

Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

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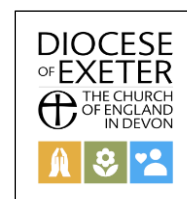
Churches joyfully working together with a generous spirit reaching out to the churches, communities, villages and hamlets around Crediton

December 2024



Photo taken by Tiffany May - St. Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

The Diocese of Exeter
Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 22nd edition of the Hub Post

Christmas is fast approaching and everything becomes very busy and sometimes stressful. As we enter Advent, looking forward to the coming of Christ the King, let us take a step back and breathe. Take a look around you and find some space to take in the love of God. God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus came to earth as a tiny, helpless baby and experienced all the joys and sorrows of earthly life, so that we can be with God forever. He gave up His life so that we might live. As He has loved us, so we are called to love Him and to love one another. Loving one another doesn't just mean loving the people we like, it is about loving even those who we don't like, or who don't treat us with kindness.

As you prepare for Christmas, look for signs of God in your everyday life. He can be found in the most unexpected places. You may find Him in the people around you. When you are shopping for gifts for loved ones, ask God to accompany you as you shop. Ask Him to help you show kindness, even if the busyness of the shops and pavements is irritating you. Smile at people. You never know how much someone just needs a smile. It can brighten people's day. At Christmas time, so many people are struggling with things we have no idea about. It may be their first Christmas without a loved one or a relationship break up has left them bereft. Be kind.

Acknowledge the homeless person in the doorway, or who is trying to sell you the Big Issue. Thank God that you have a home that is warm and food on your table. Thank God that you have people whom you love and who love you. If someone is helpful, thank them. We call this season the season to be jolly and there is so much to be jolly about. In a world that is full of pain and suffering, Jesus enters in as a helpless baby, born to a young poor couple who said yes to God. The wonder of the Christmas story invades my heart every year. God, who created everything, comes to earth to love us and show us how to live – loving each other and loving God. The Nativity story never gets old. It is the most wonderful story ever told. It is a story of hope and light in the darkness. When we say yes to God, we say yes to a life of certainty that God will never leave us, that even in the dark times of our lives, He is there with us, helping us through.

If this time of year is difficult for you, ask God to come and invade the darkness and bring His light and love. He longs for relationship with us, to walk with us through whatever life throws at us here on earth, until it is time for us to go to our real home in heaven, where we will live forever.

I wish you a Christmas that is full of joy and hope, love and kindness. May you experience the wonder of the Christ child this Christmas and beyond.

**Revd Janet May
Team Vicar**

It was a joy on Monday evening to welcome Revd Jeremy Putnam into our team as Team Missioner. We pray that he and his wife Ruth, will be very happy in our team and we are looking forward to working with them.



We welcome Tiffany May to the team as the Administrator for North Creedy Team. Tiffany works 15 hours a week and has already saved Janet many hours of work this month. We hope you will be very happy with us Tiffany.

What's on

Please take note of all the Christmas services happening around the hub this month. All information can be found later on in this magazine.

Deadline for articles for the January edition - 20th December

Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

December - NO COFFEE MORNINGS AT CHERITON THIS MONTH

Are you planning an event in your Parish?

Email: northcreedy1@gmail.com to let us know and we'll add it into the What's On List.

Please send posters in either Word, PDF, 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.**

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

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 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 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

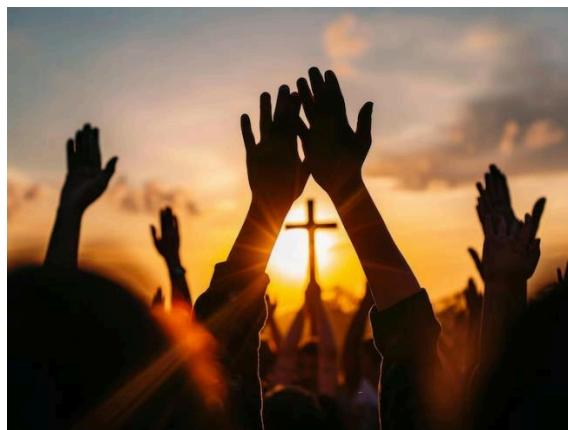
If you have any questions, please contact Janet May on janetmay69@gmail.com

