

# Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

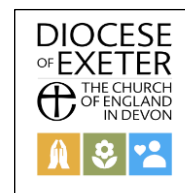
## Post

Churches joyfully working together with a generous spirit reaching out to the churches, communities, villages and hamlets around Crediton

December 2023



**The Diocese of Exeter**  
**Pray - Grow – Serve**



November started with the incredibly sad and shocking news of the death of Revd Robert Gordon, a beloved colleague and friend. In our family, within a week of Robert's death, my husband's sister was diagnosed with terminal cancer, and he just made it to Cape Town to see her for two days before she too passed away. It has been a tough few weeks. Today was Robert's funeral and it was the most uplifting, emotional, God-filled funeral I have been to. We continue to pray for his wife, Steph and their family.

As we prepare for Christmas, which so many people find magical and joyful, full of the wonder of the baby Jesus, I am even more aware this year, that for some, Christmas is a sad, lonely and painful time. Christmas is often when families come together to enjoy good food, good company and celebrate the birth of Jesus – and children look forward to Father Christmas bringing them presents. It is also a time, when those who have lost loved ones, find Christmas very difficult and are unable to feel the joy and fun that others experience.

As we remember and celebrate once again, the wonderful good news of Jesus coming to earth as a helpless baby, let us remember those for whom this time of year is sad. May we remember too, that Jesus' coming as a tiny baby, growing into a man who died for us and rose again, means that we have hope. We live in a world that looks largely to have lost hope. As Christians, however, we have the hope that Jesus brings – hope of a life renewed, not only here on earth, but after we leave this world, Jesus has made a way for us to be with him forever. A place where there will be no more crying, death, pain or illness. It is a place that is filled with God's awesome presence and his great love. That is the good news that Jesus brings. He came that we may be saved and live with him forever.

May the love and the hope of the Christ Child enfold you this Christmas and may you know his joy and grace.

Yours in Christ  
**Janet May**



### **Carol Services – North Creedy East**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – 4pm** – St. Swithun's, Sandford

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – 4pm** – St. Mary's Stockleigh English

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – 6pm** – St. Michael & All Angels, Poughill

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – 6pm** – St. Thomas à Becket, Puddington

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – 4pm** – Beacon Church, New Buildings

**4pm** – St. Matthew's, Cheriton Fitzpaine

**4.30pm** – St. Mary's, Woolsery

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – 7pm** – St. Peter's, Washford Pyne

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – 6.30pm** – St. John the Baptist, Kennerleigh

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – 7pm** – St. Mary's, Stockleigh Pomeroy

**Christingle Service – St. Swithun's Sandford – 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.30pm**

**Crib Service – St. Swithun's Sandford - 24<sup>th</sup> December – 4pm**

**Are you planning an event in your Parish?**

Email [janetmay69@gmail.com](mailto:janetmay69@gmail.com) to let us know and we'll add it into the **What's On List**.

Deadline for January edition – 17<sup>th</sup> December

**St Swithun's Sandford**

join us every Friday at

10.30am for

**Contemplative Quiet**

**Time**

**Make space in your week**

**for half an hour and**

**enhance your well being.**

### **St Swithun's Sandford**

Join us every Wednesday at

10.30am for

**Coffee, Cake and Company**

**all welcome**





# Christmas at Beacon Church Newbuildings

## Carol Service

**4pm, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Carols outside the Church around the Crib,  
then a short Carol Service inside,  
followed by seasonal warming refreshments

**Christmas Morning Service 8:30 a.m.**

Everyone welcome

**'COME AND SING**

**THE**

**CHRISTMAS STORY'**

in **St Michael & All Angels Church, POUGHILL**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm**

