



# Weekly Notices

## Sunday 19th April

10.30am Morning Service led by Chris Mann

*"Church for All"*

**Hymns:** StF17 With gladness we worship

StF481 The Lord's my shepherd

StF30 Jesus stand among us

StF524 Listening God you hear us

My hope is built on nothing less (Video)

**Reading:** Luke 24 v 13-35 (dramatised version)

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer  
or mobile app with Worship on the Web

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or call in (audio only) - 020 4526 8593

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## Dear Friends,

Recently Dame Sara Mullally, before being enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury, went on a pilgrimage walking from St Paul's cathedral to Canterbury cathedral, some 87 miles over six days.

Pilgrimages have shaped England's social and religious landscape for a thousand years and were popular all over Christian Europe. They still are. Our 'Energy VIII' largely put a stop to them in England for a while by prohibiting worshiping at shrines, because he said it was idolatry and too expensive, and of course he destroyed many abbeys and monasteries whose monks supported the shrines. Canterbury had the most important one of Thomas à Becket, but there were many others.

The era of mass pilgrimage is immortalised in The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer in the 15th century and in other later literature, for example The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan from the 17th century. Chaucer's pilgrims left the inn in Southwark called the Tabard and many years ago, in the 1960s, I went with friends to look at a very old pub in Southwark called The Coach and Horses which the guide book said was on the site of the Tabard which was a real pub.

Today pilgrimages are undergoing a revival and are popular throughout Europe as well as the UK, providing spiritual uplift, a time for reflection with like-minded companions, local interest and doubtless many other reasons. Chaucer's pilgrims entertained each other on the journey by telling stories ranging from the bawdy Miller's Tale to honour, chivalry and love in the Knight's Tale covering human satire and moral instruction.

Here's a story which might have been told on such an occasion. A father was trying to tell his son about the world after his son had lost his temper. The father said, *"Son, inside you are two wolves fighting each other for possession of you. One is full of love, compassion, kindness, self-respect and care. The other is full of hatred, anger and greed"*. The son asked, *"Which one will win?"* Dad said, *"It depends on which one you feed"*

This is a reminder to be kind Many blessings, *Martin*

## 3L's DISCIPLESHIP

3L's Discipleship will be restarting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 10:30 a:m in the Wesley Room, when we will be looking at "Women in the New Testament". If you would like to join us you will be very welcome. Tina

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

Loving Lord -

When we are lost and lonely, hold us with your hand,

Guide us by your grace,

Lift us by your might,

Save us by your strength,

and enfold us with your love. AMEN

Adapted from a prayer by David Adam in the style of Celtic writings.

***"I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you: never fear: I will help you. I, the Lord, have called you in my goodness; I will take hold of your hand".***

Isaiah 41 v 13, 42 v 6

## **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

There will be a buffet lunch served in the church following the morning service. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you wish to join us..

If you would like to bring a dessert (just 5 or 6 people required) please sign an additional list or call me on 07749912339 *Gill*

## **A STRATEGIC LOOK at the CIRCUIT**

A big thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation survey that was recently sent to all the churches in our circuit. Your reflections and insights have been invaluable. We have now submitted a combined response on behalf of Crediton Methodist Church, which will be considered alongside those from the other churches as part of developing a circuit-wide strategy for the coming years.

As part of this process, there will be a gathering at Wonford Methodist Church on Saturday 25 April, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. This session, facilitated by Deacon Ruth Richey, is open to all involved in the mission of the circuit and will help us look ahead together with hope and purpose.

Many thanks, The Stewards Team

## Week beginning Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> April	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	Morning Worship in church or on the web led by Chris Mann
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
	7:00pm	Emmaus at Home
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for All We Can
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 am	Church Anniversary in church or on the web led by Revd Kevin Hooke followed by lunch
	6:30pm	Evening worship and communion led by Revd Simon Leigh

**CREDITON FOODBANK** requests this week:

Regular Coffee (not decaf)

Apple juice (carton long life)

Tinned carrots, soups, peas, pulses (butter beans, kidney beans, chickpeas, etc)

Tinned Sweetcorn, Ratatouille and Macaroni Cheese

### Contact Details

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