

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 12th October

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by

Rev David Greenwood

Hymns: StF455 All my hope on God

StF479 The King of Love my Shepherd

StF652 Lord, we cometo ask

StF660 called by Christ

StF693 Beauty for Brokenness

Readings: Psalm 66 v 1-12

Luke 17 v 11-19

2 Kings 5

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

or mobile app with Worship on the Web

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Dear Friends,

I recently received an invitation from our five-year-old grandson to 'Grandparents morning' at his Church of England Primary School in Plymouth, and so last Thursday, together with about forty other grandparents, I duly queued at the school gates and waited to be ushered into the Hall. A great time was had by all!

Turns out the children are learning about the past, so who better to help them than the oldest people known to them in their young lives!! There were some old games to play, a chance to look at old photographs of their grandparents as children, and an opportunity to sing some old songs that we would recognise from our childhood – cue *'He's got the whole world in His hands'*! I don't know about you but, I have to admit I've still got that one logged as a fairly new one! However, it got me thinking about old hymns, and which ones still find their place in our worship.

An obvious one is of course, 'The Lord's my Shepherd' or, 'The King of love my Shepherd is', both based on Psalm 23; being amongst a number of hymns based on a Psalm e.g. *'Praise my soul, the King of heaven'* (Psalm 103), *'O worship the King, all glorious above'* (Psalm 104), *'Joy to the world, the Lord is come!'* (Psalm 98). There are of course many other hymns and songs which draw on the inspiration of Scripture, and others that come to us from the first few centuries of Christendom. My dear old Dad told me that his favourite hymn was, *'We plough the fields and scatter'* – written by Matthias Claudius in 1782 (so fairly old) as a seventeen-verse poem and then translated from German to English in 1862 by Jane Montgomery Campbell (who spent her later years at Bovey Tracey) and who, fortunately for us, shortened the original to the verses we now sing.

It's a hymn I greatly enjoy singing and is first on my list when planning a Harvest Festival service. I have asked myself if I have a favourite old hymn. I had to think for quite a while as there are so many that stir my emotions and express what my soul wants to say. How to choose a favourite? For now, I will settle on:

"I need thee every hour, Most gracious Lord, No tender voice like thine, Can peace afford" Written in 1872 (that qualifies as old!) by Annie Sherwood Hawks whilst life was good, and she was in the midst of the routines of daily life in the home. There she found herself so filled with the sense of the nearness Jesus to her that she was left wondering how one could live without Him, either in joy or pain. In that moment the words, *"I need thee every hour"* came into her mind. Words that took on a deeper meaning for her when some years later she knew the shadow of deep sorrow passing across her life. I think here is the beauty of this great hymn, it expresses the soul's (my soul's and every soul's) great longing

for the presence of Jesus to be known, and known all the more, whether the circumstances of life are joyful or painful. I'm happy with my choice of this great hymn as an old one from my youth and, just so my heart strings might be stirred all the more, one which I remember my Mum playing on the keyboard whilst she sang along at home. It's a hymn that has followed me into my adult life and one I'm looking forward to singing again soon! What old hymns come to your mind?

Lloyd Smale

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Lord as we pray, may we -

"Stand in faith when we can't see our way.

Stand in faith when it's hard to pray.

Stand in faith in those times when we feel alone.

Stand in faith in the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen. AMEN

"Now faith is the guarantee of things hoped for, the proof of things not seen".

Hebrews 11 v 1"

Stand in faith' - author unknown, but a favourite of mine.

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to all at Crediton Methodist Church for all you did towards Dad's Thanksgiving Service. The Church was beautifully decorated for harvest and appropriate for Dad as a farmer. I am sure Dad would have appreciated everything you all did. A lovely send off. Thank you so much. *Christine*

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Thank you for the cards , flowers and best wishes I received on my birthday. ***" Truly you are a lovely church family"***.

God Bless you all *Cynthia*

GIFT DAY

The Finance Team wish to thank every one who contributed to our Gift Day Appeal. We raised £6,000 towards keeping our Church open and meeting our obligations. Once again thank you very much. *Tina*

NOTICE

We have heard that Walter Brown, husband of Elizabeth whom some of you will know, died on 4th October at Langford Park Care Home.

The funeral service will be held at St Paul's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium, on Tuesday 21st October at 12pm, led by Revd Mark Gilborson.

All will be very welcome. *Pam*

Week beginning Saturday 11th October		
Sat 11th Oct	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Ministry in Britain
Sun 12th Oct	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Rev David Greenwood
Mon 13th Oct	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 15th Oct	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 17th Oct	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 18th	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 19th Oct	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Caroline Colin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 8 November – Table Top Sale 10.00am to 12 noon

Saturday 22 November- St Nicholas Fair at the Boniface Centre
10.00am to 2.00pm~

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week: Tinned meat meals including chicken curry and hot dogs. Cuppa soup, Long life fruit juice , Tinned ham, corned beef, rice pudding, custard, fish (not tuna at the moment please)

Baby wipes, Size 6 nappies, Washing up liquid

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