Crediton Rural Ministry Hub Post

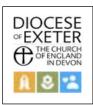
Churches joyfully working together with a generous spirit reaching out to the churches, communities, villages and hamlets around Crediton

June 2025



Picture of St. Beuno's Culbone, Cornwall. Taken by Chris Tucker.

The Diocese of Exeter Pray - Grow – Serve



Hub Post thought for the month – June 2025

Cancer – it happens to other people – until the Doctor is sitting across from you and says the words, "I'm really sorry to tell you, but you have breast cancer." Millions of people across the world are diagnosed with cancer every day and it can be devastating. I am at the very beginning of my cancer journey and I have no real idea of how it will go. What I do know, is that God is with me. From the moment I heard those words that I have cancer, I have felt held by God. I know that people are praying for me and that has helped me to feel even more held by God.

I know that some people ask God, "why me?" I have said, why not me? Why should I be the one who doesn't get cancer. The statistics are that one in two of us will get it. As a Christian, I am not immune to disease or difficulties. Jesus never promised us an easy life. What He did promise was that He would never leave us nor forsake us. That has been true for me throughout my life. Having lived with a chronic illness for the last 26 years and with varying health difficulties, cancer just feels like another thing thrown at me. It doesn't feel like a huge burden, rather another reason to hold onto God more.

In 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10, the apostle Paul writes this: "Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

This Scripture was given to me many years ago when I was at a Christian conference and begged God to heal me of my various ailments. His response was that His grace is sufficient for me. It was not the answer I was looking or hoping for, but I knew it was from God, as I used to tell people how aware of God's grace I was in the job I was doing at the time. When I am weak, I am strong, because God gives me the strength to get through the challenges of daily life. Without Jesus being front and centre, I cannot deal with life's challenges. He becomes my strength when I am weak.

If we try to do things in our own strength, the burden becomes incredibly heavy. Your difficulty may not be cancer or illness. It may be the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, the loss of a job or financial difficulty. Whatever you are going through, know that Jesus longs to journey with you through the pain. He longs to carry you and give you the strength and courage you need to get through whatever you are facing. My favourite poem is Footprints.

Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,

there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and testing's. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

Author unknown

I know that God is carrying me through this season of uncertainty and difficulty. I know I will have difficult days, but God will be with me. If you are going through a difficult time, I encourage you to reach out to Jesus. He is waiting to walk with you and carry you when you need it most. Even though He is King of kings and God Almighty, He is the most faithful friend you will ever have. My life is rich because of the love of Jesus and the knowledge that He knows me better than I know myself and that He will never leave me, but will hold me and love me all my life. May you come to know the love and comfort of the Lord Jesus Christ in whatever life throws at you. He loves you so much.

Revd Janet May Team Vicar

What's on

Deadline for articles for the July edition - 25th June

Coffee Mornings

<u>Cheriton Fitzpaine</u> Saturday 28th June 10am-12 noon <u>Poughill</u> First Wednesday of the month 10 - 11:30am <u>Sandford</u> Wednesday mornings @ 10:30-12

Are you planning an event in your Parish? Email: <u>northcreedy1@gmail.com</u> 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 riday at 10.30am for Contemplative Quiet Time Make space in your week for half an hour and enhance your well being.





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 and chat mornings Poughill Village Hall

