

Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

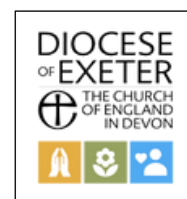
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Churches joyfully working together with a generous spirit reaching out to the churches, communities, villages and hamlets around Crediton

January 2025



The Diocese of Exeter
Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 23rd edition of the Hub Post

Starting 2025 with Prayer

Happy New Year everyone! Yes it really is 2025. and with it comes a whole bunch of expectations around starting as we mean to go on. Don't worry. I'm not going to add to them. But I do think the start of a new year deserves a faithful review, even if it doesn't include resolutions. So, what is important to you, when it comes to your faith?

Taking walks around our new home in Mid Devon has offered a very welcomed new perspective. It is stunning around here. and as such we have been wonderfully blessed with what I would call 'Christian Calendar' moments and the opportunity to pray more.

For those that struggle to pray sometimes, and I include myself in that category, it is often to do with either not having the words or not hearing anything back.

Firstly, God doesn't need to hear your words spoken aloud. Prayer is something that is done from the heart and the gut, not the vocal chords. Holding a time of silence with a lit candle, or taking a walk around Mid Devon, are both legitimate ways to pray. But then so is screaming at the top of your voice in lament. The point here is that God doesn't set conditions.

Secondly, prayer is a two-way thing. That's why it's so frustrating when you feel your prayers are falling on deaf ears. Listening is crucial to a healthy prayer life. Yes, you can give over all your concerns, petitions and intercessions but like any correspondence unless you get a reply it feels incomplete. So how do we listen for God's reply? Maybe this will help...

A lady was walking down a busy street in London. It was filled with people, cars were beeping their horns, the double-deckers were screeching as they stopped to pick up passengers, and sirens were wailing as ambulances drove by. Suddenly, the lady stops and says, 'I hear a cricket.'

Her friend is astounded. 'What? You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all of this noise!'

'No, I'm sure of it,' the wise lady said.

She paused and listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the road to where some shrubs were growing. She looked into the bushes and sure enough, there was the cricket. Her friend was utterly amazed. But the wise lady said 'My ears are no different from yours.'

'I could never hear a cricket in this noise,' said her friend.

'Yes, you could,' came the reply. 'Here, let me show you.'

She reached into her pocket, pulled out a few coins, and dropped them on the pavement. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed every head within 5 metres turn and look to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs.

'See what I mean?' asked the wise lady. 'It all depends on what's important to you, on what you're listening for.'

So, what is important to you? If God isn't, then you're probably not going to hear what God is saying to you. If he is, then listening for him in the busyness of our lives is the most important thing we can do.

Revd Jeremy Putnam

What's on

A Christianity Explored course starts on the 9th of January. If you would like to know more please see the poster included in here for details.

Deadline for articles for the February edition - 25th January

Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

Saturday 25th January 2025 -
St. Matthew's church 10am-12pm

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



(Formerly known as Presence)
In partnership with Exeter Network Church

Holy Cross Church Crediton

Join us for an evening of
worship, scripture and prayer

2025 Dates

-  Wednesday 19th February
-  Wednesday 26th March
-  Wednesday 23rd April
-  Wednesday 21st May
-  Wednesday 25th June

COFFEE **MORNING**

CAKE, PRODUCE AND
BOOK SALE

SATURDAY 25th
JANUARY

10.00 – 12.00



ST MATTHEW'S
CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE: NO PRESERVES THIS TIME
BACK IN FEBRUARY!

CONTACT HAZEL NORTON FOR DETAILS
01363 866232



St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday

8th January

4pm-5.30pm

'Following the Star'

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

07484 704777

January Services

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

Sunday 5th January 11.15am

Communion

Wed 8th January 4pm

Messy Church

Sunday 12th January 11.15am

Contemporary Service

Sunday 19th January 11.15am

Service of Christian Unity

Communion

St Mary's Stockleigh English

Next Service

February 9th 4pm

Communion



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

Christianity Explored is a relaxed and informal way of sharing the best news you can ever hear, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life.