Local musicians to lead our singing

Help search for the missing nativity

A collection will be taken and divided between

C.H.A.T. & Poughill Church

Festive drinks and mince pies following the service in the Village Hall

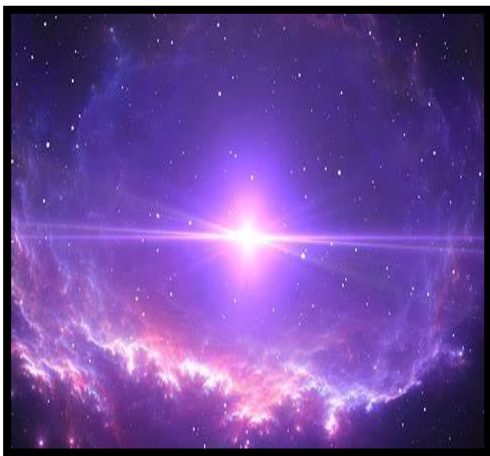
St. Swithun's Church, Sandford

# CHURCH LITE



For everyone who wants to enjoy God together, through prayer, craft and song.

**The first Sunday of the month at 3.30pm**  
Starting with cake and ending in prayer



5<sup>th</sup> November – Launch of Church  
Lite

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christingle

7<sup>th</sup> January – New year, New you

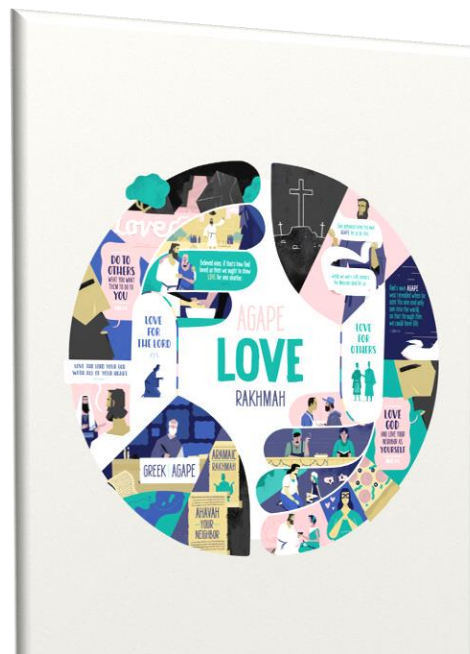
Each service will include a fun craft  
for you to take home.

For more information contact Rev  
Janet May 01363 779363





# DEANERY ADVENT COURSE



**Join us for our Advent Course looking at Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**

Beginning on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at the Boniface Centre, Church Lane, EX17 2AH at 7.30pm

# CHERITON FITZPAINE WITH STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH

*St Matthew's and St Mary's are both open daily.*

*These ancient buildings continue to be a spiritual and physical place of stillness for all. Please step inside, have a wander, or just sit for some moments of quiet and stillness. If you know someone who would like to be included in our prayers do let one of us know:*

Reverend Janet May 01363 779363

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## December Services

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11.15am**

Communion



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11.15am**

All Age Service



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

**Messy Church**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

Carol Service followed by refreshments

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10.45pm**

Christmas Eve Communion



**St. Mary's Stockleigh English**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

**Carol Service followed by refreshments**

# Christingle Service

**St Swithun's**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**3.30 pm**

**Make one  
to take  
home!**





# THE AD HOC SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**7.00 pm for 7.30 pm, Thursday 14th December 2023  
at St Matthew's Church, Cheriton Fitzpaine**

The popular singing group Ad Hoc present a programme of light seasonal numbers and carols with audience participation!

Available from Cheriton Fitzpaine Community Shop,  
or by telephone from Piers Howell 07938-501734  
or Jo Ward 07977-101843.

Unsold tickets will be available at the church door.

Get yours early to avoid disappointment!

adults £8, children (to 16) free includes a glass of wine  
or soft drink, and light refreshments

*Fund-raising in aid of: St. Matthew's Church, Cheriton Fitzpaine  
and another charity*

We continue to pray for the situation in the Holy Land.

**A Prayer for the Holy Land from Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem:**

O God of all justice and peace,  
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence  
and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray  
for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all  
people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the  
establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and  
equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all  
people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for  
to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.

