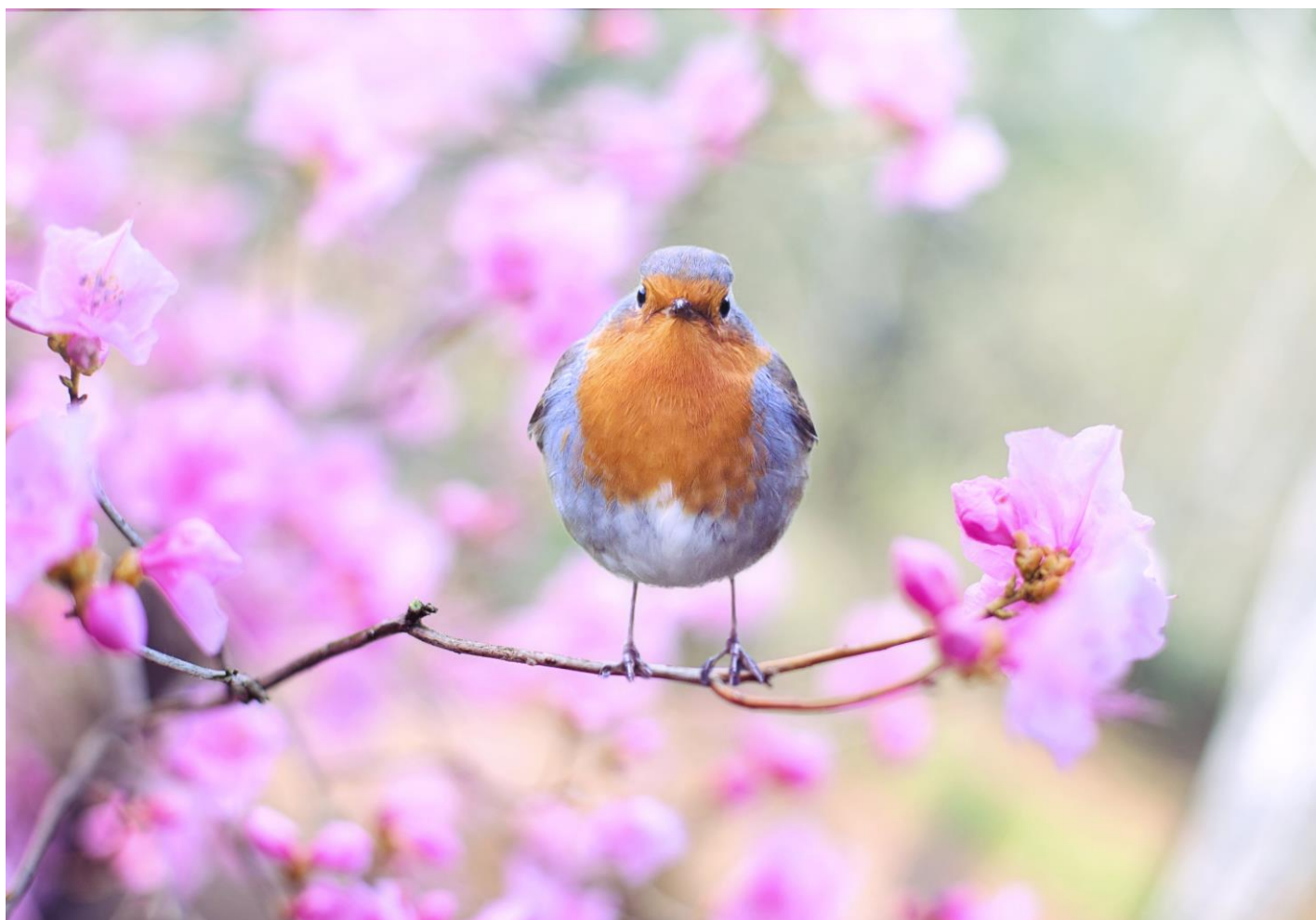


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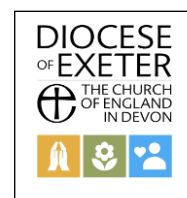
## Post

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

March 2024



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



One of my great interests is art, especially paintings, and one of my favourite works is Noli me Tangere (in English 'Touch me not') by Titian. The original hangs in the National Gallery in London and is, to my mind, a powerful and moving image of the Resurrection. In the painting Mary Magdalene reaches out to touch Christ, but as we are told in St John's Gospel, Jesus says to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.'

