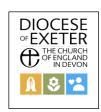
# Crediton Rural Ministry Hub Post

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

February 2024



The Diocese of Exeter Pray - Grow – Serve



#### Welcome to the 12th edition of the Hub Post

Christmas and New Year feel like they were a very long time ago. January has come and gone and we are well and truly making our way through 2024.

When a new year begins, we often take time to reflect on the year past and the one ahead of us. Many of us make resolutions to live more healthily, improve our relationship with God and all manner of other resolutions we think we should be doing to help us live better lives. Many of us strive to work harder in our work, at our relationships and in other areas of our lives. However, these new resolutions often only last a few weeks and then we go back to what we are used to doing. Sadly, striving to commit to doing new things can set us up for failure and then we feel even worse because we feel we have failed.

With Jesus, we don't have to strive. He loves us with a whole, pure love that requires only our hearts. Many of you will know the saying that says that there is nothing you can do to make God love you more and there is nothing you can do to make God love you less. God loves you regardless of your past sins and failures. He sees you through the blood of Jesus, who died for each of us, so that we can experience that all encompassing love that is His.

As we look forward to the rest of this year and as we prepare to celebrate Easter, perhaps this Lent may be an opportunity for you to reflect of God's love and what Jesus did for us on the cross. There are a number of different services taking place across the team that you can engage with, as well as several Lent courses on offer. Let us use the time of Lent to reflect on God's love and grace.

May you all know the love and grace of God each day.

Yours in Christ Janet May

# Ash Wednesday Services 14th February

Sandford – 6.00pm Cheriton Fitzpaine – 7.30pm Crediton – 10.30am and 7.30pm St. Lawrence Chapel – 4pm

Deadline for articles for the March edition – 26<sup>th</sup> February

### **Coffee Mornings**

<u>Cheriton Fitzpaine</u> – 24<sup>th</sup> February – 10am-12pm

<u>Kennerleigh</u> – 24<sup>th</sup> February – 10.30am – 12pm

Are you planning an event in your Parish?

Email janetmay69@gmail.com to let us know and we'll add it into the **What's On** List.

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

## St. Swithun's Church, Sandford

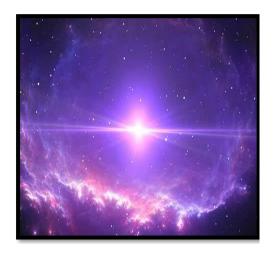
# CHURCH LITE



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

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





4<sup>th</sup> February

3<sup>rd</sup> March – No service

7<sup>th</sup> April

For more information contact Revd Janet May 01363 779363



#### 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
Alice May 866082 /07484 704777 Hazel Norton 866232 /07906 532096

# **February Services**

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

**Sunday 4th February 11.15am** 

Communion

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 11.15am** 

All Age Service

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 4pm Messy Church

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 11.15am** 

Communion

St. Mary's Stockleigh English

Sunday 11th February - 4pm

**Communion Service** 

# St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday
14<sup>th</sup> February
4pm - 5.30pm
Love & Life

For more information:
Contact Alice 07484 704777



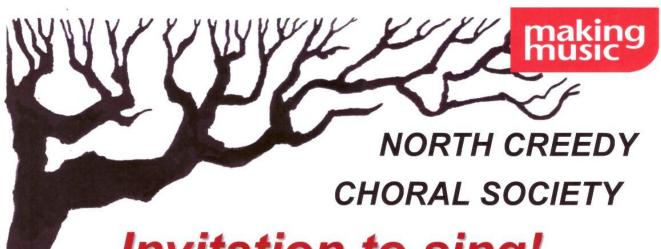
# Join us for an eight-week journey through Pete Grieg's book:

God on Mute: Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer

Starting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 7:30pm and weekly after that in the Boniface Centre, Church Lane, Crediton, EX17 2AH

For more information, contact Revd Janet May 01363 779363

or janetmay69@gmail.com



# Invitation to sing!



# **MOZART REQUIEM**

On Saturday 27th April, North Creedy Choral Society will be performing Mozart's sublime Requiem, with an orchestra and soloists, featuring the beautiful 'Lacrimosa' among other wonderful solos and choruses.

We hope that you will come and join us, and share our enjoyment of singing magnificent music!

Rehearsals start on Monday 15th January at 7:30pm, at the Boniface Centre, Crediton.

