

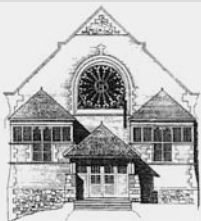


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Crediton Methodist Church

Newsletter
April 2010



Crediton Methodist Church

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Services this month:

- April 4th: 8.45 Rev D Gregory (Sacrament)
10.30 Rev D Gregory (Sacrament)
6.30 Rev D Easton
- April 11th: 10.30 Mr R Thorne
6.30 Rev D Gregory
- April 18th: 10.30 Rev M Gilborson (All Age Worship)
6.30 Rev D Gregory (Sacrament)
- April 25th: 10.30 Rev D Plumb (Church Anniversary)
6.30 At the Mint (Circuit Evening Service)

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; Jesus Squad (10+ age group)

**Material for the May newsletter to Ken Saunders
by April 18th
editors: Ken Saunders, June Redfern, Sarah Turner
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Dear Friends,

The big Easter question: Did Jesus rise from the dead?

Impossible say some, dead people do not come back to life. Yet our Christian faith is built on this fact, not that Jesus was a good man, a wonderful teacher and healer, but that he died upon a cross on the hill of Calvary outside of the city of Jerusalem, and rose again.

Richard Dawkins, the well known atheist, wrote 'The God Delusion'. He launched a great assault on all religious faiths with one goal in mind, stating 'If this book works as I intend, religious leaders who open it will be atheist when they put it down.' What? Without even reading it? Perhaps he believes in miracles! How pompous his statement is!

Later in his book he states 'As for Jesus, he probably existed but the idea he came back to life is absurd!' Obviously he has to admit the historical evidence for the existence of Jesus for it is well documented; yet in his book he devotes few words to refuting his resurrection when it is the core of the Christian faith. That seems to me absurd!

Andrew Wilson in his book 'Deluded by Dawkins' writes, 'to make fun of some people's arguments for God but to practically ignore the resurrection, and by so doing believe one has removed the basis for belief in God is like chasing the mice out of the sitting room and announcing that the house is free of animals while there is an elephant grinning on the sofa. And the resurrection is one mammoth story.

Of course all the arguments in the world cannot prove the resurrection of Jesus. However there is a story of a lifelong atheist addressing a public meeting in which he attempts to disprove the resurrection story. At the end of his speech he invited questions. An elderly man walked to the front eating an apple. 'Tell me sir, this apple I am eating, is it sweet or sour?' 'How should I know without trying it?' replied the atheist. 'Exactly, and neither do you know my Jesus if you have not tried him.' A simple but yet profound faith.

We cannot prove it to another, but do we know it in our heart and mind?

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today.

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

What a wonderful testimony to be able to sing on Easter day 'I know that my redeemer lives.' A joyous & blessed Easter.

David

A Pastoral Letter to the Methodist People from the President and Vice-President of the Conference and the

General Secretary (following the address of the President and Vice-President to the General Synod of the Church of England on 11th February 2010)



And are we yet alive? Our answer, despite some recent press speculation to the contrary, is a resounding “Yes!”. We have seen the evidence in various ways through our complementary roles. As President and Vice-President we have represented the care, oversight, authority and support of the Conference as we have visited local churches and situations in different parts of the connexion. We have seen the Methodist people being faithful and the Spirit at work in them and through them. We mentioned some examples in our address to the General Synod. As General Secretary, Martyn is responsible for leading the development of the mission of the Methodist Church. He too has seen evidence of energy being released amongst us.

We are all convinced that God is not finished with the people called Methodist yet. We began as a discipleship movement within the wider church, a society of people seeking holiness and engaging in worship and mission. In Wesley’s time and through succeeding generations we have continually adapted to circumstances to fulfil that calling as effectively as possible. It is still Our Calling today. And mission has never been more needed than it is now. We live in a world ravaged by war and poverty, and torn apart by questions of how we care for the natural environment and the morality of financial systems. We live in a world where people need to hear the word of God in a language they can understand, where they need to see the love of God through people like us and experience it as good news for themselves. We live in a world where not enough people are being attracted and formed into disciples of Jesus Christ, responding to the promptings of the Spirit.

Responding to situations like this, allowing God to transform us so that we can be most effective in doing so, supporting each other in that through our interconnections, is what Methodism has always been about. We best honour those who have gone before us by doing the equivalent in our time and our circumstances of what they did in theirs. It is our DNA as a people to be a group of disciples who are committed to glorifying God in worship, to holiness and to being obedient and active in mission. We are therefore delighted to see an increasing interest in and commitment to discipleship amongst us.

