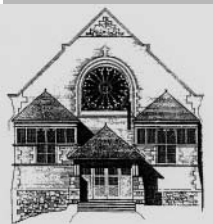




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# Credition Methodist Church



Newsletter  
June 2009

## **Crediton Methodist Church**

**Minister: Rev D Gregory Tel: 01363 774312**

**Email: minister@creditonmethodist.org.uk**

### **Services this month:**

June 7<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 Rev K Hext  
3.0 Parish Church (Festival Service)  
June 14<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 Mr A Sanders  
6.30 Mr C Arscott  
June 21<sup>st</sup>: 8.45 Rev D Gregory (Communion)  
10.30 Rev D Easton (All Age Worship)  
6.30 Rev D Gregory (Communion)  
June 28<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 Miss A Williams  
6.30 Dr K Kite

### **Church Groups:**

Toddlers – meets on Mondays 1.30 to 3.15 during term time  
(contact Sarah on 01363 774370)

Women's Open House: ( contact Christine Marshall 772012)

Ladies Supper group: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (contact Margaret Kenshole 775144)

Mid-week service: Wednesdays 12.30 Bring a sandwich lunch/drinks provided.

Knit & Natter: Wednesdays 2.00 to 3.30 ( Wendy Homeshaw 01363 772786))

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.

The Ark: Saturdays monthly 4 – 6 p.m. (contact the minister)

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

Every Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Sunday Club

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**Material for the July newsletter to Ken Saunders  
by June 21st**

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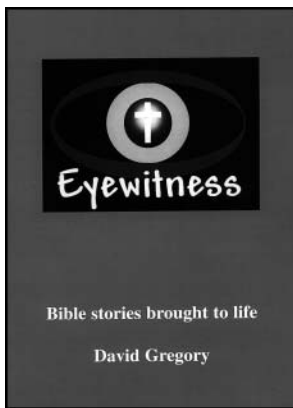
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**Church website: www.creditonmethodist.org.uk**

## The World Church

Circuit Festival will be held at the Mint at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 1 July. The theme for the evening will be ZIMBABWE, with Philip Bhebhe and Caroline Colin, who will be able to give us up-to-date information. Everyone welcome. The collection that evening will be for Zimbabwe: the usual "purses" for World Missions, split between Network and the General Fund will also be received.

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David has written another book – a sequel to his previous title 'I know because I was there.' This is another book of bible stories and encounters written in an attempt to bring the bible to life. The book costs £5 and all profits will be shared between the N Devon Hospice and the Exeter Hospice. Copies in the foyer.

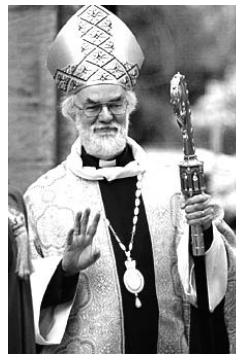
## Festival Service

**Sun 7 June 3 p.m.**

The festival service at CREDITON parish church will give thanks for the appointment of the first Bishop of CREDITON in 909 and celebrate the life of church and community past and present. There will be hymns and choir music, and the Bishop of Exeter will preach. Everyone is welcome. There will be no evening service at our church on this day.

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## Celebrate with the Archbishop



CREDITON Parish Church on Fri 26 June at 3.15 p.m.. Please be seated by 3 p.m. The archbishop will speak at this short service celebrating the foundation of Devon's first Diocese at CREDITON in 909AD. Everyone welcome.

# **METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

*This short article continues the new quarterly series from the Exeter Methodist Circuit aimed at informing local church members about current Circuit business and initiatives.*

## **WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

The Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) makes small miracles possible for people living in the world's poorest communities across Africa, Asia and Latin America through sustainable development, emergency relief, development education and campaigning. See the MRDF website at: [www.mrdf.org.uk](http://www.mrdf.org.uk)

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Through financial and organisational support to over 40 community-based agencies in over 20 countries, the MRDF prioritises those doubly disadvantaged who find it especially hard to escape poverty, such as the elderly in Cameroon, Dalit communities in India and street children in Bangladesh. To address need most effectively, MRDF works with local organisations, recognising that they are best placed to find and implement solutions to the issues facing their communities. These small organisations are often unable to access funding from larger donors, so MRDF helps build their capacity so they can flourish and become self-sufficient.

