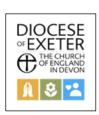
Crediton Rural Ministry Hub Post

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

August 2025



The Diocese of Exeter Pray - Grow - Serve



Welcome to the 28th edition of the Hub Post

August begins with Lammas Day. This event, traditionally observed on August 1, marked the beginning of the harvest, and especially celebrated the first wheat crop, or that of corn. On Lammas Day, baked with flour from newly harvested corn would be brought into church and blessed. The word "lammas" comes from the Old English hlaf, "loaf," and maesse, "mass" or "feast." Through the centuries, "loaf-mass" became corrupted in spelling and pronunciation to Lammas.

Lammas is one of the oldest points of contact between the agricultural world and the Church and it encourages us to remember to give thanks to God who created this world in love – a world capable of giving every man, woman and child enough to eat and some to spare. That so many go hungry in a world of plenty is a reminder that the spirit of genuine gratitude is very close to the spirit of generosity: as the old Irish proverb puts it, 'When the hand ceases to scatter, the mouth ceases to praise.' So, we need to give thanks, too, to the farming communities of this area and of this county of Devon

Thankfulness is an attitude central to Christian belief. The great medieval mystic, Meister Eckhardt, once said,

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

It is an easy prayer to memorise. To say, "Thank you," is simple and straight forward. But if the truth be told, it is something we so often forget. Is it enough simply to feel thankful for one's blessings and to say so? On one level, it is enough, if it comes from the heart. But on another level thanksgiving is both an attitude and a response because after counting our own blessings we are called to share those blessings and help others in need.

A verse in the Bible, in the Book of Leviticus, tells us that the ancient Hebrews were told to leave the remnants of their harvest for the poor and the stranger in their midst. Their harvest festival of Succoth, or Sukkot, was not complete if the people of Israel gathered their harvest and kept it all for themselves. Gratitude without sharing was no gratitude at all.

Lammas helps to remind us that we are celebrating thanksgiving, and not thanksgetting. And so, let us thank God, for life, thank God for food, family and friends, and thank God for being able to express our gratitude in acts of love, sharing and giving.

Your friend and Rural Dean

Matthew Tregenza

What's on

Deadline for articles for the September edition - 25th August

Coffee Mornings

<u>Cheriton Fitzpaine</u>
No Coffee morning in August
<u>Poughill</u>

Wednesday 13th August 10 - 11:30am

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 Wednesday at 10.30am for Coffee, Cake and Company all welcome



(Formerly known as Presence)

In partnership with Exeter Network

Holy Cross Church Crediton Join us for an evening of worship, scripture and prayer

The Well is taking a break for July and August

Stay tuned for information for upcoming dates

Coffee and chat mornings Poughill Village Hall

Wednesday 13th August

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

No Messy Church
in Augustwatch out for details
of the next session in
September!

No need to book Ring Alice for more info
07484 704777

No Coffee Morning at St Matthew's,
Cheriton Fitzpaine in August
but do visit, browse the secondhand books and make use of the
"TEA & COFFEE STOP"
at St Matthew's
Cheriton Fitzpaine



Drop into St Matthew's Church, help yourself to a drink and a biscuit, enjoy the quiet and stillness of the historic building – there's also a toilet!

August Services St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

Sunday 3rd August 11.15am Communion

Sunday 10th August 9.30am Story Sunday

Sunday 17th August 11.15am Communion

St Mary's Stockleigh English
Sunday 10th August 9.30am
Communion

Sunday 31st August 10.30am Mission Community Communion at St Swithun's Sandford

St. Swithun's

Sandford's August Services

Sunday 3rd August 9:30am Communion

Sunday 10th August 9:30am Communion

Sunday 17th August 9:30am Morning Praise

Sunday 24th August 9:30am Communion

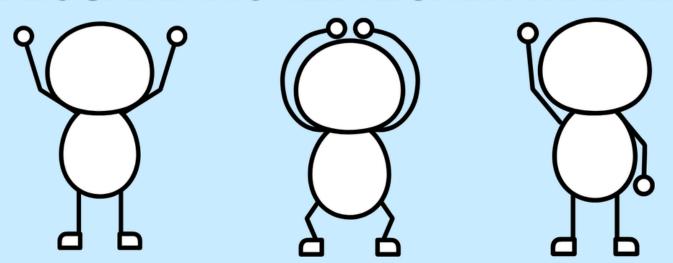
Sunday 31st August 10:30am Mission Community Service