We believe that God has a role for us in this mission, and we are increasingly embracing it. We have about 265,000 ‘card-carrying’ members, and that number has been decreasing because of the age-profile of our members. But more churches are making more members each year; a quarter of our churches are growing; the numbers worshipping with us on Sundays and, increasingly, mid-week is rising; fresh expressions are starting to flourish; we have regular contact with over 800,000 people; and we are part of a growing world-wide Methodist communion of over 70 million. There is a growing self-confidence amongst us accompanied by an appropriate humility about ourselves, and a releasing of energy for mission.

But we are not the whole of the church, and we cannot do it all by ourselves. So we have voted consistently over the years for unity schemes that are designed to increase the whole church’s effectiveness in mission. This is not a death wish, but a desire to be obedient and a willingness to be transformed. We can countenance ceasing to exist as a separate Church because we know that we will still be the Methodist people within a wider Church.

As our major statement on the nature and mission of the Church *Called to Love and Praise* put it in 1999 “the British Methodist Church may cease to exist as a separate Church entity during the twenty-first century, if continuing progress towards Christian unity is made”. Methodism will still contribute some of the riches of its own distinctive history and mission to any future church. We know from that history that we can be the Methodist people either in our own separate church or in some wider expression of the

universal church. Helping to create a wider expression of the universal church and becoming part of it will require not just us but other churches to be prepared to move forward together and to leave some things behind in the process for the sake of the Kingdom. So it is not a question of Methodists being submerged or absorbed in the Church of England or any of our other partners. It is not a matter of Methodists returning to the Anglican fold, but of seeing whether together we are prepared to become a 'new fold'.

This is not just true of our relationship with the Church of England. We have also signed a Covenant with other churches in Wales, and recently a partnership with other churches in Scotland. We have many local partnerships with other churches, the United Reformed Church in particular. And we are all part of wider denominational groupings. For example, the world-wide Methodist communion is over 70 million strong and the world wide Anglican communion about 78 million. Both are faced with questions of how they cohere in the 21st century, and how they deal with situations where there are competing and even contradictory convictions within them. In addressing these we have a lot to share with each other.

When we addressed the General Synod it was only the second time that the President of the Conference had done so; the first since the Covenant between the Methodist Church and the Church of England was signed in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen in 2003; and, importantly, the first time the Vice-President and the president had been invited to address the Synod together. What we were saying to the General Synod was that Methodists have always been committed to unity in order to create greater effectiveness in worship and mission. We said that thinking like this comes naturally from our spirituality. We approach our Covenant with the Church of England in the light of the Covenant Service in our Worship Book which we pray each year. We were gently but urgently asking the General Synod whether the Church of England was prepared to make the same commitment and allow itself to be transformed for the sake of the gospel. And what we say to the Church of England we say to our other partners.

So what happens if other churches are not prepared to be changed in order to become more effective in mission with us? Rather than being groups of Methodist people in a new and wider church, we shall continue as a Methodist people in a separate Methodist Church faithfully trusting *in God's continuing leading of us*. We could do that, and we currently do. But even as a separate church we shall have to continue with our commitment to co-operate with others in mission wherever possible and to whatever extent it is possible.

Whether co-operating with others or allowing a wider expression of the universal church to come into existence will require a lot of working together in mission locally. Doing that will throw up some obstacles that will have to be removed and some issues that will have to be resolved if mission is not to be hampered. Some of those include matters of interchangeability of ministries, common decision-making structures, the role of women in the church, and how oversight is embodied. Much work has been done on these and some people will have to be asked to keep working at them on our behalf. When we signed the Covenant we committed ourselves to working to remove any obstacles to visible communion so far as our relationship with the Church of England is concerned. Any solutions will have to be agreed by all of us in due course and by due procedure. But in the interim we must all keep striving to engage as effectively as possible in worship and mission.

We have found the Methodist people in good heart, and an increasing sense of the energy of God's love being released amongst us. We are a people of one book, the Bible. We allow the gospel to both comfort and challenge us. We let the love of God both confirm and transform us in the body of Christ through the Spirit.

We are yet alive. We shall be alive in the future in whatever form God wills. God has not finished with us yet!

The Revd David Gamble President of the Conference. Dr Richard M Vautrey Vice-President of the Conference . The Revd Dr Martyn D Atkins General Secretary.

