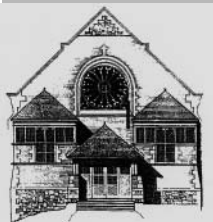


Crediton Methodist Church



Newsletter
September 2009

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Email: minister@creditonmethodist.org.uk

Services this month:

Sept 6th: 10.30 Rev D Gregory (Sacrament)

6.30 Rev G Butler

Sept 13th: 10.30 Rev M Gilborson

6.30 Rev M Dillistone

Sept 20th: 10.30 Miss M Hext (All Age Worship)

6.30 Rev D Gregory (Sacrament)

Sept 27th: 10.30 Mrs P Murphy (Harvest Festival)

6.30 Mr R Canvin

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: 1st 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

**Material for the October newsletter to Ken Saunders
by September 20th**

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My dear friends,

I am pleased to be able to minister to you for a further twelve months, and trust that together we can continue to be a place of fellowship, outreach and mission.

I feel it is important that we do not perceive the next twelve months as 'marking time'; the work of the Lord must always be moving forward, even if at times it is a slower pace than we would wish.

With this thought in mind there are two exciting projects which are already under way: Firstly the circuit intends to appoint a children and family worker for Crediton and Cheriton Fitzpaine. Consultation has been thorough within the circuit and district, and profiles submitted. Providing the necessary funding is obtainable an appointment will hopefully be made as soon as possible. This should be an exciting development within our church.

Secondly, discussions are ongoing within our church to carry out a scheme of refurbishment; the principal aim being to make our whole premises more 'user friendly and visual'. A group of church members are preparing a document to present to the next Church Life group meeting.

Finally I wish to thank everyone who has been involved with our Talents Project; many of you have worked very hard and produced some excellent results. I have particularly enjoyed all the scrumptious food!

Led by the Spirit we shall continue to worship and serve each other and the community of Crediton.

God bless you.

David

Small groups

Early Methodist gatherings were called 'societies'. John Wesley encouraged different kinds of small group to develop, so that both leaders and members of the societies could receive support and challenge in their faith.



These groups, called 'classes' and 'bands' met regularly, and the idea was to be accountable to each other about how each person was living the Christian life. So people had to be very open and willing to be changed by the experience.

In the twentieth century it became less common for classes to meet in this way, but recently many Methodists have been trying to reclaim this tradition.

The supportive small group has been found to be one of the most powerful ways for people to feel that they belong and to learn and grow.

Many Methodist churches have home fellowships, Bible studies and house groups. Increasingly they are seeking in various ways to renew and expand the opportunities for Christian conversation about the things that matter.

But some have been re-thinking the whole way their church is structured, and have put small groups at the centre, through Cell Church.

During the Autumn we hope to run a fellowship group using material from the Methodist Relief & Development Fund (MRDF).

Priorities for the Methodist Church

In partnership with others wherever possible, the Methodist Church will concentrate its prayers, resources, imagination and commitments on this priority:

To proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church

As ways towards realising this priority, the Methodist Church will give particular attention to the following:

Underpinning everything we do with God-centred worship and prayer

Supporting community development and action for justice, especially among the most deprived and poor - in Britain and worldwide

Developing confidence in evangelism and in the capacity to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to all involved

Encouraging fresh ways of being Church

Nurturing a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible. *Methodist Website: September 2009*

Bee Thankful

Many thanks to all those who supported me on 27th (Sat) at my Open Day Honey Bee demonstration. It was a great success, enjoyed by all. I think it's fair to say people had a good old chat to one another over a cup of tea & cake and the hands-on effect went down a treat, with children and adults alike .



Many pots of honey were sold. This was all made worthwhile by John and Peter giving me a lovely picture of Bees and Cakes, the following Sunday morning; which I am going to have framed as a souvenir of the day. Thank you John & Peter.

Hazel Hooper

Bright Hour

Sept 11th: 1 p.m. Picnic Lunch

(provided by committee) followed by Jenny Hext and Mrs Dorothy Sheppard

Sept 18th: Harvest Festival Speaker from CHAT. Please bring non-perishable goods

Sept 25th: Mrs Pam Murphy

Oct 2nd: Jenny Hext and Mrs Dorothy Sheppard

Sunday Oct 4th: 10.30 a.m.

