Crediton Rural Ministry Hub Post

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

September 2024



The Diocese of Exeter Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 19th edition of the Hub Post

At the end of September, we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, otherwise known as Michaelmas. St Michael the Archangel is one of the principal angelic warriors, protector against the darkness of the night and the leader of the army of God against the forces of evil (*Revelation 12:7-9*).

Michaelmas is celebrated on the 29th of September every year. As it falls near the equinox, the day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. It used to be said that harvest had to be completed by Michaelmas, almost like the marking of the end of the productive season and the beginning of the new cycle of farming. It was the time at which new servants were hired or land was exchanged and debts were paid, and so Michaelmas came to be the time for electing magistrates as well as the beginning of legal and university terms.

The Feast of Michaelmas reminds us that Autumn is on its way. As we approach Autumn, we remember too that it is often a time for new beginnings and for change – it is the start of the new school year when young people begin a new chapter in their lives. For some people it will be their first time living away from home as they embark on courses at university.

Change is sometimes feared by some people, and I think that has something to do with the unknown. To leave the familiar and to go into uncharted territory can make us anxious or even fearful, and that is a natural human reaction. However, change can be good for us because with change comes growth and we continue to grow into the people God calls us to be.

The prayer of the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr is often paraphrased as:

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference."

Niebuhr's words were born out of his Christian faith and, I suspect, his experience of life as well. And so, whether or not you are beginning a new chapter in your life this Autumn, may Niebuhr's words give you courage to face the unknown.

Your friend and Rural Dean

Matthew Tregenza

Harvest Service

St. Michael and All Angels Poughill – Sunday 22nd September at 6pm



"Best in Show" by Sally West at the Sandford Summer Show – "More tea Vicar"

Deadline for articles for the October edition – **25**th **September**

Coffee Mornings

<u>Cheriton Fitzpaine</u> – 28th September – 10am-12pm

Kennerleigh – 24th August – 10.30am – 12pm

Are you planning an event in your Parish?

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

Please send posters in either png or jpeg format.





'But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.' 2 Peter 3:18

Join a home group. You won't regret it.

Home groups provide a smaller setting for us to grow closer to each other, closer to our church community and closer to God. This happens because by being in small groups, we form deep communities to explore our faith in a way that is not possible in a Sunday service.

Practically, this means a group of people interested in Christianity gather regularly in someone's home, or in the church or a village hall to share stories and grow in faith together. The meeting revolves around food, praying together, studying the Bible, exploring an aspect of the Christian faith, catching up on one another's news, and studying a book together.

In many ways it doesn't matter what the topic of the meeting is, though. What matters is the support that we give and receive. This is the key to growing in grace, knowledge, the love of God and the love of each other. Right now, we are not asking for a commitment, we are just looking for possible interest.

If you might be interested in participating in the groups forming in the autumn, please complete the form and email it over to Janet or me.

Join a home group. You won't regret it.

Yes, I would li	Home Group Sign Up Sheet ald like to be a part of the Home Group Ministry in the North Creedy East + Sandford Mission Community						
About me:							
Name:							
Address:							
Phone:							
Email:							
Home Parish (Church:						
In the Autumr	n 2024, I will b	ne available on	the following o	days/times:			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Day							
Evening							

YES

NO

YES

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If you have any questions, please contact Laura Armstrong at Lnnarmstrong@gmail.com.

I would be interested in training to become a Home Group Leader.

I would be interested in hosting a Home Group in my house.

St Matthew's Church **Cheriton Fitzpaine** Sunday 8th September 4pm Come along for Hymns & Pimm's & Cream Tea!



If you have a favourite hymn and would like to have it included then contact Alice May 07484 704777 alicemay159@gmail.com









St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday
11th September
4pm - 5.30pm
"Seasons"

For more information:
Contact Alice 07484 704777

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

Sunday 1st September 11.15am

Communion by extension

Sunday 8th September 4pm

Hymns & Pimm's & Cream Tea

Wed 11th September 4pm

Messy Church

Sunday 15th September 9.30am
Joining Holy Cross, Crediton for
Lewis Eden's final service & farewell
Sunday 29th September 10.30am
Misson Community Communion

St Mary's, Stockleigh English

Next service Sunday 14th October 4pm

Harvest Festival

followed by refreshments

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH CHERITON FITZPAINE

COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 28th September 10-12 NOON

PRESERVES – CAKES - BOOKS BRIC A BRAC

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

Sandford, Upton Hellions and New Buildings



Dedicated to supporting our glorious Christian architectural heritage





Help us to reach 100 miles!



Choose which churches to walk, jog or cycle from and to (Beacon, St Swithun's, St Mary's)



Take selfies at the churches and send to stswithunsevents@gmail.com



Estimate miles with Google Maps or Strava



Make a donation to DHCT using cash or card at St Swithun's (e.g. £1 per mile)



Refreshment stations at all three churches



Also, for all the family

Open Day at St Swithun's 10am - 4pm

Refreshments and children's activities all day





In aid of the
DEVOY HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Charity Registration Number 1189807

Colebrooke Flower Festival

St. Andrew's Church EX17 5JH

"All Good Gifts"

September 27th-29th 2024 10.30.-6.00 p.m.