Making A Joyful Noise

We're very grateful to Mark & Sharon Gilborson for giving up their time one Saturday afternoon a month to help some of our young musicians (and some not so young) to form a music group to help lead worship at The Ark and the monthly All Age Worship

The practices are fun and rewarding, and we'd love to include any other members or friends of the church who would like to join us.

Our next practice will be for about an hour from 2.30pm on Saturday 17th April in the Church, when we'll be learning a modern setting of Psalm 23 and a song to help the very youngest children at The Ark to be included.

ALL instrumentalists and singers are welcome, no matter what age or ability. If you decide to come to the practice, please let David Smith know in advance (773088) or david@gwinear.freemove.co.uk so we can ensure we have enough copies of the music.



Desert Island Disc

It would have been one very groovy community that landed on the desert island with their one musical track and precious possession each! The ladies at the Open House evening had given considerable thought to which items and music they would take if marooned.

The tracks were of a diverse eclectic taste which, dare I say it, showed the mood that each of us aspired to, whilst on this imaginary tropical desert island.

All manner of music featured, starting with a beautiful piece by John Rutter, then Cynthia Clanson singing 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus', the Monteverdi Choir sang the Londonderry Air. Billy Holiday was superb with 'Summertime' and we almost got up to dance when an Abba compilation was played by the Royal Philharmonic. 'Some Enchanted Evening' by Mantovani was followed by Nella Fantasia and June had brought a recording on tape that she had made in 1989 featuring a brass band. Joe Cocker with 'Just pass it on' and Doris Day 'Singing in the Rain' topped off the evening well.

If the music doesn't put you off from visiting this special island then the items might, as we are a funny bunch. Sarah would have us playing Triominoes to keep our brain cells working in paradise. Useful eyedrops were needed, (can't go anywhere without them of course Tina!). There would be a singing of hymns daily from the Methodist Hymn book (Cynthia conducting), with piano accompaniment from Marjorie W (thank goodness for the piano, because none of us could strike a 'C'. Pam has to have her mobile phone, with all the solar battery charging, GPS, internet etc (to be able to get off the island as soon as she needed to, after a few days of sunbathing and relaxing of course). Creative Marjorie A wanted paper and pencils (hopefully to get ahead of the game for the Ark preparation, which she is so good at). Margaret S would be sat under a palm tree doing Suduko and reading, whilst June would be working out how to boil water to make tea with all the supply of tea bags she is taking. Jane wanted pets and Daniel O'Donnell, whereas I would take a photo album of all the grandchildren to give me some sort of incentive to get off this idyllic island.

All in all, I think we would be having a great time, listening to the variety of music and using all the treasured items we took. Help! – write SOS in the sand with rocks and build a rescue bonfire immediately.....

Christine Marshall

Church Anniversary

April 24th & 25th

**The preacher at the morning service
on Sunday 25th at 10.30 a.m. will be
Rev David Plumb**

**Sat 24th
Return of the Rivercity
Ladies Choir**



For details see the weekly notices

To the 'Hidden Congregation':

Dear ??????,

Great to hear from you; even before we print! Thanks for that.

You give us Barreda's super picture of the Universe as a ginormous tree, with ourselves as the quarrelling leaves and flowers! [March *Newsletter*, back page]

Two things occur; this month: 'picture language'. It's so right; religious people squabble over their different 'answers' to the great questions. But, isn't the trouble that we take our 'pictures' too literally? We fall out about whether they're either true or false. "If I'm right, you're wrong", and *vice versa*!

Surely, there's a third, better way? The pictures, of the World Tree or of the Tree in Eden, are neither literally true nor false. But they're still saying something vitally important! Some of the

greatest 'truths' about life are best said in pictures. Could you put your love for your Sweetheart into adequate words?

Next time you see/hear of something said in Church, don't accept it at face value, but **please don't reject it either!** Look behind it, for what it's saying to you.

Yours truly,

Will (777544).

Ladies Bright Hour

April Programme

9th: Mr John Gooding

16th: Crediton Songs of Praise

(Holy Cross DVD)

23rd: Rev David Gregory

30th: Mr Roger Thorne

The Hidden Congregation

An e-mail letter

You may wish to include this 'article' in your monthly newsletter to encourage your congregation and webmaster:

My name is Roger Piper. You have never heard of me and I have never been to your church. I am one of your hidden group of 'worshippers'. I could live in Crediton, but I don't. I may never have attended any church, but I have. Please let me explain.