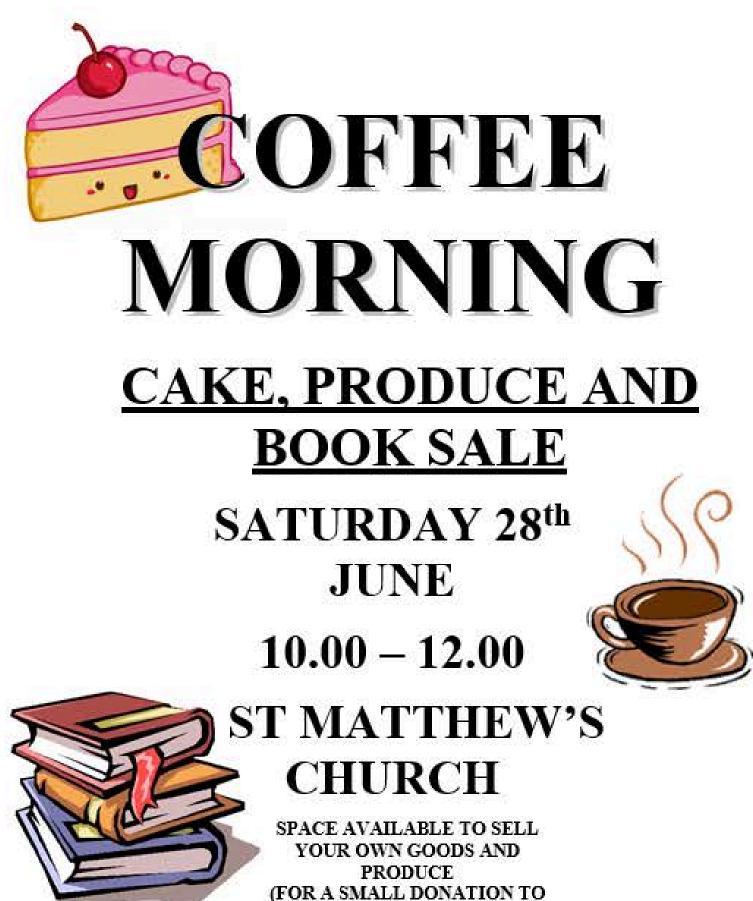
First Wednesday of the month

10:00 to 11:30

For a social get-together with coffee and cakes A warm welcome awaits

Proceeds to Poughill church

St Matthew's **MESSY CHURCH** faith friendship fun food Wednesday 18th June 4pm-5.30m The Lord's Prayer No need to bookjust turn up or ring Alice for more info



CHURCH FUNDS)

CONTACT HAZEL FOR DETAILS 01363 866232 PCC OF CHERITON FITZPAINE WITH STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH

June Services

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

Sunday 1st June 11.15am Communion

Sunday 8th June 9.30am

Pentecost Praise

Sunday 15th June 11.15am Communion

Wed 18th June 4pm

one week later than it usually is!

Messy Church

St Mary's Stockleigh English

Sunday 8th June 9.30am Communion

St. Swithun's Sandford's June Services

Sunday 1st June 9:30am Communion

Sunday 8th June 9:30am Communion

Sunday 15th June 9:30am Morning Praise

Sunday 22nd June 9:30am Communion

Sunday 29th June 10:30am Mission Community Service at Puddington

Wednesday mornings 10:30-12 Coffee & Company

Friday mornings 10:30-11 Contemplative prayer



Proceeds in aid of the Friends of St. Lawrence Chapel The Chapel is on the right hand side of the threshers as you come from town opposite the turning to Greenway.

Shobrooke Songs of Praise joint service with Sandford

Sunday 13th July 6pm

Stay tuned for more information!

Evensong for Whit Sunday as it might have been heard in the early 19th century St Lawrence Chapel, Threshers 8th June 2025 6pm

Preceded by a short talk on church services in country churches before the Oxford Movement and before "Hymns Ancient and Modern"

With music by local composers of the period provided by the



Evensong for Whit Sunday as it might have been heard in the early 19th century

On Whit Sunday, 8th June, at 6pm there will be an Evensong at St Lawrence Chapel, Threshers where you are invited to come and experience what a service during the early 19th century may have been like.

Before this Worship there will be a short talk to put the Service into context, although you will find the basic format of the Evensong very familiar. The music for this provided by the "West Gallery Quire", will include pieces by Samuel Chapple, who was born in Crediton, and Richard Partridge, who lived in Kennerleigh. Before the formal Worship begins we shall sing "An Hymn for Whit Sunday" which was sung in Cruwys Morchard. At the end we hope the congregation will join in with a version of Tallis's Evening Hymn as it was sung in Sandford. The publication dates of the music vary between around 1765 and 1835.

So what would Evensong have been like in a small country church in the early nineteenth century? Before the coming of the Oxford movement, before the publication of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" and before many churches had organs, small country churches had choirs and church bands. A band might consist of few instrumentalists who would play the same lines as the choir made up of both men and women who would have sung. Cellos, clarinets, violins, flutes and bassoons were common along with serpents and keybugles. The choirs had no robes or gowns. Surplices were seen as papist and were not acceptable. Where there was a gallery in the west end of the church, would have been where these singers and instrumentalists would sit.

The services followed the 1662 version of the Book of Common Prayer and, since there were no hymns in this book, no hymns were sung, although they were permitted prior and after the formal liturgy. Psalms were permitted as part of the worship, but without chanting.

The metrical versions of Tate and Brady were sung to many different tunes. Printed books of Anthems and Psalm tunes were available and local composers wrote tunes for their choirs.

