

Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

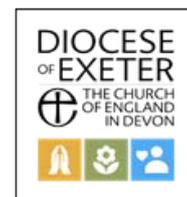
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Churches joyfully working together with a generous spirit reaching out to the churches, communities, villages and hamlets around Crediton

April 2026



The Diocese of Exeter
Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 37th edition of the Hub Post

Spring is my favourite time of the year. I love the flowers, the new leaves and especially lambs in the field. I love watching them explore and get up to mischief. Their mothers are very patient and it is not uncommon to see a lamb either standing or lying on top of their resting mother. The days are getting longer and new life is all around us in Spring and it is a reminder of the new life we have when we become Christians.

Spring also means for Christians, that Easter is around the corner. We prepare through Lent, journeying towards Easter, by either giving up something that is bad for us or taking on something that is helpful or beneficial. Lent represents the journey that Jesus took as he spent 40 days in the desert before starting his ministry. He was tempted in every way, but did not give in to temptation. He set us an example for living. We all face temptation. The secret is not to give into it. However, if we do give in, and we do, because we are frail human beings, Good Friday and Easter are there for us.

When Jesus died on the cross on that first Good Friday, he took all the sin of the world onto his innocent body, so that we no longer have to carry that sin. He sacrificed his life for us, because he loves us. The God we serve as Christians, is a God of love, forgiveness, mercy and grace. And then on Easter morning, Jesus rose from the dead, so that death has no more power over us. There is no need to be fearful of what lies ahead for us, because Jesus settled the score once and for all. What Jesus did on the cross and the empty tomb, means that we are no longer separated from God. Through Jesus, we have direct contact with our Father in heaven. May this Eastertide be a time of renewing and rejoicing at what Jesus did for us on the cross.

May you know his love, forgiveness and grace this Easter and may you be blessed in the celebration of new life.

Revd Janet May

Team Vicar

Crediton and Upper Creedy Valley Team Ministry

What's on

Easter Coffee morning

Puddington

Saturday 4th April

10.30am - 12pm

Deadline for articles for the May edition - 25th April

Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

25th April from 10 - 12

Sandford

Wednesday mornings

from 10:30 - 12

Poughill

1st April - 10 - 11.30

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.

“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!



**“MUSICALS”
FLOWER FESTIVAL
AND PLANT SALE**

**St Matthew’s Church
Cheriton Fitzpaine**



**SATURDAY 16th MAY
SUNDAY 17th MAY
10AM – 5PM**

**HOMEMADE
REFRESHMENTS
ALL DAY**



Lily Neill

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

www.gowt.tlilykneetisll.coomm

**St Matthew's
Cheriton
Fitzpaine**

MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday

8th April

4pm-5.30pm

"Tiny little Seed"

No need to book, just come along



COFFEE MORNING CAKE, PRODUCE AND BOOKSALE

**SATURDAY 25th
APRIL**

10.00 – 12.00

**ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
Cheriton Fitzpaine**

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



**CONTACT HAZEL FOR
DETAILS
01363 866232**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

St Swithun's Church
SANDFORD

6pm - 7.30pm

BRING AND SHARE A MEAL WITH FRIENDS

WOVEN WITH THE VERY WORDS AND TRADITION SHARED BY **THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS** AT HIS **LAST SUPPER.**

Those who have shared in this style of meal before will know how moving this occasion can be, helping us to enter more deeply into the events of Holy Week, and Easter, and of Jesus' last meal with his disciples.





GOOD FRIDAY

THE LAST HOUR AT THE CROSS
A SERVICE OF REFLECTION

AIDED BY THE POETRY OF
R.S. THOMAS
HERMAN HOYTE
SILVIA SANDS
W.H. AUDEN
JIM COTTER

AND THE BEAUTIFUL HYMNS OF
ISAAC WATTS
FRANCIS H. ROWLEY
CECIL FRANCIS ALEXANDER
SAMUEL CROSSMAN

3 APRIL 2PM
ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, SANDFORD



EASTER MORNING SERVICES

BEACON CHURCH, NEW BUILDINGS
SUNRISE SERVICE 6.30AM

A JOYFUL START TO EASTER DAY
AS WE CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS AND REJOICE TOGETHER
**STAY AFTERWARDS FOR FELLOWSHIP,
COFFEE, AND A BACON BUTTY.**

ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, SANDFORD
HOLY COMMUNION & BAPTISM 9.30AM

JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL MORNING OF CELEBRATION,
NEW LIFE, AND COMMUNITY. CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALL ARE WELCOME

PLANT SALE &



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 25 April

In the Boniface Centre

10am -12pm

**Plants,
Gardening Items,
Bric-a-Brac**



Free Parking Accessible

In aid of Holy Cross Church Funds

Do you have used or old candles that you want to recycle?

Visit the **DMHay** website at

<https://dmhay.co.uk/pages/dm-hay-candle-recycling-service> to find out how easy it is to recycle our used church candles





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

BE A GOVERNOR

You can make a difference to the lives of children in Devon’s Church of England Schools, helping pupils to flourish.

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You can make a difference

As a governor, you'll get the opportunity to help schools give children the best start in life. School governors come from all walks of life. Governors have different skills, experiences and backgrounds, and together use them to make a difference.

