! In October our subject was 'A Special Person'. It was amazing, as it always is, to have so many diverse experiences. A brief synopsis of our discussions in October, special people included a teacher who greatly helped one person, well known and loved people from the bible, a lady who had campaigned and helped people all her life, musical composers who 'illuminate' words from the bible, a music teacher who taught a special and useful technique, a special 'little' person who had taught acceptance, a much loved friend who made a lot of difference to a young wife and so on.

We usually (with difficulty) conclude our talking with a cup of tea and a piece of cake. It's fun! Next meeting is on 21st November, with the seasonal topic – "Celebrating Christmas Simply"



**SHOEBOX SERVICE**  
**Sunday 19th November**  
**at 10.30am Service**

When we think of Christmas, if we are honest, after our thoughts on the birth of Jesus and all that this has meant to the world, some will be

wondering – what presents will we receive? So it goes without saying that the shoeboxes you are preparing will be very well received in those places in the world where presents are few and far between! Around Christmas time at the Good Samaritan Mission in Odessa the Pentecostal Church opens its doors far beyond their own congregation to all kinds of people. There is a Veteran's Day, those men and women who are now quite old and frail, but who are remembered for what they did for their country and who fought in The Great Patriotic War, they will be invited for a meal at the Church, and they will go home with a shoebox. Similarly 'street children', children from the State Orphanages and International Aid Trust Children's homes will also come to the church for parties and go home with a treasured shoebox. Your shoeboxes will also go into the prisons where a lot of good work is being done by the Good Samaritan Mission in Odessa and International Aid, there have been many prison converts, which is great. So thank you for all you do!

**“Musical Instruments gathering dust?”**

If anyone has a musical instrument 'gathering dust' please consider letting International Aid have it for their Blind School in Boyarka, Kiev Region. This Blind School consisting mostly of children without parents, teaches the usual academic subjects but also equips them with musical training, so that when they are 18 and have to leave this caring environment run by two wonderful sisters, does at least give them a chance to play music as one of their skills. **Thank you** to those who have given instruments in the past!

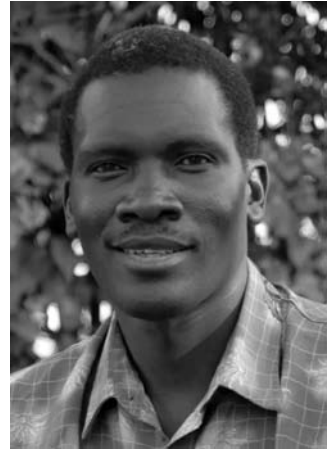
*June Redfern*

## World Aids Day – 1st December

### Annually

### TB Alert – HIV Aids

During October Adrian and I attended, by invitation, the District Annual Rotary Conference in Torbay on behalf of The International Aid Trust. There were so many worthy causes there, Children's Hospice South West, Adopt-a-minefield and so on, but the one Charity which took my attention and respect was HIV/TB. I spent at least an hour talking to Winstone Zulu who gave the presentation. His history impressed me so much and I thought you might like to hear it. Winstone was born



in 1964 in Lusaka, Zambia, the sixth of thirteen children. He was diagnosed with polio at the age of 3 (and is now in a wheelchair) but he has also been living with HIV/Aids since 1990. He then became ill with TB in 1997 and in the years since his diagnosis he has had to watch his four brothers die of TB, the last passing away in 2003 as a result of a lack of access to the anti TB drugs that would have cured them. These experiences have led Winstone to become a leading global advocate on TB and HIV/Aids.