## **EMERGENCY RELIEF**

In addition to long-term development work, MRDF responds to emergencies through its own partners if possible, Methodist Church links or Action by Churches Together (ACT) International. Here it focuses particularly on forgotten emergencies, situations receiving little media coverage and places no longer in the public eye despite ongoing difficulties, including recent funding for Ethiopia, India and Zimbabwe.

## **DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND CAMPAIGNING**

Awareness is also raised in the UK about the root causes of poverty (trade, unfair debt), working in collaboration with UK campaigning organisations such as Jubilee Debt Campaign and Trade Justice Movement. A further dimension of MRDF's work is through the World AIMS (Action in Methodist Schools) programme, a partnership with Methodist Education. This project seeks to promote global awareness and action in those 78 schools in England and Wales with a statutory link to the Methodist Church.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

**Come to the MRDF day – *Make Your Mark: Change the World with MRDF* – at Wonford Methodist Church on Saturday 20 June from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm.** The registration fee of £5 (free for MRDF Co-ordinators) includes lunch. Further details are available by telephoning (01392) 860483.

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## **Christian Mums**

We are a group of Christian Mums, initially from Landscore Primary School Crediton but now have parents from other Mid Devon Schools, who meet once every half term to pray for our schools and of course have a cup of coffee! We would like to extend this invitation to all schools within the Crediton area and would be extremely grateful if you could advertise this within your Church so that other parents can be made aware of our group.

Our next get-together will be on Monday 8th June at 9.15am, meeting at Hannah Martin's home at 13 Westwood Close, Crediton. Our time together is very informal so if any Mums/Dads/Carers would like to join us and if they have pre-school children, they are more than welcome to bring them as well.

If anyone has any queries, they are more than welcome to contact myself Hannah Martin, on 01363 775612 or Maria Burrows on 01363 84930.

Thank you for your help.

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## **Summer Concert**

**Friday June 12th at  
8pm a Summer Concert  
and Supper by the  
Torrington Singers and  
Band.**

**At Tedburn St Mary  
Methodist Church.  
Chairman Rev. David  
Gregory. No Tickets  
required.**

**There will be a  
collection for Church  
Funds. A very warm  
welcome to all.**



A Prayer Vigil is to be held in our church on  
Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. to 7 p.m.  
There will be four prayer points: Ourselves; Our  
families & friends; The local Community: The  
wider world.

There will be prayer suggestions at each point.  
You are invited to drop-in at any time to pray.

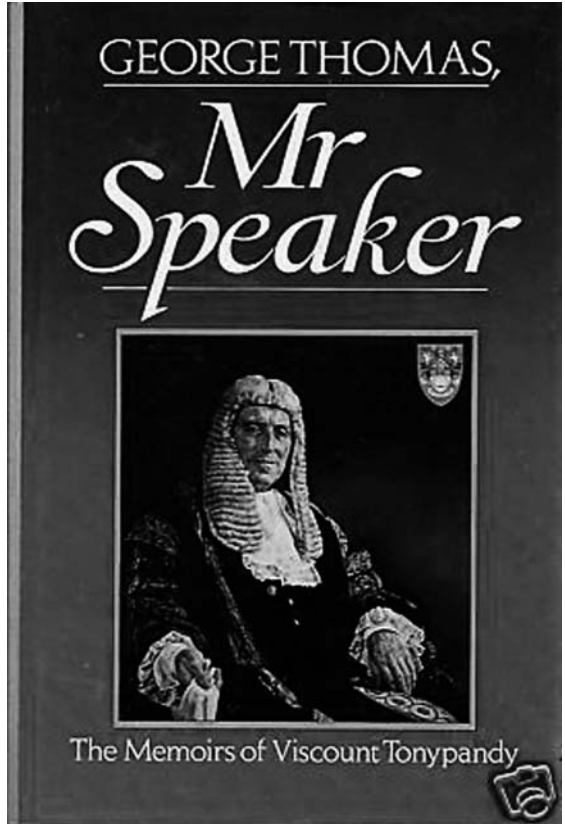
At 7 p.m. there will be a short service conducted by  
Rev David Gregory.

It is important to have one person present at anytime during  
the Vigil. In the foyer you will find a Rota. Please sign if  
you are able to cover a half-hour slot.

## Pause for Thought

Recent events in the House of Commons have caused me to re-read the memoirs of George Thomas, Viscount Tonypandy – ‘Mr Speaker’ from 1976 – 1983. He was a Christian gentleman of great integrity and charm. Indeed, he was held in such affection that the Prince of Wales wrote to express the wish that George ‘would do him the very great honour of reading the lesson’ at his marriage to Princess Diana.