I live in London and attend Teddington Methodist Church. Following my recent retirement it is the intention of my wife and I to move to Devon and we are looking around for somewhere to live. We may decide to live in Crediton; on the other hand we may choose the other end of Devon. To help us to decide where to live we are regularly visiting and monitoring various secular and church web-sites, including your own, to ascertain what local areas and churches are like and whether we would feel comfortable settling and worshipping in that place.

I would have to say that your web-site is one of the best church web-sites that I have come across. I have no way of knowing whether the information is accurate (that is your job to advise your webmaster whether anything needs altering) but it paints a good picture of the size, type and activities undertaken by your active church and congregation. It tells everything that a stranger needs to know about what goes on within your church family and I would struggle to find any items missing, other than possibly a guide to the type of hymns used in your 'traditional' services **and whether there are any activities specifically aimed at men to go alongside the numerous women's clubs and groups.**

With a web-site such as this to tell 'visitors' what they can expect if they join Crediton Methodist Church you deserve to succeed in your work to expand the kingdom of God in your area, and beyond. Congratulations.

Thank You

We'd like to thank everyone for making us so welcome, especially Rachel. Several people have asked how to sign hello to Rachel and Naomi even asked how to sign 'thank you for the grapes'. Cynthia has asked if she can include Rachel in the Palm Sunday service.

I was a member at my previous church for 24 years and Rachel attended all her life. We were never made to feel so welcome. Thank you so much

Colin, Bronwyn & Rachel

The Magic of Magnets

Who would have thought that something as simple as a magnet would help to save money and help to cut our carbon footprint? The idea of magnets having an effect on liquids and gases is not new. Faraday did some research on this as long ago as 1815. Magnets were used to enhance fuel during the last war on Spitfires and Lancaster bombers. During that period petrol was of a poor quality and by strapping magnets on the fuel line it was found these planes could go further without refuelling. The problem was that these magnets were bulky and heavy so their use stopped when the war ended.

Now stronger and lighter magnets can be manufactured, which means that their size and affordability makes them an interesting possibility for anyone who uses mains or bottled gas, or oil as a fuel. Having a fuel conditioner fitted usually results in typical savings of 5% to 20% in fuel usage and emissions and in some cases more. (see below)

We have now fitted some fuel conditioners on our heating boiler at the Church which if we get a saving of 10% will pay for themselves in less than 6 months, whilst also improving our carbon footprint which we need to do if we are to retain our eco-congregation status.

The Baptist Church at Exmouth recently fitted the same kind of fuel conditioners as we are using at our Church. Their treasurer (a retired surveyor) has done daily meter readings before the magnets were fitted from 22nd Oct to the 23rd Nov 2009 and from 24th Nov 2009 to the 2nd March 2010 after they were fitted and has reported a **35.74%** saving on energy used since the installation. This will also have corresponding reductions in their carbon emissions.

If you would like more information please contact me. My telephone number is 01363 773566. *Bob Wright*

JOHN WESLEY – FOUNDER OF METHODISM

With the approach on 24 May of the anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience, it may be timely to remind ourselves briefly of Wesley's life. This short article continues the new occasional series from the Exeter Methodist Circuit aimed at informing local church members about current Circuit business and initiatives.



John Wesley was born in 1703 in Epworth, Lincolnshire, the 15th child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. Samuel had been raised in a Dissenting academy, but became a high church Anglican and was Rector of the parish at Epworth. Samuel had a turbulent relationship with his flock and when in 1709 the rectory was destroyed by fire, there was speculation that disgruntled parishioners might have been responsible. John was caught in the house but was rescued from an upstairs window. This gave rise to a belief in his family that he had been spared for some special purpose, and later John used to refer to himself as “a brand plucked from the burning”.

After school at Charterhouse and university at Christ Church, Oxford, Wesley was ordained in 1728 as a priest within the Church of England. Previously elected a fellow at Lincoln College, from 1729 he participated in a religious study group (The Holy Club) in Oxford organised by his brother Charles, its members being dubbed the "Methodists" for their emphasis on methodical study and devotion. Its numbers grew, and it began to undertake social and charitable activities.