To advertise in the Hub Post, please contact Revd Janet May at  
[janetmay69@gmail.com](mailto:janetmay69@gmail.com)



# GROW COURSES

Grow is an exciting series of courses designed to enable people to grow in their faith and service to God and the church.



**Children, Youth and Schools -**  
Thursday 14th, 21st & 28th  
September & Thursday 5th  
October 7:30 - 9pm.

**Digital Ministry:**

Mondays 18, 25 September & 2,  
9 & 16 October 2023



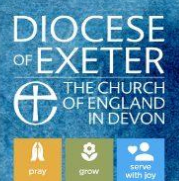
**Growing in Prayer - Thursday**  
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th  
October 7.30 - 9pm.

**Preaching - Wednesday 15th,**  
22nd, 29th November and 6th,  
13th December 7.30 - 9pm.

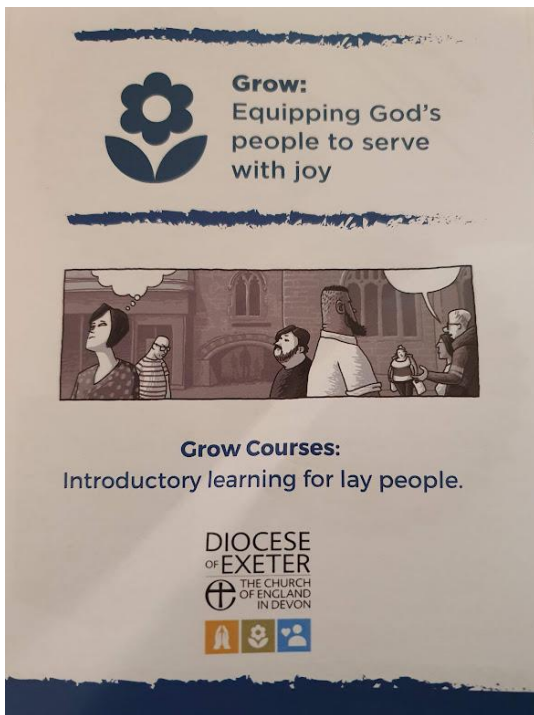
To book your place please see the  
[Grow Lay Learning courses page](#) on  
our website, or email  
[mandm@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:mandm@exeter.anglican.org)



**Grow:**  
Equipping God's  
people to serve  
with joy







**GROW COURSES** offer introductory learning opportunities for a wide range of roles over Zoom. Primarily for lay people, these courses can be accessed by anyone and may be used as part of their discernment process or as learning for a current or future role. This project aims to help our church members to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy through practical and specific learning.

Courses are certificated and can be undertaken without prior learning. Some participants join before or after undertaking Foundations in Christian Ministry, but these courses stand alone. Public recognition of this learning is really valuable, so we'd encourage all churches to acknowledge those who complete Grow courses. These courses can also be arranged as in-person training, if we have enough people to run a course in the Deanery.

Current courses include Digital Ministry, Prayer, Sharing our Faith, Children, Youth & Schools, Leading from the Front, Carbon Literacy, Creation Care, Pastoral Care, Social Action, Administration, Preaching, Small Group Leadership and more. These are always being added to and suggestions of new subjects are welcome.

Jon Curtis is Lay Leadership Project Manager for the Diocese of Exeter and can be contacted via email at [jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org)

If you are interested in doing one of these courses, please speak to Janet May or Laura Armstrong.

