

Crediton Rural Ministry Hub Post

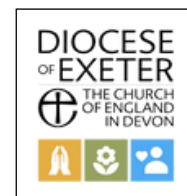
Churches joyfully working together with a generous spirit reaching
out to

the churches, communities, villages and hamlets around Crediton

February 2026



The Diocese of Exeter
Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 34th edition of the Hub Post

During Advent we waited. Children waited for the term to end. Adults waited for the holiday offered by Christmas. Children waited again (more or less) for Father Christmas. We experienced the happiness of the day, the carol services, the solemnity of the holy communion services. We have endured snow, ice and driving rain. We saw out the old year and welcomed in the new, with all its hopes, expectations and promise.

In Lapford, the children are enjoying their new school name and uniform, when Bishop Moira came to cut the ribbon and celebrate with parents, teachers and the church. We look forward to the closer links between the church building and the school. Colebrooke is rejoicing in its newly formed PCC and churchwardens and looking forward in faith and love to all this year will bring. There are so many other examples of the good things that are happening. Our busy church life in mid Devon is the exemplar of what should be happening in the diocese – and I am quoting the archdeacon.

We waited again for the arrival of the three kings at Epiphany and thought about the meaning of the word (epiphany means revelation or new understanding) that these foreigners brought to the birth of God amongst us - Emmanuel, God with us.

Now we are approaching another time of waiting. Ash Wednesday is on the 18th February and we are back in a time of waiting: Lent. Finally, there is Easter, with the loss and sadness of those few days of Passion Week put aside in the joy of the resurrection.

By then it will be Spring, or nearly so. The promise that we can see in the flowers and the leaves on the trees echoes God's promise to us that God will never leave us and whatever we do, God is faithful and keeps God's promises. We remember too that the seed must be buried in the earth before the green blade rises.

The point of waiting is time. Although it can be hard to do, waiting is what gives us the time to reflect, to pray, to remember what is important. What can we give? After all, loving is the only thing that is increased by giving it away. So waiting is a time for loving, being with one another, worshipping together, enjoying each other and thereby, enjoying God too.

By Rev. Caroline Ralph

What's on

On Sunday 15th at 9:30am Holy Cross, a special communion service will be held to celebrate Revd Michael Hall's 60th anniversary of being a priest. Please join us to help him celebrate.

Ash Wednesday Service's

Sandford - 6pm

Cheriton Fitzpaine - 7:30pm

Morched Bishop (Mission Community Communion) - 7:30pm

**Deadline for articles for the
March edition - 20th February**

Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

28th February from 10 - 12

Sandford

**Wednesday mornings
from 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**





THE WELL

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CREDITON

Be refreshed and energised for everyday life.
Come to The Well and find space to worship & wonder.
A space to experience the power and presence of God.

Wednesdays

25th Feb | 25th Mar | 29th Apr
20th May | 24th June

Time

7.30pm-9pm

Location

Holy Cross Church Crediton

All are welcome to The Well.
Let's grow in faith and hope together.



St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday
11th February
4pm - 5.30pm
"Blessings"

No need to book, just come along
Ring Alice for more info
07484 704777

“TEA & COFFEE STOP” at St Matthew’s Cheriton Fitzpaine

*Drop into St Matthew’s Church,
Peruse the second-hand books,
help yourself to a drink and a biscuit,
enjoy the quiet and stillness
of the historic building.*



There's also a toilet!

COFFEE **MORNING**

CAKES, BOOKS AND
PRESERVES FOR SALE

SATURDAY 28th
FEBRUARY

10.00 – 12.00



ST MATTHEW'S
CHURCH

SPACE AVAILABLE TO SELL YOUR OWN
GOODS AND PRODUCE
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FUNDS)

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01363 866232

ST MATTHEW'S CHERITON FITZPAINE

Sunday 1st February 11.15am
Communion

Wednesday 11th February 4pm
Messy Church

Special Communion Service

Sunday 15th February 9.30am
at Holy Cross, Crediton
Celebrating 60 years of
Michael Hall's priesthood