Winstone originally planned to study political science abroad – until he was found to be HIV/positive. So remaining in Zambia he became an activist educating himself about HIV. He was the first individual in Zambia to publicly acknowledge being HIV/Aids positive. He told me that he was so used to falling about and being ill with polio when he was young, that his Aids condition did not bother him. With TB the leading cause of death among those with HIV/Aids, Winstone has become the pre-eminent global advocate on the danger posed by the increasing spread of TB throughout the developing world. Today, two thirds of all Zambian TB patients are also HIV/Aids positive. Winstone was one of the few African activists involved in the global health movement on AIDS from its earliest stages. He attended the Paris World AIDS conference in 1994, participated in the meeting at Como, Italy where UNAIDS was formed in 1996 and has served on numerous international working committees addressing the exploding AIDS epidemic since. He learned first hand the links between TB and HIV when he was diagnosed, and the pain of losing close family members to these diseases. More recently Winstone has shared a platform with Nelson Mandela at the Bangkok AIDS conference in July 2004. At the conference Mr Mandela recognised Winstone's work with the following words – "I want to acknowledge and thank Winstone Zulu, who will share his experience of fighting HIV and TB with you. There have been so few TB survivors who

have stepped forward to share their stories, we need more advocates like Winstone to tell the world about TB and the effect it has on so many millions of people”.

Winstone is married with four sons. The eldest, Michael was adopted because Winstone and his wife who also has Aids decided not to have any children of their own for obvious reasons. Michael is now 9 years old, and with precautions, Winstone and his wife now have three other children, at the moment, free of Aids. Sadly, Michael now has Aids, presumably inherited from his birth parents.

Winstone told me he felt blessed as the average life expectancy in Zambia is 33 years old! When Winstone is not travelling he works for TB Alert as their Southern African Representative with special responsibility for raising awareness of HIV and TB in Zambia. Winstone told me that to treat TB costs only \$15! Winstone also works part-time for Kara Counselling and Training Trust, a non profit making organisation that provides voluntary and confidential HIV/Aids counselling, giving training and assistance to individuals and families. Winstone told me that with the money he earns from this and his worldwide work, he supports a nursery school in his own village for children suffering with HIV/Aids.

*June Redfern*

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### **BRIGHT HOUR**

**November 3rd**

Margaret Scott - Talk on Mercy Ships

**November 10th**

Mrs Sandra Chalton - Talk on Herbs

**November 17th**

Rev Kenneth Hext

**November 24th**

**ANNIVERSARY TAPE – Everyone welcome**

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### **Parcel sent by this Church to the Fastov Church, Kiev Region, Ukraine**

This is an extract of an e mail received recently from Pasha and Ira Ozeruga (do you remember them when they were here with us in our Church?)

“The parcel which had been sent for the Fastov Church, came only two days ago and is under the customs seal just now. We will be able to give it only in two or three weeks.”

### **Email just received from Irena Savochka, Fastov Church** **- our translator when we were in Fastov.**

Dear June and Adrian,

I want to apologise for not writing for soooooooooooooo long. I thought I will do it tomorrow, and that tomorrow can be so far. I am at the conference now, but will try to write to you with some of our news on Tuesday.

Please forgive me again.

Irena – From the Fastov Church

## NETWORK NEWS

- **Magnet :**

As you may know, Women's Network produces a quarterly magazine called Magnet, which contains topical articles and material suitable for prayer, worship and meditation. It is beautifully produced and presented, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to you as a publication that is life-enhancing. We have arrangements within the Circuit to subscribe to it, and our next subscription renewal is due in the Spring of 2007. So, I shall be plugging it again in the New Year. Meanwhile, if you would like to see a copy, let me know.

- **Plymouth and Exeter District Project 2006 – 2007:**

Our new project for the current year is Langley House Trust. The Trust provides accommodation and resettlement support for marginalised and disadvantaged people, including ex-offenders and those at risk of offending. There are 17 projects across England offering support to over 3000 men and women at any one time. There are 2 projects in the South West, at Torbay and Taunton. I shall be speaking about the Trust at Bright Hour in the New Year.

- **One Day Conference 11 May 2007:**

Women's Network in the Methodist Church will be holding a one-day conference in Plymouth and Exeter District next year. There will be worship, a speaker and workshops looking at the current national project concerning Trafficking of Women and Children in Europe. Make a note in your diaries, and I'll bring more information closer to the time.

- **Set All Free:**

Services marking the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery will be held next year on 25 March 2007 at Westminster Abbey and across the country, including Bristol. More news later.