Coffees, Teas, Light lunches and Cream Teas

Sunday 29th

11.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Everyone welcome to enjoy our Celebrations!



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



The Foundations Course is designed to help people in Devon grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church. It includes an introduction to the Bible, theology, spirituality and mission, delivered in an accessible way.

Teaching is a mixture of in-person group sessions and online learning. The course will run in the following locations:

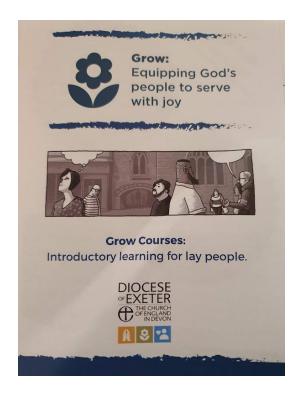
Plymouth: Oct '24 - Mar '25 North Devon: Jan - May '25

Exeter: Jan - May '25

To register, or for more info: exeter.anglican.org/foundations







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

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

Church Services Across the Hub

September 2024	1 st Sept Trinity 14	8 th Sep Trinity 15	15 th Sep Trinity 16	22 nd Sep Trinity 17	29 th Sep Trinity 18
Cheriton Fitzpaine	11.15am HC	4pm Hymns & Pimm's	9.30am Lewis's last service at Holy Cross	No Service	10.30am Mission Community Communion
Kennerleigh	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Contemp	No Service		
Beacon New Buildings	8.30am HC				
Poughill			No Serv		
Puddington Sandford	9.30am HC	9.30 HC	No Service at Sandford	9.30am HC	
Stockleigh English					
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 Evening Prayer & hymns	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm Friends Choral Evensong 6pm - St. Lawrence Evensong	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm Sacred Space	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 11.30am Baptism 6pm Sung Compline	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 11.30am Baptism 6pm Evening Prayer with Hymns
Posbury	11am BCP HC				4pm Harvest Festival
Yeoford		9.30am HC		11.15am FS	

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Shobrooke		11am HC		11am HC	
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	10am Mission Community Communion
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 Monachorum	10am FS	6.30pm HC		6.30pm 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

Kennerleigh

It's been an exciting time at Kennerleigh Community Shop with it now having moved temporarily into the Parish Hall while the new shop development is being undertaken.

With an army of 35 volunteers' staff were able to move the entirety of the shop's contents into the Parish Hall over 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days – an amazing feat and thankfully the weather held.

We are so grateful to the people of Kennerleigh and the wider community coming together to help us with this enormous endeavour.

The shop staff, Sonnie & Paula, are delighted to inform everyone that the Church's monthly coffee place will continue to take place on the 4th Saturday of every month from 10.30am-12pm

with a dedicated space being made available. The first coffee morning utilising this new space last month was lovely and informal with over 20 people attending during the 1 ½ hours.

Do come and join us for the next coffee morning where you will also be able to see how the shop rebuild is going as well as have a look at the shop in its temporary home.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Paula



Puddington

The Flower Festival which was held on 9/10/11 August was a great success and everyone who attended were full of praise for the beautiful flower displays. The theme was hobbies and crafts enjoyed by villagers in Puddington and the displays in the church depicting quilting, whittling, music, bee keeping and many more were spectacular. Lunches and teas were served all day in the village hall. It raised an amazing £1,350 towards the upkeep of our church.

It is with great sadness that from the beginning of September our church will no longer hold regular Sunday services and we will become a Festival church. Only 6 services a year will be held, 2 at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and two others. The church will still be open every day for anyone who wishes to sit in quiet contemplation and also for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Our next service will be Harvest Festival on Saturday 5th October followed by a harvest supper in the village hall and auction of produce. See posters for details.

Joy Price





Sandford with Upton Hellions and Beacon

Our Friday morning Contemplative time had been following the theme of journeys so as part of it we decided to take a mini-pilgrimage.

We met in the Sandford car park at 10.15am on a lovely Friday morning to car share down to the lay-by at Northlakes. Two fellow pilgrims joined us there and together we followed the footpath down to Shaky Bridge, over the stream and up to St Mary's, Upton Hellions. There we were

joined by two more pilgrims and were all invited in by the lovely Kelsey (who lives in the cottage next to the church) for coffee.

We then went through the Lych Gate and into the beautiful church for a short reflection on pilgrimages and to pray. We honestly thanked God for such a peaceful place and for the time of refreshing we had together, before walking back down the hill to Shaky Bridge and on to our various homes.

Eleven of us took part in our mini pilgrimage but seven others sent apologies, so it is something we would like to repeat at a future date.

We meet on Friday mornings at 10.30am at St Swithun's Church, Sandford for a half hour of Celtic style time of quiet and contemplation. Feel free to come and join us anytime.

Jean Hope



Washford Pyne

On Sunday 11th August, a lovely sunny summers morning, St Peter's was full with family and friends of Joshua Thomas Bradford, to support parents Jamie and Catherine and big sister Phoebe, on his Baptism day. The service was officiated by Rural Dean Matthew Tregenza, with Joshua enjoying being the centre of attention, a very happy occasion!

Rainfall (approx):- June - 26mm, July - 103mm.

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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 – Mrs 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