Bright Hour Anniversary. Rev K Hext.

Ladies' Open House

Open House for September will be on Tuesday 18 September, at 7.30. Jane Avery's has invited us to her home at 11 Thurlow Close, Threshers. The topic is 'What's News'. Please come with a news item that interests you: funny or serious; local, national or international.

New Chairman

7 p.m. Sidwell St
Welcome service for new Chairman of the District
Rev Peter Pillinger

Pause for Thought

Swiftly bypassing the rights and wrongs of releasing the Lockerbie Bomber, this episode has made me think about the complexities of the word COMPASSION. One dictionary definition is ‘Pity aroused by the distress of others, with the desire to help them.’ That opened up even more questions about what ‘pity’, ‘distress’, ‘desire’ and ‘help’ will mean to different people in their own circumstances.

In the novel I’m reading, a mother and her author daughter enjoy a loving relationship which leaves each of them space to breathe. But when the mother has an accident and the daughter moves in to ‘help’, their relationship becomes stifled. Suddenly being placed in the role of helper backfoots the daughter; she’s unsure of how to behave and for a time, she unintentionally becomes a ‘prison warder’ and her mother the ‘prisoner’.

We’ll all have experienced what we’ve said being taken the wrong way. Once uttered, words are hard to withdraw or ameliorate. Words of anger, distrust, spite, envy, gossip have great power to hurt deeply. And yet, pent up frustrations can be relieved through a torrent of words.

Words do have power. Ralph Waldo Emerson said: ‘Words are also actions, and actions are kind of words.’ In the creation story Genesis chapter 1, the world is created from God’s word. Jesus is the Word of God in action for us: he *is* compassion, he *is* love.

George Currie Martin’s hymn (HP 482) has these words:

‘Your words to me are life and health;

They fortify my soul,’

May all our words fortify others, through Jesus, the Son.

Pam Murphy

holiday club 2009

Over 60 young people attended the holiday club at the Congregational church and enjoyed games, activities, bible teaching and worship.



Our sponsored Water Carry for Africa.



Thank you for helping us raise lots of money. We walked a long way and it was really good fun. We walked from the Guide Hut by the Sports Centre all the way to Shobrooke Park carrying our buckets. They were very heavy but we managed it!

When we got there we had a packed tea and fed the ducks. Then we threw the water in our buckets into the lake!

We wanted to raise £7.50 each to buy a pair of shoes so a girl could go to



school in Africa. Together we collected £95 and this will pay for everything a girl needs for a whole year at school and an extra pair of shoes and a school uniform for someone else.

Esther and her Rainbow Guide friends were raising money for a small charity called CAMFED (Campaign for Female education) which works in Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Ghana providing education for girls.

talents day

Saturday September 26th

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The culmination of the Talents events .

Many people have been creating and selling Talents prior to the final day and some are creating for sale on our big day, so the day will revolve around tables and stalls with everything on display and for sale.

If you are intending to sell items – tables will be erected from 9 a.m. onwards. Please let Christine or Glen know how much space you will require by the previous Sunday 20th September.

Sale of Talents will be taking place all day. We have already seen a variety of cards, plenty of jams, book of poems, marmalades, chutneys, holiday accommodation, meals out, postcards, cakes, sponges, scones, pasties, honey collection, restoration of photographs odd jobs, - on offer, to name but a few of the talents involved.

The Coffee Morning will be run as normal from 10 to 11.30 a.m.

Lunch of Homemade Soup and a Roll will be available from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.

Please come to support this exciting day, raising funds for the Church and join in with one of our more important Fund Raising Events of 2009.

If you have any queries about the day, please ring Christine Marshall 772012

Talents

Here are some items for sale and services that people have offered as their talents. There will also be a table at our coffee mornings as well as in church where you can buy and sell your produce. As you raise the money, you can either place it in the offertory marked "Talents" or give it to Glenn. Please remember that if you are a Gift Aid Tax payer, please fill in an orange envelope.