Parking is available in Crediton Parish Church car park
If you are interested in joining us, please visit our website:
<a href="https://www.northcreedychoral.co.uk">www.northcreedychoral.co.uk</a>, our Facebook page, or

Contact us at: <a href="mailto:secretary@northcreedychoral.co.uk">secretary@northcreedychoral.co.uk</a>

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.

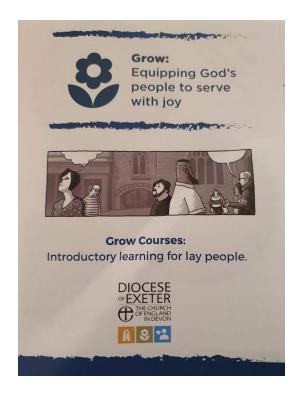
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# We also continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and other places where there is war.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen



**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 <a href="mailto:jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org">jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org</a>

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

To advertise in the Hub Post, please contact Revd Janet May at <u>janetmay69@gmail.com</u>

## Church Services Across the Hub

February 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> before Lent	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb Lent 1	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb Lent 2	
Cheriton Fitzpaine	11.15am HC	11.15am All Age	11.15am HC	No Service	
Kennerleigh	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Contemp	11.15am HC		
Beacon New Buildings	8.30am HC				
Poughill			9.30am HC		
Puddington	9.30am MW	11.15am HC		9.30am MW	
Sandford	9.30am HC 3.30pm Church Lite	9.30 HC	9.30am All Age	9.30am HC	
Stockleigh English		4pm HC			
Stockleigh Pomeroy				11.15am HC	
Upton Hellions					
Washford Pyne		11.15am HC			
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery)					
Crediton	8am BCP HC 9.30am All Age 6pm Choral Evensong	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm Sacred Space	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm Compline	
Posbury	11am BCP HC		11am BCP HC		
Yeoford		9.30am HC		11.30am FS	
Shobrooke		11am FS		11am HC	

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	Lent	Lent		
Bow	10.30am		10.30am	
	MP		HC	
Clannaborough	11am HC			
Coldridge		10.45am	10.30am	
		MP	HC	
Colebrooke	9.30am	5.30pm	9.30am	9.30am
	HC	FS	MP	MP
Down St Mary	4pm	9am	10am	10am
	ES	HC	MP	MP
Knowle	10am		10am	
	HC		MP	
Lapford	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am
	MP	MP	MP	HC
Morchard Bishop	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
	MP	HC	MP	MP
Nymet Rowland			9am	
			BCP HC	
Zeal	10am	6.30pm		3pm
Monachorum	FS	HC		ES

**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

#### **News from around the Team**

#### **WASHFORD PYNE**

St Peter's Carol Service was a hubbub of festive singing with the Church full and people staying after to enjoy refreshments and much chat. Many thanks to Michael Hall for conducting the service.

Our Christmas Day service, taken by Janet May, was also well attended with an old family returning for a Christmas visit. Thanks to all those who attended both services.

#### **Christine Ayre**

It was with great sadness that goodbyes were said for Chris on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. She was a long standing helper at St Peter's and created many a beautiful flower arrangement, as well as baking countless cakes and pouring many cuppas at Church Fetes etc, also for Black Dog Hall events, a very valued member of our community. She will be greatly missed by all. Our thoughts are with Merv and family.

Rainfall:- a very wet end to the year. Nov - 193mm Dec - 165mm 2023 total - 1324mm approx (52") Fay Venner

#### **WOOLSERY**

Although services at Woolsery are limited to Festivals at the moment, that does not mean that nothing is happening before Easter, or even afterwards. So here are some dates for your diary, to which everyone is welcome:

**Lent** – We are planning a short Lent course at Su and Nigel's house at Glebe Farm, "Watch and Pray". It will be a great time just to prepare for Easter and enjoy each other's company. Do phone Su or Nigel on 01363 866853, or email suandnigel@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March -10.30am in the church to gather to make posies for Mothering Sunday, coffee and cake included! 31<sup>st</sup> March - 10.30am Easter Family Service with Communion. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30am at the church for our Spring Rogation Walk,

and back to the church for lunch time refreshment, and more chat. This almost coincides with Rogation, when parish boundaries were walked, to bless and pray for good harvests (praying for all the farms and farmers).

We really look forward to seeing you there. Nigel Marshall

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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