PRESENCE

**No Presence until
February!**

**Holy Cross Church
Creditor**

**Join us for an evening of
worship, scripture and prayer**



In partnership with Exeter Network Church

NO COFFEE MORNING
AT ST MATTHEW'S
IN CHERITON FITZPAINE
IN DECEMBER

A CHANCE FOR EVERYONE TO
HAVE A WELL-EARNED REST!

NEXT COFFEE MORNING IS ON
SATURDAY 25th JANUARY 2025
10AM – 12 NOON

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
WE LOOK FORWARD TO CATCHING UP
WITH EVERYONE IN THE NEW YEAR
XX



St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

MONDAY

9th December

4pm-5.30pm

Early Christmas
celebration fun!

No need to book,
just arrive with a plate

CHRISTMAS AT ST MATTHEW'S

Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Carols & refreshments

Collection for The Amber Foundation



Christmas Eve 6pm

Crib service



Short and fun for children of all ages!

Collection for Blue Skye Thinking

Christmas Eve 10.45pm

Communion

Collection for Blue Skye Thinking



Christmas Day 10am



Short Christmas celebration

DECEMBER SERVICES

ST MATTHEW'S, CHERITON FITZPAINE

Sunday 1st December 11.15am

Communion

Sunday 8th December 11.15am

All Age

Monday 9th December 4pm

Messy Church Party

Sunday 15th December 11.15am

Communion

Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Carols & refreshments

Collection for Amber Foundation



ST MARY'S STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH

Sunday 8th December 4pm

Carols & refreshments

Collection for Amber Foundation





Christmas in Crediton Mission Community

Crediton

Christmas eve

4:30pm - Crib Service

11:30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas day

8am BCP Communion

10am - Parish Communion

St. Lawrence Chapel

Christmas eve

4pm - Carol Service

Yeoford

Christmas eve

4pm Carol Service

9pm Holy Communion

Shobrooke

Christmas day

10am Holy Communion

Posbury

Christmas day

11am Holy Communion



Christmas in the North Creedy East Mission

Community **Cheriton Fitzpaine**

Christmas Eve - 6pm Crib Service + 10:45pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day - 10am Christmas Day Celebration Service



Kennerleigh

Christmas Eve - 9pm Christmas Eve Communion



New Buildings

Christmas Day - 8:30am Christmas Day Communion



Poughill

Christmas Eve- 9pm Christmas Eve Communion



Puddington

Christmas Day - 9:30am Christmas Day Communion



Sandford

Christmas Eve - 4pm Crib Service + 9pm Christmas Eve Communion

Christmas Day - 9:30am Christmas Day Communion



Stockleigh Pomeroy

Christmas Day - 9:30am Christmas Day Communion



Washford Pyne

Wednesday 18th - 7pm Carol Service

Christmas Day - 11:15am Christmas Day Communion



Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery)

Christmas Day - 10:30am Christmas Day Communion

Christmas 2024



Carol Services North Creedy East 2024

8th (Sunday) – 4pm – St. Mary's, Stockleigh English

13th (Friday) – 6pm – St. Michael's, Poughill

14th (Saturday) – 6pm – St. Swithun's, Sandford

14th (Saturday) – 6pm – St. Thomas, Puddington

15th (Sunday) – 4pm – Beacon, New Buildings

15th (Sunday) – 4.30pm – St. Mary's, Woolsery

17th (Tuesday) – 6.30pm – St. John's, Kennerleigh

18th (Wednesday) – 7pm – St. Mary's, Stockleigh

Pomeroy

18th (Wednesday) – 7pm – St. Peter's, Washford Pyne

22nd (Sunday) – 4pm – St. Matthew's, Cheriton Fitzpaine

A blue-toned illustration of a nativity scene. In the center, Mary kneels before the infant Jesus in a manger, with Joseph standing nearby holding a staff. To the left, three camels and a donkey are silhouetted against a bright light emanating from the manger. To the right, an ox stands. The scene is framed by a simple wooden stable structure. In the background, there are palm trees and rolling hills under a dark blue sky with a bright star and a comet.