In Perfect Harmony



*A collection of poems written by
Eileen Tarr*

Rural B & B Accommodation

We can provide bed and breakfast to end of September in our 17th Century thatched cottage overlooking the River Taw. We have a twin bedded room and also a small single. £15 per person per night, all proceeds to church funds.

Contact Judith Lowe on 01363 83289

Bags O'

Lavender - Herbs - Orange Slices

For drawers, pomanders, potpourri, gift baskets, floral displays and flavouring home grown (except oranges) dried and packaged

Pam Murphy 01363 773414

Greeting Cards for Sale

Pictures from our
2008 Calendar

for more information contact
Ken Saunders on 01363 776674

Painting with Wax

for more information contact
Christine Marshall on 01363 772012

Birthday Day & Open 'Blank'

for more information contact
Shirley Sharpe on 01363 773565

Postcards &

Photos of the Church

for more information contact
Julie Farrell

Garden Produce

Garden Produce Jam

for more information contact
John & Marjorie Ashley on 01363 773851



Marmalade in various flavours
& Raspberry Jam

for more information contact
Kath Wollacott on 01363 775445



Runner bean Chutney

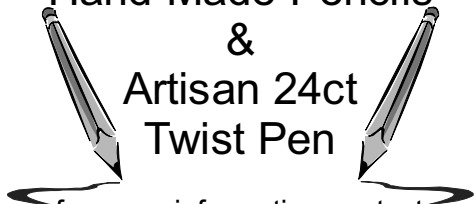
for more information contact
Tina Turner on 01363 776411



Garden Produce Jam

for more information contact
Margaret Pollard

Hand Made Pencils & Artisan 24ct Twist Pen



for more information contact
Alan Clemems on
01363 776993

Brussel Sprout & Leek Plants for Sale



for more information contact
Sid Gardener on
01363 776283

Ironing Service



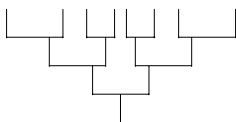
for more information contact
Margaret Scott on
01363 776477

Have those old prints Renovated

Remove creases, marks, etc.
Adjust the colour balance etc.

for more information contact
Ken Saunders on
01363 776674

Research your Ancestry Tree



for more information contact
Sarah Turner on
01363 774370

Computer Advice Maintenance and Training

for more information contact
Glenn Turner on 01363 774370

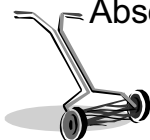
Have a trip in a Frogeye

“Austin Healey Sprite”

for more information contact
Clifford Webb on
01363 773347

Odd Job Man

Absolutely anything
considered



for more information contact
Sid Gardener on
01363 776283

Talents

(Methodist Relief & Development Fund)

Jesus' parable of the talents shows that despite different circumstances and gifts, God expects every one of us to work with him as partners;

to grow what we're given, enrich the harvest and further his kingdom.

MRDF works through grass-roots partnerships with some of the world's poorest communities. In rural southern India, MRDF works with people whose poverty and low social standing mean that they have never been to school, they find it impossible to get decent work and they live in villages with no infrastructure.

But instead of looking at how little they had, people focused on what they could do – with a little investment. Now with ingenuity and hard work, this investment is not only bearing first fruits, but enabling reinvestment to enrich their future too.



Gangi once gazed at his useless land in dismay – now he's running a small but profitable plantation, producing bananas of the best quality that sell well. Members of his group pooled their land – as well as the small loans they received through MRDF – giving them a sizeable, irrigated plot. Water is a precious resource and to get the most from every drop, drip irrigation is used, delivering just enough water straight to each tree's roots. Weeds drink lots but by weeding often they not only conserve water but create valuable animal fodder too. This group really does squeeze every drop from the modest resources they have. They've been so successful that their plantation acts as a model farm, which groups from other villages visit to learn and seek advice.

