



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 12th July

10:30am Morning Service

led by Chris Mann

Hymns: StF30 Jesus stand among us

StF397 The spirit lives to set us free

StF370 Breathe on me breath of God

StF454 Where shall my wondering

StF364 O for a thousand tongues to sing!

Readings: Romans 8 verses 1-11

Matthew 13 verses 1-9

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

Phone Conference ID: 419 576 441

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Dear Friends,

A Letter About Writing Letters

This week I suffered from blank-page syndrome — sitting and staring at a blank sheet of paper, not knowing where to begin, as I ummed and erred for days about writing a letter for the church newsletter. I just couldn't think of a topic about which to write. Then, during a temporary period of wakefulness in the small hours of the morning, a flash of inspiration came: why not write a letter about writing letters?

People write letters to newsletters, newspapers and the like for all sorts of reasons. Some wish to comment on something that has appeared in an earlier edition; others seek to offer advice or express an opinion. Take this example from Group Captain TH. of Suffolk, who laments the state of the nation:

"Sir – At Ascot I have seen far too many men wearing brown shoes with blue or grey trousers. This never happened when we had a Conservative government. Standards have slipped."

It appears this letter has sparked a very lively debate on social media.

Here's another from Mr John B. of Clevedon, Somerset:

"Sir – Amazon's drone deliveries will apparently drop into customers' gardens. However, our deliveries are already frequently hurled over the gate. One parcel, flung so as to land on our driveway, was then unwittingly crushed under the wheels of an arriving visitor's car."

Andy's dad, an electrical engineer by profession, was delighted when one of his many letters was published in the journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. He was responding to an article about batteries in electric cars and posed the question: Does a fully charged battery weigh more than one that is flat? I suspect he may have been having a bit of fun with the subject, but his joy at seeing his letter in print was immense.

But let's turn to one of the most important, if not the most important, of letter writers in history.

The letters that the Apostle Paul wrote to various churches are as insightful, relevant, informative, encouraging, and utterly dependable today as they were nearly two thousand years ago when they were written.

He couldn't have known, I imagine, that his writings would reach millions of people down through the centuries, and that his words would be translated into numerous languages and appear in a book that remains the world's best-seller.

Paul was certainly passionate in all his writing. He wrote with conviction because he wrote with love. He cared deeply for the people in the churches to whom he wrote and longed for them to know Jesus more fully, and to grow in faith, hope and love. His letters were personal, pastoral and practical. In a very real sense, he was writing not only to them but also to us - fellow recipients of the wonderful freedom and grace that God offers through Jesus Christ. They are truly letters to be read avidly, and taken to heart.

Incidentally, how do we know that Paul had big handwriting? Because he says in his letter to the Galatians, *"See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!"* (Galatians 6:11). His writings must have occupied quite a few rolls of papyrus! Every blessing, *Cathy*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Lord of all, our hearts break when we see the suffering of our brothers and sisters and we pray especially at this time for the people of Venezuela. Thank you that at times of tragedy we see the very best of humankind and their untiring efforts to help their fellow man. Living God, we are taught that in responding to others in their time of need, that we are responding to you. AMEN

The words of a traditional Nicaraguan song.

"Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the Kingdom comes. The angels cannot change a world of hate and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace - the task is mine to do."

REMINDER

"CAKE SALE" Tuesday 14th July 11am to 4pm in aid of FORCE at the Dolphin Stairlifts Showroom, Marsh Road, Crediton.

Week beginning Saturday 11th July

Sat 11 th July	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Ministry in Britain
Sun 12 th July	10:30	Morning Worship in the church or on the web led by Chris mann
Mon 13 th July	8:00 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 15 th July	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 17 th July	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 18 th July	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for CHAT
Sun 19 th July	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led Lloyd Smale <i>Church for All</i>

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Tinned sweetcorn, tomatoes, vegetarian meals

Tins of mixed veg , meatballs

Dry dog food

Cartons of long life fruit juice

Instant coffee (Not decaf please)

Toilet roll Laundry pods

Contact Details

A CHURCH STEWARD

Notices to Gill by noon on Thursday please.

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