



Crediton Methodist Church



Newsletter
September 2010

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Services this month:

Sept 5th	10.30	Rev K Hext	(Sacrament)
	6.30	Rev Pillinger	Welcome Service
Sept 12th	8.45	Rev A Varker	(Sacrament)
	10.30	Mr D Bradford	
	6.30	Rev A Varker	(Sacrament)
Sept 19th	10.30	Rev A Varker	(All Age Worship)
	6.30	Dr K Kite	
Sept 26th	10.30	Rev A Varker	
	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 776674)

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 October newsletter to Ken Saunders
by September 19th**

**editors: Ken Saunders, June Redfern, Sarah Turner
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Please Note: New manse number: 01363777308

Picnic in the Park

Newcombes Meadow

Saturday September 4th 2 – 5pm

**To welcome Ann Varker
(our new minister)
and her husband Julian**

Bring your own-

Food, Chairs, Rugs.

Tea, coffee, children's drinks provided

Games - rounders, footie, marbles etc

Move to Church Hall if RAINING –
ring Christine 772012 for confirmation

Francisco Rojas School

I regret to have to inform you that Elizabeth Quispe, the girl sponsored by Crediton Methodist Church, is no longer in the school. You may remember that the father left his family about 2 years ago and they were just beginning to adjust. The mother came to see my sister to tell her that the husband had returned and had taken the children away; she does not know where they are.

As you can imagine she is very distraught and unable to do anything. I am really sorry that this has happened. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do, as parents have the right to remove their children from the school whenever they want and for whatever reason.

I realise this is disappointing for you and I do not know what you would like to do now. Would you like to sponsor another child next year? Of course I cannot make any guarantee that this will not happen again. Please let me know.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and the Young Church, very much indeed for supporting our charity and the work of Francisco Rojas School. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

John & I send our best wishes
Maria.

Circuit Welcome Service

at Crediton

**on Sunday September
4th
6.30 p.m.**

**To welcome Rev Ann
Varker**

**with
Rev David Easton
(Superintendent)
&
Rev Peter Pillinger
(Chairman of the
District)**

A Memorial



Have you ever sat in church and wondered about the names on the memorial tablets and the characters behind them? It was through our magnificent web site (thanks to Glenn) that Gay was able to communicate with us. She is the great granddaughter of Richard Browning and her elderly mother was anxious to visit our church after having delved into her family history. Gay and her husband Geoff brought her down from London with other family members.

Richard Browning was a founder member of this church and sadly his family were unable to identify him in our photograph recording the founding of the building in 1892. The photograph is displayed on a wall in our vestry. Richard was a Local Preacher, often travelling many miles by pony and trap to small chapels as far away as Christow, content that he was going about 'his Lord's business.' He was a cobbler by trade and lived and worked in the house beside the church that is a hairdressing salon now.

He was heavily committed to the Young Men's Bible Class and was presented with a magnificent handwritten document in 1877 when he

relinquished his commitment to them and became a Local Preacher. Of course this was before our church was built on this site, but from some of the names on the document, we know that it was this church community. Some of the signatures are William Stoye, a friend and Local preacher who often shared pony and trap as they travelled to preaching appointments; William Furse, no doubt a relative of Ellen Furse, to whom our large communion table is commemorated; and Ernest Stoye, whose inscription 'In loving memory' is on our communion rail. Gay and her family concluded their visit with a musical rendition of 'All things bright and beautiful'.

A translation of the illuminated document is thus.

Dear Mr Browning, We the undersigned being scholars of the Young Mens Bible Class hear with deep regret your removal from us to another sphere of labour and while we cannot but recognise in it the interference of the Great Head of the Church yet we are conscious that the loss of your presence among us and your kindly lessons of love will be a deprivation to us, more perhaps than we can at present realize.

Our earnest and united prayer is that in all your work both as regards the time that now is and that which is to come you may experience the very richest blessings of the Minister and that at the last it may be the happiness of each one of us to meet you at his right hand in Heaven.