Knit and Natter Get Together @ Middle Davidsland

Twice a year it has become the custom for the Knit and Natter Group to lunch at Middle Davidsland. So it was that on 19th August about 20 members and friends of the Group came for lunch at Middle Davidsland. There is no list to ask who will bring what for the lunch table, but it is amazing what a diverse spread appears at the appropriate time!



It is very interesting to see the cars arrive and to observe the occupants getting out complete with cake tins and bulging bags, and it soon becomes clear what everyone is carrying! Very quickly pastries are put in the oven to warm, or in the fridge to keep cool. But as well as this there are bags of porridge oats,

tea, coffee, biscuits, soup and so on for the two families that the group sponsor who live in the Ukraine – the Kojokar and Kotuz



families. After coffee/tea the boxes for the sponsored families are packed ready for when the International Aid lorry comes from Lancashire.



On Wednesday a member brought two very large bags of knitting wool from a shop that was closing down, the wool was soon pounced upon by the keen knitters! So bags come in and go out again with new owners!

Re-cycling at it's best. Another friend from Exeter arrived with a boot full of clothes etc, but also with a beautiful crocheted bed covering, she explained she was going to line it. It gave the group further ideas of interesting articles to make.



Over the past few years, as well as sponsoring two very needy Ukrainian families, I have regularly received donations for the work of The International Aid Trust which has amounted to well into four figures. On 19th August I received another cheque from Knit and Natter for £300.00. Quite wonderful when you think that the main object of the group is to just meet, have a happy time together over a cup of tea, and the result is that two families feel cared for both financially and spiritually, and the wider mission of the International Aid benefits. Well done and thank you all!

June Redfern

Coffee Morning Bright Hour coffee Morning (For Home Missions)

Various Stalls

Knit & Natter £1 Stall (For International Aid)

Sept 5th: 10 – 11.30 a.m.

Church Web Site

I am constantly looking for pictures that show the life of our church, to put up on the newly designed website. I am also looking for a good picture of the front of the church. If you have any, or take any in the future please can you pass me a copy or email them to turner_1996@yahoo.co.uk. Also if you want to update your entry for your group, please let me have any revised copy.

Glen

A New Cd



Ray Heard & Friends have produced a Cd called 'The Riverside Sessions' Ray is featured in the vocals and playing his guitar and harmonica. It has been produced to raise money for FORCE and the group are asking for a minimum donation of £5. Copies are available in the foyer of Crediton Methodist Church or from Ray & Linda.

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

As we start our new Methodist year, pray for the strength, commitment and unity of our whole church family as together we seek to spread the word about the love of God and to reach out to younger families.

Uphold, especially, Revd. David Gregory as he begins his second unexpected year as our minister. We hope David will feel assured of our love, and of our thanks for being alongside us.

Please remember in prayer those named personally here: Rita & Roland Ash; Ray Burnett; Kim Clemens; Beatrice Curle; Ray Heard; Harold Hollingsworth; Allan Hooper; Frank Howarth; Len Jenkinson; Phyllis & Gillian Maunder; Lynda & Norman Medcraft; Bronwyn & Colin Nott, and daughter Rachel; Clara Paige; Rene Sankey; Arthur Tancock; Eileen Tarr; Mary Tyson.

Pray, too, for the families who are coming to learn of the Gospel News through the Ark and for those in the Residential homes we visit.

Residential Homes

Services for April are:

Summerhayes :	Thursday	3 September	2:30 pm
Kenwyn:	Wednesday	16 September	2:00 pm
St. Lawrence	Thursday	17 September	2:30 pm

Contacts: Karen Theedom: Pastoral Secretary: 775704

Pam Murphy: Pastoral Page news 773414

Picnic & Songs of Praise At Dowrich House

At the invitation of Michael Lee and William Robinson, several people drove out to Dowrich House on Sunday afternoon of August 9th for a picnic and Songs of Praise. It was glorious weather. We sat in our



deckchairs in the lovely garden and enjoyed views over the surrounding countryside as we talked and had our tea.



After tea Rev David Gregory conducted a Songs of Praise with hymns chosen by some of the people attending.

A very relaxed afternoon in a beautiful setting and with good company.