Wednesday mornings 10:30-12 Coffee & Company

Friday mornings 10:30-11 Contemplative prayer



SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING



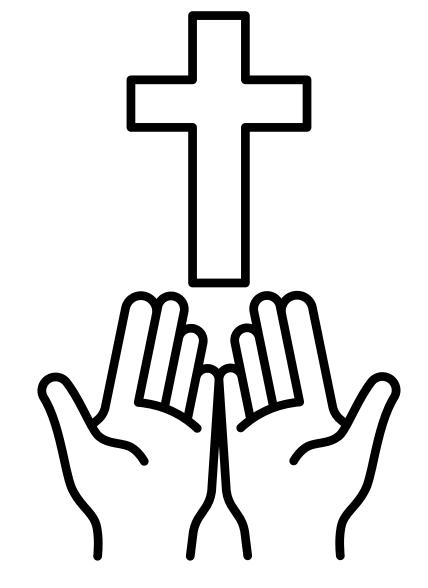
Wednesday 15th October from 2pm-4pm at the Boniface Centre

An opportunity to update your safe guarding training if you have not done it in the last 3 years.

Who is it for?

- All PCC members
- Sides people
- Tea servers
- Pastoral visitors
- Lay Leaders

Please contact Tiffany to confirm your place <u>northcreedy1@gmail.com</u>



Confirmation Service at St. Swithun's Sandford on 12th October at 4pm

If anybody would like to be confirmed,
Please email Tiffany @

northcreedy1@gmail.com

ANNE'S POP-UP SHOP IN HOLY CROSS CHURCH **Thursday 21 August to Monday 25 August** 10.00am to 4.30pm daily (except Sunday shop opens at 11.30am)

HouseholdandDecorative Items
Kitchenware Jewellery Giftware
and some clothes

Something for everyone!

Pop-In to the Pop-Up and grab yourself a bargain!





ST LAWRENCE FAIR

at St Lawrence Chapel, Threshers,

SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST 2.00 - 4.30 PM

G_{arden} Cakes

Toas

Teas

Cakes and produce
Tombola Bric a Brac Books
"Lucky squares" to win a hamper full of goodies

Cakes

Tea in the garden if the weather is fine

Books Cakes Teas Garden Hamper Books

Proceeds from the Fair will go towards the upkeep of this lovely little Chapel and Garden and to Medecins Sans Frontieres

The Chapel is on the right hand side of Threshers as you come up from the town centre, opposite Greenway

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

Home Groups

Homegroups will be having a break over the summer but will start again in September.

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.

You are invited to

Held Together

An accessible service for older people & carers

followed by tea, coffee cake, biscuits & chat



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.

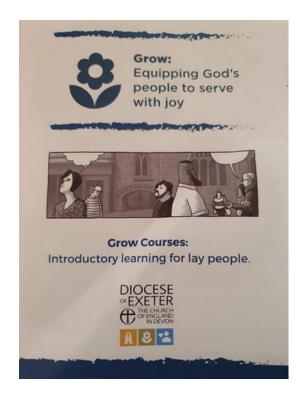
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children - for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

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.

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 August 2025	3 rd August Trinity 7	10 th August Trinity 8	17th August Trinity 9	24th August Bartholomew/ Trinity 10	31 st August Trinity 11
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	Story Sunday 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		Hymns and Pimm's 11:15am			
Sandford St. Swithun's	Communion 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	Morning Praise 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	Mission Community Service 10:30am
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					
Bow	Morning Prayer 10:30am		Communion 10:30am		
Clannaborough				BCP Holy Communion 9:30am	

