

# Crediton

## Methodist Church



## Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

### Sunday 6th April

10:15 for 10:30am Café Church in Church led by  
Rev Leon Dundas

Hymns: StF24 Come now is the time to worship

StF628 Faithful one so unchanging

StF15 The splendour of the King

StF645 Will your anchor hold

Reading: 2Kings 5 v 1-15

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

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### Out of Obscurity . . . Naaman's slave girl

The grace of making key connections while under the cosh.

This Sunday in Café Church, Revd Leon Dundas will be helping us to take a closer look at the story of how Naaman's slave girl took the opportunity to make a generous and transformational connection.

Please do come and join us. Coffee will be served from 10:15 am



## Dear Friends

### Psalm 118

The book of Psalms was the 'Singing the Faith' of ancient Israel and it is likely that this Psalm would have been sung as people entered the Temple during the festival of Passover. These words would have been on their lips as they prepared to celebrate God's great deliverance, of God working wonders by His outstretched arm before an enslaved and weary people. This is an important psalm for us too, especially as we journey towards Holy Week and prepare to celebrate Easter. We too celebrate a great deliverance (from sin and separation from God) and we stand in awe at the sacrifice which made it possible. We acknowledge the sun and brokenness (ours and the world's) which led Jesus to the cross, but we also give thanks for the liberation and hope which flowed from it.

The world is in a precarious state. We watch the news and we are tempted to fear for the future. There is, however, a flip side to this. Many have noted the stirrings of something in this country, the first flutterings of a renewed interest in the Christian faith and what it might mean. Jesus died for everyone and everyone stands in desperate need of the salvation and new life which only Jesus can offer. Uncertain times prompt people to look for hope beyond themselves, so let's pray that this is what's happening and that it will bear fruit. Let's pray that more and more people approach the gates of righteousness, with faith in their hearts and songs of joy on their lips. There really is a hope in this world that can never perish, spoil or fade and which the ups and downs of life cannot take away from us. It is a hope which flows, with Jesus' blood, down the cross. It is a hope made real on Good Friday and celebrated on Easter Sunday. Let's never forget this, and let's pray and offer witness to others, so that they might realise it too.

God bless, *Ben*

## CHURCH FAMILY

We are sorry to have received the sad news that Wyn Bradley died last Sunday afternoon. Please hold Wyn's family in your prayers at this difficult time. **Pam**

## WARM SPACES

There are still plenty of opportunities to help with the "Warm Spaces – Coffee and Chat" events during the next three months. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Friday from time to time – perhaps once a month – please add your name to the rota at the back of the Church.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME

Lord in this season of Lent we have been and continue to evaluate what our faith means to us. Questioning and facing up to areas of our Christian life which could be better and more worthy of you. Help us to face up to life's challenges and how we can use more effectively the individual gifts that you have given to us.

So that in service we commit ourselves to you, recognising that despite the difficulties in our Christian journey we can always put our trust in you, knowing that you are the same Lord, yesterday, today and into the future. AMEN

***"Assess yourselves to check that you are living in the faith. Test yourselves to make sure".*** 2 Corinthians 13 v 5

## HELD TOGETHER SERVICE

The Held Together service at the Boniface Centre is usually on the third Monday of the month. As the third Monday in April is Easter Monday, the service is being brought forward to Monday 14th April. However, the Boniface Centre is not available on this date and so the service will be held here at 10.30am on the 14th April.

Held Together is arranged by Anna Chaplains, Eileen Brassington and Caroline Smith and is primarily for old people and their carers, but everyone is welcome. Do come along to this short ecumenical service, after which there will be coffee and cake. All welcome *Bronwyn*

## FILM NIGHT

Our next film night is on Saturday 12 April at 6.30pm in the Church. We will be showing "Twelve Years a Slave" a 2013 biographical historical drama film directed by Steve McQueen from a screenplay by John Ridley, based on the 1853 slave memoir "Twelve Years a Slave" by Solomon Northup, an African American man who was kidnapped in Washington, D.C. by two conmen in 1841 and sold into slavery.

There is no charge for this event but donations for the refreshments will be welcome.

Birthday greetings to Elizabeth who is celebrating a special birthday this week **"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"** from all your church friends

Week beginning Saturday 5th April		
Sat 5th April	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Disaster Emergency
Sun 6th April	10:15 for 10:30 am	Café Church in church or on the Webb lead by Rev Leon Dundas
Mon 7th April	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
		NO Big Top re-start 28th April
Wed 8th April	10:30am	Lent Coarse
Fri 11th April	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 12th April	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
	6:30pm	FILM NIGHT
Sun 13th April	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev David Greenwood

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH** if you would like to attend, please add your name to the list on the notice stating any dietary requirements.

Menu: Quiche and Ham served with salad & new potatoes, selection of sweets.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Monday 14th April Held Together Service

Sunday 27th April- Church Anniversary and Lunch

Saturday 17th May - Beetle Drive

Sunday 1st June 2:00pm CTIC Songs of Praise, Newcombe's Meadow

Saturday 28th June- Strawberry Tea

Saturday 12th July - "Away day" to Budleigh Salterton details to be

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