Mary Magdalene, it is worth remembering, was the first person to discover that the tomb was empty and it is on that first Easter morning that she comes to faith, as she realises who Jesus really is. She is the one who goes and tells the others that Jesus has risen from the dead. Mary is the primary evangelist and apostle, the one who is the first to receive the good news.. the gospel, and who receives the instruction to 'go and tell'. She is the primary bearer of the gospel given to her by Jesus - something that is sometimes forgotten by the Church!

Jesus listens to Mary Magdalene weeping at the empty tomb and then gently asks her why she weeps and then waits for and listens to her reply. He does this because he cares deeply about her. She comes to faith, not by the evidence of an empty tomb and a pile of grave clothes, not by the revelation from the two angels, and not even by the sight of the risen Christ, whom she mistakenly thinks is the gardener. She comes to faith by his word, a gentle calling of her name, a word that resurrected the memory of a relationship that had already been formed and which, by the resurrection, was completed and sealed as a living one.

Like Mary Magdalene, the risen Christ calls each one of us gently by name, so that we may share the glory of his resurrection, because Easter is a confirmation of trust, a promise kept.

We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song and that is truly something to give profound thanks for!

When it arrives..... a happy and blessed Easter season to you all.

Your friend and Rural Dean  
Matthew Tregenza

## HOLY WEEK

### Monday – Wednesday

*Compline* – 7.30pm – **Crediton**

### Maundy Thursday

*Washing of feet, Eucharist and Stripping of Altar* –

**Sandford** – 7pm

**Crediton** – 7.30pm

### Good Friday

*Stations of the Cross* –

**Cheriton Fitzpaine** - 12 noon

**Lapford** – 2pm

*Good Friday Reflective Service*

**Colebrooke** – 11am

**Sandford** – 2pm

*The Last Hour*

**Crediton** – 2pm

### Easter Eve

**Crediton** – *Easter Vigil* – 8pm

## Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine –

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** – 10am-12pm

Kennerleigh – **30<sup>th</sup> March** –

**10.30am** – 12pm

Puddington – **30<sup>th</sup> March** –

**10am** – 12pm

**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.

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.

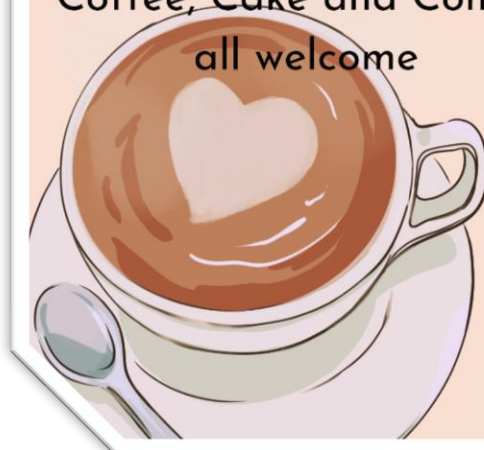
## St Swithun's Sandford

Join us every Wednesday at

10.30am for

Coffee, Cake and Company

all welcome



# St. Swithun's Church, Sandford

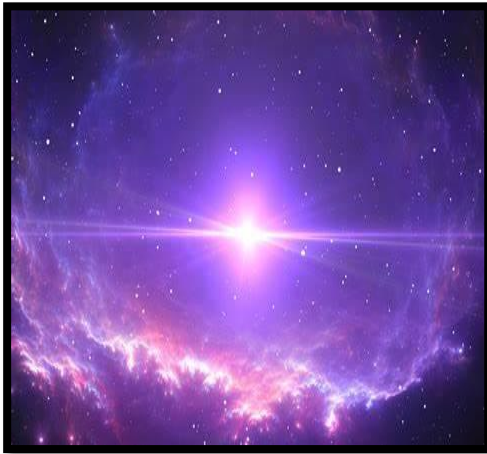
## CHURCH LITE



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



**3<sup>rd</sup> March – No service**

**7<sup>th</sup> April**

For more information  
contact Revd Janet May  
01363 779363



**ST MATTHEW'S**

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

Communion 11.15am

**Wednesday 13<sup>TH</sup> March**

**Messy Church 4pm**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Communion 11.15am



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 11.15am**

Palm Sunday Communion



**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon**

Stations of the Cross

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 11.15am**



Easter Day Communion



**Next service at St Mary's**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 4pm**



**St Matthew's**  
**MESSY CHURCH**

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday  
13<sup>th</sup> March  
4pm - 5.30pm

