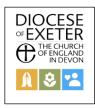
Crediton Rural Ministry Hub Post

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

October 2024



The Diocese of Exeter Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 20th edition of the Hub Post

Having had six weeks off following knee replacement surgery, it was good to be back at work. Church, the people of God, are not just people I see most weeks - they are family. We are the family of God and no matter where we are in the world, we have family in Christ's church. I can find family in Mid-Devon, in South Africa, Kenya, India, the Netherlands, anywhere in the world. We may 'do' church differently from those in other countries. We can even 'do' church differently in our own towns and villages, but we are one people, one Church, joined together by our faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus did not set out to create a church that was divided, stuck in tradition or religion. He came to set us free from the law - and yet - we have managed to create a church that is divided, stuck in tradition and is religious. When people speak to me and say that I am religious, my response is, "I really hope not." I don't want to become stuck in my ways, or stuck in religion. I want to keep being made free daily, by the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus didn't die on the cross so that we can carry on being stuck. He died and rose again so that we can be free - free of religion, hatred, ignorance, intolerance and all the negative words you can think of. Jesus died for me and you and for all humankind, so that we can be free from the things that keep us bound.

We live in a world that is full of hatred, violence, lies, bullying and all that is nasty. Jesus calls us to be different. He calls us to love our neighbour and by loving our neighbour, he doesn't mean the nice person who lives next door, although it does include them. He demonstrated through his life on earth how we should live. He told us how to live. He told us to care for the sick, provide shelter for the homeless, visit the prisoner. Jesus came to set all of us free, not just a select few. In this world that embraces all the things counter to what Jesus showed us and told us, let us be different. The Bible tells us that 'by their fruit they will be known.' That means that people should be able to see that we are Christians because we love the least, the last and the lost. We were once lost, but Jesus found us and made us his. Let us be a people who help other people to find Jesus.

Yours in Christ Revd Janet May Team Vicar

What's On

Deadline for articles for the November edition – 25th October

Coffee Mornings

<u>Cheriton Fitzpaine</u> – 26th October – 10am-12pm

<u>Kennerleigh</u> – 26th October – 10.30am – 12pm

Puddington – 25th October – 10am – 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 png 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

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St Swithun's Sandford

Join us every Wednesday at 10.30am for Coffee, Cake and Company all welcome '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

<u>Join a home group. You won't regret it.</u>

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.**

Home Group Sign Up Sheet

Yes, I would 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 Autumn 2024, I will be available on the following days/times:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Day							
Evening							

I would be interested in training to become a Home Group Leader.		YES	NO
I would be interested in hosting a Home Group in my house.	YES	NO	

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

OUR NEXT SERVICE

HARVEST FESTIVAL



PUDDINGTON - SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER AT 6.00pm.

Please help to decorate the Church with

your harvest produce

Harvest Supper follows & Auction of produce

Sandford Parish Harvest Supper Sandford Parish Hall Saturday 5th October 2024 6.30pm for 7pm Tickets: Adults £12, Children (under 12) £6 Available from Sandford Community Stores and St. Swithun's Church Members

Proceeds to St. Swithun's Community Path Improvement Fund



EVERYONE WELCOME

St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH faith friendship fun food

Wednesday 9th October **4pm - 5.30pm**

"Harvest" COLLECTION FOR CHAT Churches Housing Action Team

Supporting those facing homelessness or hunger in mid-Devon. If possible, please bring along a small donation of groceries, toiletries or household cleaning materials.

> For more information: Contact Alice 07484 704777

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine Sunday 6th October 11.15am Communion Wed 9th October 4pm **Messy Church** Sunday 13th October 11.15am Harvest followed by bring and share lunch – Harvest Collection for CHAT-**Churches Housing Action Team** supporting those facing homelessness and hunger in mid-Devon. Donations of groceries, toiletries, household cleaning products can be brought to the service or left in the church porch, or at Cheriton Fitzpaine Community Shop many thanks. Sunday 20th October 11.15am Communion Sunday 27th October **No Service** St Mary's, Stockleigh English

Sunday 13th October 4pm

Harvest Festival followed by refreshments

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH CHERITON FITZPAINE COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 26th October **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 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



FOUNDATIONS

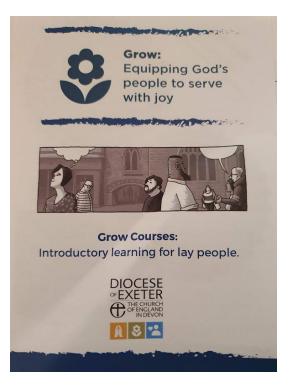
The Foundations Course is designed to help people in Devon grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church. It includes an introduction to the Bible, theology, spirituality and mission, delivered in an accessible way.

