



Weekly Notices

Working out God's love in Crediton

Sunday 25th October

10:30am Morning Service led by

Revd Simon Leigh

"Communion"

Hymns StF470 - Lord for the years

StF254 - Seek ye first

StF354 Jesus is the name we honour

StF586 Here is bread

StF745 For all the Saints

Readings: Nehemiah.8:1-12

Colossians . 3:12-17

Matthew 24:30-35

join the service from 10:00am on your computer
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Dear Friends,

The National Trust car park at Carnewas sits high on the rugged north Cornwall coast, near Padstow. I heard of someone who parked there before embarking on a walk along the coastal path. It was low tide and, looking down from the cliff top over Pentire Steps Beach, what they saw took their breath away. A work of art! Giant geometric patterns and flower motifs etched into the vast sandy expanse.

I don't know if you've seen anything similar, but there are apparently quite a few sand artists who use flat beaches with a big tidal range for their stunning artistic creations. Wire headed leaf rakes are their main tool of choice to scratch the surface of the sand, exposing the wetter, deeper coloured material, which provides a contrast for the art to become visible. Sometimes string and a peg are used as a giant compass. There's a sand artist known as "One Man and his Rake", based in Cornwall, but who frequently crosses the border into Devon to use the huge sandy stretch of Saunton Sands, etching 50 metre circular patterns. Another, "*The Sandyman*", works predominantly at Torre Abbey Sands, Torquay, and creates artwork specifically to be viewed from the spiral footbridge.

Earlier this year there was a television programme called 'Race Against the Tide' filmed in St Andrews, Scotland, and set against the spectacular backdrop of West Sands Beach. The competition featured seven teams, each pairing a professional sand sculptor with someone who had never done it before, battling it out each week to build a particular themed sculpture before the tide came in. Some of the amazingly intricate and innovative sculptures included a camel, a '*castle in the clouds*'; a vintage caravan and an 11 ft tall design of a rocket launching into space.

The common factor in these forms of art is that they take place where the tide comes in every day, wiping the slate clean.

It brings to mind the words that Paul wrote to the people in Colossae, reminding them and confirming what Christ's death on the cross achieved: "*God made you alive in Christ. All sins were forgiven, the slate was wiped clean*". (Colossians 2:13-14).

As the tide never fails to come in, a new blank canvas is available every day, offering the opportunity for a fresh start. Likewise "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is His faithfulness". (Lamentations 3: 22-23)

Praise God for His unfailing love in Christ. *Hilary*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Lord of all, as the days become shorter and colder, we are mindful of all who those throughout the world who have no secure and safe place to call home. We hold in our hearts and prayers, economic migrants, refugees and all those with no official status. We pray for mothers trying to bring up their children in horrific circumstances, the children traumatised by war, never knowing a safe and happy childhood.

Loving Lord be with them all in their struggles. AMEN

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy". Proverbs 31 v 8,9~

Disaster Emergency Fund

At the last Church Council it was agreed to send £200 to the Christian Blind Mission (not only the blind but all those with Disabilities), I have heard back from them, part of which is : *"CBM's teams and local partners are already on the ground, working to reach those most in need with life-saving assistance. Your gift will help provide vital support, including emergency supplies, shelter, medical care, and protection for people whose lives have been turned upside down by the disaster."* Tina

St THOMAS METHODIST CHURCH coming events

Friday 6th November 9:30- 12:00

“Fair Trade @ St Thomas” Pre Christmas event

Tea, coffee biscuits and “Home Baking Stall” the Fair Trade shop will be open

Wednesday 11th November 11am - 4:00pm Methodist Women in Britain

Join our District Day

“In the Ordinary Sandals of the Unsung, Wit, Wisdom and Holy Defiance”

Speaker: chair of WW in B, Olive Ruzvidzo.

Coffee from 10:30am

Week beginning Saturday 24th October

Sat 24 th Oct	10-11:30am	Together 4 coffee donations for Methodist Ministry in Britain
Sun 25 th Oct	10:30am	Morning Worship in the church or on the web led by Revd Simon Leigh
	6:30pm	Evening worship led by Jon Curtis
Mon 26 th Oct	8:00 am	Start the week in prayer in church or wherever you are
		No Big Top
Tues 27 th Oct	7:30pm	Stewards Meeting
Wed 28 th Oct	10:30am	3Ls Discipleship
Fri 30 th Oct	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 31 st Oct	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
Sun 1 st Nov	10:30 am	Cafe Church in the Church or on the web led by Pam Murphy

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