The mark of X William Theo Westlake Edward Hutchings William Stoye Frank Kerswell Frank Mogridge W H Tucker R Hardon Ernest Stoye William John Furse William Griffiths Maryon Bliss Stoye Year 1877

There is no doubt that our forebears at Crediton Methodist Church had a strong faith in God; what a legacy that leaves us! We have to live and work together in love and Christian commitment to sustain that which has gone before us.

Gay and her husband Geoff come from Suffolk and would dearly love to join us for Sunday Worship, so do watch out for them. *Marjorie Ashley*

Ladies Supper Group



Ladies Supper Club - August
The ladies had a really good evening out on their trip to The Kings Arms at Winkleigh. It coincided with Margaret Nott's birthday, so an excuse for an additional course of birthday cake!



Christine

Sing for the Starving Concert

“Sing for the Starving” is an Exeter based charity, formed when members of different churches got together and decided that money raised by a concert of varied sacred music could raise finance for starving people. From the first get together in 1992, about £15,000 has been raised and distributed to Christian Aid, Oxfam and more latterly Shelterbox.

This year the “Sing for the Starving” concert will be held on Wednesday October 6th at Sidwell Street Methodist Church at 7.30pm and tickets will cost £5.00. Please support this event and bring your friends too.

Rehearsals will be held at 7pm on Wed 8th, Mon 13th, Tues 21st Sept & Tues 5th Oct. and singers or musicians wishing to participate in this worthwhile ecumenical venture will be most welcome. For details of music or any further information contact Wensleigh Palmer on 01392 251846.

Cancer Research UK - Relay for Life



On Saturday September 11th at 2 p.m. I will be taking part in Crediton's first ever Relay For Life at The Lord's Meadow Rugby practice fields. This is a 24 hour relay by teams of fundraisers who will join together to take it in turns to walk for a whole day - to remember that Cancer never sleeps.

If you are interested in joining a team (entrance fee is £15.00) please let me know as soon as possible and I will put you in touch with my team capt. My fundraising effort is to sell limited edition Glow In the Dark/reflective hand-knotted keyrings for which I am charging £2.00 (with at least £1.00 going to the charity). If you would like one just ask me as I will usually have these on me for sale! Thank you!

Julie J Farrell

Smile

Every person knows that smiling
is infectious,
You catch it like the flu.
Someone here smiled at me
And I started smiling too.
I looked around the room
And someone saw my grin
And when he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about my smile a lot
And realized all its worth,
A single smile like mine or yours
Could travel round the earth.
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected.
Start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected
(Submitted by Margaret Nott)

Pakistan Flood Victims

As a church we have sent £400 to Christian Aid for their special appeal.

Ladies Bright Hour

Sept 3rd: Rev Kenneth Hext
Sept 10th: John Gooding
Sept 17 Rev Ann Varker
Sept 24th: CHAT (Harvest)

Crediton Foodbank Update

Following a recent meeting with CHAT (Church Housing Action Team) and a subsequent visit to their Foodbank in Tiverton, we have decided not to proceed with setting up a Trussell Trust Foodbank in Crediton at this time.

We feel that, with the support of CHAT and drawing on their experience, we can get a Foodbank up and running in a fraction of the time and for a fraction of the cost that we would have to commit to the Trussell Trust. We will remain open to re-considering this decision if we feel it would be beneficial to join the Trust at any point in the future as the Foodbank grows.

The Need

Last year CHAT gave out almost 400 food parcels to people in Tiverton. From their work in Crediton, they have identified a real need here too. They strongly support the setting up of a Foodbank in Crediton and would like to use it for their clients in this area. We would also like the Foodbank to be used by other agencies in Crediton (eg Health Visitors, Children's Centre, CAB, Social Services etc). It would seem prudent, however, to increase its use gradually in order to ensure we can keep up with demand. Agencies would be able to issue vouchers to ensure that only those in genuine need would be able to access the Foodbank.

Where, How and Who?

Each church would have its own collection box for people to place their food donations in and a volunteer to deliver these to the food collection point at least once a month. Lists of food suitable for donation will be made available. We would also like to involve local schools and other community groups, such as scouts and guides in collecting food.