Encouraged by his years at Oxford and keen to put the principles of The Holy Club to work elsewhere, Wesley in 1735 accepted the invitation, with Charles, of James Oglethorpe to become a minister in the recently founded colony of Georgia. His two years there were for him a disappointing experience (including a failed love affair) but during so he came into contact with Moravian missionaries. On his return to England he turned again to the Moravians and it was at one of their meetings, at Aldersgate Street, London on 24 May 1738 where he heard a reading of Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans and penned the now famous lines "I felt my heart strangely warmed", revolutionising the character and method of his ministry.

After his Aldersgate conversion, Wesley became involved in evangelistic work. For over 50 years Wesley travelled all over Britain on horseback, averaging 5000 miles annually and often preaching three times a day, frequently in the open air. He is said to have preached 40,000 sermons and to have traveled 250,000 miles in his life. A relatively small man (he was 5 feet 6 inches in height), Wesley always had to perch on a chair or platform when he preached. A contemporary described him as "the last word ... in neatness and dress" and "his eye was 'the brightest and most piercing that can be conceived.'"

From the beginning Wesley viewed his movement as one within the Church of England and not in opposition to it. As he gained converts around England, however, these men and women grouped themselves together in societies that Wesley envisioned as playing the same role in Anglicanism as the monastic orders do in the Roman Catholic Church. Yet the continual opposition of the Anglican bishops, coupled with their refusal to ordain Methodist clergy, forced Wesley to move closer to actual separation toward the end of his life. In 1784 John began ordaining ministers himself when the Bishop of London refused to do so and declared his independence from the Church of England, executing the deed of declaration by which the Methodist societies became legally constituted; it was in essence the charter of the Wesleyan Methodists. He reluctantly ordained two men to serve as "superintendents" for Methodists in North America and extended the practice to providing clergymen for England but very sparingly. Wesley always maintained that he personally adhered to the Church of England.

Methodism had a significant impact on English society. It brought religion to masses of people who, through the shifts of population brought about by the industrial revolution, were not being reached by the Anglican Church. In addition, it had a beneficial effect on many within both the Church of England and dissenting congregations. By emphasising morality, self-discipline, and thrift to the deprived classes, Wesley has been credited by some historians as being a major force in keeping England free of revolution and widespread social unrest during his day.

Wesley, always extraordinarily healthy, remained active to the end, preaching his final sermon at an open-air meeting just four months before his death on 2 March 1791. He lies buried in the churchyard of the chapel he had built next to his house in London's City Road.

Francisco Rojas School

Arequipa – Peru

The family of Francisco Rojas established this Christian school as a living memorial to him, with the aim to offer free education to underprivileged children. Their family home was adapted and this is where the school is housed. Elizabeth Rojas, a daughter, who was a University Lecturer involved in the training of teachers, is the headmistress. Elizabeth is supported by her sister, María Knowlton, founder of the 'Francisco Rojas School Charitable Trust' which raises funds to help finance this work.

The school started in 1992 with 10 children and over the years numbers have increased steadily. A much needed extension was built in January 2000 as the school has currently an average of 250 boys and girls aged 3 to 17. The academic year starts in March and ends in December and is divided into four terms. A dedicated team of trained teachers provides a full curriculum.

The majority of children who come to the school have problems and difficulties. Some have been street children, now living in shelters; others have parents in prison. The school offers counselling and social help to pupils and their parents, and for many it has become a place of refuge. Children are taught to love, respect and care for their own families, fellow pupils, teachers and their communities through learning about the love of God.

Rev. Barbara Facey, minister of Crediton Methodist church at the time, now a Trustee of the charity, held an initial meeting at the home of Ken and Margaret Saunders, where several people from the church were invited to come and hear about the vision for the school. As a result, a decision was made to sponsor Jose Luis, now at university reading Civil Engineering, and most recently, Elizabeth Quispe, who has started secondary education. Thank you for giving these pupils and their families, the chance of a better future.

María Knowlton

Network News

I attended the Circuit Network committee meeting on 15 March 2010, and bring news of events coming up:

District Spring Network Day will be at Newton Abbot on Thursday 15 April

Autumn Network Day will be at The Mint, Exeter on Thursday 7 October. The speaker will be Anne Kenyon with a talk on The Gambia.

Circuit Easter Offering Service will be at The Mint Church on Thursday 13 May 2010 at 3pm, when each church's Easter Offerings will be received. The theme is 'Companions in Faith, Hope and Love'. We are asked for contributions for the shared tea afterwards.

District Project 2008 – 2010: Al-Sharooq School for Blind

Children: So far the District has raised £1586.90 for the work of the school.