How did this happen to a Methodist layman, a miner’s son from the Rhondda, whose mother took in washing and sewing in order to feed and clothe her family.



Well, George tells us in his book how much he owed to his elder brother Emrys, who went down the pit at 13 to help the family finances so that George could go to Tonypandy Grammar School. George first of all became a teacher and although he felt called to become a Methodist minister, he entered politics instead. However, he always respected the skills of his brother who worked with his hands.

This reminded me of a holiday Sid and I once took to S.W Scotland. We visited Ecclefechan in Dumfriesshire where Thomas Carlyle, the writer, was born and brought – up. His father was a godly man and an elder of the Kirk and a stonemason. Some of the bridges he built are still standing in the Dunfries area. Like George Thomas, Thomas Carlyle first of all became a teacher while studying for the Presbyterian ministry. But he entered the literacy world, wrote many learned books and in 1865 he became rector of Edinburgh University.

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Yet he said he would rather have built one of his father's bridges than have written all his own books. So again,- someone who valued the skill of a man who worked with his hands.

So should we all; where would we be without those skills? Our Lord was a man who worked with his hands. For 30 years Jesus was familiar with the carpenter's shop where he made yokes for oxen. One of the loveliest things Jesus said was 'My yoke is comfortable and my burden is light.' – words of a working man.

Jesus was not ashamed to work with his hands. It was a working man's hands that were nailed to that cross.  
*Cynthia Dixon*

## **A Carpenter By Trade**

With good wood, He'd make things new,  
skilled carpentry His destined trade;  
thus, with nails and wood He grew  
while Mary smiled at all He made.

It was her name Jesus would call,  
as all children are moved to do  
whenever in youth they trip and fall;  
thus, to His side His mother flew.

"I'm here!"...she'd reassure Him  
as she would help Him to His feet.  
Her words of comfort to Him back then  
became a promise she would keep.

For lo, there came that blessed day  
His rough-hewn cross did throw Him down;  
Watching, helpless, what could she say,  
but, "I'm here!"...as He hit the ground?

As He gazed into her tear-filled eyes,  
He could see her heart tearing in two;  
thus, He said to her woeful cries,  
"Look, Mother, I make all things new!"

Thus, with nails and wood He died...  
a gift to the world she could not save,  
God's Only Son she birthed with pride  
and Mary cried for all He gave.

In a carpenter's shoes, He walked  
from a boy to a cross on a hill.  
Moving hearts with passion, He talked  
of a new home His Father would fill.

The builder of God's house is He  
trading Himself for the sins of all;  
nailed-to-wood His earthly destiny...  
making all things new...His call.

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Strawberry Teas  
June 20<sup>th</sup>. 3 p.m.  
Crediton Methodist church

## Looking for 'Talents' to help boost Church Funds

Hopefully, you will have read in the May Newsletter about the Talents project. Like all good ideas, it has been discussed and honed into what we hope will be a really meaningful way of raising some Church Funds. It will also be a fun way to bring everyone together to help contribute their many talents for the benefit of the Church.

We have made a few changes in how it is going to happen as follows:-  
Rev David Gregory will be handing out the envelopes containing £10 to everyone on the last Sunday in May. It was also felt that there will be opportunities between now and the Harvest Weekend where you may be able to sell your Talents, (such as The Strawberry Tea/Junior BBQ) with September 26th (Harvest weekend) as the final day that this can happen. We are therefore creating a booklet showing what is on offer from you all, As you raise the money,

you can either place in offertory, marked Talents or give to Glenn. Please remember that if you are a Gift Aid Tax payer, we can gather in a further 28p per £1 for everything you manage to raise, so please indicate your number when handing it in.

If you have any queries at all, please contact *Glenn 774370* or *Christine Marshall 772012*

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## Bright Hour

June 5<sup>th</sup>: Margaret Scott  
June 12<sup>th</sup>: Jenny Hext  
June 19<sup>th</sup>: Kathryn Cole  
June 26<sup>th</sup>: Rev David Gregory

5<sup>th</sup> June: There will be a lunch at 1p.m.; proceeds towards the Mercy Ships. Margaret will follow this with a talk at Bright Hour to which all friends are invited. Please let Kath Wollacott or Jenny Hext know if you wish to attend the lunch, by 31<sup>st</sup> May.

