

Crediton

Methodist Church



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 19th October

10.30am Morning Service in Church led by
Caroline Colin

Hymns: StF102 For the beauty of the earth

StF536 He's got the whole world

StF161 Speak, O Lord as we come

StF736 In Heavenly love abiding

StF103 God is love, his the care

Readings: StF830 , Psalm 121

Luke 18 v 1-8

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

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Dear Friends

"Vision and Hindsight". In 1897, Prof W E Ayrton (member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers) made the following speech:

"There is no doubt that the day will come . . . when a person wants to telegraph to a friend, he knows not where, he will call an electromagnetic voice, which will be heard loud by him who has the electromagnetic ear, but will be silent to everyone else. He will call 'Where are you?' and the reply will come, 'I am at the bottom of the coal- mine' or Crossing the Andes' or 'In the middle of the Pacific'."



He was effectively predicting, way back in 1897, the invention of the mobile phone. Prof Ayrton had his eye firmly fixed on the future. But not everyone is so open to such visionary thinking. The telephone is defined as 'a telecommunications device that permits two or more users to conduct a conversation when they are too far apart to be heard directly.' Alexander Graham Bell was the first to obtain a patent, in 1876, and he is generally accredited with being the 'Inventor of the Telephone'. But in truth, the invention was the culmination of work done by many individuals, including the German, Johann Philipp Reis. As early as 1860, Reis produced a functioning device, but the sounds transmitted were indistinct. Allegedly, the first sentence transmitted was "*The horse doesn't eat cucumber salad*", in German.

Regardless of who we might credit with the invention of the telephone, it's interesting to note what people thought of it: In 1876, the Western Union Telegraph Company dismissed the telephone as having "*too many short comings to be seriously considered as a means of communication.*" Sir William Preece of the British Post Office remarked, "*The Americans have need of the telephone – but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys.*" US President Rutherford B. Hayes, after seeing the device, reportedly said, "An amazing invention – but who would ever want to use one?" And the Boston Post declared in 1865, 'Well-informed people know it is impossible to transmit the voice over wires. Even if it were, it would be of no practical value'.

Clearly, these folks just didn't catch the vision. But the telephone, which they dismissed, became one of the most transformative inventions in history - a testament to the importance of vision and the commitment to investing in the future. It's a powerful reminder that visionaries see beyond the present limitations, and that transformative change often requires courage to believe in what others dismiss. Proverbs 29:18: *Where there is no vision the people perish . . .*

Every blessing Cathy

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME: Lord of all, we pray that the simple gifts contained in our shoeboxes will bring a little joy and happiness to the recipients, with the knowledge that someone, somewhere loves and cares for them - that they are not forgotten in all the turmoil in their country.

We continually have on our minds the many conflicts throughout the world and all those who suffer at the hands of evil men and governments, we continue to pray for peace. Everlasting God, there are times when we feel life to be a puzzle, your purpose a mystery. Help us to make sense of our troubled world, knowing that in the fullness of time you will make all things clear. AMEN

"Those who exploit the poor insult their Maker, but those who respond to the needy do him honour". Proverbs 14 v 31

HELD TOGETHER - A Service for Older People and Carers

The next service is at the Boniface Centre,

Monday 20 October, 10.30am.

Everyone will be very welcome at this monthly service which lasts around 30mins, followed by refreshments and time to enjoy each other's company. *Pam*

EMMAUS at HOME

Would you like to join a fortnightly group that meets together every Wednesday evening at 7pm for fellowship, Bible study and prayer? If so, you will be very welcome at 'Emmaus at Home'. This is the new name for the evening small group that meets regularly in people's homes. If you are interested to know more, or would like to come along and just get a feel of it, please contact Cathy on 07816 428 470.

TABLE TOP SALE

Our next Table Top Sale will be held on Saturday 8th November from 10am to 12 noon. Would you please advertise this to family and friends and, if you are on Facebook, please distribute it there. We still have some tables available at a cost of just £10 per table. The seller keeps all monies raised. If anyone wants to book a table contact bronwyn.nott@creditonmethodist.org.uk. Please also do come along and support the event - the last sale we held there were very few people who came along to buy which was very disappointing. There are quite a few people who will be selling craft items- so an opportunity to pick up unusual gifts for Christmas. Do please come along and support it.

Bronwyn

Week beginning Saturday 18th Oct		
Sat 18th Oct	10:00-11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 19th Oct	10:30 am	Worship in church or on the Web led by Caroline Colin
Mon 20th Oct	8:00am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
	10:30am	Held Together Service
	3:30—5:00pm	Big Top
Wed 22nd Oct	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
	7:00pm	Emmaus at Home contact Cathy
Fri 24th oct	10:00 -12:00pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 25th Oct	10:00 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 26th Oct	10:30 am	Worship in the Church or on the web led by Rev Donna Leigh <i>Communion</i>
	6:30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev Barbara Greenwood

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

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