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE

St. Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

6pm

Join us @ 6 pm on Tuesday 24th December 2024 for the
Christmas eve crib service
Short and fun for children of all ages!

A dark blue-toned illustration of a winter forest. Snow-covered evergreen trees are visible, with soft white snow falling from the sky. The scene is dimly lit, creating a serene and cold atmosphere.

St. Swithun's church Sandford Christmas Eve Crib Service

Tuesday 24th December – 4pm

Come and join us for a fun and short service for all ages!



Christmas in North Creedy West

Bow

15th December @ 3pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve Communion @ 11:30pm

Clannaborough

22nd December @ 3pm Carol Service
Christmas Day Communion @ 9:30am

Coldridge

22nd December @ 5pm Family Nativity
Christmas Eve Communion @ 9:30pm

Colebrooke

15th December @ 6.30pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve Communion @ 11:30pm
Christmas Day Family Service @ 9:30am

Down St. Mary

Wednesday 18th December @ 6:30pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve @ 4pm Crib Service

Knowle

15th December @ 6.30pm Carol Service
Christmas Day Communion @ 10am

Lapford

Christmas Eve @ 4pm Crib Service
Christmas Day Communion @ 10:30am

Morchard Bishop

Thursday 19th @ 6pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve Communion @ 9:30pm

Nymet Rowland

Friday 20th December @ 6:30pm Carol Service
Christmas Day Communion @ 9:30am

Zeal Monachorum

22nd December @ 6pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve Communion @ 9:30pm



**CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT
ST PETROCK'S
CLANNABOROUGH**



A CHRISTMAS FEAST OF MUSIC

**THE AD HOC SINGERS
SATURDAY**

14TH DECEMBER

7PM (DOORS 6.30PM)

TICKETS £12

INCS MINCE PIE & MULLED WINE

Telephone 07712479476

email heartofdevon1@gmail.com

or via www.wegottickets.com

*St. Thomas À Becket,
Ruddington*

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 6.00 pm



*Followed by
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the
Village Hall*

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 tranquility 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:

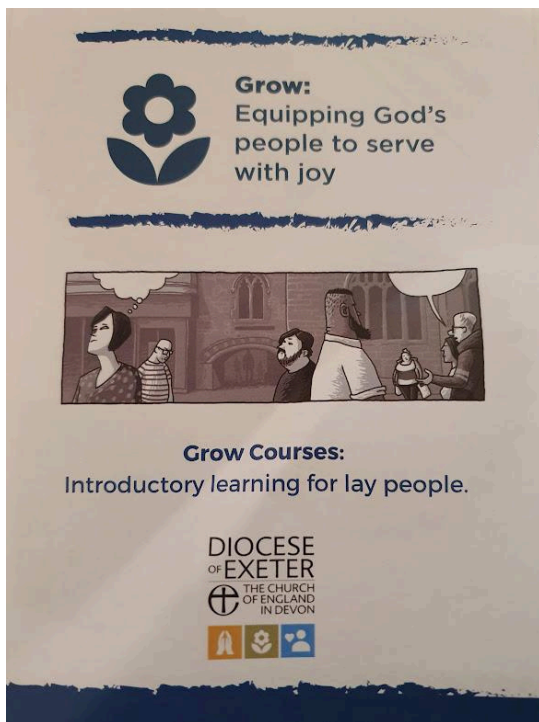
Plymouth: Oct '24 – Mar '25

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 on janetmay69@gmail.com

Church Services Across the Hub

SUNDAY SERVICES ROTA - NORTH CREEDY EAST DECEMBER 2024	1st December Advent 1	8th December Advent 2	15th December Advent 3	22nd December Advent 4	29th December Christmas 1
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	All Age 11:15am	Communion 11:15am	Carol Service 4pm	
Kennerleigh John the Baptist	Evensong 6:30pm	Contemporary 10:30am	Communion 11:15am		Mission Community Service 10:30am
New Buildings Beacon	Communion 8:30am		Carol Service 4pm		
Poughill St. Michael & All Angels					
Puddington St. Thomas A Becket					
Sandford St. Swithun's	Communion 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	All Age 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	
Stockleigh English St. Mary the Virgin		Carol Service 4pm			
Stockleigh Pomeroy St. Mary the Virgin					
Upton Hellions St. Mary's					
Washford Pyne St. Peter's		Communion 11:15am		Matins 11:15am	
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery) St. Mary's					
Bow	Communion 10:30am		Carol Service 3pm		
Clannaborough				Carol service 3pm	

December 2024	1st December Advent 1	8th December Advent 2	15th December Advent 3	22nd December Advent 4	29th December Christmas 1
Coldridge	Evensong 5pm	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Communion 10:30am		
Colebrooke	Communion 11am	Family service 5:30	Carol Service 6:30pm	Morning Prayer 9:30am	
Down St. Mary	Baptism -11am Evensong -4pm	Communion 9am	Morning prayer 10am	Morning prayer 10am	
Knowle	Communion 10am		Carol Service 6:30pm		
Lapford	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	
Morchard Road	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Communion 10:30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am	
Nymet Rowland			BCP Communion 9am		
Zeal Monachorum	Family Service 10am	Communion 6:30pm		Carol Service 6:30pm	Mission Community Holy Communion 10am
Shobrooke		Christingle 4pm		Carol Service 4pm	
Yeoford		Communion 9:30am		Carol Service 5pm	
Posbury	Communion 11am				
Crediton	BCP Communion - 8am All ages - 9:30am Advent Carol Service - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Christingle - 2:30pm Sacred Space - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Nine lessons and Carols - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am ST LAWRENCE Carols by Candlelight - 6pm

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

St. Matthew's Church, Coldridge

News and dates:

November started with a 'bang' at St Matthew's! As part of our community outreach mission, we hosted a very popular and musically highly professional '**JAZZ IN THE NAVE**' concert. This took place in the church on the evening of Friday, 1st. The performance, by local musician Jonny Monument and his Moon Club Jazz Band, suited our ancient building absolutely superbly. The ambience, the acoustic, our mellow, ancient woodwork and our rather dim and out-dated lighting were just what was needed to provide a warm, 'cosy' yet perfect atmosphere for this novel event. Audience members came from as far afield as Plymouth and Nymet Rowland! We opened the church to a lot of 'new' friends and, in so doing, raised over £500 for our Bell Restoration Fund.

Our **Service of Remembrance**, on Sunday 10th, was beautifully led by Rev. Peter Rapsey and was attended by 50 people outside, and with over 40 in the church. The sun shone, it was lovely and warm and the Act of Remembrance was suitably solemn and reverent. The service following, in church, was enhanced by spoken reminiscences: The 6 names from WW1 were researched and their stories described by Ivan Kriznik and, following this, Marion Born told us of her Uncle Gordon Dart, who went to France on D Day, driving a tank, and who was killed at the end of August 1944, along with all of his tank crew. These very local and poignant stories certainly made us think about all those who never came home. We sent a very generous Collection (£273.14) to **Combat Stress**.

DECEMBER DATES:

Sunday, 1st: We would like to invite you all to join us at 5.00pm on Sunday, 1st December for a simple **Service of Evensong for the First Sunday in Advent, according to The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**. This form of worship has not been enjoyed in St Matthew's for several years and, knowing that there are many Prayer Book enthusiasts amongst you, we feel that we should re-visit these beautiful prayers and readings on just a few Sundays each year. Peter Rapsey has kindly agreed to lead the service and it will include popular Advent hymns and readings. We look forward to welcoming you to Coldridge.