# Talents Enterprise

## Have those old prints renovated

**From this**



**To this**



**Up to 7 ins by 5 ins**

.....£3

**Up to 10 ins by 8 ins ..... £7.50**  
**Money back if not satisfied with the result.**

**See Ken Saunders to discuss requirements.**  
**All profits to the Church Talents Project**

## INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST

Firstly – **thank you** for supporting 8 needy families in the Ukraine and Belarus not forgetting the family parcels that you send at least twice a year, also the considerable financial contribution which you keep donating towards transport costs! Shortly a lorry will be coming down from Lancashire to our home to collect at least 130+ filled banana boxes (with clothes) 120+ shoeboxes, 100+ black plastic sacks, 40+ boxes of medical supplies, approximately 100 blankets, pillows and cushions, walking aids and so on! It will be good to get our linhay back again, but not for long!



### Indian Trip

In February/March 2009 Bernard Cocker and his wife Elaine visited India to meet up with Pastor Henry Devadas. Shortly after arriving they visited the Balaju Nagar Leper Colony.

*“After the civic welcome by the village leader, the drums and singing, Elaine and I gave a little testimony and then I gave The Word. For the next twelve days hundreds of people gave their lives to Christ Jesus and many sick were healed. It was a very humbling experience to see so many disfigured people of all ages, different castes and religions making us so welcome. We had the joy of telling them about Jesus and how He had given His life for everyone of us and that we were all equal in His eyes. What a joy!*

*176 of the lepers have some sort of housing in the leper colony village, the remainder just have a piece of ground, but no shelter! Pastor Henry’s dream is to build a Church and have a permanent mission.*

*The next day we attended a Pastor’s conference with 250 independent Churches represented. These churches had come together in unity to reach out into the most isolated areas of Andhra Pradesh. After the conference we were driven to a slum area in Machilipatnam. Our accommodation was appalling, but to see how*

*these poor people exist day in and day out makes one realise how blessed we are in the West, also the realisation that animals are treated better than humans! Many of these poor unfortunates are Dallits (meaning broken or crushed). In the class system the Dallits are not even on the scale and are considered sub human by the upper castes."*

*During the coming days we attended and took part in services in all sorts of situations. One thing that really stuck in our memories was a service held on an isolated beach near to Manginipudi and led by Pastor Isaacs. As we drove along the beach we saw an isolated palm leaf building, there was an old speaker tied on a pole outside and the Pastor's wife's voice was coming out of it giving "the call" to worship. You could hear her from a long way off and people began to appear from an apparently empty landscape. Over the dunes they came, fishermen with their families, people of all ages. It was a treat to see. We were met again with singing and flowers and happy smiling faces. Incidentally, there are over 200 fishermen and their families in this village that was hit by the tsunami in December 2004 - 86 of the villagers lost their lives. Most of their fishing boats and nets were destroyed and sadly they have never received any help of assistance.*