ST MARY'S STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH

Easter Service in April
Date and time to be confirmed

Holy Cross Crediton

CAROL SERVICE FROM EPIPHANY TO CANDLEMAS



**SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY
AT 6PM**

Lily Neill



Photo by Steve Parke

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 7PM

**The wonderful Lily Neill in Concert at
St Matthew's Church Cheriton Fitzpaine**

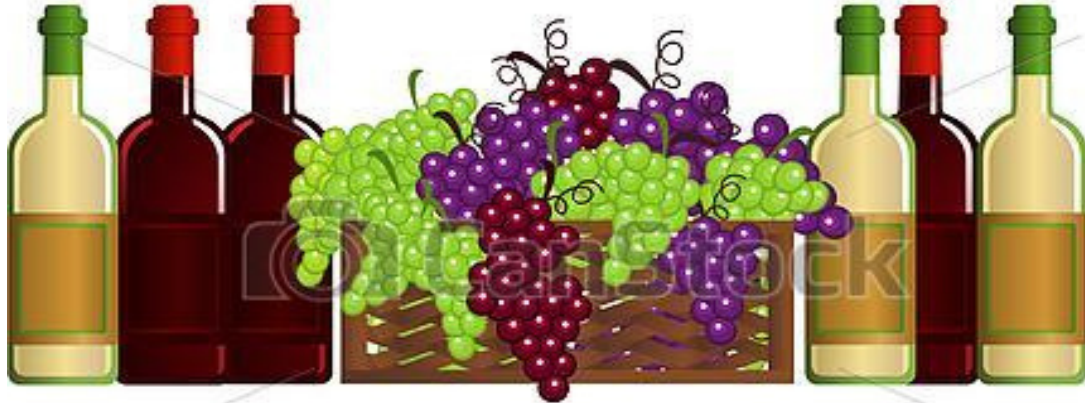
For more information contact Alice 07484704777

Tickets will be available from Cheriton Fitzpaine Community Shop and

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Crediton Parish Church Social Committee

WINE TASTING with FOOD



7.00pm on SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

THE BONIFACE CENTRE, CHURCH LANE, CREDITON, EX172AH

COST £12.50 per Person, Tickets Available from Simon Lee's

Outfitters Shop or from Peter Brewer: Tel

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Sample 9 Different French wines Each Wine
accompanied by appropriate nibbles Enjoy an
explanation of each wine Tea or Coffee with a chance to
sample some Calvados

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Saturday 14th February

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‘Working together to enable all to live life in all its fullness’ - John 10:10

BE A GOVERNOR

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OF ENGLAND
IN DEVON

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 01392 294950

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You are invited to
Held Together

**An accessible service
for older people & carers**

**followed by tea, coffee
cake, biscuits & chat**

Boniface Centre

10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

**On the third
MONDAY of
each month**

**Led by Anna Chaplains:
Eileen Brassington &
Caroline Smith**



**Anna Chaplains
offering spiritual care to older people**

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.

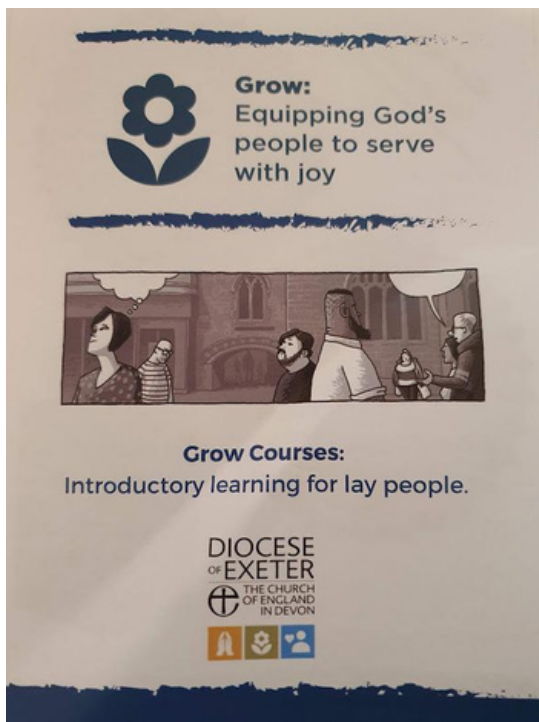
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the
establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice
and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where
all people are treated with dignity and honour as your
children - for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

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.