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

October 2024	6 th Oct Trinity 19	13 th Oct Trinity 20	20 th Oct Trinity 21	27 th Oct Trinity 22	
Cheriton Fitzpaine	11.15am HC	11.15am Harvest	11.15am HC	No Service	
Kennerleigh	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Contemp	11.15am HC		
Beacon New Buildings	8.30am HC	6pm Harvest			
Poughill			9.30am HC		
Puddington	5 th Oct Harvest				
Sandford	9.30am HC	9.30 Harvest	9.30am All Age	9.30am HC	
Stockleigh English		4pm Harvest			
Stockleigh Pomeroy					
Upton Hellions					
Washford Pyne		11.15am Harvest		11.15am Matins	
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery)		10.30am Harvest			
Crediton	HARVEST 8am BCP HC 9.30am All Age 6pm Choral Evensong	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm - St. Lawrence Evensong	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 6pm Sacred Space	8am BCP HC 9.30am HC 11.30am Baptism 6pm Compline	
Posbury	11am BCP HC		11am BCP HC		
Yeoford		9.30am HC		11.15am Harvest	
Shobrooke		11am FS	6pm Confirm- ation	11am HC	
Bow	4pm Harvest		10.30am HC		

October 2024	6 th Oct	13 th Oct	20 th Oct	27 th Oct
	Trinity 19	Trinity 20	Trinity 21	Trinity 22
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
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

Coldridge

Greetings from the PCC Team, our Working Groups and, of course, our lovely congregation! We are so delighted at the way our new PCC and our associated PCC Working Groups are grasping several nettles, challenges and opportunities, all of which are aimed at placing the Church very firmly at the centre of our community and more widely. However, we can only achieve this by making the church a really warm and welcoming place, with exciting and accessible aspects of our worship across a broad view of our divinity, by making the building physically more accessible and comfortable, and by offering the building as yet another, valuable social facility within the parish, working alongside our splendid colleagues in the Village Hall.

We already have guitar lessons taking place on a Wednesday evening, our Church Café takes place on the first Monday of every month, and our Church History Tours on the 4th Thursday of the month (these attract hundreds of visitors from all over the world). We have recently enjoyed a "HYMNS & PIMMS" service. This was extremely well attended and the hymn choices were across a very wide spectrum of style and age. The very personal introductions to each item were, mostly highly poignant and, sometimes, quite emotional. It was hugely Joyful, yet it was extremely reverential and reflective of our faith. The effect upon Community Spirit was immediately palpable. I guess that the Pimm's might have helped just a bit! On Sunday, 22nd September, we once again enjoyed a short chamber recital in the church, courtesy of The Highcroft Clarinet Quintet. This is the second time that this local group of players has entertained us. The acoustic of our Medieval church suits this sort of ensemble very well indeed, which was appreciated by a good audience on a slightly damp Sunday afternoon.

Our Harvest & Patronal Festival took place on 28th September, where we gathered in and offered gifts to take to the Amber Foundation at Chawleigh, the Retiring Collection going to Farm Community Network. The Service was followed by a return to a 'sit-down' Supper in the Village Hall. The food was free of charge (thanks to a couple of donations) and the Village Hall Bar ('Coldridge Arms') was open for beverages. This is a Harvest Festival format that we enjoyed here for many years but which had, sadly, lapsed over recent times. Not now. At last....It's back! Finally, amongst our efforts to diversify our offering, somewhat towards the secular, we are hosting a 'Jazz In The Nave' concert on Friday, 1st November, starting at 7.00pm. This features Jonny Monument and his band. Jonny is an ex-Cathedral Choral Scholar and a consummate musician, especially on the keyboard. Tickets, on the door, are £10 for adults and £5 for under-16s. We are all very excited by what has been achieved so far, in such a short time, and we are looking forward to some spectacular developments as we move forward. John W Smith

Sandford with Upton Hellions and Beacon

This year, for the first time in a long time, we took part in the Ride and Stride for Devon Historic Churches Trust. All 3 churches in the parish (St Mary's at Upton Hellions, St Swithun's at Sandford and Beacon at New Buildings) were open and had refreshments on offer. We also had an Open Day at St Swithun's, where excellent cake and good company was available, with games and quizzes for children and hand bells to be tried out.

We encouraged people to travel from any one church to another (or even all three!) and over £250 was donated for the charity. The final walk was on Thursday the 27th of September, when Sandford Scouts are doing a night hike from St. Mary's to St. Swithun's, where hot chocolate drinks were provided for them all.

Jean Hope

Washford Pyne

St Peter's will be holding it's Harvest Festival on October 13th 11.15am. All very welcome to come along and celebrate this season of 'mellow fruitfulness'.

Rainfall:- August 29mm approx.

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<u>Woolsery</u>

A quiet summer for our church building, except that the swifts have been busy making at least one nest, after three years of waiting. Hooray! We trust that the family has returned to Africa safely, and we look forward to their return next year.

On Sunday 13th October at 10.30am we are celebrating the wonders of God's gifts to us at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This is a landmark for our rural community, so we look forward to you joining us. Please bring your non-perishable gifts for us to take to the CHAT food bank in Tiverton. We have a large car, so let's fill it for them.

At 4.30pm on Sunday 27th October everybody is welcome to join us for a Bring and Share Harvest Tea and Prayer at Sonia Andrew's house, Woolsery Barton. Please put another date in your diary – 10th November, Remembrance Sunday, we will be holding a Remembering Service at 10.45am to remember all those we have lost, be it in conflicts or under other circumstances.

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.

North Creedy East Mission Community Safeguarding Officer – Mrs Linda Tonkin - 01363 866857

or The Diocesan Safeguarding Team - <u>https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-team/</u>

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