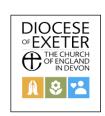
### Crediton Rural Ministry Hub Post

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

May 2024



The Diocese of Exeter Pray - Grow – Serve



#### Welcome to the 15th edition of the Hub Post

On Sunday, 5th May we celebrate Rogation Sunday. The usual custom, which I've always tried to follow, is to have a Rogation procession. Procession is perhaps rather a grand word because normally it is a group of parishioners in wellies and often waterproofs who walk around the village stopping at various points to ask God to bless specific elements of creation such as livestock, fields, allotments and gardens.

Rogation Sunday is the day when we give thanks for the fruitfulness of creation, pray for our farming community, and ask God's blessing on the land and all it produces. Rogationtide is also a tangible reminder of where our food comes from and is a way of allowing ourselves to be reminded of God's bounteous provision to us. The word 'rogation' comes from a Latin word which means 'to ask'. Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, asking for God's blessing on the crops for a good harvest. Few of us today derive our livelihood from farming, yet it is good to be reminded of our dependence upon those who do and our stewardship of the land.

Traditionally a common feature of Rogation days was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the parish priest and churchwardens would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year. As it is often no longer practical to follow exact boundaries (some of them run down the middle of roads and some follow railway lines) services are sometimes held that have a focus on specific elements of creation such as livestock, fields, allotments and gardens. It is also a tangible reminder of where our food comes from and a way of allowing ourselves to be reminded of God's bounteous provision to us.

It troubles me when we lose the link between what we consume and those who produce it. UK farmers are often assailed by rain, floods, and latterly the uncertainty surrounding Brexit as they work to keep food on the nation's tables. Many folk habitually shop in supermarkets, sometimes, I suspect, without much thought for those who produce our food. It is hard to envisage the relationship between the plastic-wrapped joint of meat in a supermarket trolley and the farmer lambing in the cold and wet of the early Spring. We live in an area in which agriculture plays a significant role. There will be many of us in our local parishes who are farmers or who know someone who is working in some form of farming. We are therefore in a privileged position to make the connection between our food and its producers. And it is especially important for us, who are in a position to make that connection, to support our local farmers wherever possible.

One of the great joys of living in this part of the world is being able to shop locally, with a range of food retailers including butchers, farm shops and other local shops on our doorstep. By buying locally produced food, we know that we are not only

buying fresh and traceable produce, but also playing an active part in supporting local farmers and sustaining the economic viability of the rural community.

So... on the 5th of May especially, let's pause to pray and ask God to bless the livestock, the fields, the allotments and the gardens. Let's give thanks to God for the land and its produce, for farmers and for all those involved in producing our food and let's pray for God's blessing for a bountiful harvest later in the year.

Your friend and Rural Dean Matthew Tregenza

Next service at St Mary's,
Stockleigh English

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 4pm Songs of Praise

Deadline for articles for the June edition – **20**<sup>th</sup> **May** 

### **Coffee Mornings**

<u>Cheriton Fitzpaine</u> – None in May

Kennerleigh – 25<sup>th</sup> May – 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.

Please send posters in either word or jpeg format.

St Swithun's Sandford
join us every Friday at
10.30am for
Contemplative Quiet
Time
Make space in your veek
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 and song.

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





No Church Lite until September

For more information contact Revd Janet May 01363 779363



#### PCC OF CHERITON FITZPAINE WITH STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH

St Matthew's, **Cheriton Fitzpaine** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May Communion 11.15am Wednesday 8th May Messy Church 4pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May All Age Service 11.15am Next service at St Mary's Stockleigh English Sunday 9th June

# St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday 8th May 4pm - 5.30pm Following His

For more information:
Contact Alice 07484 704777

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# ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH **CHERITON FITZPAINE** ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR WITH PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY
SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY
10AM – 5PM
LOVELY FOOD ALL DAY!

Organised by The Friends of St Matthew's



## CREDITON'S TREASURE

Highlighted with flowers

Come and find out more ...

Friday 31st May—Saturday 1st June 10.00am—5.00pm

Sunday 2nd June 11.00am-5.00pm

Disabled access Free parking

Admission free

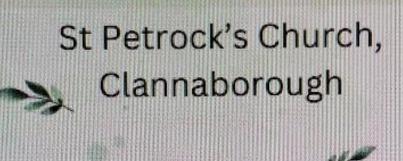
Café in the Boniface Centre 10.00am — 4.00pm Sunday 2,00pm — 4.00pm

Visit our website for more information www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk





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# PLANT SALE

WITH PRODUCE

### 2pm Sat 18th May BOW VILLAGE HALL

Contributions of Plants, Produce & Cakes would be most welcome

Telephone 01363 82379 or 01363 84256 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.

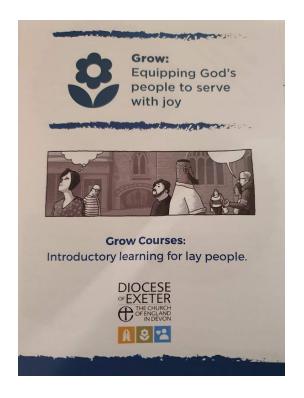
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

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

May 2024	5 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 6	12 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 7	19 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecost	26 <sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday
Cheriton	11.15am	11.15am	Art & Craft	No
Fitzpaine	Communion	All Age	Festival	Service
Kennerleigh	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Contemp	11.15am HC	
Beacon	8.30am			
New Buildings	HC			
Poughill			9.30am HC	
Puddington	9.30am MW	11.15am HC		9.30am MW
Sandford	9.30am HC	9.30 HC	9.30am All Age	9.30am HC
Stockleigh English				
Stockleigh Pomeroy				11.15am HC
Upton Hellions				
Washford Pyne		11.15am HC		11.15am Matins
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery)	10.30am Rogation			
Crediton	8am BCP HC 9.30am All Age 6pm Choral Evensong	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 11.30am Baptism ST LAWRENCE 6pm ES	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		11.15am FS
Shobrooke		11am FS		11am HC

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Bow	10.30am MP		10.30am HC	
Clannaborough				11am BCP HC
Coldridge		10.30am MP	10.30am HC	
Colebrooke	9.30am HC	5.30pm FS	9.30am MP	9.30am MP
Down St Mary	4pm ES	9am HC	10am MP	10am MP
Knowle	10am HC		10am MP	
Lapford	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	9.30am MP	9.30am HC
Morchard Bishop	10.30am MP	10.30am HC	10.30am MP	10.30am 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

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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