



# Weekly Notices

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

10:15 for 10:30 Cafe Church in Church

led by Stephen Lea

**Hymns:** StF706 Longing for light

StF171 Hark the glad sound

Video hymn - We seek your kingdom

StF189 Wild and lone the prophet's voice

StF713 Show me how to stand for justice

StF185 Sing we the king

**Readings:** Micah 6:1-4, 6-12

Luke 3:7-14

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

or mobile app with Worship on the Web

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## Dear Friends,

At the beginning of Advent, light is very much in our thoughts. The long summer days are way behind us now and the days have grown shorter and shorter as we have raced through autumn. But the one light we can focus on is Jesus, the light of the world and know that where there is so much trouble in our world with conflict, wars, homelessness, loneliness and hunger - to mention just a few – the light of Jesus can shine in our hearts and we can make a difference in those dark places.

A couple of years ago we visited Chatsworth House just before Christmas and enjoyed seeing the many Christmas decorations inside the house as well as in the garden. The highlight was the light show which happened as darkness fell. There was an amazing array of everchanging lights on one of the walls of the house displaying images of stars, angels, snowmen, Christmas trees and all the twelve days of Christmas.

As a youngster growing up in London one of the requests of my sister and I was that we take a trip up to town to see the Christmas lights along Oxford Street and Regents Street. Somehow, we felt that Christmas was so special and close after that trip. Another thing which I so enjoyed in my teenage years was the evenings we spent walking our local streets and singing Christmas carols. The candles we carried in jam jars lit our way as we travelled from lamppost to lamppost. We really felt that our little flickering lights helped us to share the Christmas message with our community.

I expect some of you have travelled to see the lights glow at Rosemoor. To see the spectacular pictures revealed by the lights focusing on different trees and shrubs has left me amazed at the absolute wonder of light. This year, let us continue to enjoy displaying our beautiful lights in our homes (or maybe gardens) and on our Christmas trees, to remind us all of the wonder of light and that indeed, Jesus is the light of the world.

Our Advent hymn by Bernadette Farrell has a wonderful Christmas prayer for its refrain, *Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine on your church gathered today.*

Blessings Marjorie

## **For Our Prayers at Home:**

Gracious God, in the darkness of our troubled world, you continue to be the one true light that never fails. With the forthcoming birth of your Son ("Love came down at Christmas"), we pray that especially at this time of so much conflict throughout the world, your love will permeate every corner, love triumphing over evil. AMEN

***"In Him was life, and that life was the light of all. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it".*** John 1 v 4,5

***"Love came down at Christmas" ...Poem by Christina Rossetti included in***

***"Love shall be our token,***

***Love be yours and love be mine.***

***Love to God and all the world,***

***Love for plea and gift and sign.*** Hymn No., 210 S the F.

## **COMMUNITY FOOD HUB**

The Mid Devon charity Involve is running FREE Community Food Hub workshops for older people where they can learn to make budget friendly meals in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Sessions are at QECC Upper School commencing on Tuesday 13th January from 4.00pm to 5.30pm and will run for four weeks. All ingredients are provided and you can take dinner home. Crediton Lions is supporting the Community Hub and I have helped shop for ingredients.

There is a poster on the noticeboard at the back and for more details or to book a place contact Kath at [creditonruralcb@involve-middevon.org.uk](mailto:creditonruralcb@involve-middevon.org.uk) or telephone 07902 744 811.

## **ENGAGE Tiny Advent Poems**

***Advent is waking up in a cold house - hearing the heating tick and hum into life - warmth is on its way.***

***Advent is unseen bulbs asleep in the frozen earth which hold promise of spring colours***

***Advent is opening the blind - sunrise - the sky is all the colours and darkness shrugs away***

***Advent is turning off the lights before you bring in the birthday cake.*** Bronwyn

## Week beginning Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:15 for 10:30am	Cafe Church led by Stephen Lea
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
	7:00pm	Emmeus at Home
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in B Britain
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led by Revd Barbara Greenwood

### **CREDITON FOODBANK** requests this week:

Thank you to all those that supported us whilst we were collecting at Tesco. Our shelves are well stocked so we are focusing our attention on Christmas.

Soft drinks: such as Coca cola, lemonade, Shloer, Stuffing mix, Gravy granules, Cooking oil, Cranberry sauce

Small gifts for adults – gloves, scarves, toiletries, stationary, etc

## Contact Details

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