**The Easter Story**

For more information:  
Contact Alice 07484 704777



# COFFEE MORNING

## CAKE, PRESERVES AND BOOK SALE



**SATURDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH  
10AM – 12PM  
ST. MATTHEW'S  
CHURCH,  
CHERITON  
FITZPAINE**



**SPACE AVAILABLE TO SELL YOUR  
OWN GOODS AND PRODUCE  
(FOR A SMALL DONATION TO  
CHURCH FUNDS)**

**CONTACT HAZEL FOR DETAILS  
01363 866232**

**making  
music**

**NORTH CREEDY  
CHORAL SOCIETY**

***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:  
[www.northcreedychoral.co.uk](http://www.northcreedychoral.co.uk), our Facebook page, or

Contact us at: [secretary@northcreedychoral.co.uk](mailto:secretary@northcreedychoral.co.uk)



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.

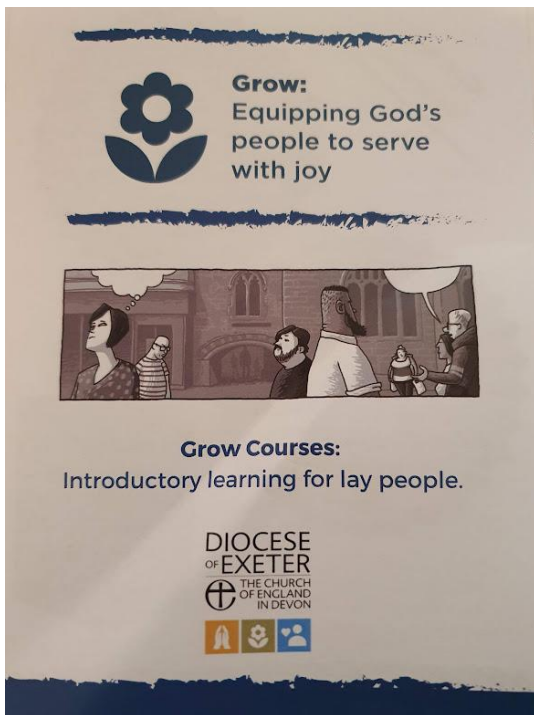
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray  
for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all  
people of the land.

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 [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.

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

# Church Services Across the Hub

March 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> March Lent 3	10 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 5	24 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> March Easter Day
Cheriton Fitzpaine	11.15am HC	No Service	11.15am HC	11.15am HC	11.15am HC & Baptism
Kennerleigh	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Contemp	11.15am HC		11.15am HC
Beacon New Buildings	8.30am HC				6.45am Dawn Service
Poughill			9.30am HC		
Puddington	9.30am MW	11.15am HC		9.30am MW	9.30am HC
Sandford	9.30am HC	9.30 HC	9.30am All Age	9.30am HC	9.30am HC
Stockleigh English					4pm HC
Stockleigh Pomeroy					9.15am HC
Upton Hellions					
Washford Pyne					
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery)					10.30am HC
Crediton	8am BCP HC 9.30am All Age 11.30am Baptism 6pm Choral Evensong	8am BCP HC 9.360am HC <b>ST LAWRENCE</b> 6pm ES	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm Sacred Space	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm Sung Compline	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm Choral Evensong
Posbury	11am BCP HC		11am BCP HC		11am BCP HC
Yeoford		11.15am FS		9.30am HC	9.30am HC
Shobrooke		11am FS		11am FS with Palms	11am HC

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Bow	10.30am MP		10.30am HC		11.15am HC
Clannaborough	11am BCP HC				11am HC
Coldridge		10.45am MP	10.30am HC		10.30am HC
Colebrooke	9.30am HC	5.30pm FS	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	9.30am HC
Down St Mary	4pm ES	9am HC	10am MP	10am MP	10.45am HC
Knowle	10am HC		10am MP		9am HC
Lapford	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	9.30am HC	9.30am HC
Morchard Bishop	10.30am MP	10.30am HC	10.30am MP	10.30am MP	11.15am HC
Nymet Rowland					9am BCP HC
Zeal Monachorum	10am FS	6.30pm HC		3pm ES	9am 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**

### **PUDDINGTON**

#### **EASTER COFFEE MORNING - PUDDINGTON**

On Saturday 30th March we will be holding an Easter Coffee Morning at 10.00am in the Village Hall. Come along and join us for coffee, hot cross buns and a chance to get together. All Welcome. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Joy Price

### **WOOLSERY**

**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](mailto: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!

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