

# Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

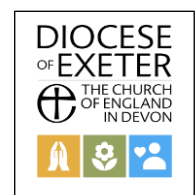
## Post

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

**June 2024**



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





## Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Hub Post

I am reminded every day, as I drive around the parishes, of God's goodness. We live in a beautiful part of the world and God's generous provision is evident all around us, with green fields, majestic trees, birds, animals – all there for us to appreciate and take care of. God's creation is an incredibly magnificent thing and what a gift. My mind boggles when I think of how creative God is, given the diversity of life on earth. Recently, I was reminded of the special places that are our churchyards. As you will read at the end of this edition of the Hub Post, a young Dormouse was found in the bell tower at Woolsery. It had fallen into a bucket, after managing to climb up onto the old organ kept in there. Dormice are protected and endangered, and yet, there we had one in our church. The said Dormouse is now at a local Dormouse rescue centre, where it will be kept until it is able to build its own nest and will then be returned to the hedgerow in Woolsery churchyard. Who knew we had endangered Dormice in our churchyards. You will also read about wildlife in the Sandford churchyard towards the end of the Hub Post. Our churchyards are teeming with life. How wonderful!

Our old church buildings are peaceful places of quiet when there isn't something going on in them. They are places of refuge for us, God's people, where we can encounter God in the quiet beauty of the buildings. Outside those buildings we are surrounded by the beauty of creation. Our churchyards can be safe havens for amazing wildlife. When we sit still for a moment, whether in a church building or out in our beautiful surroundings, we can get a sense of God's awesomeness. The quiet of an empty church building or the bird song outside, can enable us to encounter God in a new way.

May our churches and churchyards be places of refuge for all of us, including God's little creatures. When you are next walking in the countryside, sitting in your garden or sitting in a churchyard, take a moment to appreciate God's goodness and provision of life for all of us.

When caring for the churchyard, remember that there are precious creatures living in it. Let us continue to make our churchyards places of refuge for God's creation.

Yours in Christ  
Revd Janet May

# Puddington

**22<sup>nd</sup> June – Bingo 7.30pm in  
the Village Hall**



**28<sup>th</sup> June – Ceilidh with Crazy  
Goat – 7pm**



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

## Coffee Mornings

**Cheriton Fitzpaine –  
29<sup>th</sup> June – 10am-12pm**

**Kennerleigh – 23<sup>rd</sup> June –  
10.30am – 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.

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 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

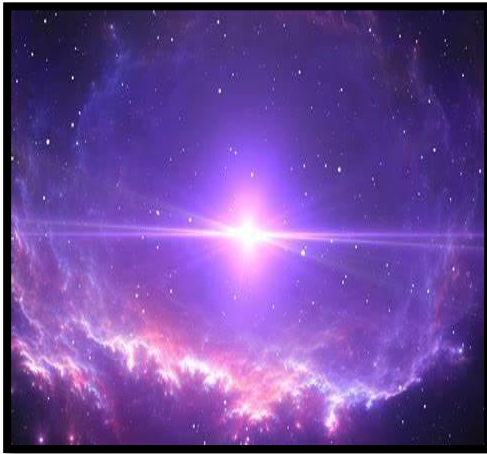
# CHURCH LITE



For everyone who wants to enjoy God together, through prayer 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 11.15am**  
Communion

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 11.15am**  
All Age Service

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June 4pm**  
Messy Church

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 11.15am**  
Communion

**St Mary's Stockleigh English**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 4pm  
Communion

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am**

Mission Community Communion Service at  
Kennerleigh



St Matthew's  
**MESSY CHURCH**

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday  
12th June  
4pm - 5.30pm

**Mountains!**

For more information:  
Contact Alice 07484 704777

# ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH CHERITON FITZPAINE



## COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY

29<sup>th</sup> June

10-12 NOON



**Plants, preserves,  
cakes, pre-loved toys  
and books, bric-a-brac**

**Space to sell your own  
items for a small  
donation to St Matthew's  
Ring Alice on 07484  
704777**



# D Day 80 Celebrations Programme of Events



**6th June 2024**  
**Sandford Beacon Lighting**  
**at 9.15pm**  
**Gates Open 6.00 pm**  
**at Beacon Church New Buildings**

**Refreshments and Entertainment**

6.00 pm - The gates open

6.00 pm - First departure of the Community Bus Shuttle service to/from Beacon Church  
***Please register your interest on the list at the Post Office (No charge for the Bus)***

6.30 - Official Opening and Welcome by Brian Warren MBE

During the evening free cakes and traybakes, and hot and cold drinks will be served

There will also be a Hog Roast (£6.50), Vegetable Curry (£5.00) and a Cider Bar (cash please)

6.35 - Sandford School Children sing WW2 songs

6.50 - Ady Nuthall and The Holly Water Stompers

7.30 – The D Day Proclamation.

7.40 - Copplestone Community Choir.

8.05 - Ady Nuthall and The Holly Water Stompers including the Community Choir

8.45 - Brian Warren proposes a Vote of Thanks and invites everyone to make their way to the site of the beacon in the field adjacent to the Church.