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 FEBRUARY 2026	1 st February Candlemass/ Presentation of Christ	8 th February 2 nd Sunday Before Lent	15 th February Sunday Before Lent	22 nd February 1 st Sunday of Lent
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	No Service	All Joining Holy Cross for a Special Celebration Service 9:30am	
Kennerleigh John the Baptist	Evensong 6:30pm			
New Buildings Beacon	Communion 8:30am			
Poughill St. Michael & All Angels				
Puddington St. Thomas A Becket				
Sandford St. Swithun's	Communion 9:30am	Communion 9:30am		Communion 9:30am
Stockleigh English St. Mary the Virgin				
Stockleigh Pomeroy St. Mary the Virgin				Communion and Baptism 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		Communion 10:30am	
Clannaborough				Communion 9:30am

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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 10:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Communion 10am
Morchard Bishop	Morning Worship 10:30am	Communion 10:30am	Family Service - 10:30am Joint Bible study at Emmanuel Church - 6pm	Morning Worship 10:30am
Nymet Rowland			Communion 9am	
Zeal Monachorum	Family Service 10am	Communion 6:30pm		Evensong 3pm
Shobrooke		Family service 11am		Communion 11am
Yeoford		Communion 9:30am		
Posbury	BCP Holy Communion 11am		BCP Holy Communion 11am	
Crediton	BCP Communion - 8am Celebrate at the Centre - 9:30am Choral Evensong Epiphany to Candlemas - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Baptism - 11:30am Sacred Space - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Compline - 6pm
St Lawrence Chapel		Evensong 6pm		

News from around the Team

OUR ADMINISTRATOR IS LEAVING

We have been fortunate to have Tiffany May as our North Creedy Team Administrator for just over a year. Tiffany has been a great blessing to me and I know to many of you, as she has freed me up from so many administrative tasks that took up my time. Especially over the last year as I have been off sick for so much of the time, Tiffany has continued to make sure things function and you have continued to receive the Hub Post, orders of service, posters and more.

Tiffany is now leaving us to continue her studies. I will miss having her to help. We will shortly be advertising her post to find a replacement. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Tiffany for her hard work, not always in easy circumstances. Please join me in wishing her well in her new endeavours.

Love and blessings
Janet May

Washford Pyne

It is with much sadness that we hear Lavinia Hare passed peacefully away on the 19th December, she was 91.

Lavinia and her late husband Christie were both stalwart participants of St Peter's for a good many years, not only as staunch PCC members but also hosting several very successful fundraising BBQ/fetes at Henceford.

It is the end of an era as the Hare's had been at Henceford for 60 years. Our thoughts are with Henry, James and their families at this sad time.

A service of Thanksgiving will be held for Lavinia at St Peter's Washford Pyne on Friday 30th January, 2.30pm.

News from Holy Cross Crediton

As I write this towards the end of January, it feels that church life has returned to normal after all the joy and excitement of Christmas. But it is still the season of Epiphany and Candlemas and on Sunday 1 February at 6pm, there is a Carol Service at Holy Cross to celebrate this.

Many readers of this newsletter will be aware of the financial challenges that face churches. I recently received the latest National Churches Trust newsletter which contained the following:- “New data from Historic England shows that the public are largely unaware of who foots the bill for church repairs. Only 11% of people knew that the responsibility for the upkeep of historic churches falls on the shoulders of the local congregation, including any staff – but in almost all cases it is mainly volunteers – at each church, chapel or meeting house. There is no consistent UK Government funding for these buildings – other than a VAT reclaim scheme that has been slashed and could be scrapped in the next few months – even though these buildings are some of the nation’s most important heritage. Grade I, II* or II listed buildings that house the most amazing art – stained glass, monuments, wall paintings – spanning hundreds and hundreds of years. If you want to see church buildings kept open and in good repair, please consider writing to your local newspaper or contacting your MP and highlight why church buildings matter and why you support them being properly funded.”

And of course it’s not just repairs. There are also contributions to the Common Fund (which essentially pays for the clergy) and the day to day running costs – all falling on the same shoulders.

