

Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

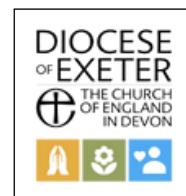
Post

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

September 2025



The Diocese of Exeter
Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 29th edition of the Hub Post

Thought for the month

God is good all the time – all the time, God is good! This is something we often say to each other when we have received a blessing and feel that God is good. My experience over the last few months as I have gone through diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer, is that God is very good. Sadly, not everybody thinks so.

A few weeks ago, I bumped into someone I know, who said they could not understand why I wasn't angry with God, rather than saying He is good. They thought that getting cancer would be something that would make me angry with God. On the contrary, it has made me more grateful for His love, grace and goodness.

I have had plenty of time over the last few months to reflect on life and what our purpose on this earth is all about. Our purpose on earth is to glorify God. It is as simple as that. My life was never at risk, but it could have been if the cancer had not been detected when it was. Even though I wasn't facing death, I have reflected on death, as so many people do die of cancer. I have lost a number of family members to cancer, the youngest being my nephew when he was only 5 years old. In spite of this, I know that God is good. Jesus came to earth as a human being to show us that God loves us. When we are going through difficult times, God understands our pain, as Jesus experienced life on earth. The only certainty in life is that we will all die at some point, so it is important that we are ready when that happens. Are we ready to meet our maker?

How do we make ourselves ready to meet God? We ask Jesus to come into our lives. It is that simple. Jesus tells us that He is the only way to the Father, that He is the way, the truth and the life. It really isn't complicated. Some people say that believing in God is a crutch. I'm okay with that. I cannot live life on this earth without the knowledge that I have a God who loves me, a best friend who I can lean on when life is tough, a Saviour I can be totally myself with, as He knows every single detail about me. I don't have to be anyone else but me. That is freedom. Jesus is the only one who can bring us that freedom, knowing that we are beloved children of the King of kings and that when our life is done here on earth, we will join Him in heaven for eternity. A place where we will be reunited with fellow Jesus followers, where there is no more pain, sorrow, sickness or death.

Relationship with Jesus is the only way to experience true freedom and joy on this earth. He brings peace that passes all understanding and even when things are difficult, that joy cannot be taken away from you.

I have experienced this for myself and know that it is true. Don't wait until it is too late. Ask Jesus into your life today and allow Him to bring you freedom through His sacrificial and all-encompassing love.

Yours in Christ
Revd Janet May

What's on

**Deadline for articles for
the October edition - 25th
September**

Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

Saturday 27th September

10am -12noon

Poughill

Wednesday 3rd September

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 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.

Dates

Weds 24th Sept, Wed 22nd Oct, Wed 19th Nov

Time

7.30-9pm

Location

Holy Cross Church Crediton

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

Coffee and chat mornings Poughill Village Hall

Wednesday 3rd 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

**Wednesday
17th September
4pm-5.30pm**

The Good Samaritan

No need to book,
Ring Alice for more info

“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!

PCC OF CHERITON FITZPAINE WITH STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH

September Services

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

Sunday 7th September 11.15am

Communion

Sunday 14th September 9.30am

Morning Praise

Wednesday 17th September 4pm

Messy Church

Sunday 21st September 11.15am

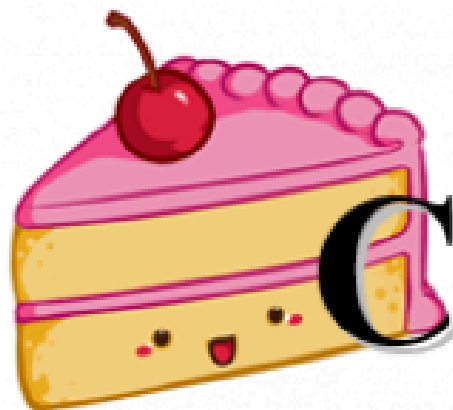
Communion

Next service at St Mary's

Stockleigh English

Sunday 12th October 9.30am

Communion



COFFEE MORNING

**CAKES, PRESERVES AND
BOOKS FOR SALE**

**SATURDAY 27th
SEPTEMBER**

10.00 – 12.00

**ST MATTHEW'S
CHURCH**



**CONTACT ALICE FOR
DETAILS
01363 866082**



St. Swithun's

Sandford's September Services

**Sunday 7th September 9:30am
Communion**

**Sunday 14th September 9:30am
Communion**

**Sunday 21st September 9:30am
Morning Praise**

**Sunday 28th September 9:30am
Communion**

**Wednesday mornings 10:30-12
Coffee & Company**

**Friday mornings 10:30-11
Contemplative prayer**





FAITH *Empowered*

CHURCH ARMY
-ORG

Share the

GOOD NEWS

Talk to people about

JESUS

Training for

EVANGELISTS

10 Session Course

Delivered by the CHURCH ARMY, designed to equip local lay leaders in evangelism. Ideal for those looking to share the gospel and to lead others to do the same.

Starts 7th Nov

Full details here -

tinyurl.com/faithempowered

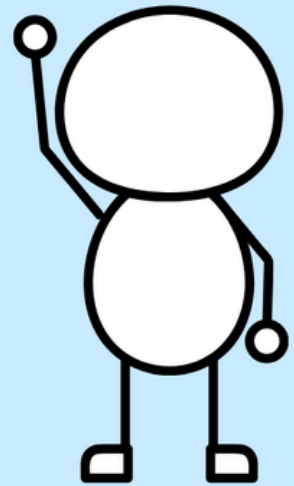
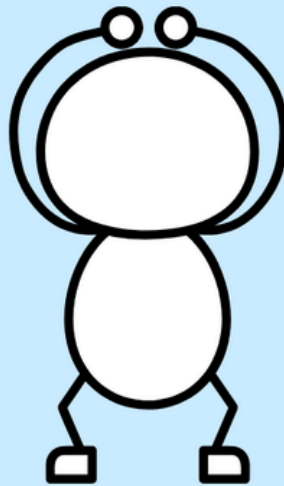
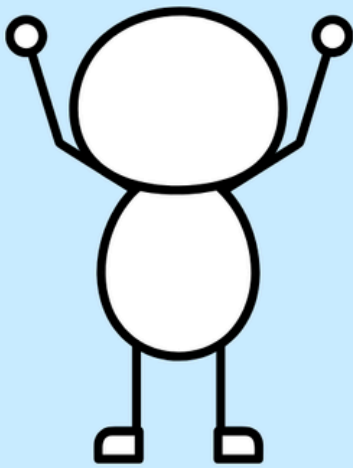
For an initial conversation about the course please contact Diocesan Mission Enabler - Jeremy Putnam 07889 523766

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SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING



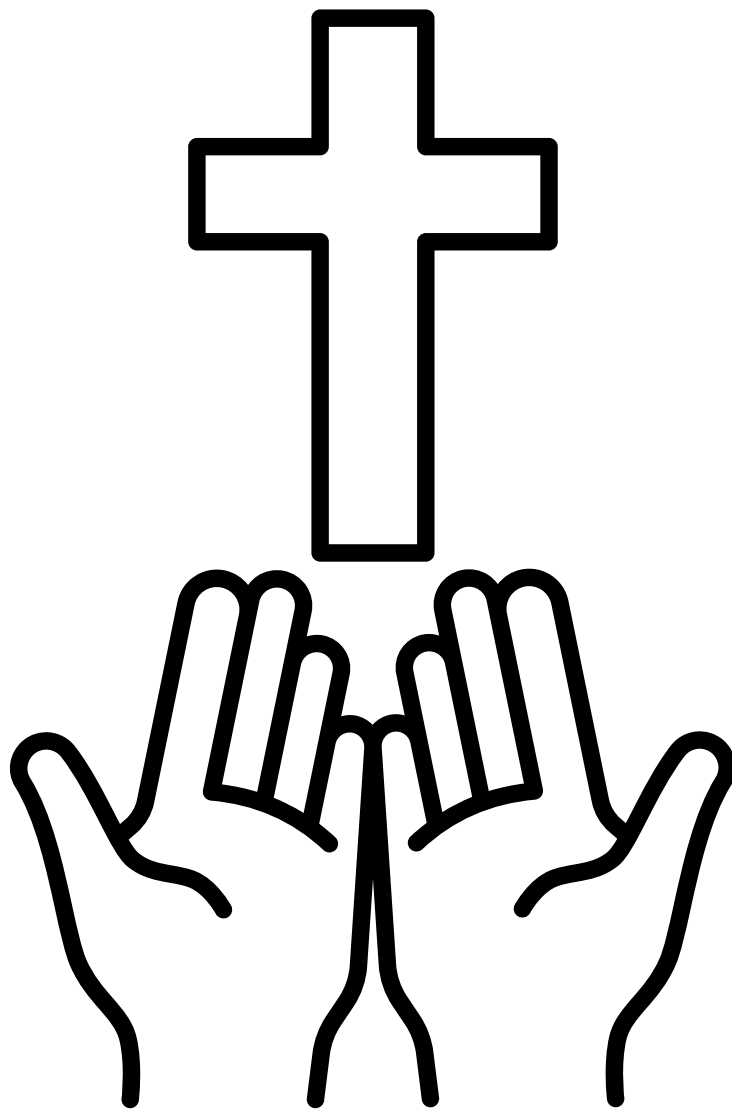
**Wednesday 15th October from 2pm-4pm
at the Boniface Centre**

