

Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

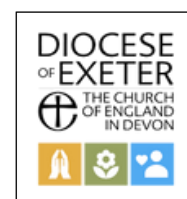
Post

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

October 2025



The Diocese of Exeter
Pray - Grow – Serve



Welcome to the 30th edition of the Hub Post

Prayer, Bible, Church

Since the 1960s, like other parts of the West, the UK has been undergoing a significant shift in our religious identity. We are moving from a view of faith as an expression of national identity, i.e. “I live in a Christian country, I was born here, therefore I am Christian” to considering faith as a practice, i.e. “I read the Bible, I go to Church, I follow Jesus, and I pray, therefore I am a Christian.”

This shift has two key implications. Firstly, it explains why fewer people in recent decades declare themselves Christian in polls and censuses. Secondly, it's prompting people to think more deeply about what it means to be a Christian in a more religiously diverse Britain.

At the time of the 2021 census, we already knew from other surveys that only 6% of the UK population (c. 4,200,000 people) considered their Christian faith as a practice as well as a belief. We could see this anecdotally too. If your community is typical of the national picture then in a village of 100 people, 6 people will be attending church, reading the Bible and praying on a regular basis. In a town of 10,000 then 600 people will be practicing Christians in the same way.

However, things are changing. Richard Dawkins may well be describing himself as a 'cultural Christian' these days, because he values our ancient buildings, and the Christian landscape of our nation, but more people, especially younger people, are considering the Christian faith as their 'belief in practice'. The landscape is changing. 'Cultural Christianity' is not enough for many, and instead faith as 'belief in practice' is on the rise.

Not only are more people finding the person of Jesus utterly compelling, but more people are finding the practices of the Christian faith as offering much needed constancy and reassurance in a world that has felt increasingly fractured and unstable.

For me it is a reminder of how important prayer is in our everyday lives. I wonder if, during this autumn season characterized by nature returning to the earth and our preparation for another harvest year, we should give time to renewing the practices of our Christian faith. Perhaps this is the time to return to our roots in prayer and scripture.

Before Holy Cross in Crediton was a parish church, it was the cathedral church for Devon and Cornwall, a house of worship for all. Before there was a cathedral church there was a monastery in Crediton– a house of prayer. The deepest foundations of our ancient churches are not the stone structures, but the history of people who desired to pray and worship God.

While I am immensely grateful for the privileges of growing up in a country with a Christian heritage and history, being merely a cultural Christian does not excite me, nor does it feel an appropriate response to that rich inheritance I have received. Taking on the practices, habits, and rhythms of those who laid the ground seems far more appropriate. So, this month's article is really about prayer, about reading the Bible, and about going to church. That's it. The more we do it and the more we pledge our lives to Christ, and give God the glory he deserves, the more it will shape our country and our common life for the better.

Revd Jeremy Putnam

What's on

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

Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

Saturday 29th October

10am -12noon

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

St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

Wednesday

8th October

4pm-5.30pm

"God's Harvest"

No need to book,
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!

PCC OF CHERITON FITZPAINE WITH STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH

October Services

St Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine

Sunday 5th October 11.15am

Harvest Festival

Collection for Chat



Wednesday 8th October 4pm

Messy Church

Sunday 12th October 9.30am

Story Sunday

Sunday 19th September 11.15am

Communion

Next service at St Mary's

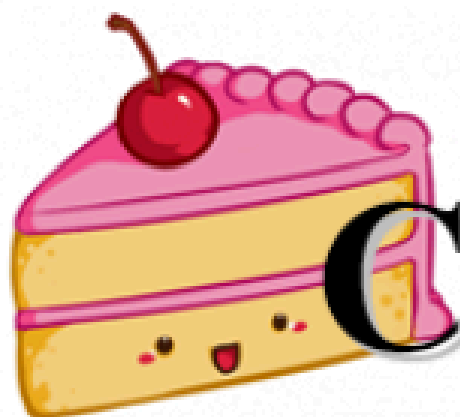
Stockleigh English

Sunday 12th October 4pm

Harvest Festival

Collection for Chat





COFFEE MORNING

**CAKES, PRESERVES AND
BOOKS FOR SALE**

**SATURDAY 29th
OCTOBER**

10.00 – 12.00

**ST MATTHEW'S
CHURCH**



**CONTACT ALICE FOR
DETAILS
01363 866082**



St. Swithun's

Sandford's October Services

**Sunday 5th October 9:30am
Communion**

**Sunday 12th October 9:30am
Communion**

**Sunday 19th October 9:30am
Harvest Festival Service**

**Sunday 26th October 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

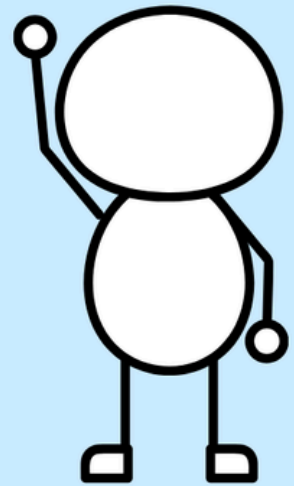
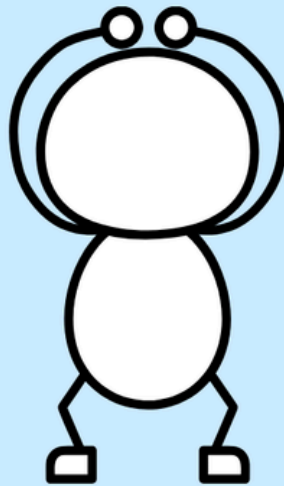
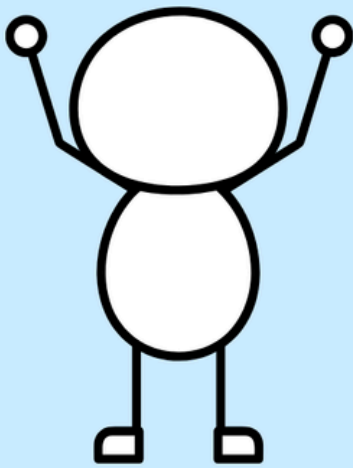
For an initial conversation about the course please contact Diocesan Mission Enabler - Jeremy Putnam 07889 523766

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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**

St Matthew's Church

Harvest Festival

Sunday 5th October



11.15am



*Please come and join us for
an informal celebration
followed by a
Harvest finger buffet lunch*

There will be a collection for CHAT in
Tiverton, who work to support the
homeless and those in need
in mid- Devon



Netherexe Mission Community

A Middle Way for The Middle East?