Monday, 2nd: CHURCH CAFÉ; In the church from 2.30pm. A chance to get together and 'catch up'. Yes, it's in the church, but it is truly a Café...and it's free! Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, 8th: Service of **Morning Prayer** (Common Worship) at 10.30am. This service is Lay Led.

Sunday, 15th: Service of **Holy Communion** (Common Worship) at 10.30am. This service will be led by Rev. Peter Rapsey.

Sunday, 22nd: 'FAMILY NATIVITY' at 5.00pm: An extremely accessible service designed and led by our Worship Group and including the participation of the children and their parents to 'set the scene' for Christ's Nativity. This will be a service for everybody and will include popular hymns and with music provided by our own 'Sunshine Singers'.

Christmas Eve (24th): 'Midnight Mass' at 9.30pm: A service of Holy Communion, led by Rev. Peter Rapsey.

Please note: All our services are usually followed by refreshments, when everyone is very welcome to stay after the service for Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and Fellowship.

John Smith (Churchwarden)

St. Swithun's, Sandford

So now we are in the season of Advent culminating in the joy of Christmas. It's a season when children play a big part, center stage really.

And as it happens we have seen a lot of children at St Swithun's recently.

On November 10th we commemorated Remembrance Day and were joined by Sandford Scouts and their leaders. The service in the church, (well done Scouts Isla and Aria form their skill in the memory game) was led by Revd Jeremy Putnam followed by the Act of civic remembrance in the village square.

On the last Sunday of November we had the joy of a christening. Jesse and Jess, who farm at Henstill, were joined by family and friends for the baptism of Elsie and George.

Sandford school children have also been active recently. We already have a team (Sandford Storytellers) who go into the school every fortnight to perform a bible story for a whole school assembly. Afterwards the children are encouraged to reflect on the story and ask questions.

Creedy Class spent an afternoon learning about bells when a visiting group of ringers from the Exeter area came to St Swithun's. The children tried out the handbells and watched the ringers raise the bells and ring a peal.

Tavy Class came to the churchyard to help plant whips along the Devon hedge we are creating and then do some 'bulb bombing'. They planted bulbs along the edges of paths and by the walls ready for spring.

Finally, children from Dart Class are coming in December to sing some of the Christmas songs they are learning at the Wednesday morning Coffee and Company sessions we run every week.

We look forward to the whole school coming for their Nativity service on Friday 13th.

And then our legendary Crib Service to a packed church at 4pm on Christmas Eve. This has been running for over 20 years and it is wonderful to welcome back adults who remember first coming along as wide-eyed toddlers.

So to the child in every one of you, a very Happy Christmas from St. Swithun's.

Washford Pyne

There was standing room only in the packed Church at Morchard Bishop, for the funeral of Mark Cleverdon that took place on the 5th November.

John Burrow paid fitting tributes to his life, family members read poems penned by Mark's late Mother, and a recorded chorus played of grandchildren loving Grandads roast potatoes.

Mark was laid to rest in Washford Pyne Churchyard alongside his parents and under the bells which he used to ring.

A very sad day for Angela, all the family and the community - the people still exchanging stories late in the afternoon testament to his standing.

A date for diary's

- **St Peter's Carol Service** is to be on **Wed 18th December 7pm.**

Come and enjoy the festive atmospheric candlelit service with refreshments and much chat after - (you may like to bring a small torch!)

Rainfall:- October 158mm approx

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Team Vicar North Creedy West

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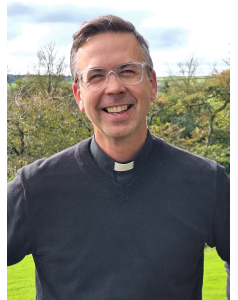
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Tiffany May

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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

- <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

Dear God,

Help us to be a church that
loves, welcomes, protects,
listens, learns, serves,
repents, restores, transforms,
values, cares, believes.

God of justice and compassion, hear our
prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus' name.

Amen