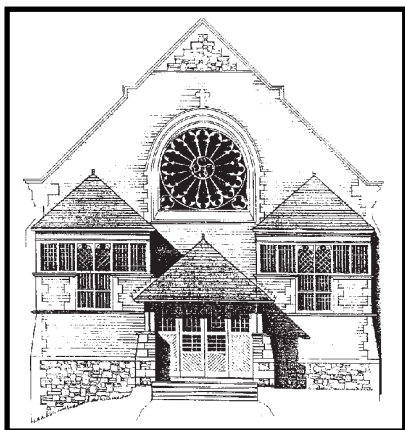


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The **Methodist** Church

## **Crediton Methodist Church**

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### **Services this month:**

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10.30 Rev B Calvert (Sacrament)

6.30 Prof A Wragg

Sept 10<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 Mr G Bowstead

6.30 Rev B Calvert

Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 Rev V Vine

6.0 Talkback

Sept 24<sup>th</sup>: 8.45 Rev D Calvert (Sacrament)

10.30 Rev B Calvert (All Age Worship) Harvest Festival

6.00 Circuit Service at Crediton.

### **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 – 1st 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 the October newsletter required by September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Monthly diary of events**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Women's Supper Club 7.30pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September Bright Hour 2.30pm Holy Communion

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September District Synod – Plymouth and Devonport Circuit

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 5 years after 9/11 Has the 'War on terror' made the world a safer place? 7pm The Mint Methodist Church

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September Flower festival

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Martin Nicholls, Christian Aid Concert 7.30pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September Stewards meeting 7.15 The Manse

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September Church Life Group meeting 7.30pm

## **Health and Safety**

We are very grateful to Alan Clemons for taking on the responsibility of church legal adviser and health and safety officer. The church passed, with flying colours, an official health and safety inspection that took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. There were only one or two minor matters to be attended too. However this does not make us complacent. We are delighted that our premises are being used so well by the wider community but it does mean that we have an increased responsibility for the health and safety of all. If you have any legal or health and safety queries then please see Alan in the first instance.

## **A great big thank you!**

People give of their time, talents and resources all the time, often unseen, for the life of God's church for which we are continually grateful .

But a special thank you for these gifts which have appeared over the summer...

- ❖ the new Holy Communion books
- ❖ a new cordless strimmer to make the work of the gardeners that bit easier
- ❖ a newly decorated Wesley Room...and piano
- ❖ various tidying and renovating projects going on...and so much more.

Many thanks to all.

## **Faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is... hope**

Spot the deliberate mistake! Changing words that are very familiar to us can really make us think. My eldest daughter had a job interview with the Roman Catholic peace organisation 'Pax Christi' recently and had to submit a piece of written work. She used the title above – swapping the word 'love' for 'hope' and she got the job - so it must have worked!

It is said that people who live in the rich countries of the world have many expectations but little hope and that those who live in the poor countries of the world have few expectations but are full of hope.

Our Flower Festival 'Swords into Ploughshares - Stories of Hope' is inspired by the call of the prophets to 'dream dreams' - to dream of a world where swords are turned into ploughs and spears into pruning hooks. This vision is made real for us by the stories told in our flower displays. Each display tells stories of hope, stories of people who have been able to sing in the darkness and rebuild their lives.

Ask a class of school children about their vision for the world. Immediately they will paint a picture inspired by visions of beauty, peace and harmony. But what is more, they believe in such a world, they are full of hope and believe it can happen.

May, through the beauty of the flowers and the stories of hope that they tell, our flower festival renew our hope and be an inspiration and a blessing to all.

Barbara



## **God the Healer**

will be the theme for our morning services each Sunday in October. A booklet of the same title is being prepared by the Minister specifically for use by our Fellowship Groups, although it will be available for all. Do join a fellowship group, even if you have never been before. The discussion will be thought provoking and interesting – no one will make you say anything if you don't want to and no previous experience necessary!

Several groups will meet 7.30pm each Wednesday in October and there will also be a daytime group.

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# **New**

## **Weekly Mid Week Service**

12.30

Wesley Room,  
Credition Methodist Church  
Starting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