**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
northcreedy1@gmail.com**



**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**

Home Groups

Homegroups will be starting 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.

Mission Shed: What it means for parishes to have missional DNA

Tuesday 21 October, 10am-7:30pm, Swimbridge Jubilee Hall, Barnstaple

Missional DNA is one of Bishop Mike's five priorities. Our October Mission Shed Living God's Future Now , in collaboration with St Martin-in-the-Field's HeartEdge movement, will help is think through what having missional DNA really means. It will encourage us as church communities to think, pray, and do mission out of abundance, not scarcity. It will help mission communities to discover and use their inherent gifts and assets to become more dynamic, engaged, and inclusive spaces for growth, partnership, and community transformation. Could you bring a group from your church?

Jeremy Putnam, Diocesan Mission Enabler, said, "Mission Shed's are normally free events that encourage discussion and learning on topics of mission. Our Mission Shed in October is a ticketed event due to it being catered, as well as being an all day event, and with a concert in the evening. Supported by Heartedge in partnership with he Diocese of Exeter, there will be great discussion, great speakers, and world-class musicians and singers. **This day will move you, it will get you thinking, and will encourage all of us to consider how we live God's future today.**

"Rev'd Dr Sam Wells, and St Martin's Choral Scholars will be with us throughout the day, with a concert to finish in the evening."

Please see below a insight as to what you can expect on the day.

[click here](#) **for more information and to book your ticket**

(Or go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-gods-future-now-making-your-churchs-heart-sing-tickets-1411171825919?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1)

More information on the next page!



in partnership with



Living God's Future Now:

Making your church's heart sing

Conference Tue, Oct 21st 10am - 4.45pm

Venue Swimbridge Jubilee Hall
Barnstaple Hill, Swimbridge, Barnstaple EX32 0PQ

Concert Tue, Oct 21st 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Venue The Parish Church of St James the Apostle
Barnstaple Hill, Swimbridge, Barnstaple EX32 0PQ

BOOK YOUR TICKET



tinyurl.com/missionshed4c

St Martin's Choral Scholars



Revd Dr Sam Wells



Andrew Earis



This day of inspiration and renewal will include...

HeartEdge: Practical workshops exploring the 4 Cs (Compassion, Commerce, Culture, and Congregation) for creating flourishing churches. When scarcity could so easily dictate our thinking, instead we shift to an abundance mindset, and a belief that God provides more than they need.

Great Sacred Music: Great Sacred Music is a 35-minute sequence of words and music which explores through song and readings the great classical music of our religious heritage. It is a model that can be replicated and it has successfully engaged a wide spectrum of attendees.

Being With: Being With is a life changing way to help people explore the Christian faith. Being With helps people consider Christian faith in new and refreshing ways, without needing prior knowledge, but a simple willingness to share what you do know or feel.

Theological Input from Sam Wells: Grounding the day in rich theological reflection. Interactive Sermon Preparation: Engaging clergy and lay leaders in live, collaborative sermon crafting.

HeartBeat: offers resources for worship including a weekly reflection linked to the lectionary readings and a set of open questions for a small group to explore the scripture passages.