9.00 - Major Mike Davis Ret'd MBE will read the International Tribute followed by the Last Post

Followed by a few words by the Rev Janet May and the lighting of the D Day 80 oil lamp

9.15 - Beacon Lighting by John Lee OBE (Deputy Lord Lieutenant), Royal Marine CSgt Dom Dunn and Terry Petherick (Beacon Field Land Owner), to coincide with the lightings on the Normandy Coast.

**EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THE EVENING.**  
**MAY WE SUGGEST YOU BRING A CHAIR !**

Contact details Angela Crooke (Creditor 772654) Malcolm Vallance (Creditor 772769)

# The Church of the Holy Cross

## 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

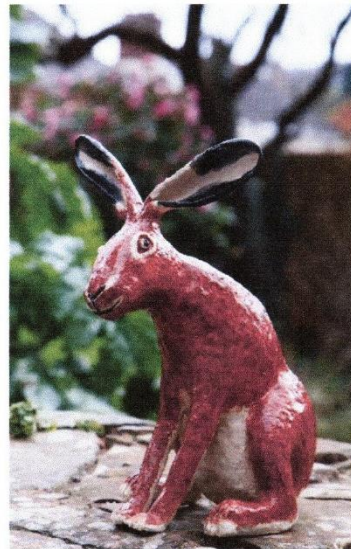
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# **SUMMER ART SHOW**



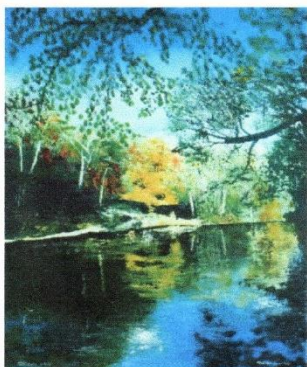
**Crediton Arts  
Centre**

**Saturday 25 May to Saturday**

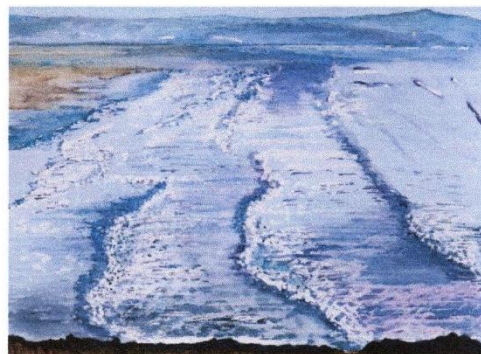
**1 June from 10am to 4pm**

**Sunday 2 June from 10am to 2pm**

**An exhibition and sale of  
the work of 13 local artists**



**Free  
Entry**



# Coldridge Fete

## Fun Family Dog Show



*Saturday 29th June 2024*  
*12 - 5pm, Coldridge, EX17 6AX*



Registration from 12pm - Judging from 1pm  
Please register your entries at the Dog Show Ring  
Entry Fee: £2 per dog per class



**Show Judge:** Sara Thurgood

- Pure Bred Dog or Bitch
- Cross Bred Dog or Bitch
- Best Puppy (6 -12mths)
- Best Veteran over 7 years
- Young Handler: under 16yrs
- Dog with the waggiest tail
- Dog or bitch which the judge would most like to take home



*Judging in the Main Ring*

- Best in Show
- Reserve Best in Show



**Sponsored By**

**TUCKERS**  
COUNTRY STORE



**North Park**  
Veterinary Group Limited

Please keep dogs on a lead at all times.

Poo Bags and Disposal Bin available by the Show Ring.

Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally  
Flower Festival & Dog Show  
12 noon  
Sat 29th June 2024  
[middlesexparish.co.uk/coldridge](http://middlesexparish.co.uk/coldridge)  
(in aid of Coldridge Village Hall & St Matthew's Church Fabric Fund)

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**FREE  
PARKING  
in the  
Fete Field**

**Join us at the**

**ADULTS  
£3.50  
CHILDREN  
(16 & under)  
FREE**

# **Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival & Dog Show**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**12 – 5pm, EX17 6AX**

**Celebrating the Best of Mid-Devon**

**Vintage Tractors Classic Cars Craft & Trade Stalls Children's Entertainer  
Books & Jigsaws Cakes Countryside Skills Plants Alpacas Tea Tent  
Face Painting BBQ Tombola Donga Family Dog Show Ice Creams  
Competitions Live Music Licensed Bar Birds of Prey Children's Games  
Flower Festival (in St Matthew's Church) Bouncy Castle Grand Prize Draw  
... and much more...**

<https://middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge/>

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.