SUNDAY SERVICES ROTA August 2025	3 rd August Trinity 7	10 th August Trinity 8	17th August Trinity 9	24th August Bartholomew/ Trinity 10	31 st August Trinity 11
Coldridge		Morning Prayer 10:30am	Communion 10:30am		Mission Community Service 10am
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	
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		Baptism 11am	
Shobrooke		Family Service 11am Patronal Evensong 6pm		Communion 11am	
Yeoford		Communion 9:30am		Songs of Praise 5pm Followed by Pimm' and nibbles	
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, Crediton



There were lots of pictures in 'Roots & Shoots' of Bishop Moira's consecration at St Paul's Cathedral on 3 July and installation at Exeter Cathedral on 6 July. The eagle-eyed amongst you will spot Peter Brewer, churchwarden at Holy Cross together with a back view of Matthew and Alan Quick from the Crediton Courier in this photo.

I'll just give a plug here to Roots & Shoots which is the weekly e-newsletter from the Diocese of Exeter. It is packed full of resources for churches, news stories, messages from Senior Clergy, future events and much more! To sign up to receive it, visit www.exeter.anglican.org and go to the bottom of the homepage.

All our usual Sunday and mid-week services continue but the choir take a well-earned break throughout August, returning in September for the Friends of Crediton Church Evensong. We're very busy from mid- August to mid-September with Crediton PCC fundraising events which also provide the opportunity to socialise and meet friends.

If you enjoy singing but don't want to join a choir, please consider coming along to 'Going for a Sing'. This is an informal group of that meet to sing together once a month. There is a section on Friday 15 August and another on Friday 5 September – both at 10.30am in the Boniface Centre. Singing is considered to be good for our wellbeing so do come and join us. Song words and refreshments provided. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

Between Thursday 21 and Monday 25 August from 10.00am to 4.30pm daily (apart from Sunday 24 August when it will open at 11am), Anne Jerman is running a pop-up shop in Holy Cross. The shop will sell bric-a-brac, household and decorative items, kitchenalia, giftware, jewellery and a few clothes items. There will also be a 'lucky squares' draw for a bottle of whisky.

Calling all quiz fans! On Saturday 30 August at 6.30pm for 7pm prompt start in the Boniface Centre, book your team of 4 – 6 people for a Quiz and Pasty Evening. As well as exercising your brain, you can enjoyed supper of pasty & salad garnish and there's a Bar and Raffle. Book in your team (£10 per adult, £5 per child) with Mandy at mandytomlinson62@gmail.com or 07590 374429.

Then on Saturday 6 September, there is a craft fair from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Boniface Centre. Over 20 local crafters will be selling a variety of items at a variety of prices. Shop early for Christmas! Refreshments served throughout.

Finally on Saturday 13 September from 10.30am to 3.30pm, we are holding another Heritage Open Day in Holy Cross. Learn about the challenges of maintaining a large Grade 1 listed building; the history of the building and its amazing contents. With vestments display, display of archive material, audio visual and self-guided walkaround sheets, local experts will also be on hand to try and answer any questions. Plus visits to the Governors Room at 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm with pre booking advised (note access via 25 steps). Refreshments available. Donations on the day are invited in support of the Devon Historic Churches Trust (DHCT). Further information available from Bill on 01363 772865.

Details of all out services and everything that Crediton Parish Church has to offer can be found in the parish diary on our website – www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk. Or you can contact Anne Jerman on 01363 772865 or email: annecjjerman@gmail.com for more information.

Pastoral Reorganisation

Hopefully, you will have heard the announcement and/or seen the details about the pastoral reorganisation. This is the legal process required to unite the parishes of the Crediton Benefice (Crediton, Shobrooke and Sandford) with all the parishes in the North Creedy Benefice for the establishment of a team ministry for the new single benefice. The constituent parishes remain distinct with their own PCCs. It also provides for the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and three team vicars, for the appointment of the team rector and two team vicars, for the housing arrangements for the team and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.

The process is now at the public consultation stage – hence the notice and draft Pastoral Scheme being displayed on church noticeboards and the announcement at services. Anyone may make representations to the Church Commissioners for or against all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) in writing or by email to reach them no later than 8th September 2025. Please send your representation marked for the attention of Mr Rex Andrew, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ (e-mail: rex.andrew@churchofengland.org). The representation should also indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.