Bread for the World: Closing the day with an Act of Contemplative and Contemporary Worship to give thanks for the sense of God's presence and refreshment we have experienced in our time together.

St Martin's Choral Scholars will perform a concert in the evening at nearby St James the Apostle, parish church at 6.30pm which will offer a chance to enjoy the musical talents of these gifted young people. Locally prepared curries will be available in the church between the conference and concert for a donation towards the church.



ST PETROCK'S CLANNABOROUGH

Music for a late Summer Afternoon

With The Ad Hoc Singers



3pm -5pm Saturday 13th Sept

Doors open 2.30pm

Tickets £10 inc Cream Tea

Available via Kathryn Tel 07906 947153

or Mick email richardsmik1@gmail.com

or WeGot**Tickets**



All profits split between
Devon Historic Churches Trust
St Petrock's Church

CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

10.00am to 1.00pm

BONIFACE CENTRE



Come and support
over 20 local
crafters selling a
wide variety of
items

Shop early for Christmas!

Refreshments available throughout

Free parking &
Accessible venue

Do Come Along!



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.

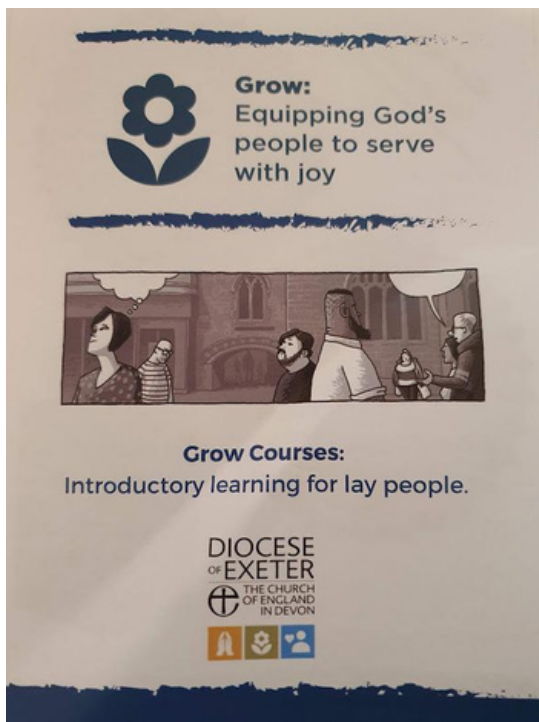
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the
establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice
and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where
all people are treated with dignity and honour as your
children - for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

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.

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 September 2025	7 th September Trinity 12	14 th September Holy Cross Day	21 st September Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	28 th September Trinity 15
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Communion 11:15am	Story Sunday 9:30am	Communion 11:15am	
Kennerleigh John the Baptist	Evensong 6:30pm			
New Buildings Beacon	Communion 8:30am			
Poughill St. Michael & All Angels			Harvest Festival 9:30am	
Puddington St. Thomas A Becket				
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				
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				Harvest Festival 3pm

SUNDAY SERVICES ROTA September 2025	7th September Trinity 12	14th September Holy Cross Day	21st September Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	28th September Trinity 15
Coldridge		Harvest Festival 5pm	Communion (Patronal Festival) 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
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		Harvest Festival 6:30pm
Shobrooke		Harvest songs of praise 6pm		Communion 11am
Yeoford		Communion 9:30am		Family Service 11:15am
Posbury	BCP Communion 11am		Harvest Festival 4pm	
Crediton	BCP Communion - 8am Celebrate at the centre - 9:30am Choral Evensong - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Sacred Space - 6pm	BCP Communion - 8am Parish Communion - 9:30am Compline - 6pm
St Lawrence Chapel		Even Song 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

St Lawrence

The sun shone, the garden was packed with colour and people, thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Fayre in any kind of way. Over £450 was raised, a large sum of that will be forwarded to Medecins Sans Frontieres. The Hamper was won by Marion Foord.

The following evening we were in hearty voice to sing God's praises at the Patronal Evensong, 28 of us gathered, although West Gallery Quire were not with us this year, 4 members came along to worship, which helped us along with the singing of the Psalm, Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis.

The next service is Sunday 14th September, 6pm Evening Prayer. 12th October will be a Harvest service at 6pm. Friday 17th there will be a free Concert featuring some beautiful Ukrainian songs alongside other local musicians. Further details next month. New, Friends, always welcome, contact Kathleen 777371.

