

Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

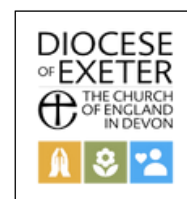
Post

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

February 2025



The Diocese of Exeter
Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 24th edition of the Hub Post

February is often a month of change, and we hope we'll see the first signs of spring at this time. February also marks the move from the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany seasons to the start of Lent, which this year begins on March 5th.

Epiphany ends with 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple' on 2nd February, or 'Candlemas'. Why this name? This was due to its being the feast day when traditionally the candles to be used both in church and in people's homes throughout the year were blessed. This brings us to the gospel story for Candlemas.

People can be puzzled that the baby Jesus reappears over a month after Christmas Day. Surely this all ended with the Wise Men at Epiphany? Not quite! In St Luke's Gospel, chapter 2, Jesus is brought by his parents to the Temple in Jerusalem, where he is 'presented', and sacrifices to God are offered for him.

According to Jewish Law - which, as observant Jews, Joseph and Mary followed - this takes place forty days after the child's birth. Hence 2nd February - forty days after Christmas. While the Holy Family is in the Temple, they are met by two people - Simeon, who is almost certainly a priest, and a prophet called Anna. Both have been waiting and praying for God to bring his salvation and redemption - his freedom and justice - through his Messiah (which means 'God's Anointed') who will bring in God's promised kingdom. Both Simeon and Anna talk to Mary and Joseph about the great significance of their young child.

Through the power of God's Spirit, Simeon realizes that this child is the one promised by God, and he takes the child in his arms and says a prayer - we know it as the 'Nunc Dimittis'. This title is just the first two words in Latin of the song itself. It became quite quickly a key part of the Church's worship:

"Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people - a light to reveal you to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel."

Simeon understands that Jesus is and will be the Light of the world - a phrase, of course, that the adult Jesus uses about himself. Candlemas has a 'bitter-sweet' quality as it simultaneously points backwards to Christmas (our last look back at Christmas as it marks the end of the Christmas season) and forward to Jesus' passion and the cross. Because of this, Candlemas has also sometimes been described as a pivotal moment in the Christian year. Pivotal moments are times when we are called to take stock and to discern where God might be leading us. Simeon was utterly surprised that the Messiah was in the form of a vulnerable baby. Will we allow God to surprise us too?

Your friend and Rural Dean

Matthew Tregenza

What's on

Remember 'The Well' (formerly known as presence) starting again this month.

Join us for a time of prayer, worship and scripture.

Details can be found in this edition.

Deadline for articles for the March edition - 25th February

Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

Saturday 22nd February 2025 -
St. Matthew's church 10am-12pm

Sandford

Wednesday mornings @ 10:30-12

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.

Home Group Sign Up Sheet

Join a home group. **You won’t regret it.**

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



THE WELL

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CREDITON

BE REFRESHED AND ENERGISED FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE WILL
NEVER THIRST-IT WILL BECOME A SPRING OF
ETERNAL LIFE WITHIN THEM

COME TO THE WELL AND FIND

A SPACE TO WORSHIP & WONDER

A SPACE TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER
AND PRESENCE OF GOD

TIME: 7.30-9PM

LOCATION: HOLY CROSS CHURCH CREDITON

DATES: WEDS 26TH FEB, WEDS 26TH MARCH,
WEDS APRIL 23, WEDS MAY 21ST, WEDS JUNE 25TH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE WELL
- THOSE OF US WITH LOTS OF FAITH,
THOSE OF US WITH LITTLE, AND
THOSE OF US WHO ARE LOOKING TO
GROW IN FAITH AND HOPE