Course starting 9th January 2025

**Contact for details:
Rod and Lesley Thomas
on 07906 331110
or email rodchthomas@gmail.com**

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:

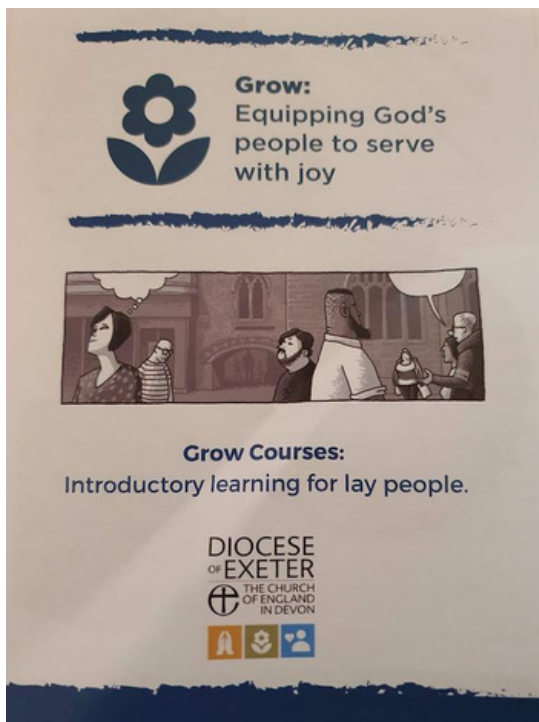
Plymouth: Oct '24 – Mar '25

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 JANUARY 2025	5th January Christmas 2	12th January Epiphany 1	19th January Epiphany 2	26th January Epiphany 3
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	Contemporary 11:15am	Christian Unity Service 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				
Sandford St. Swithun's	Communion 9:30am	Baptism 9:30am	Contemporary 9:30am	Communion 9:30am
Stockleigh English St. Mary the Virgin				
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	Morning Prayer 10.30am		Communion 10:30am	
Clannaborough	Communion 11am			

December 2024	5th January Christmas 2	12th January Epiphany 1	19th January Epiphany 2	26th January Epiphany 3
Coldridge		Morning Prayer 10:30am	Communion 10:30am	
Colebrooke	Communion 11am	Family service 5:30pm	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	Family Service 10:30am Bible study (at Emmanuel Methodist church) 6pm	Morning Worship 10:30am
Nymet Rowland			BCP Communion 9am	
Zeal Monachorum	Family Service 10am	Communion 6:30pm		Evensong 3pm
Shobrooke		Family Service (Plough Sunday) 11am		Holy Communion 11am
Yeoford		Communion 9:30am		Communion 11am
Posbury	BCP Communion 11am		Communion 11am	
Crediton	BCP Communion - 8am All ages - 9:30am Baptism - 11:30am Evensong Prayer with Hymns - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Sacred Space - 6pm ST LAWRENCE CHAPEL - Evensong - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Epiphany Carol Service - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am 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

Puddington

We held our annual candlelight carol service in the church on Saturday 14th December, the church had been decorated with holly, ivy and beautiful flower displays and the Christmas tree was lit with lights and tinsel. We were very pleased to welcome Rev Jeremy Putnam who led the service and joined us afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year

Clannaborough

Thank you to everyone who attended the Ad Hoc Singers Concert at Clannaborough Church on Saturday 14th December. The Church was packed and all enjoyed their mulled wine, mince pies, super acapella music and a Carol sing- along! We shall definitely be staging a similar event next year! We are particularly grateful to Jo Ward, the Musical Director of Ad Hoc and the singers themselves who so kindly donated their time, energy and skill for the benefit of our beautiful Church.

Happy Christmas to you all!

Washford Pyne

St Peter's Candle Lit Carol Service was well attended with everyone enjoying an atmospheric evening, festive chat and refreshments. Many thanks to Matthew Treganza for conducting the service, organist John Harris and for everyone attending - with proceeds going to Little Bridge House, Children's Hospice.

St Peter's 11.15am Christmas Day service to be taken by Antonia Treganza.

Kennerleigh

In December, after five years of our monthly lay-led Contemporary Services, we held our last one...an Advent special...'Preparations for the coming King'.

Using a format created online by an Anglican Minister we have explored themes such as 'The Big Story of God', a year's worth of services beginning with The Creation and culminating with The Coming of the Holy Spirit. A truly all-age affair (0-90!) and with consistently our largest congregation, we have grown in faith and confidence as Christians through a joyful, informal approach, active participation by all, dramatised Bible readings and modern songs. Not forgetting the social fellowship with coffee and cake afterwards!

Now it is time for change. Key players have growing commitments elsewhere and need to move on. In the new year we will be meeting with Janet to discuss the way forward. Watch this space!



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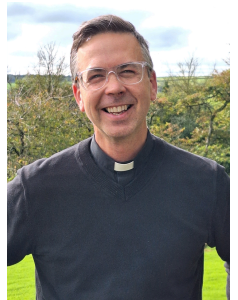
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SAFEGUARDING The North Creedy East with Sandford Mission

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