News from St Petrock's Church, Clannaborough.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the big clean up on Saturday 26th July. It was a great team effort and we achieved far more than we had planned. Look out for details of our next clean-up day which we are hoping to in the spring.

We are pleased to announce that The Ad Hoc Singers will be returning to perform on the 13th Sept (see above details). Anyone who attended their Christmas concert will know we are in for a treat. Tickets are limited, so don't leave it too late.

URGENT

A recent Siam report identified eleven headstones and a memorial need urgent action. We would be grateful if relatives of those with the following surnames contact us asap, so that we can discuss the appropriate options of repair, making safe or removal

BEER, BERK, HUGHES, HUTCHINGS, WATTS, WINTER and WREFORD.

The deadline for action is the end of September, so please pass this information on to anyone you think might know more information. Call Mick on 07712 479476 or email richardsmik1@gmail.com

News from Holy Cross, Crediton



We were delighted to welcome Lay Ministers from across the Diocese to their re-licensing service on 27 July. The Right Revd Moira Astin, Bishop of Crediton conducted the service and presided over Holy Communion – her first opportunity to do so at Holy Cross.

It's the start of a busy time in the run up to Christmas. There's a Craft Fair in the Boniface Centre from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 6 September with over 20 crafters selling a variety of items at a variety of prices. On Saturday 13 September from 10.30am to 3.30pm, there is a Heritage Open Day in Holy Cross church. Attractions include – self-guided church tours; tours of the historic Governors Room; display of vestments; learn about Crediton's Olympic Gold Medallist; display of archive material; DVD to provide accessibility for those with mobility problems. Refreshments and toilets available. Any funds raised on the day will go to the Devon Historic Churches Trust.

Forthcoming musical events include - Thursday 11 September at 7.30pm, St Boniface Concert Society: Magnus Noble (Classical Guitar) with tickets available from ticketsource £15.00 and Sunday 14 September at 3.30pm Crediton Music Endowment Fund concert 'Bach to Broadway' with tickets available from ticketsource £10.00. Both concerts will take place in the church.

We also have some special services coming up - Sunday 7 September at 6pm - Friends of Crediton Church Choral Evensong; Saturday 4 October at 4pm - Pet Service in the churchyard followed by refreshments; Sunday 5 October at 9.30am - Harvest Celebrate at the Centre (informal worship in the Boniface Centre) and at 6pm Harvest Choral Evensong.

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.

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



Services

Sunday 7 September (first Sunday) at 10:30am.

A lay led service of Morning Prayer

Sunday 21 September (third Sunday) at 10:30am.

Priest led service of Holy Communion

Everyone is warmly welcome

Sunday 5 October (first Sunday) at 10:30am, a lay led service of Morning Prayer

Join us for tea or coffee and biscuits after services

Bow sends prayers, love and very best wishes to Rev'd Janet May and to Nigel Fidock

Bow Ringers

At South Brent Ringing Festival, held on 5 July, the Bow team gained a Second certificate at St Mary's Church Diptford and at St Petroc's Church South Brent the Bow team gained another Second certificate. Well done to all Bow Ringers.

On 10 July, at Lapford Revel Ringing competition, the Bow team gained another second place.

Fundraising

Coffee Morning

Gill & Alan Evely and family's Coffee Morning, held on Saturday 19 July, raised a splendid sum of £853 for church funds. The event was well supported. A big thank you to Gill, Alan and family and to everyone who helped towards making the event a success - thank you to the home bakers for the scrumptious cakes on the cake stall and to all the supporters on the day.



Cream Teas



The annual Cream Teas event is being planned, with a **provisional date of Sunday 28 September** from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. at Bow Village Hall. Hosted by Gill and David Nicks.

All proceeds towards St Bartholomew's Church.



Brenda Ware

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Team Vicar North Creedy West

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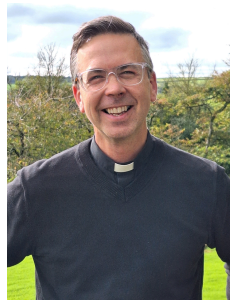
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SAFEGUARDING The North Creedy East with Sandford Mission

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