COFFEE **MORNING**

**CAKES, BOOKS AND
PRESERVES FOR SALE**

**SATURDAY 22nd
FEBRUARY**

10.00 – 12.00



**ST MATTHEW'S
CHURCH**

**SPACE AVAILABLE TO SELL YOUR OWN
GOODS AND PRODUCE
(FOR A SMALL DONATION TO CHURCH
FUNDS)**

CONTACT HAZEL FOR DETAILS
01363 866232

EMBRACING PIONEERING AND FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH

JESUS THE PIONEER

a Mission Shed gathering

Sat 8th March | Old Deanery, Exeter | 10am to 3pm

SPEAKERS ON THE DAY



BISHOP MIKE HARRISON

BISHOP OF EXETER

Bishop Mike speaks about the faithfulness of the Church that embraces a mixed-ecology where time-honoured forms of church sit alongside fresh ways of sharing the gospel. +Mike will



REVD TINA HODGETT

LEADER OF THE CMS SOUTHWEST HUB IN PIONEER MISSION

Tina Hodgett is a pioneer, priest, and advocate committed to fostering an ecosystem where the existing time-honoured forms of church and emerging expressions of church flourish together. She has a track record of catalysing newness and is leader of the Southwest Hub in Pioneer Mission, co-creator of the Pioneer Spectrum and co-founder of a small start-up training organisation called Pioneering Parishes. She has birthed baby churches and playful missional events such as Gospel Cocktails.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDING:



John White is originally from the US and is now a Vicar in the CofE. He is the founder of Hazelhut Community Farm which is a worshipping community that has social innovation, economic inclusion, political and spiritual transformation at its heart all looking at how to connect with creation and address the reality of the climate emergency.



eventbrite





St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday

12th February

4pm-5.30pm

'LOVE'

No need to book-
just turn up or
ring Alice for more info

February Services

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

Sunday 2nd February 11.15am

Communion

Sunday 9th February 11.15am

Morning Praise

Wed 12th February 4pm

Messy Church

Sunday 16th February 11.15am

Communion

St Mary's Stockleigh English

February 9th 4pm

Communion

St. Swithun's **Church**

Sunday 2nd February 9:30am
Communion

Sunday 9th February 9:30am
Communion

Sunday 16th February 9:30am
Morning Praise

Sunday 23rd February 9:30am
Communion

Wednesday mornings 10.30-12
Coffee and Company

Friday mornings 10.30-11
Contemplative Prayer



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:

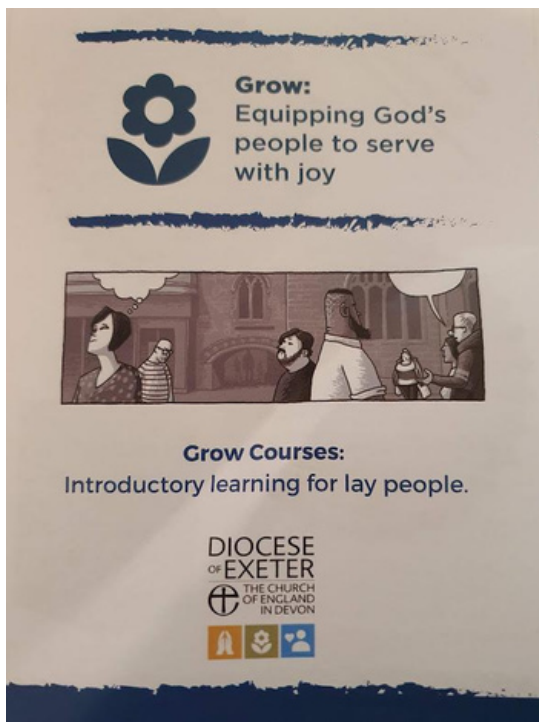
Plymouth: Oct '24 – Mar '25

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 February 2025	2nd February Presentation	9th February 4 Before Lent	16th February 3 Before Lent	23rd February 2 Before Lent
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	Morning Praise 11:15am	Communion 11.15am	No service
Kennerleigh John the Baptist	Evensong 6:30pm		Communion 11:15am	
New Buildings Beacon	Communion 8:30am			
Poughill St. Michael & All Angels			Communion 9:30am	
Puddington St. Thomas A Becket		Communion 9:30am		
Sandford St. Swithun's	Communion 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	Morning Praise 9:30am	Communion 9:30am
Stockleigh English St. Mary the Virgin		Communion 4pm		
Stockleigh Pomeroy St. Mary the Virgin				Communion 11:15am
Upton Hellions St. Mary's				
Washford Pyne St. Peter's		Communion 11:15am		Matins 11:15am
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery) St. Mary's				
Bow	Morning Prayer 10:30am		Baptism 10:30am	
Clannaborough				Communion 11am

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Coldridge	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Communion 10:30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am
Colebrooke	Communion 11am		Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am
Down St. Mary	Evensong 4pm	Communion 9am	Morning prayer 10am	Morning prayer 10am
Knowle	Communion 10am		Morning Prayer 10am	
Lapford	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Communion 9:30am
Morchard Bishop	Morning Worship 10:30am	Communion 10:30am	Baptism 10:30am	Morning Worship 10:30am
Nymet Rowland			BCP Communion 9am	
Zeal Monachorum	Family Service 10am	Communion 6:30pm		Evensong 3pm
Shobrooke		Family Service 11am		BCP Communion 11am
Yeoford		Communion 9:30am		Family Service 11:15am
Posbury	BCP Communion 11am Baptism - 12:30pm		Communion 11am	
Crediton	BCP Communion - 8am All ages - 9:30am Choral Evensong - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Sacred Space - 6pm ST LAWRENCE CHAPEL - Evensong - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Choral Evensong - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Baptism - 11:30am Compline - 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 Mary the Virgin Church, Down St Mary

During the period of Lent St Mary the Virgin Church at **Down St Mary** will be holding a series of **Lay Led Mid-week Evening Prayer Services**. These short reflective services will be held on **Wednesday's the 12th, 19th, and 26th March and 2nd, 9th, and 16th April at 4 pm.**

These services gives us an opportunity to prepare ourselves spiritually Easter.

St. Thomas, Lapford

30th March Mothering Sunday: Christians Together service at St. Thomas in Lapford, lay led, **9.30am**

Monday 17th March: Lent Course run by David Rowbottom, **2.00pm in the ARK**, continues the following 3 weeks, same place, same time.

Good Friday: in St. Thomas, Stations of the Cross, **2.30pm**, lay led.

Easter Sunday: **9.30am** with a priest

St Matthew's Coldridge:

Monday, 3rd: 2.30pm to 4.30pm: Church Cafe. Open to anyone and everyone; a chance for a friendly chat and a catch-up with your neighbours. The Coffee, Tea, Cakes and Biscuits are free!

Sunday, 9th: 10.30am: Morning Prayer (Lay-Led), followed by refreshments and fellowship

Sunday, 16th: 10.30am: Holy Communion, led by Rev. Peter Rapsey. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.,

Sunday, 23rd, 5.00pm: "Mulled Wine & Melodies". Another of our seasonal 'Songs of Praise' services, with popular music choices from members of the parish. Mulled Wine and Nibbles will be served.

Puddington

Our next service will be Holy Communion on 9 February at 9.30am. This will be led by Rev Michael Hall.

Although our church is now a Festival church it is open every day for those who wish to visit or sit in quiet contemplation. The ladies on the flower rota continue to place fresh displays in the church every month and keep the pews polished and the brasses cleaned so, even though we don't now have regular services, it is always a welcome place. Daffodils are beginning to show in the churchyard, the first welcome signs of spring.

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Team Vicar North Creedy West

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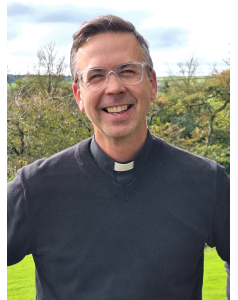
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SAFEGUARDING The North Creedy East with Sandford Mission

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