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**

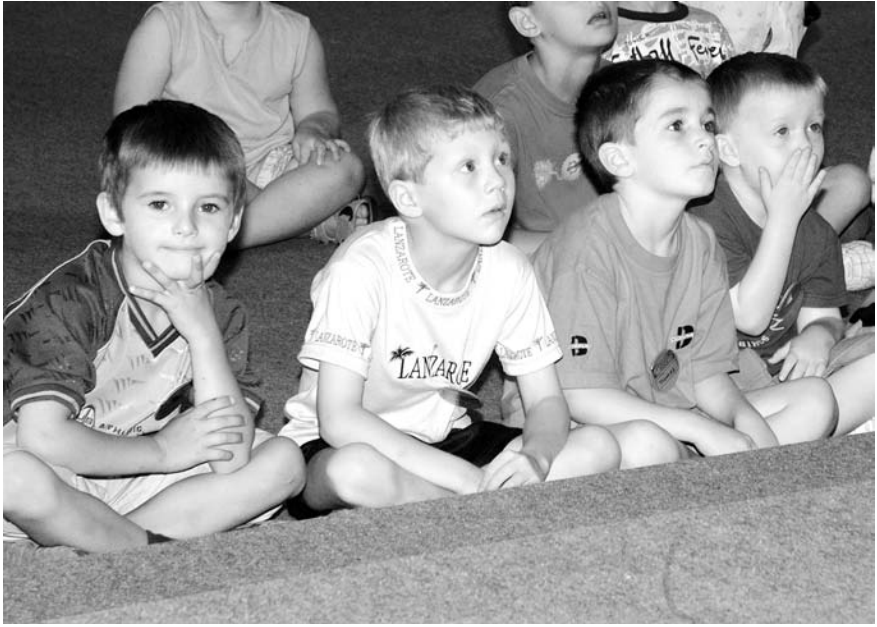


Junior Church Barbeque

## Summer Events



**Christians Together Service**



Holiday Club





Lunch at the Manse



The Sponge, Shobrooke Park

## Talkback 2006-2007

### “Are we channels of His peace?”

This year’s Talkback will be based on this prayer of St Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;*

*where there is sadness, joy;*

We want to bring the challenges of this ancient but much loved prayer alive for the twenty first Century. We will be considering how the theology of reconciliation can be worked out practically in our daily lives.

### ***“Make me a channel of your peace”***

An overview by Charles and Felicity Hadley, Franciscans of the Third Order.

September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist’s Lower Room.

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## **Service**

Wednesday 13

September: 2.30pm

Service at Summerhayes Residential Care Home, Sandford

## Hi from Canada



Jonathan was born on July 26<sup>th</sup>, weighing 8 lbs 6 ozs.. Although he suffered from jaundice and had to spend time in hospital, he is now thriving. Jacob is a very proud older brother and adores him.

The family are doing OK and managing to survive weeks of broken sleep. They have a large house and at present the weather is glorious so they are able to enjoy the nearby beach. They are looking forward to Christine’s visit in a few weeks

## Pause for thought

What is this life if full of care  
We have no time to stand and stare  
*W H Davies*

In common with many people, I imagine, my life tends to get full of workaday, routine, mundane and time-absorbing tasks. Always (or so it seems) busy, busy, busy. Busy at home, busy out and about and busy worrying about the state of the world.

So I was determined, this summer, to give myself a bit of space to really take notice of the world around me – and what a *wonderful* (note the word) world it is. What I quickly discovered, whilst feasting my eyes on the landscapes and enjoying the company of my fellow human beings, was how frequently and naturally we use words that describe how we are still totally in awe of God's creation and care. I was *amazed* at how these words just flow out of people, often as an immediate and unexpected reaction to our encounters. Here are just a few examples of what I mean:

**Breathtaking:** the views of mid-Devon.

**Staggering:** the 'perfect' mirror in Mr Drewe's room at Castle Drogo.

**Spectacular:** the mountain scenery surrounding Marmaris, Turkey

**Awesome:** a large blue and black butterfly in the park.

**Electrifying:** Michael Angelo's drawings

**Delightful:** our hotel room maid in Turkey

**Wow!:** about a whole range of things

Important as it is to care about others, it's very easy to let our spirits get dragged down by our concern for those in need or living in fear or with injustice - here at home and throughout the world - and to worry and fret about the environment. We use strong words to describe these feelings, too, such as appalling, devastating, dreadful, shattering, terrifying – and rightly so. Daily, we are bombarded with bad news stories – there seems to be a lot of it about.

Perhaps its all a question of getting the balance right. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there is a time for everything: A

time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance. And its *always* time to praise God, who is steadfast and faithful to his people.

*Praise the Lord!*

*Praise God in his Temple!*

*Praise his strength in heaven!*

*Praise him for the mighty things he has done.*

*Praise his supreme greatness.*

*Praise him with trumpets.*

*Praise him with harps and lyres.*

*Praise him with drums and dancing.*

*Praise him with harps and flutes.*

*Praise him with cymbals.*

*Praise him with loud cymbals.*

*Praise the Lord, all living creatures!*

*Praise the Lord! Psalm 150*

*Pam Murphy*

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## **PRIOR NOTICE SHOEBOX SERVICE**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am Service**

Some of you have been very kindly filling shoeboxes throughout the year. Up to May of this year 263 boxes have been sent to Lancashire, and at our home there are almost a hundred waiting to be sent. These I will bring to the November service.



Please be assured that just because in 2004 as a Church and wider community we were able to send 1000+ shoeboxes, and last year 800+ that that is sufficient! Shoeboxes are always needed and appreciated.

If you would like to fill a box and have forgotten what you may include, you will find a leaflet about it in the church foyer, or just ask me.