You don't need lots of experience in education and you don't need to be a parent. You just need to be over 18 and have a commitment to serve schools with joy.

Interested?

We'd love to hear from you.

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You are invited to

Held Together

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

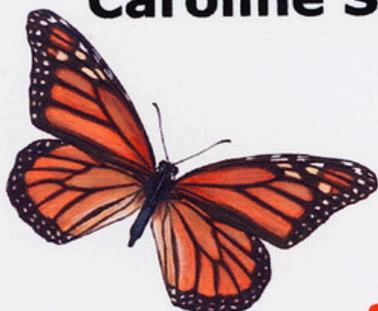
**followed by tea, coffee
cake, biscuits & chat**

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

Church Services Across the Hub

SUNDAY SERVICES ROTA APRIL 2026	5TH April Easter Day	12th April Easter 2	19th April Easter 3	26th April Easter 4	
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	Story Sunday 11.15am	Communion 11.15am	No Service	
Kennerleigh John the Baptist	Communion by extension 11.15am		Communion 11.15am		
New Buildings Beacon	Sunrise Service 6.30am				
Poughill St. Michael & All Angels	Communion 9.30am				
Puddington St. Thomas A Becket	Communion 11.15am				
Sandford St. Swithun's	Communion with Baptism 9.30am	Communion 9:30am	Morning Praise 9.30am	Communion 9:30am	
Stockleigh English St. Mary the Virgin	Communion 9.30am				
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	Communion 9.30am				
Bow	Communion 11.15am		Communion 10:30am		
Clannaborough	BCP Communion 9.30am			BCP Communion 9:30am	

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Coldridge	Communion 10.45am	Morning Prayer 10.30am	Communion 10.30am		
Colebrooke	Communion 11am		Morning Prayer 9:30am		
Down St. Mary	Communion 9.30am	Communion 9am	Morning Prayer 10am	Morning Prayer 10am	
Knowle	Communion 10am		Morning Prayer 10am		
Lapford	Communion 9.30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 9.30am	
Morchard Bishop	Communion 11am	Communion 10:30am	Family Service 10.30am	Morning Worship 10.30am	
Nymet Rowland	BCP Communion 9.30am		BCP Communion 9am		
Zeal Monachorum	Communion 9.30am	Communion 6:30pm		Evensong 3pm	
Shobrooke	Communion 11am		Family Service 11am		
Yeoford	Communion 9.30am			Family Service 11.15am	
Posbury	BCP Communion 11am		BCP Communion 11am		
Crediton	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion 9.30am Sacred Space - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9.30am Sung Compline - 6pm	
St Lawrence Chapel		Evensong 6pm			

News from around the Team

PUDDINGTON

On 2nd February it was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Una Rowcliffe, a remarkable and well loved lady who was always a strong supporter of the village and the church including being a lifelong member of both the PCC and WI. The church was decorated with beautiful flower displays arranged by ladies from the village which included 1,000 daffodils. Over 200 family members and friends gathered together to celebrate a long and happy life, including representatives from the British Legion, Burma Star Association and the Brigade of Gurkhas with whom Una had a long affiliation. The service was taken by the Reverend Jeremy Putnam.

Date for the diary: we will be holding an Easter Coffee morning in aid of church funds, in Puddington village hall on Saturday 4th April at 10.30am. We hope as many as possible will come along for coffee and hot cross buns. There will also be a raffle. Look out for posters which will be displayed around the village and surrounding area.

Stockleigh Pomeroy

It was nice to see so many friends and family of Alex and James on the 22nd February to witness the Baptism of Gregory Alasdair Campbell Mead at our Communion Service. Both he and the other babies in the congregation behaved impeccably and the Service was followed with coffee and eats at the village hall.

On 26th February a Memorial Service was held at St Mary the Virgin for Clifford Webber following his Cremation at Exeter. The Church was full as we celebrated his life in Stockleigh Pomeroy and donations were in aid of Devon Air Ambulance. Afterwards there were refreshments at the village hall and an opportunity to reminisce.

News from Holy Cross, Crediton

I feel I should begin by congratulating the Junior Choristers at Holy Cross who have recently been actively raising funds to contribute towards a week-long visit to sing in Truro in August. These have included a very successful Valentine's Dance and a Quiz & Pizza evening with an afternoon board games and tea still to come in June. The pizzas served at the quiz were the most delicious I think I have ever tasted!

As I mentioned last month, the early part of April is given over to all our services for Holy Week and Easter. The momentous events will be marked at churches across the Team Ministry, but you may find a service at Holy Cross that is not offered elsewhere. All the details are available in the Parish Diary on the website but suffice to say there is something every day.



The Ecumenical 'Walk of Witness' starts at the St Boniface RC Church, Park Road, Crediton on Good Friday at 10am and ends with refreshments at the Congregational Church.

Bishop Mike gave three Magnolia trees to mark the installation of the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury on Wednesday 25 March. One of these came to Holy Cross Crediton as Bp Sarah had served as Bishop of Crediton. Here are Janet, Matthew and Antonia at the tree planting in the churchyard.

Looking forward into April, everyone is invited to a sale of plants, gardening items and bric-a-brac on Saturday 25 April from 10am to 12noon in the Boniface Centre. Refreshments available throughout.



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

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Vacant

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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