If you have any questions about the process or the draft Pastoral Scheme, please speak to Matthew, Janet or your PCC Secretary.



Sandford

Every Friday morning at 10.30am we have a half hour of lay led Contemplative Prayer at St Swithun's. It is loosely Celtic in nature and includes some prayers, scripture, music and silence as we sit in a circle in the prayer corner/children's corner of the church. And because the previous vicar, Paul used to do so, I always toll the bell just beforehand, letting the village know we are about to pray for them. It seems to suit people for whom a Sunday service isn't an option, as much as those who attend regularly.

Last summer for the first time we did a mini 'pilgrimage' to St Mary's Upton Hellions and we are going to repeat it on Friday August 1st. In fact in the future we might get really adventurous and take the 369 bus up to New Buildings, have our Contemplative Prayer time at Beacon Church and then walk back along the ridge road past the Henstills. After all, it's all down hill!

If ever you wish to join us you would be very welcome.

And a big thank you to both Paul Fillery and Laura Armstrong who showed me where to find material for our sessions.

Kennerleigh

Joan King.

Within weeks of celebrating the long life of Donald King in Kennerleigh Church, we have said farewell also to his beloved wife, Joan, now laid to rest with him, and among friends, in the churchyard. The beautiful service was led by the Revd. Matthew Tregenza. Loving tributes and memories were shared by the family of a very hands-on and fun-loving mother and grandmother. Loving any excuse to party, there was always a warm welcome from Donald and Joan at Jancot, which in earlier days was affectionately referred to in the village as 'The King's Arms'.

We miss them both. May they rest in peace.

And we continue to hold Alice and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Julia Miller

Puddington

Heavy showers didn't put a damper on the village dog show and fete. The earlier start time worked well and proved to be a great success as a record profit was made which will be shared by the church and the village hall.

There will be a church service on 10th August at 11.15am led by Antonia Tregenza. All welcome.

Shobrooke services

10th Lammas, 11am (planning meeting tomorrow, if there are any more details we need to put in I'll let you know. If you don't hear anything tomorrow, that is it. 24th 11am Holy Communion.

Lammas traces its roots back to ancient agricultural societies, the name "Lammas" is derived from the Old English term "hlaf-mas," meaning "loaf mass." During this festival, communities would offer the first loaves of bread made from the newly harvested wheat as a token of gratitude and an offering to the deities for their blessings. Come and celebrate with us at Shobrooke and if you are bread makers bring loaves you have made to be blessed and shared with a bit of cheese or jam at the end of the service.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the joint St Swithun's Songs of Praise, I think those there will agree that it was very meaningful worship honouring to God and enhanced by our dear friends who sang in Ukrainian. £207 was collected for the Amnesty International Ukraine Emergency Appeal. If you enjoyed the Ukrainian singing there is another opportunity to listen to them. They will be giving a Concert at St Lawrence Chapel on the evening of Friday 19th September. See next month's Hub for more details.

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 for AUGUST is as follows:

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

Sunday, 17th: Holy Communion at 10:30am, led by Rev. Preb. Peter Rapsey. Again, the service will be followed by Refreshments and good conversation.

Sunday, 31st: Mission Team Communion at 10:00am, Led by Rev. Jeremy Putnam. Followed by Refreshments and Fellowship.

Sunday 31st: at 4:00pm: 'SONGS FOR JOSH': A Celebration of Hymns, Songs, Prayers and togetherness in support of Josh Ridge and his family. With Pimms and Refreshments.

Other Dates for AUGUST:

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Monday, 4th: CHURCH CAFÉ at 2:30pm. Everyone welcome for a happy hour or two of friendly chat and fellowship.

Wednesday, 6th: 2:00pm: PCC MEETING in Church (Starts with an 'Open Forum': Please let us know what you think!)

Thursday, 28th: The Coldridge Café will be open from 10:00am until 3:30pm, with Lunches available from 12:00 to 2:00pm in the Village Hall. Church History 'Talks & Tours' will take place at 11:00am and 2:00pm.

John W Smith Churchwarden

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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