



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 11th October

10:30am Morning Worship led by

Rev Jeanette Richerdson

Hymns: StF83 Praise my soul the King of Heaven

StF44 Come on and celebrate

StF419 Almighty God, we come

StF481 The Lord's my shepherd

StF407 Hear the call of the kingdom

Readings: Isaiah 25: 1 - 9

Matthew 22: 1 – 14

Philippians 4: 1 – 9

join the service from 10:00am on your computer

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Dear Friends,

We are just about at the end of the season for Harvest Festivals for this year, but it will soon come round again - some crops are already in the ground for next year's harvest!

A few weeks ago, I was at Madworthy Methodist Church (West Devon Circuit) for their Harvest Festival service, a church I had not been to for about 43 years, with that occasion being my brother's wedding when I was Best Man. The only other time I had been there was a couple of years prior to that for a cousin's wedding, when I was an Usher. I think that double swoop had pretty much mopped up the potential brides from round those parts at the time! Be that as it may, I discovered something new from one of our family connections at the Church - they advised me that back in the 1930s my Dad used to go to the Sunday School there, as a ten/twelve-year-old he was then living with an Aunt and Uncle who farmed not too far away.

An interesting fact for me and another link between my Dad and Harvest, for in his last years I had asked him what his favourite time of year was, and he replied, "*Harvest*". Not surprising for a man who had spent his life close to the soil, be it in the field, or one of the many gardens he tended, and who found himself corn harvesting when I was born on that September afternoon back in.....!!

I also asked my dad what his favourite hymn was and with a little shrug and smile he replied with, '*We plough the fields and scatter*'. This great hymn was first penned in German by Matthias Claudias as a 17-verse poem. Fortunately for us, after translation it was reduced to the verses we now sing by one Jane Campbell, who spent her later years at Bovey Tracey.

Harvest Festivals as we came to know them are thought to have been originated in 1843 by the Rev Robert Hawker at his church in Morwenstow near Bude. He invited his flock to a special thanksgiving service, and encouraged them to bring fruits and vegetables they had grown so that they could be distributed to the poor of his parish.

Harvest thanksgiving and one of our favourite harvest hymns can therefore be claimed to be '*proper Westcountry*'! Giving thanks is though more than a Westcountry tradition, it is firmly rooted in the Bible and here's just a few verses:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. (1 Chronicles 16:34)

The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. (Psalm 28:7)

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

'And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.' (Colossians 3:15)

Harvest time reminds us that thankfulness is to be a natural instinct of the faithful. 'Good and faithful servant' that he was, as the cloud of dementia descended upon him, amongst our Dad's remaining and often spoken words was, 'thank you!' Nice one Dad! Blessings *Lloyd*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Loving Heavenly Father, when at times we feel tested, feeling isolated, help us to remember that whatever the situation, you are with us. When we feel overwhelmed by challenges, no-one to turn to, remind us to reach out to you, teach us that without you, no situation is beyond hope. Lord, even when we frequently forget you, you never forget us. AMEN

"Now to the one who, through his sovereign power, is able to do incalculably more than we can begin to ask or even think of, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus in this and every generation. AMEN".

Ephesians 3 v 20

OUR CHURCH AWAYDAY – THIS COMING SAT (17th Oct)

Theme: ***"The cup of our life"*** led by Jeanette Richardson

Please bring along your favourite cup or mug.

Tavistock Methodist Church, Chapel Street, PL19 8DX Coffee from 10 a.m. 10.30 Morning session, bring a packed lunch, afternoon crafts or free time to explore Tavistock, tea break, final session, depart 4 p.m.

Car share to be sorted after church on Sunday morning (11th)

TEDDIES NEED A HOME! Shoebox Sunday 18th October.

We will be very pleased to receive your Shoebox gifts next Sunday.

There are two very cute, knitted teddies needing a home, can you accommodate one of them in your box, please?

There will also be an opportunity to give a cash donation to help CR2EE with transport costs. Marjorie and Pam

CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Sampson died peacefully during the week. Please remember Tony and his family in your prayers at this difficult time for them.

Week beginning Saturday 10th October

Sat 10 th Oct	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Disaster Emergency
Sun 11 th Oct	10:30	Morning Worship in the church or on the web led by Rev Jeanette Richardson
Mon 12 th Oct	8:00 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 14 th Oct	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 16 th Oct	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 17 th Oct		<u>No Coffee Morning</u>
		Away Day to Tavistock
Sun 18 th Oct	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led by Lloyd Smale <i>(Church for All)</i>

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week:

Cleaning spray, Mens deodorant, Toilet rolls

Laundry pods, Washing up liquid, Size 7 and 8 pull up pants

Tinned potatoes

Long life fruit juice

Tinned custard

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