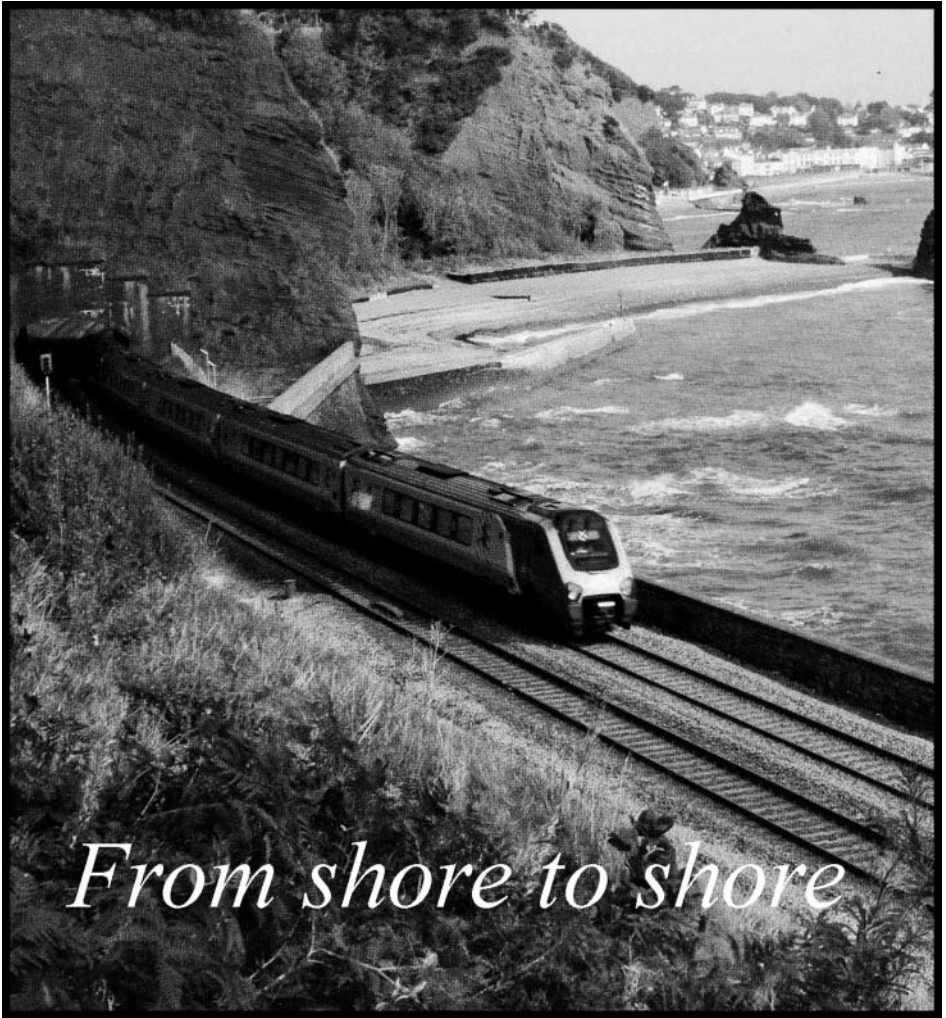
*We visited many other locations as well as an orphanage for about 80 children and here we were able to distribute new clothing. Here we dedicated another half constructed church".*

This is but a short précis of a four page Report. Bernard ends his Report by saying –

*"We have already arranged for two retired teachers to visit the village where the orphanage is situated to set up a teaching and nurturing program. We are also gathering aid for the outreach ministry."*

If you would like to have a copy of this Report please ask me and again thank you for all you do!

***June Redfern – 01363 84058***



*From shore to shore*

**Crediton Flower Festival  
From shore to shore – a coastal journey  
Crediton Parish Church**

**Sat 30 May – Thurs 4 June  
From 10.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.  
Except Sun 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

## Pastoral News



*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

*Colossians 3: 12 – 14*

## Church Family news

Our prayers are with Tina, Glenn and all the family following the loss of our beloved Ken Turner.

Ann Spry has been seriously ill and is in hospital; Mary Greasley has been admitted for an operation and Margaret Scott is to be admitted this month.

Marjorie Ings is now recovering at home after a spell in hospital.

Norman Medcraft has gone into full-time care, and Lynda is having to adjust to this.

It has been good to see that Rita Ash, Rene Sankey and Eileen Tarr have been able to get to church recently.

May God comfort and strengthen them, and fill them with all hope and peace.

Please remember in your prayers our whole church family, together with those named here: Ray Burnett; Kim Clemens; Ray Heard; Harold Hollingsworth; Allan Hooper; Frank Howarth; Len Jenkinson; Phyllis Maunder; Clara Paige (Kenwyn); Shirley Sharpe; Arthur Tancock; Mary Tyson.

### Residential Homes

Summerhayes :

Kenwyn:

St. Lawrence

Services for April are:

Thursday      4 June                      2:30 pm

Wednesday    17 June                      2:00 pm

Thursday      18 June                      2:30 pm

Contacts: Karen Theedom: Pastoral Secretary: 775704

Pam Murphy: Pastoral Page news 77341

## **Diary**

- June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 7.30 p.m. Rev Andrew Brazier's Testimony Service  
Sidwell Street Methodist Church.
- June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Ecumenical service for Crediton Festival  
(see details in Newsletter)
- June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Circuit Meeting at Crediton. 7.30 p.m.
- June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Prayer Vigil 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- June 16<sup>th</sup>:** Church Council Meeting. 7.30 p.m.  
Cream Teas in aid of World mission at Silverton.
- June 20<sup>th</sup>:** Strawberry Teas at Crediton (see Newsletter)  
The Ark. 4 p.m.
- June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Visit of Archbishop of Canterbury. 3 p.m.
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## **Moving House**

Ken & Margaret Saunders are  
moving to 5 Fairfield Rd.  
EX17 2EQ. on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
New Telephone number not  
yet available but mobile is  
07746959614