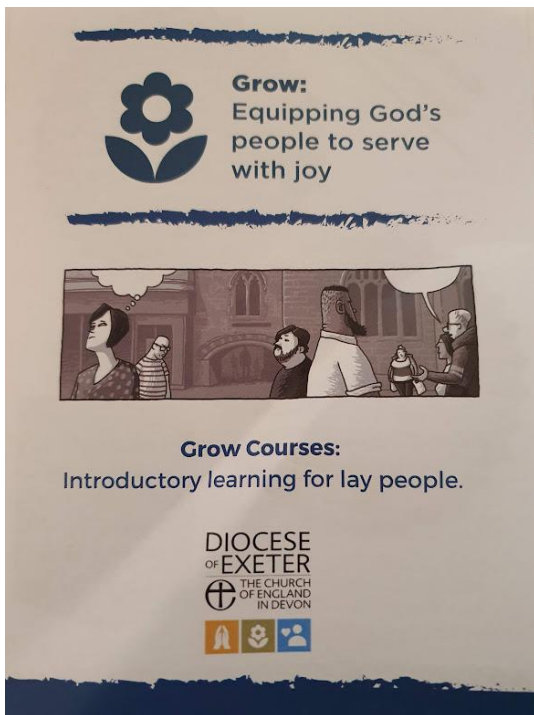
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray  
for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all  
people of the land.

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

June 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> June Trinity 1	9 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity 2	16 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity 3	23 <sup>rd</sup> June Trinity 4	30 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity 5
Cheriton Fitzpaine	11.15am HC	11.15am All Age	11.15am HC	No Service	
Kennerleigh	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Contemp	11.15am HC		10.30am Mission Community Communion
Beacon New Buildings	8.30am 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		4pm HC			
Stockleigh Pomeroy				11.15am HC	
Upton Hellions					
Washford Pyne		11.15am HC		11.15am Matins	
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery)					
Crediton	8am BCP HC 9.30am All Age 6pm Choral Evensong	8am BCP HC 9.30am 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 ES
Posbury	11am BCP HC		11am BCP HC		
Yeoford		9.30am HC		11.15am FS	
Shobrooke	11am Baptism	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	11am 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	10.30am Mission Community Communion
Nymet Rowland			9am BCP HC		
Zeal Monachorum	10am FS	6.30pm HC		6pm ES	6.30pm Hymns & Pimms

**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**

As with many rural churches we have been struggling to meet our financial commitments. A decision was made to hold a village meeting, inviting all those who wish to keep our lovely church open and to discuss ways of keeping it going forward in the future. Reverend Janet May, together with Sophie West and Elizabeth Anderson from the Diocese were on hand to answer questions.

We were very encouraged by the response from those who attended and a follow up meeting will be arranged for those who expressed an interest in helping in some way. It has already generated some very positive results. We have received a generous donation from the profits of Pudfest recently held in the village hall.

Crazy Goat, our local folk band have offered to hold a Ceilidh to raise funds and this will take place on Saturday 28 June. We hope as many as possible will come along and join us for a fun filled evening. A cold supper and bar will be available. See posters for details

We are also holding a Bingo evening on Saturday 22 June, eyes down at 7.30pm

Joy Price

### **Sandford Churchyard**

Records show that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1524 the churchyard was consecrated for burials and St Swithun's was licensed to receive the burial fees. Useful income for the church! Were people buried in Sandford before that and the bigger church at Crediton received the burial fees? Or were there no burials at St Swithun's because the ground wasn't consecrated? So far we have found no answers but would love to know more.

Walking along the church path once with Andrew White (Funeral Director) he asked, 'Have you ever wondered why in old churches like this the burial area is so much higher than the paths and the land around?' Well I hadn't, but it clearly was, especially from the Fanny's Lane gate. He

answered his own question. 'There are hundreds of bodies buried here, the majority with no marker anymore. And that raises the height of the churchyard.'

Anyway, on a beautifully sunny Saturday morning at the end of April, almost 500 years to the day of the consecration, we had a big Plant Sale out in the churchyard while refreshments were served in the Under Gallery. It was a super social occasion, not all the conversations were about plants(!) and a variety of scrummy cakes were enjoyed. We made just over £470 for church and churchyard funds and thank you to all who came. With the help of Steve (McCulloch) and a better management plan, the churchyard has become a hospitable environment to a wide range of wildlife from hedgehogs and harvest mice, to slow worms and bats. I have recently discovered the joy of an app called Merlin, which identifies bird song. Standing on the church steps one morning last week and using the app, it identified 10 different varieties of birds around me in just 1 minute – and that didn't include the house martins I could see in the Square! The churchyard is truly a wonderful place, do take the time to wander through and enjoy it.

Jean Hope

### **Woolsery**

Well, what a wonderful Rogation Spring Walk we had on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May! Lots of people, lots of prayers for our area and neighbours, lots of sunshine, lots of hot and cold drinks, lots of fun and lots and lots of cakes and pasties! Thank you to everyone who came.

On top of all that we had the great surprise and delight of finding a juvenile dormouse (Woolsy) in the Church, which had fallen into a bucket and become very dehydrated. So after lots of admiration she was whisked off for rehab', and we look forward to having her back in a local wood, after being well fed with chicken broth and pear. Even after 2 days she looks more plump and happy.

Nigel Marshall



Photo by Kari Bettoney of The Devon Dormouse Rescue

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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