Crediton Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 20th July

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by Chris Mann Theme "How do we hear the voice of God" Hymns:StF55 Immortal, invisible StF254 Seek ye first the Kingdom StF518 Father hear the prayer we offer StF451 Open the eyes (video). HP 770 Go forth and tell Reading - Luke 10 vs 38-42

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer or mobile app with Worship on the Web <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593 Phone Conference ID: 419 576 441

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to be able to send you a letter from Sid this week. He so dearly wanted to share this story with all of you.

We are very pleased that Cynthia has been taking a turn in letter writing, but now she feels it is the time to withdraw. *Our thanks go to you, Cynthia, for all your contributions which we have so enjoyed reading.*

Lloyd has kindly agreed to be added to the rota. If there is anyone who would also like to be included in this interesting part of the notices please let me know. God bless, *Marjorie*

Letter from Sid Gardner to CMC congregation

Dear Friends,

I hope this story is as new to you as it is to me.

One day Jamie, a poor Scottish Crofter, was working up on the bleak mountain side when he heard a boy's voice screaming for help. He dropped everything and raced down to a boggy area where he found the boy up to his waist in black stinking mud. Fortunately, he was able to pull him out and took him home to clean him up. The next morning, a very smart carriage drawn by two jet black horses drew up outside the croft and a very aristocratic gentleman got out. When Jamie answered the door, the gentleman said, 'I've come to express my gratitude and reward you for saving my son's life.' 'Otch away wi ye, I canna take money for doing what any like man would ha done, ' said Jamie. Just then Jamie's son appeared. 'Is that your son? I've had an idea. Now that you have saved my son I can give him a good education. Would you allow me to do the same for your son?' 'Okh aye, maybe,' says Jamie.

And so the boy went to the best schools and eventually graduated from St Mary's Medical School in London. He was soon to be known throughout the world as Sir Alexander Flemming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Several years later the nobleman's son was taken very ill with pneumonia. Guess what saved him?

The nobleman's name, by the way, was Sir Randolf Churchill. His son was Sir Winston Churchill. Was it just fate that Jamie was on hand to save Winston and was it just fate that Randolf thought of educating the boy? Maybe it was just fate that he discovered Penicillin which saved the man who became, in my humble opinion, Britain's greatest Prime Minister. Or maybe, it was all part of God's Plan. I like to think so.

A little snippet regarding Penicillin; Winston asked for thousands of doses to be available to treat the heavy casualties expected at the D-Day landings. He got about one tenth of those requested. *Sid*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Creator God, thank you for the varied seasons of the year, especially Summer. We are aware that we are stewards of all around us, deeply conscious of the ecological crisis which has crept up on us.

May the constancy and beauty of the varied seasons provide special moments for meditation, space for stillness and prayer, and time to be with you.

You speak to us in the silence of the stars, the quiet of the hills, the constancy of the seas inviting us to come near to you, may we still our cluttered minds - Lord we are listening. AMEN

"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May the meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord."

Psalm 104 v 33,34

HELD TOGETHER

This month's Held Together service is Monday 21st July, 10.30am at The Boniface Centre.

CHURCH FAMILY

It's good to hear that Julie Rowe is home from hospital after breaking a hip, and she is able to get around at home using a frame. We hope Julie continues to make good progress and is able to get out and about soon. Please hold Julie and Colin in your prayers.

DISCIPLESHIP

Monday is the last Discipleship until September when it will resume on Wednesday evenings . Anyone interested in joining please contact Cathy.

3 ACRES AND A COW - A history of Land Rights and Protest in Folk song and story. Saturday 2nd August 7:00pm Sidwell St Methodist Church, Exeter Tickets from <u>threeacresandacow.co.uk</u> see poster at the back of the church

TOGETHER 4 COFFEE

Unfortunately Rev Donna Leigh is unable to make tomorrow's coffee morning but hopes to make it soon *Tina*

Week beginning Saturday 19th July		
Sat 19th July	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee Donations for World Missions
Sun 20th July	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Chris Mann
Mon 21st July	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together service in the Boniface Centre
		NO Big Top summer recess
	7:30pm	Discipleship contact Cathy
Fri 25th July	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 26th July	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 27th July	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Ben Haslam <i>(Communion)</i> Followed by a Buffet Lunch
	6:30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev Brenda Mosedale

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Long life fruit juice. Tinned peas, sweetcorn, carrots, beans. Fruit and tomatoes, Jars of curry sauce, Jars of pasta sauce, Breakfast cereals, Jars of honey, Chocolate spread, Disposable razors, Shampoo, Deodorant.

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