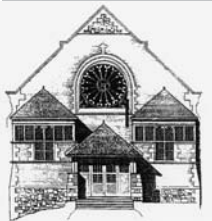




Crediton Methodist Church

Newsletter
April 2007



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Minister: Rev Barbara Calvert, Tel: 01363 772441

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Services this month:

- April 1st: 10.30 Rev Dr D Calvert (Sacrament)
6.30 Rev B Calvert. Taize
- April 8th: 8.45 Rev B Calvert (Sacrament)
10.30 Ireland (All Age Worship – Easter Day)
6.30 Rev A Sails
- April 15th: 10.30 Prof. T. Wragg
6.30 Rev M Gilborson
- April 22nd: 10.30 Mr L Smale
6.30 Mrs S Jones
- April 29th: 10.30 Rev B Calvert (Church Anniversary –All Age Worship)
6.30 Mr S Lawson

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)

Ladies Supper group: 1st Tuesday of each month (contact Rev B Calvert)

Knit & Natter: Wednesdays 2.30 to 3.30 (Contact Ann Spry on 01363 777796)

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

**Material for the May newsletter to Ken Saunders
by April 22nd.**

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Easter joy

In the corner cupboard in our lounge is a silver egg cup. My grandmother gave it to me as a baptismal present and she had it engraved with my name. As a child, a few days before Easter I would be given the task of polishing the egg cup until it shone.



Then an egg shell would be used as a little vase and filled with tiny spring flowers to go on the Easter tea table. My mother would make a simnel cake and decorate it with chicks and eggs and eleven round balls of marzipan around the edge, representing the disciples, minus Judas the betrayer. We learnt the Easter story, not just at Sunday school

but also through the signs and symbols of our Easter preparations in the kitchen. Of course, I didn't appreciate at the time quite all the symbolism of our Easter preparations.

Traditionally in the Church, Easter was a time of Baptism. People would prepare themselves during Lent and then be baptised early on Easter Day. They were baptised into new life with Christ on that Easter morning.

And so today, the flowers, the egg shell, the water and the baptismal cup egg, seen in the photograph I have just taken at home, all speak in their own way of new life, resurrection, renewal, celebration and joy. This can be ours this Easter time and is God's gift to the whole world.

*God of glory,
you have filled this night with the radiance of Christ.
Renew in us our Baptism,
and bring us through the waters of the promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

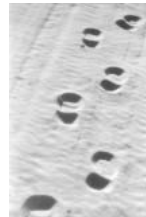
Are you a Member?

It is often said that no one wants to 'belong' to anything today. We're told that people want to be free to choose what they do whenever they feel like it. They don't want to be under an obligation to support an organization or to feel under pressure to turn up for a meeting. That's one of the reasons why clubs and organizations of all sorts find it difficult to recruit committed members and to find volunteers to hold office.

But what does it mean to 'belong' to the church, to be a church 'member'? Is it just the same as it is with other groups and clubs and organisations?

In some churches, people are asked each year to sign up for membership for the coming year, committing themselves to an active membership of the church for the next year. It's seen as a more honest and practical way of knowing who are church members. In our Methodist system, we don't do it this way. We have inherited a more formal distinction between those who are church members and those who are not. But this doesn't do justice to the real, practical membership of people who are regular in worship, give much time to the life of the church and yet for some reason have never been through the formal process of being made a member.

If you are not a 'member' in this formal sense, you might like to think about becoming a member. If you are a member, you might like to think about what responsibilities that means, what you have undertaken. For all of us, a Christian is what matters: having the faith to follow the way of Jesus, by the grace of God. This is the real church. If you want to talk about becoming a member speak to Barbara.



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Crediton Methodist Church Wednesday Midweek Service 12.30pm Easter – June 2007

All welcome. Bring a sandwich.

Date	Reading	Hymn	Theme
April 25th	2 Tim 4. 1-11	468 Come divine interpreter	Mark, the evangelist
May 2nd	John 10. 11 - 18	43 The God of love my shepherd is	The Good Shepherd
May 16th	Acts 1. 1-11	189 Christ above all glory seated	The eve of the Ascension
May 23rd	Hebrews 11. 1 - 3, 23 – 29, 39 – 12.2	447 Deep in the shadows of the past	People of faith
May 30th	Acts 2. 1 - 13	307 Lord we believe to us and ours	Pentecost
June 6th	Acts 13. 1–4, 13-15, 22-43	770 Go forth and tell	Missionary activity
June 13th	Acts 22. 30- 23.11	714 Make me a captive Lord	Paul before the council
June 20th	Galatians 5. 1, 13-25	662 Author of faith, eternal word	Faith and freedom
June 27th	Genesis 18. 20 - 33	436 Father hear the prayer we offer	The risk of prayer

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Passion Sunday

1st April

Taizé Service

6.30pm

A service of singing, reflection, prayer and meditation to begin our journey through Holy Week.

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your son our saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity Youth Club

Three churches getting their young people together.

Religious but fun, a group that welcomes young people

Informal, a relaxed place to meet new people

Nutty, a chance to go wild!!!!