We have space to store food in the recently vacated Manse, next door to Crediton Congregational Church. We would envisage the food collection point to be the Fishtank Coffee Bar which is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning at CCC (with an emergency tel no. for other times). We hope to form a team which would consist of volunteers from all the churches in Crediton to sort food and hand out food parcels. Providing we

have enough volunteers, this would not need to be a major time commitment for anyone. Occasional deliveries may be required to those living in Crediton's surrounding villages.

When?

We will be encouraging all churches and schools to collect food for the Foodbank at their Harvest Festivals this year in order for us to launch the Foodbank together in October 2010.

We very much envisage the Crediton Foodbank as a project which would involve all the churches in Crediton actively working together.



September 19th 10.30 a.m.

With

Rev Ann Varker

All Age Worship

At our Harvest Festival this year we would like to support the Crediton Food Bank which will be opening in October. On the next page is a list of items which are suitable. Please check that any items donated have a reasonable sell-by date.

SUGGESTED GROCERY LIST

For Crediton Food Bank

All items are gratefully received but this is a general guide to the type of products which are required.

BAKED BEANS
TINNED TOMATOES
SPAGHETTI
TINNED VEGETABLES
TINNED & PACKET SOUP
JARS OF PASTA SAUCE
TINNED FISH
TINNED MEAT
POT & INSTANT NOODLES/RICE
PASTA
RICE
TINNED RICE PUDDING
TINNED FRUIT/CUSTARD
SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR
TEA BAGS IN SMALL QUANTITIES
SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
SQUASH/ LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
LONG LIFE MILK
BISCUITS/CRACKERS (SWEET OR SAVOURY
PACKETS OF CHOC. BISCUITS
SMALL PACKETS OF CEREAL/ PORRIDGE

CLEANING PRODUCTS

WASHING UP LIQUID, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE ETC.

Baptism

The photo is of 4 year old Jonathan Gregory-Wilson's baptism which took place at the church on August 1st 2010. The baptism was conducted by the Minister, Mark Gilborson. Jonathan's parents, Rob Wilson and Helen Gregory-Wilson and his big brother Jacob were at his side. His god-parents were Christine Gregory, Elaine Gregory and Claire Gregory.



Wedding



On Saturday 7th August, Phil & Lindsay were married at Plymouth. L to R: Cynthia Jamieson, Lindsay Jamieson (Turner), Phil Turner, Ian Jamieson, and Tina..

TO THE HIDDEN CONGREGATION

So, you say, *“Fine, for you. But it don’t work for me. A load of old people, singing ancient hymns, half-listening to long, boring sermons, and pretending it’s all important! Well, it doesn’t say anything to me.”*

O.K. I hear you and I like straight talking.

So, you be straight! We’re not all old; some dark and golden heads among the greys! Some youngsters too, trying to understand what’s going on; with dedicated people helping them find meaning and establish good habits, before going off to ‘Uni’, ‘bright lights’ or whatever.

But isn’t there more to it? Aren’t you afraid you’ll be made uncomfortable; either, *‘people all over you’* or *‘ignoring you completely’*?

Yes. Making people welcome without ‘smothering’ them; that’s a delicate art. But if you come and we get it wrong, don’t just stay away. Tell someone! Put a suggestion in the prayer box!

Or is it deeper? Aren’t you scared you’ll have to commit yourself; parts of your life you’ll be expected to give up?

It’s a risk. Church tries to hold up a finer, higher way of living. And that can make anyone feel uncomfortable. But, if God asks something, he also supplies the power for it. He can empower you to that higher life. And that’s what humans are made for.

So, come on; take the risk.

Will

THANKS FROM ROS & WILL

Not only for ‘The Book’ celebrating ‘Reinstatement into Full Connexion’; with the privilege of ministering in the Circuit in days to come; but also for the careful, loving welcome to both of us since settling here. We are deeply grateful. R&W

Silverton

We were invited to Silverton Methodist Church for a walk, tea and circuit service which may well turn out to be the most memorable service of 2010. Rev Andrew Brazier, in his own particular style of preaching, tried to link the circuit theme of 'Women in the Bible' with Silverton Street Market weekend theme of 'Musicals'. Some went for a walk through the fields, others were taken on a tour of the village by the local thatcher.