Bishops' Statement on Gaza

This week Bishop Mike has been at the House of Bishops meeting in York. Earlier today the bishops issued a statement on the current situation in Gaza, calling on the Israeli Government to end its "collective punishment" of the people of Gaza, for all sides to end the war to prevent further suffering and for churches to continue financially supporting aid organisations and to pray for the ministry on the ground of the Diocese of Jerusalem. This is an extract from their statement:

We have watched with horror and outrage as siege and starvation are used as a weapon of war in Gaza, and as hospitals and health facilities have been systemically targeted. Over the last three months, the Israeli government's deliberate denial of food and medical aid to an entire civilian population is an atrocity that defies our common humanity. It is the very definition of collective punishment and has no moral justification.

We note that the Israeli Government has been challenged before the International Court of Justice. Starving children cannot wait for legal rulings given that every country has an obligation to prevent crimes against humanity. As Bishops we are compelled to state clearly and unequivocally that the death, suffering and destruction being inflicted on Gaza is a grave sin that violently assaults God-given human dignity and the very integrity of God's creation.

We call on all sides to end the war. We call on relevant UN bodies to be allowed to administer all necessary aid in line with long standing humanitarian principles. We call for the immediate release of all hostages without condition. The continued expansion of settlements in the West Bank, the appalling levels of settler violence, and the forced displacements and house demolitions must cease.

We support and applaud all those Jewish voices, both inside and outside of Israel, that are courageously pressing the Israeli Government to end the war. We add our voices to those urging the Government of Israel to turn away from its current trajectory and to affirm life and human dignity for all

Example 2 A COURSE OF DISCOVERY

Home Groups

We will be running this **7 week course** in our Home Groups from the beginning of June.

The course is designed particularly for rural communities and explores among other things: Compassion, Culture,

Commerce and Congregation.

We currently have Home Groups in Cheriton Fitzpaine and Sandford and would love to create more groups across the **'Hub'**.

Please join us for this. **If you are interested**, please let Tiffany May know at northcreedy1@gmail.com or contact her on 01363 779363.

St Petrock's Church, Clannaborough

PLANT SALE

We are taking a break from our large event this year. Instead you will be able to purhase the usual high quality and variety of plants at the **Bow Village Market 10am -12noon** on the following dates. **24th May 28th June**

All contributions of plants will be gratefully received. Contact Mick 07712 479476



<u>Discipleship Academy for 15 -</u> <u>19 year olds</u>

SWYM is launching a brand-new online discipleship academy for **15–19-year-olds** who want to **go deeper in their faith, character, and leadership**, to become "**pioneers of change**".

The programme consists of **online teaching sessions with great speakers** (Rachel Green, Keira Phyo, Tim Alford, Jeronne Rudder & Bishop James Grier), **practical challenges and mentoring as part of their local church life**.

The **5 sessions** will take place over **Zoom** from **7.30-9pm** between **February and June 2025**.

For more information: https://swym.org.uk/event/tagpioneers or get in contact with our Youth Advocate, Jonny (jonny.schnarr@swym.org.uk). 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



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 northcreedy1@gmail.com

Church Services Across the Hub

SUNDAY SERVICES ROTA June 2025	1 st June Easter 7	8 th June Pentecost	15 th June Trinity Sunday	22 nd June Trinity 1	29 th June Trinity 2
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	Pentecost Praise 9:30am	Communion 11:15am		
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		Songs of Praise 11:15am			Mission Community Service 10:30am
Sandford St. Swithun's	Communion 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	Morning Praise 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	
Stockleigh English St. Mary the Virgin					
Stockleigh Pomeroy St. Mary the Virgin				Communion 11:15am	
Upton Hellions St. Mary's					
Washford Pyne St. Peter's		Baptism 11:15am		Matins 11:15am	
Woolfardisworthy (Woolsery) St. Mary's		Pentecost Communion Service 10:30am			
Bow	Morning Prayer 10:30am		Communion 10:30am		
Clannaborough				BCP Holy Communion 11am	

SUNDAY SERVICES ROTA June 2025	1 st June Easter 7	8 th June Pentecost	15 th June Trinity Sunday	22 nd June Trinity 1	29 th June Trinity 2
Coldridge		Morning Prayer 10:30am	Communion 10:30am		
Colebrooke	Communion 11am		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	Mission Community Service Baptism 10am
Morchard Bishop	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		Evensong 6:30pm	Hymns and Pimm's 6:30pm
Shobrooke		Service with CCC at Shobrooke Park 11am		Communion 11am	
Yeoford		Communion 9:30am		Family Service 11:15am	
Posbury	BCP Communion 11am		BCP Communion 11am		
Crediton	BCP Communion - 8am Celebrate at the centre - 9:30am Choral Evensong - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am ST LAWRENCE CHAPEL - Evensong - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Sacred Space - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Sung Compline - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Evening Prayer with Hymns- 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

News from Holy Cross – June 2025



The result of the Plant Sale at the end of April just missed the last Hub Newsletter. It raised just over £1,000 and we are very grateful to the organisers (Gill Lee, Ted and Pauline Staite), the refreshments team, Rachael and Marion on bric-a-brac and everyone that attended for their support. Many people probably spent a lot of time in their gardens after not just this plant sale but also the one held on the same day at St Swithun's Sandford.