- **Swanick Conference 19 – 21 September 2007:**

Alison Adam from Iona will be leading the conference, entitled 'Pathways that lead and beckon us on our journeys'.  
*Pam Murphy*

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### Newsletter and Website

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email (Approximately 1mb file), please go to [www.creditionmethodist.org.uk/newssub.html](http://www.creditionmethodist.org.uk/newssub.html) and join the mailing list. We would also like to have all church meetings and events listed on the website ([www.creditionmethodist.org.uk/events/calendar.html](http://www.creditionmethodist.org.uk/events/calendar.html)), so if you have planned a meeting or an event please can you let me know at [webmaster@creditionmethodist.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@creditionmethodist.org.uk). We want the website to be used regularly within the community for sharing of information so if you have an idea and want to add anything to the website please let me know. The more people that use the website on a regular basis, the higher we will go up the search engine ratings.  
*Glenn Turner*

Weekly

# **MID WEEK SERVICE**

12.30pm in the Wesley Room,  
Crediton Methodist Church  
On Wednesdays

The format will be informal with a 30 minute service of Bible reading, hymn, prayers and reflection led by the Minister, followed by chat over a cup of tea and sandwich (bring your own sandwich!)

*All Welcome*

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### **Hall Booking Secretary**

In the new year this position will become vacant. If anyone would like to find out about this position, please see Glenn or Barbara for more information. We would like to thank Priscilla and Bob for all their work over the last ten years as Hall Booking Secretary.

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Christine in Canada

### Greetings from New Zealand!

Hope all is well with everyone. We are all well, coming into Summer now so we are going to the beach a lot! Bit odd having Christmas decorations next to the swimwear – wrong season! Give my love to everyone”.

Love Elaine

**Pippins Pre-School - Accredited Dec 05.**

**Opening hours 8.45am- 4.00pm Monday – Friday - Term Time only.**  
**(Contact Hazel 01363 772474)**

Pippins is an inclusive pre-school for 2-5 year olds. It is well known for its friendly and caring staff. At Pippins we encourage children to have fun, to learn, discover and explore in a rich, stimulating, safe, comfortable environment. The pre-school has been established for over 35 years and moved into the Methodist Church Premises in January 2004.

Pippins has achieved excellent Ofsted reports and recently gained a national quality assurance award. We enable children to achieve and maximize their potential to learn and develop by offering a variety of flexible, planned and structured activities.

To obtain a prospectus or arrange a visit kindly telephone us on - 01363 772474 Thank you. Hazel Hodge Pippins Pre-School Co-ordinator.

**Submitted by Eileen Tarr**

Often we pause and wonder,  
When we kneel down to pray,  
Can God really hear the prayers that we say?  
But if we keep praying and talking to Him,  
He will brighten the soul that was clouded and dim.  
And as we continue our burden seems lighter,  
Our sorrow is softened, and our outlook is brighter,  
For although we feel helpless and alone when we start  
Our prayer is the key that opens our heart.  
And as our heart opens the dear Lord comes in  
And the prayer that we felt we could never begin  
Is so easy to say,  
The Lord understands and gives us new strength  
By the touch of His Hands.

***Words by Helen Steiner Rice***

# PUNCH AND PASTY QUIZ NIGHT



In the tradition of previous successful quiz nights Crediton Methodist Church invites you to another challenge!

**Date:** Saturday 18th November

**Time:** 7pm

**Place:** Crediton Methodist Church Hall

**Cost:** £3.50 includes punch and pasty(children free)

Register your team of up to 6 people with Mary Tyson  
01363 772261 – or just come and join a team.

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## CALLING ALL CHURCH STEWARDS

*Keith Elliott, District Training and Development Officer, is running a training evening specifically for Church Stewards and those interested in becoming a Church Steward*

**When:** Wednesday 6th December 2006    **Time:** 7.30pm

**Where:** Crediton Methodist Church

**Why:** To help people be clear as to their role and responsibilities

**Content:** What is it that you already do or think a Church steward should do? What the Methodist Church says the role is? What does all this mean in practice?