Interests, a chance to show what we do when we're not at church

Trips, the group go on outings like bowling

Young people together having fun

Trinity is a fortnightly youth club, for ten to fourteen year olds. Adult members of the Methodist, Holy Cross and Roman Catholic churches in Crediton, help to run it. The meeting starts with a group game or share session; a chance to share a musical talent or an achievement, then group games can be played such as pool or badminton throughout the evening. An organised craft is normally on offer for those who like to be more quiet, refreshment are served during the evening, as we work up a large appetite with all the running around we do! The session ends with us all back together, when we all light a candle and say a prayer.

James Mann and Hannah Smith

Where's Mother?

Children running in from play
Or when trouble comes their
way;

These are the words they always
say 'Where's mother?'

When the jobs are piling high
How often we sit and sigh,
And wish they could cease to
cry 'Where's Mother?'

But childhood days go quickly
by
And so soon they find another.

Then they cease to cry 'Where's
mother?'



So enjoy the
days when
children are
small,
There will be
plenty of time
to leave it all
When there is

no one left to call 'Where's
Mother?'

Eileen Tarr

2007 Devon Churches Forum
2 May, 2007 at 7.30 pm
The Boniface Centre, Crediton

Speaker: **Ian Chisnall**, National Co-ordinator of **Hope 2008**
Worship will be led by **Andrew Maries**, consultant on worship to the Diocese of Exeter

Also featuring presentations by:

- **Christian Police Association** on working with and supporting your local police force
- **Martin Nicholls** of Christian Aid who will perform a song from his new production *Harvest of Hope*.
- **Bishop Bob Evens** on plans to mark the 1100 anniversary of the Diocese of Exeter to be celebrated in 2009; it is hoped that all denominations will share in this event.

This meeting is open to all and aims to inspire and enthuse those involved in enabling Christians to work together.

Tea and coffee will be served from 7 pm. The Boniface Centre is easily accessible and has plenty of nearby parking. It is located in Crediton next to the parish church on the A377, only ten minutes north of Exeter.

For further details contact 01822 890412 or staylor921@aol.com

Hope 2008 proposes to facilitate united, focused prayer and a year of activities. Its aim is to communicate the Gospel through words and actions, creating a lasting legacy of both physical and spiritual change in the lives of communities and individuals. Hope is about local churches working together to express the love of Jesus in their communities and so Churches Together in Devon, as well as the leaders of many different denominations, are pleased to endorse this initiative.

Hope is being billed as the whole church for the whole nation for the whole year.

Hope will act as a catalyst to encourage, support and resource the UK churches in 2008 to better serve the communities they are called to reach. Throughout the year there will be Hope 'high points' where churches can organise activities, knowing that Christians across the country are doing the same. These will include:

1) Fresh 'HOPE': (January) an opportunity to make a fresh start and be supported in it.

2) The Big 'HOPE': Exploring Holy Week

3) 'HOPE' Where You Live: (May Bank Holidays) The Church on the street

4) 'HOPE' Explored: (September) Inviting the community to explore the Christian faith

5) A Gift of 'HOPE': (Christmas) Unpacking the Christmas message
Simon Taylor, Devon County Ecumenical Officer

For more details visit www.hope08.com. A promotional DVD on Hope 2008 is available from the County Ecumenical Officer who can arrange to come and show it to your group or lend it to you. Please contact him on 01822 890412 or staylor921@aol.com.

Church Website

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email (approx 1mb file size), please go to www.creditonmethodist.org.uk/newssub to join the mailing list.

We would also like to have all church meetings and events listed on the website (www.creditonmethodist.org.uk/events/calendar). So if you have planned a meeting/event please tell me.

We want the website to be used regularly within the community for sharing 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 go up the search engine ratings.

Glenn Turner

Pastoral page

The Church Community

We remember those who have died:

Margaret Collier

Margaret died on Tuesday 6th March 2007 in her 86th year. She was a well known figure in the town having spent most of her life in Crediton.



The whole family had belonged to the Wesleyan Chapel, Margaret's grandfather, a Browning, having given the land on which the present chapel is built. She had enjoyed a long and happy marriage to husband Joe who died 5 years ago, and became his eyes, when he went blind following an industrial accident. Margaret and Joe had one daughter, Verna, two granddaughters, Kirstie and Lucie and three great grandchildren, Ivy, Eli and Jamie. We offer our condolences and prayers to all the family.

We remember those who are not normally able to come to church at the present time:

Rita Ash (Crediton Hospital), Kim Clemens, Joan Cornish, Enid Garrington,(St. Lawrence) Allan Hooper (Franklyn Hospital), Phyllis Maunder, Ruth Mackmurdo (Hillbrow), Kathy Nicholson and Clara Paige(Kenwyn), Les Sutherland (Wonford), Eva Whiting.

And we also remember Sid and Cynthia Dixon and Arthur and Wendy Homeshaw and wish Margaret Nott a speedy recovery following her recent fall.