# Church Services Across the Hub

<b>December 2023</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Advent Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 2</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 3</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 4 Christ Eve</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day</b>
Cheriton Fitzpaine	11.15am HC	11.15am All Age	4pm Carols	10.45pm HC	No Service
Kennerleigh	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Contemp	11.15am HC	9pm HC	
Beacon New Buildings	8.30am HC	4pm Carols			8.30am HC
Poughill				9pm HC	
Puddington	9.30am MW	11.15am HC			9.30am HC
Sandford	9.30am HC 3.30pm Christingle	9.30 HC	9.30am All Age	4pm Crib Service 9pm - HC	9.30am HC
Stockleigh English		4pm Carols			
Stockleigh Pomeroy					9.15am HC
Upton Hellions					11.15am HC
Washford Pyne		11.15am HC			11.15am HC
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery)		4.30pm Carols & Christingle			
Crediton	8am BCP HC 9.30am All Age 6pm Advent Carols	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 3pm Christingle 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols	4.30pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass St. Lawrence 4pm Carols	8am BCP HC 10am HC
Posbury	11am BCP HC	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> -6.30pm Carols			11am BCP HC
Yeoford		5pm Carols		4pm Crib Service 9pm HC	
Shobrooke		11am Christingle	4pm Carols		10am HC

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Bow	10.30am MP		3pm Carols	11.30pm HC	
Clannaborough		3pm Carols			9.30am HC
Coldridge		10.45am MP		9.30pm HC	
Colebrooke	9.30am HC	5.30pm Christingle	6pm Carols	11.30pm HC	9.30am FS
Down St Mary	4pm ES	9am HC	10am MP	9.30pm HC	With Morch Bishop
Knowle	10am HC		10am MP		10am HC
Lapford	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	4pm Crib Serv.	10.30am HC
Morchard Bishop	10.30am MP	10.30am HC	10.30am MP		10am FS
Nymet Rowland					9am HC
Zeal Monachorum	10am FS	6.30pm HC	6.30pm Carols	9.30pm HC	

**Key to abbreviations on the service rota – HC=** Holy Communion (Common Worship), **BCP HC=**Book of Common Prayer 1662 Communion, **MP=**Morning Prayer, **ES=**Evensong, **MW=**Morning Worship, **FS=**Family Service, **MC=**Mission Community

### **31<sup>st</sup> December – Crediton**

8am – BCP Holy Communion

9.30am – Parish Communion

### **31<sup>st</sup> December – North Creedy East**

9.30am – Holy Communion at Sandford

### **31<sup>st</sup> December - North Creedy West**

10am – Holy Communion at Nymet Rowland



## News from around the Team

### **KENNERLEIGH**

A very good way to consider afresh the wonderful meaning of Christmas would be to join us at our **Contemporary Service** on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am – followed by “Christmassy” refreshments and lots of chat! So get out your Christmas hats and come and join us. It will be good to remind ourselves of the real meaning of the coming of Jesus into our world, before we are tempted by all the excesses which often take over.

Our **Carol Service** will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm – another highlight to look forward to. And our **Christmas Eve Service** will be at 9.00 pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

A Very Happy and meaningful Christmas to everyone.

Jenny Sale

### **PUDDINGTON**

**Coffee Morning** Friday 9 December at 10am in the village hall.

**Candlelight Carol Service** - Saturday 16 December at 6pm. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall.

**Christmas Day Service** with Holy Communion led by Laura Armstrong at 9.30am

Joy Price



### **WASHFORD PYNE**

**Carol Service** - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm.

Come and join us at St Peter's for a very festive evening of carols, with atmospheric candles and oil lamps - (some may find a small torch a help reading the carol sheets!)

Stay after and enjoy some light refreshments with the hubbub of much chat to get the Christmas week off to a flying start.

Also, our **Christmas Day** service 11.15am.



All very welcome.

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**Team Vicar Designate  
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**Licenced Lay Minister**

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### **SAFEGUARDING**

The North Creedy East with Sandford Mission Community is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs.

If you have a concern about the safety of someone or the actions of someone working with children or vulnerable adults, please speak to someone.

Mission Community Safeguarding Officer - Linda Tonkin 01363 866857

or The Diocesan Safeguarding Team

- <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-team/>

If you are a young person and you feel unhappy about something happening to you, you can call Childline on 0800 1111

Other useful phone numbers are:

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Devon Rape Crisis 01392 204174