



# Weekly Notices

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am Covenant Service in Church led by

Rev. Jeanette Richardson

*Communion*

**Hymns:** STF34 O worship the Lord

StF470 Lord for the years

StF530 To be in your presence

StF556 Just as I am

STF483 We are marching in the light

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**Readings:** Deuteronomy 29:10-15

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 12:1-2

John 15:1-10

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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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## Dear Friends

A few years ago we went to a village in Dorset called Moreton. We had heard there was a famous window in the parish church. The window showed an etching on the clear glass of Judas with a noose round his neck. Falling from his hand were the 30 pieces of silver, but as they fell they became flowers. The question the picture posed was: *"Can Judas be forgiven?"*

Apparently the local parish council had rejected the window for some years but in the end they relented and the window was installed.

When I asked myself this question I was exactly like a parish council. At first the answer was: *"No, not on your life"* but of course on reflection that was quite wrong. God forgives. And Judas was so remorseful. But another question occurred to me. Should Judas be blamed at all if he was part of God's plan to save the world? Did Judas have any choice?

On reflection I thought Judas had free will and he should be blamed. Jesus had free will, too. God put him on earth to save us and Jesus the man worked out how to do it of his own free will because that was what his Father wanted.

Jesus achieved this miracle to save and redeem us. Even so, in the garden of Gethsemane he asked for the cup to be taken from him. But he knew what he must do and he saw it through.

So rightly we worship him. And we should forgive Judas but hold him to account, like us all.

Blessings, *Martin*

## FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Dear Lord, as members of the Methodist Church, we know we are called by name. On this our Annual Covenant Service Sunday we again have promised "put me to what you will" and many other solemn promises. Loving Lord help us to have the determination and commitment to carry out the promises we have made all to your glory. Accept us as we are and transform what we have to offer into healing, life and love for our neighbours and the wider world. AMEN

***"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine".*** Isaiah 43 v 1

## CHURCH CHALLENGE for Sunday 18th January

Tell us about how you first heard or found out about Jesus: how old were you, where did you hear and how did you hear about him?

Please send your written contribution to

Av-team@creditonmethodist.org.uk and  
pamela.murphy@creditonmethodist.org.uk by Wednesday 14th January.  
If you would like to, you can attach a photo of something that reminds you of this special time. *Pam*

## WARM SPACES

Our regular Friday coffee mornings, as part of the Town's "Warm Spaces" initiative, continue and are vital in this spell of very cold weather. Our sessions are financially supported by the Town Council and the South West Peninsula Methodist District.

We rely on a very small group of volunteers to run these sessions and this places a heavy burden on the four regular volunteers as two people are needed for each session. I must appeal to all members of the Church family to consider helping for a session, which runs from 10.00am to 12 noon, say, once every four to six weeks. If you can spare the time, please add your name to the rota sheet at the back of the Church. If you need more information, please speak to me. Many thanks *John Ashley*

## Week beginning Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Mission in Britain
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:30 am	Covenant Service in church or on the Web led by Revd Jeanette Richardson
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for CHAT
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:30 am	Worship in Church or on the web led by Pam Murphy

**CREDITON FOODBANK** requests this week:

Tinned ham, corned beef, meat meals

Honey

Liquid soap

Male and Female deodorant

## Contact Details

A CHURCH STEWARD

Notices to Gill by noon on Thursday please.

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