*God of love, you watch with all who weep or worry,
You offer hope to those in despair
and your calming presence to the troubled.
Give us peace.*

April Monthly diary of events

Sun 1 st	Taize Service 6.30pm
Thurs 5 th	Maundy Thursday Service 7.30pm
Fri 6 th	Good Friday procession of Witness. Meet 10am St. Boniface Church
Tues 17 th	Church Life Group 7.30pm
Sat 21 st	Kiev Singers
Mon 23 rd	Women's Open House 7.30pm The Manse Topic: 'Desert Island Disc and one luxury'
Tues 24 th	Children and Young People's Support Group meeting 7.30pm David and Ann Smith's, 14 East Street
Sun 29 th	Church Anniversary Service and Baptism followed by Church lunch and AGM
Mon 30 th	Pioneer Disciple Course 7.30pm Exeter

Bright Hour

April 6th: Good Friday – no
Bright Hour
April 13th: Miss Hazel Boyd
April 20th: Margaret Tucker
April 27th: Rev Ken Hext
Meetings commence at 2.p.m.
on Friday afternoon.
All are welcome.

Sunrise service

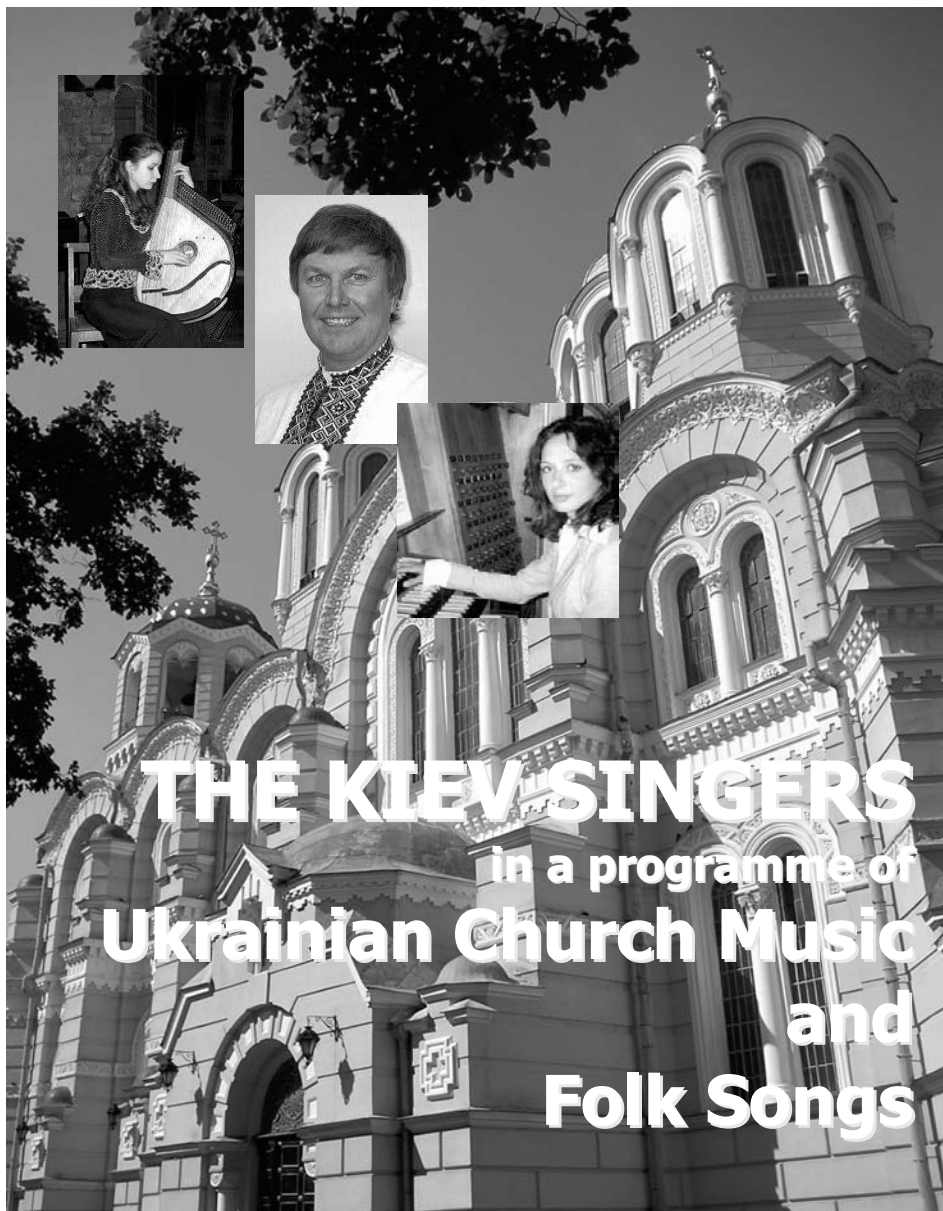
Easter Communion
Haytor, Dartmoor
6 a.m. Easter Day

Crediton Bible Covention

April 20th – 23rd

Congregational Church
Crediton

Speaker: John Gillespie
Meetings start 7.30 p.m.
Except Sunday: 8.15 p.m.



THE KIEV SINGERS
in a programme of
Ukrainian Church Music
and
Folk Songs

7.30 p.m. on April 21st

At Crediton Methodist church

No tickets required – Collection at end of
performance