On Friday 23 May, there was one of our churchyard giveaways to the children and parents of Haywards School as half term began.

There are a variety of musical performances coming up at Holy Cross Church in June. Two are organised by the St Boniface Concert Society - Thursday 12 June at 7.30pm: Gerard Flotats & Julian Chan and Sunday 29 June at 3.00pm: The Portrait Players. Tickets at £15 per person per concert from A E Lee Outfitters, High Street, Crediton or online at www:ticketsource.co.uk.

The parish of Crediton also includes St Lawrence Chapel, Threshers, Crediton. There is an Open Afternoon at the chapel on Saturday 7 June from 2.30pm to 4.30pm with tea and cake available. Everyone is welcome to visit the chapel and its lovely garden – especially if you haven't been before. A hidden gem indeed.

Looking further ahead, we are honoured that the re-licensing of the Exeter Diocese's Lay Ministers with the Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, Bishop of Exeter, is being held at Holy Cross on Sunday 27 July at 3.00pm.

Details of all our services and everything that Crediton Parish Church has to offer can be found in the parish diary on our website – www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk

Zeal Monachorum

June will be a busy month at St Peter's as we look forward to Pentecost on the 8th, the Devon Association Bellringer's Final on Saturday 14th when we host the 12 top teams from across the county who have qualified, 5 from the North, 5 from the South together with the teams placed 1st and 2nd in the minor final which is being held at Kenn church. Down St Mary are the holders of the magnificent shield. The 29th June which is our Patronal festival we will be having a service of Hymns and Pimm's. This will be an opportunity for you to choose your favourite hymn.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Wednesday 23rd April. A minute's silence was held for Mike Bostock. Reports of church activities, fabric of the church, churchyard, Deanery Synod and finances were presented. Margaret Down was re-elected as churchwarden, PCC members Mr. Colin Crothers, Mrs Becky Harvey, Mr. Tony Brealy, Mrs. Tina Young.

At the PCC annual meeting held after the APCM the officers elected were: Churchwarden, vice chairman, treasurer Margaret Down; Secretary, health and safety officer, Deanery Synod representative Colin Crothers; Safeguarding officer, Becky Harvey; Electoral roll officer Tony Brealy.

Michael Bostock

It is with sadness we heard of the death of Mike on 18th April. Mike was an ex Royal Naval Dental Surgeon who retired to Devon, Mike was the owner and principle dentist of the Wisteria Dental practise in Crediton. He was a churchwarden at St Peter's 2014 – 2020, was a Parish Councillor and latterly the Finance officer for the Village Hall.. Mike was a keen photographer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Susie and the family at this sad time. A packed church attended his funeral held on May 22nd. The Rev Lindsey Starrs led the service.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, COLDRIDGE



After all the excitement of our EDWARD V RE-DEDICATION Service and Historical Events on 24th May, we return, this month, to a period of relative 'normality'!

Our Pattern of Worship for June is as follows:

Sunday, 8th: Morning Prayer (Lay-Led) at 10:30am, followed by Refreshments and Fellowship

Sunday, 15th: Holy Communion at 10:30am, led by Rev. Preb. Peter Rapsey. Again, the service will be followed by Refreshments and good conversation.

Other Dates for June:

Monday, 2nd: CHURCH CAFÉ at 2:30pm. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, 12th: 2:30pm: Worship Group Meeting at Higher Chilverton

Thursday, 19th: 2:00pm: PCC Meeting in Church.

Thursday, 26th: The Coldridge Café will be open from 10:00am until 3:30pm, with Lunches available from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Church Tours will take place at 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Thursday, 26th: 3:30pm: Re-Dedication 'Wash-Up' Meeting in the Village Hall.

<u>Shobrooke</u>

Services for Shobrooke for June:

8th Joining in with an Open Air Service at Shorbrooke Park, 10.30am, with the Crediton Congregational Church, people are welcome to take a picnic and stay on afterwards.

22nd June Holy Communion 11am

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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