

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 28th April 10:30am

Church Anniversary

in Church led by Rev Paul Collins

Communion

Hymns: StF455 All my hope on God is founded

StF44 Come on and celebrate

StF251 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets

StF579 Come build the Church

StF611 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Readings: John 15: 1-8

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-11

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer

or mobile app with Worship on the Web

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593

Phone Conference ID: 419 576 441

6:30pm Evening service led by Rev Brian Hadfield

Dear Friends

"Communication "

After taking a service at Hillbrow Care Home, we were chatting with the residents and they told us about some unusual visitors they'd had! Alpacas in the lounge! They'd come from the Woolley



Animals Farm at Winkleigh and were reportedly very sweet natured and soft to the touch, but what I think the residents found most intriguing and rather surprising was the humming sound they made. It's their means of communication. While the alpacas were separately befriending people at either end of the lounge, they would hum to each other for reassurance, as if to say: "It's OK, I'm not far away, just over here".

It reminded me of another form of animal communication, this time between horses. As an instructor with Riding for the Disabled, I was required to take the British Horse Society Road Safety test. A group of four of us gathered one evening for our final assessment and had to ride down the road one at a time. I was on a lovely Fell pony called Storm and, as I nudged him forwards, I could feel a slight reluctance when he realised none of his friends were accompanying him. With stronger use of my legs I got him to set off, but we hadn't gone far when the whinnying started! Really loudly! Reverberating through his whole body – and mine. Horses don't usually neigh or whinny when out in a group but, now on his own, it was Storm's way of keeping in touch with the others back at base. He was probably saying something like: "Don't go away, I'll be back soon".

There are occasions, I'm sure, when we need God's assurance that He is there, that we are not alone. Many verses in the Bible provide just such reassurance. God's word to Joshua, for example: "*Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*" And the wonderfully reassuring words of Jesus in Matthew 28:20 - "*Be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*"

The final verse of the hymn 'O Jesus I have promised' makes a great prayer, the two way communication of speaking and listening to God:

"Oh, let me hear Thee speaking, In accents clear and still, Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will; Oh, speak to reassure me, To hasten, or control; Oh, speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul." Hilary

(P.S. Storm and I passed the test and got the certificate!)

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

Recently prices for gas and electricity have increased significantly and we have seen a drop in regular giving. These two factors mean that we are spending £1,000 per month more than our income. We need to address the shortfall urgently.

With this in mind we are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 4th May from 10am to 12 noon. There is still time to book a table priced only £5 - please contact Bronwyn.

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Lord we thank you for this our Methodist Church which has stood firm in so many ways for 132 years attesting to the faith of past and present generations. Thank you for all the Churches in our town and the different roles they fulfil showing your love in meeting the needs of today.

Thank you that we can worship you unchallenged by outside influences, mindful that throughout the world this is not always how it is for Christians worshipping you in dangerous and difficult situations.

And so for the coming year we ask that you guide us as a Church enabling us to fulfil your purposes, going forward ever mindful that you are our strength and guide as we meet today's challenges. AMEN

"Now to him who by his power at work within us is able to achieve inestimably more than anything we can ask or even dream of, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus in this and every generation, now and always".

Ephesians 3 v 20,21

ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual General Church meeting for 2024 will be held in the Church at 4.00pm on Sunday 19th May. All members and friends of the Church are invited and welcome to attend. Tea and cake will be served after the meeting.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13 th May 2023
4. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2022/2023
5. Election of Stewards for 2024/2025
6. Election of representatives to the Church Council 2024/2025

We would welcome new members to join the Church Council. This meeting can elect up to 15 members to the Church Council. If you are interested and would like more information about the work of the Church Council, please contact me.

If you want an electronic copy of the Annual Report for 2022/23, please contact me. John Ashley, Church Secretary

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FRIDAY FOCUS

Friday Focus will meet on Friday 3rd May at 2.30, when we will be looking at slides "Growing and Showing Orchids is in your DNA!" If you would like to bring a flower/s of any kind we will make a display around the lectern for Sunday.

Week beginning Saturday 27th April		
Sat 27th April	10:00-11:30 am	Together for Coffee donations for CHAT
Sun 28th April	10:30 am	Church Anniversary in church or on the Web led by Rev Paul Collins
	6:30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev Brian Hadfield
Mon 29th April	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm-5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 1st May	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 3rd May	10:00—12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
	2:30pm	Friday focus
Sat 4th May	10:00 -11:30 am	Together for Coffee donations for World Missions & Tabletop Sale
Sun 5th May	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web with Abigail Hardiman
	3:00pm	An illustrated talk about her visit to India with part of the District team by Bronwyn

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week

Breakfast cereals Small jars of coffee Cartons of long life juice Pasta
Small boxes of tea bags, Jam, Chocolate spread, Tins of fruit, custard and rice pudding, Sanitary towels, Men's deodorant, Wash capsules.

Contact Details
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