On a lighter note, February sees the first event organised by our Social Committee to raise funds for Crediton PCC while also having a good time. This is the Wine Tasting with Food evening on Saturday 28 February at 7pm. Tickets are £12.50 and available from Simon Lee’s Outfitters Shop or from Peter Brewer: Tel 07966106556 / 01363774269 or email: peter2brewer@hotmail.com. Sample 9 different French wines, each accompanied by appropriate nibbles. Tea or Coffee with a chance to sample some Calvados.

Details of services, events and all that Holy Cross has to offer can be found in the parish diary on our website – www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, COLDRIDGE



We welcome you all to enjoy the peace, beauty and iconic location of our ancient and historic church. The church is open between 10:00am and 4:00pm each and every day. Guided visits are available on request. Please contact John Smith (Church Warden) at biggles1047@gmail.com or call 01363 83436 to make an appointment.

Our Pattern of Worship and Events for FEBRUARY 2026 is as follows:

Monday, 2nd: CHURCH CAFÉ at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for a happy hour or two of friendly chat and fellowship. It's a free Café. It's in the church and it's open to everyone and to any topic.

Sunday, 8th: Sexagesima/2nd Before Lent: 10.30am: Lay Led service of Morning Prayer (Common Worship), All to be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Sunday, 15th: Quinquagesima/Next Before Lent: HOLY COMMUNION (Common Worship) at 10.30am: Led by Rev. Preb. Peter Rapsey.. Followed by refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE!

"Carved in Time - The Hidden History of St Matthew's".

Saturday, 21st March 2026

Place: St Matthew's Church, Coldridge

Times (all approximate and subject to confirmation):

Doors open for refreshments at 10.00am

First talk 11.00am

Lunch 12.30-2.15pm

Afternoon talk 2.15pm

Finish approx: 4.00pm

There will be Q&A sessions after each talk.

Price: Talks £10, Lunch extra (price to be confirmed)

Speakers: Hugh Harrison and Jo Cox

Email: events@stmatthewscoldridge.church

for more information

John W Smith (Churchwarden)

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



Services Sunday **1 February** (first Sunday) at 10:30am lay led service of Morning Prayer

Sunday **15 February** (third Sunday) at 10:30am Eucharist

Sunday **1 March** (first Sunday) at 10:30am lay led service of Morning Prayer

Join us for tea or coffee and biscuits after services

Christmas

St Bartholomew was beautifully decorated for the Carol Service held on Sunday 21 December. The church was filled to capacity for the lessons and carols which was combined with a crib service and with Christingles for the children. Elsa Dunn led a children's choir who sang children's carols – these were much enjoyed, particularly by all the proud mums and dads and grandparents in the congregation. Refreshments, including the traditional mince pies and mulled wine, were served after the service. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a wonderful service; to those who worked to decorate the church with festive floral arrangements and Christmas trees, the choir, the lesson readers, the organist and bell ringers as well as the refreshment providers. The Rev'd Caroline Ralph led the service.

Midnight Mass. A good-sized congregation gathered for this special service on Christmas Eve which, for many folk, is their favourite service of the year. The atmosphere and expectation herald the arrival of Christmas Day. At the beginning of the service, the baby Jesus was placed in the crib by the priest and the final candle of the Advent wreath lit, as the Christmas story unfolded. Rev'd Preb Anthony Geering led the service.

From the Registers

No events to report.

Fundraising

The Christmas Concert with the Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band at Bow village hall, held on Sunday 7 December was well supported. It raised a splendid sum of £163.50 for church funds. Thanks to everyone involved.

200 Club

St Bartholomew's Church has a few numbers spare, so you still have time to purchase a number (or two . . . why not three?) and you can now pay by BACS. To renew your subscription, please contact your usual collector or for bank details please contact Doreen May on Bow 82620.

Brenda Ware

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Team Vicar North Creedy West

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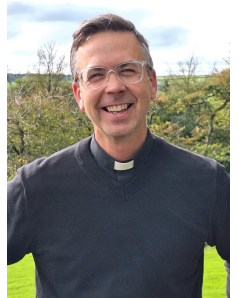
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SAFEGUARDING The North Creedy East with Sandford Mission

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