Thank you! **June Redfern 01363 84058**

## Pastoral Care Team

Mike Pratt writes: As I worship in Cheriton Fitzpaine, many of you who live in Crediton and the other outlying areas will not know me, though I had the pleasure of meeting some of you at the Commissioning service for Pastoral Care visitors held at Crediton church on 4th June, and followed by a splendid lunch. I hope to get know you better during the course of my visits, and I am planning to worship at Crediton from time to time so that I can meet and greet you there.

It was a very great pleasure to join in the worship at the Dedication service, to ask for God's blessing on us, and for the strength to undertake this much needed and valued work.

Recently, I have worked with Pam Murphy who has been a guide and inspiration to me, and I hope to meet other pastoral visitors in the near future.

Pam Murphy: Having closed the door on paid employment, as I took early retirement in March this year, so God opened another door for me, allowing me, with Mike, to spend more time in pastoral visiting and holding services with folk in some of Crediton area's Residential Care Homes. It was very encouraging when members of our congregation joined Mike and me at the Crediton hospital service in August. We are also going to Summerhayes in Sandford every month. Mike and I would be very pleased to see you at future services, in support of these elderly worshippers.

In the past couple of months, we have had the pleasure of visiting a number of people in their homes. A very warm welcome was given to us in each case, and it was a joy to share a chat and a prayer. May God lead us to share faith and comfort with many more in the time ahead, particularly those who are troubled, infirm or unable to attend church.

We leave you with the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

***'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'***

*John 13: 34-35*



Pastoral Care Team: Pam and  
Mike

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## Bright Hour

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: Rev B Calvert -  
Communion

Sept 15<sup>th</sup>: Rev Norman Skinner

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>: No meeting due to the  
Flower festival.

Sept 29<sup>th</sup>: Rev Kenneth Hext.

Meetings commence at 2.30 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome.

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## Eventide



In the cool and the calm of the  
evening,

Is the time of the day I love  
best.

When we've come to the end  
of our toiling

And we think of a peaceful  
rest.

When the golden sun is  
setting,

In the West behind the hill,

And the moon and stars  
replace it,

And all is calm and still.

When everything looks so  
glorious,

As we gaze o'er the  
countryside.

Let's give thanks to God again

For the blessings of eventide.

*P.S Through all these  
troublesome times let us be  
thankful for some things that  
don't change, as this poem was  
written over 50 years ago!*

*Eileen Tarr*

## Website

[www.creditonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.creditonmethodist.org.uk)

Our church website will be up and running. From this website you can read any edition of this newsletter dating back to January 2006. There is a form where you can either contact the minister, monthly newsletter or the weekly notice editor, and if you need urgent prayer, there is a form for this as well. If your group wants to advertise an event there is an events page. And lots more.

Glenn Turner

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## Flowers

July 2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>: Donated by the Clemens family to remember Nan, Peter and David; arr by Margaret S.

July 16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>: Donated by Eva Whiting to remember her husband George; arr. by Christine G.

July 30<sup>th</sup>/Aug 6<sup>th</sup>: Donated by Mrs Crang to remember her husband Jim; arr. by Meg E.

Aug 13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>: arr. by Christine G.

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**Visit our environmental display at the flower festival where we will have 100 low energy light bulbs to give away (by courtesy of the energy saving trust)**

## CHURCH LIFE GROUP

The next meeting of the Church Life Group will be held at the Church on Wednesday 27 September at 7.30pm. This new group does not have a fixed membership and meetings, which will be held three or four times a year, are open to all. At each meeting we shall be discussing specific topics affecting the life of the Church.

We invite all members and friends to take this opportunity to come and discuss the renewal of membership, fellowship groups and special services. This meeting will also hear from Barbara Calvert on "Fresh Expressions of Church" which is an initiative of the Church of England and the Methodist Church encouraging people establish 'new or hoping to different forms of church for our changing culture'.

If you would like more information about this group please contact either of us. Pam Murphy & John Ashley – joint conveners.

# Martin Nicholls Concert

Acclaimed singer songwriter Martin John Nicholls will be appearing in concert in **Crediton Methodist Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.** in aid of those living in some of the poorest communities in the world.

Martin John Nicholls is a talented songwriter, accomplished musician and a consummate performer. He has been featured many times on BBC Television and ITV, and on national and regional radio. His music has taken him all over the UK, Europe, USA, Latin America and Africa. He already has 7 albums to his credit and 'Swords to Ploughshares' is a powerful collection of songs of freedom, justice and hope, inspired by Martin's recent visits to some of the poorest communities in the world.



**Tickets: Adult £4 Child £1 from Phillips & Co or ring 01363 773078**

Proceeds to Christian Aid.

# FLOWER FESTIVAL

Crediton Methodist Church  
and Christian Aid

10am - 5pm  
Thursday  
to Saturday

2pm - 5pm  
Sunday

Exhibition by  
the Crediton  
Photography  
Club

One World Café

Quiet Garden



Evening Concert  
with  
Martin Nicholls

Friday 22nd  
Sept 7.30pm  
Tickets £4  
(Children £1)

from  
Phillips & Co.

- \* Powerful Images
- \* Moving Music
- \* Songs inspired  
by Christian Aid



## Stories of Hope



# September 21st - 24th 2006