District Project 2010 – 2012: This will support the work of Methodist Homes and the District will request it is used for their work in the South-West.

Quiet Days 2010:

- 4 June 2010 at Pawlett, nr Bridgewater, or
- 22 June 2010 at Ilsington, nr Newton Abbot

The theme for both days is Jesus' 'I Am' sayings.

The quiet days will be from 10am to 4pm and you will need to take a packed lunch.

District Annual Women's Network Event 16 – 18 November 2010:

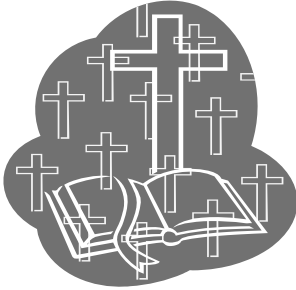
This will be held at Sidholme, Sidmouth.

The theme is 'To be a Pilgrim', and it will be led by Deacon Brenda Hayes.

Please let me know if you are interested in going to any of the events.

Pam Murphy

Pastoral News



Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Please pray for the work of God's Church in this place as together we seek to spread God's Word and to reach out to people in our community and the world. We think of Julie and Colin Rowe, and their son Martin, grieving for the loss of their daughter-in-law Christine.

Your prayers are asked for all in our church family who are unwell, anxious or vulnerable. We name here: Rita Ash; Jane Avery; Ray Burnett; Alan & Kim Clemens; Ivor Coram; Beatrice Curle; Mary Greesley; Ray Heard; Harold Hollingsworth; Frank Howarth; Rob Ings; Len Jenkinson; Phyllis & Gillian Maunder; Lynda & Norman Medcraft; Bronwyn & Colin Nott, and daughter Rachel; Clara Paige; Rene Sankey; Margaret Scott; Ann Spry; 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, many of whom are very immobile or living with dementia.

Contacts: Karen Theedom: Pastoral Secretary: 775704
Pam Murphy: Pastoral News page: 773414
June Redfern: Prayer requests: 84058

Residential Homes services

Summerhayes:	Thursday	8 April	3:15 pm
Hillbrow:	Wednesday	14 April	3:15 pm

April Diary

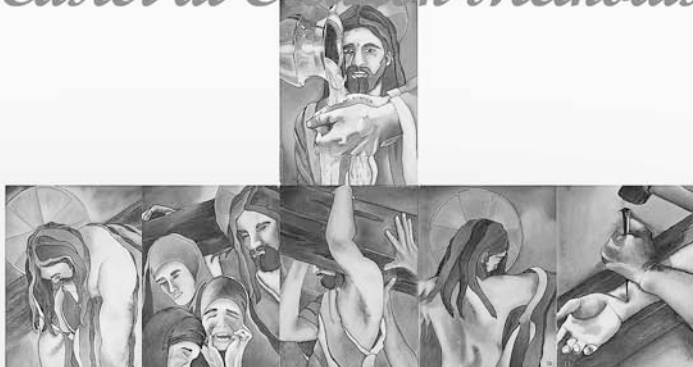
- Monday 29th March Ark Planning Meeting at Oake House, 7.00pm
- Thursday 1st April Service & Sacrament 7 p.m. (Maunday Thursday)
- Friday 2nd April Procession of Witness 10.30 a.m.
'Personalities of the Cross' 7 p.m.
- Saturday 17th April The Ark, 4.00-6.00pm, 'The Good Shepherd'
- Saturday 24th April Rivercity Ladies Barbershop Chorus Concert at 7.30pm
- Sunday 25th April Church Anniversary & Gift Day
- Monday 26th April Ark Planning Meeting at Oake House, 7.00pm
- Tuesday 27th April Open House at 5 Fairfield at 7.30pm (Bring an item you have made)
- Advance dates:
- Tuesday 4th May Children & Young People Meeting at Oake House, 7.00pm
- Thursday 6th May Church AGM with Bring & Share Supper at 7.00pm

The Big Brew

During Fair-trade Fortnight churches across the country organised Big Brew Coffee & Tea events to encourage people to swap from other brands to Fair-trade. Our church took part. Priscilla ran a Fairtrade stall and sold over £40 of goods.



Easter at Crediton Methodist



*Thursday 7 p.m.
Service +
Sacrament*

*Friday 7 p.m.
Personalities
of the Cross*

Easter Sunday

8.45 Sacrament

10.30 Easter Service

6.30 Service

For God so loved the World