Section Service

We invited friends from Tedburn and Cheriton Fitzpaine for a walk, tea and section service. Not many came ! Nevertheless we enjoyed a walk led by Bob Wright, through the new housing estate to the field leading to the top of Barnfield – with views over the town and surrounding countryside.



Pastoral News



Come, Holy Spirit,

and fill us

with your love and compassion.

Let us give joyful thanks to God for our new minister Revd Ann Varker, and pray for her and her husband Julian as they begin this new stage of their journey here in Crediton. We continue to pray for this church's vision and response to God as he calls us to mission, for the families who are coming to learn of the Gospel News through the Ark and for those in the Residential homes we visit.

*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.*

And so your prayers are asked for all in our church family who are unwell, anxious or vulnerable. Of those, we name here: Rita Ash; Jane Avery; Ray Burnett; Alan & Kim Clemens; Ivor Coram; Beatrice Curle; Mary Greasley; Linda Heard; Jenny Hext; Harold Hollingsworth; Frank Howarth; Marjorie Ings; Rob Ings; Len Jenkinson; Phyllis & Gillian Maunder; Lynda & Norman Medcraft; Bronwyn & Colin Nott, and daughter Rachel; Rene Sankey; Margaret Scott; Ann Spry; Arthur Tancock; Eileen & George Tarr; Mary Tyson.

We remember in prayer the family of Clara Paige who has died.

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

Residential Homes services:

Summerhayes:	Thursday	2 September	3:15 pm
Hillbrow:	Wednesday	15 September	3:15 pm

Diary for September

2nd September, 10.30-noon, Coffee Morning at Silverton MC in aid of Action for Children

2nd September, 7.30pm at Oake House, Stewards Meeting

4th September, 2.00-5.00pm, in Newcombes Meadow, Meet and Greet Ann and Julian Varker

5th September, 6.30pm, Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Ann Varker

6th September, 7.30pm at Oake House, Ark Planning Meeting

14th September, 7.30pm at St Thomas MC, Circuit Meeting

15th September, 7.30pm, Freedom in Christ Course

18th September, 4.00-6.00pm, The Ark. Theme is 'Harvest'

21st September, 7.30pm at 11, Thurlow Close, Ladies Evening Group. Topic is 'Current Affairs'

29th September, 7.30pm, Freedom in Christ Course

30th September, 7.30pm, Concert by Devon & Cornwall Police Choir in aid of Ellen Tinkham School & Church Refurbishment Fund

2nd October, 'Freedom in Christ' away day (venue & time to be confirmed)

**Visit of John Bell,
Iona Community
Sat 23rd October,**

John Bell will be leading sessions at the Mint on the morning and afternoon of Sat 23 Oct, and admission is by ticket purchased in advance (price £5).

The day is entitled “*God and Man and Woman*” and the programme is as follows:

9.30 a.m. Registration and Coffee

10.00 a.m. UNSUNG HEROES

An exploration of people, especially women of the Bible, whose profile has been kept remarkably low. For what reason?

11.15 a.m. Coffee

11.45 a.m. SINGING AND BELIEVING

Does what we sing shape for good or ill what we believe?

Did ever old song get it wrong, does ever new song get it right?

1.00 p.m. Lunch

2.00 p.m. CELEBRATING THE UNSUNG JESUS

An investigation in word and song of essential aspects of Jesus’ ministry which have suffered from neglect in the song and preaching of the Church.

4.00 p.m. Tea and Home

This is an ecumenical event sponsored by Churches Together Across Exeter, and promises to be an excellent day.

I am delighted that the Mint is hosting the event - I do hope it will be well supported by friends across the Circuit, and that you and members of your congregation will be able to attend.

Andrew Sails

BOOKING FORM

“God and Man and Woman”

led by John L Bell

Saturday 23rd October 2010

10 am to 4 pm

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone:

Email:

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Please supply tickets at £5 each.

I enclose £.....

[Cheques payable please to “The Mint Methodist Church”]

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