**A conversation seeking a compassionate
understanding of Israel, Palestine
and the never-ending cycle of violence**

***Wednesday 8th October 2025
Thorverton Memorial Hall
7pm – 9pm***

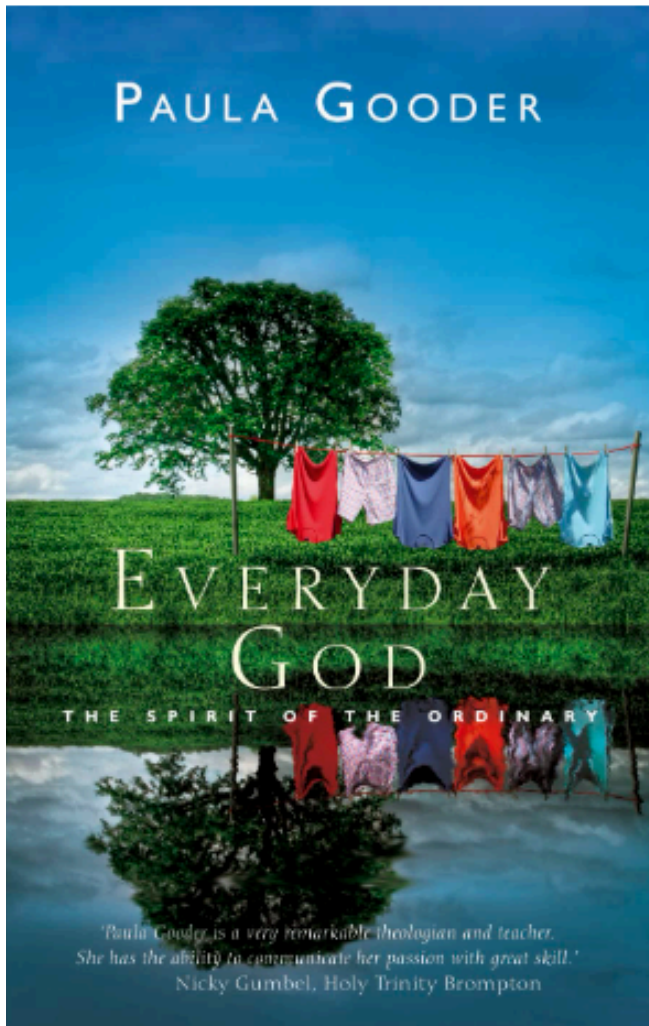
Refreshments available

For more information, please contact

Revd Tim Collins

tim.collins@netherexe.org

Home Groups



**We have started a new
series in our home
groups**

**‘Everyday God’
By Paula Gooder**

**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](tel:01363779363).**



‘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.

 exeter.anglican.org/be-a-governor

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 01392 294950

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HAYNE HOT HOUSE

JAZZ NIGHT



Crediton Parish Church Music Endowment Fund

Wednesday 8th October

Crediton Parish Church

7.30pm

Doors open 6.45pm



£20.00 (Baobab food included) Bar

Tickets & further details

via QR code or from:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/crediton-parish-church-music-endowment-fund/hayne-house-hot-five-gypsy-jazz-with-tim-herniman-and-friends/2025-10-08/19:30/t-zzeaagg>

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.

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.

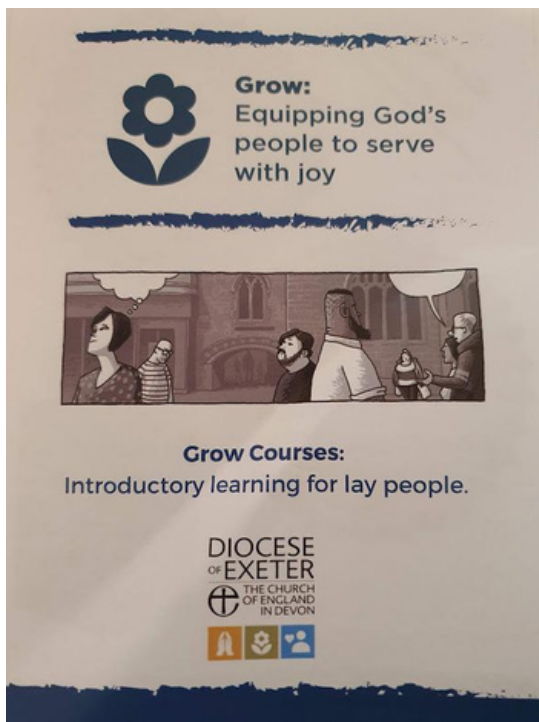
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the
establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice
and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where
all people are treated with dignity and honour as your
children - for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

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 October 2025	5 th October Trinity 16	12 th October Trinity 17	19 th October Trinity 18	26 th October Last after Trinity
Cheriton Fitzpaine St. Matthew's	Harvest Festival 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		Harvest service 6pm	
Poughill St. Michael & All Angels			Communion 9:30am	
Puddington St. Thomas A Becket				
Sandford St. Swithun's	Communion 9:30am	Communion 9:30am	Harvest Festival 9:30am	Communion 9:30am
Stockleigh English St. Mary the Virgin		Harvest Festival 4pm		
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		Harvest Thanksgiving 10:30am		Harvest Tea 4:30pm
Bow	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Harvest Festival 3pm	Communion 10:30am	
Clannaborough				BCP Holy Communion 9:30am

SUNDAY SERVICES ROTA October 2025	5th October Trinity 16	12th October Trinity 17	19th October Trinity 18	26th October Last after Trinity
Coldridge		Morning Prayer 10:30am	Communion 10:30am	
Colebrooke	Communion 11am		Harvest Festival 5pm	
Down St. Mary	Evensong 4pm	Harvest Festival 6pm	Morning Prayer 10am	Morning prayer 10am
Knowle	Communion 10am		Harvest Festival 6pm	
Lapford	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Morning Prayer 9:30am	Communion 9:30am
Morchard Bishop	Harvest Festival 5:30pm (followed by Harvest Supper)	Communion 10:30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am	Morning Prayer 10:30am
Nymet Rowland			BCP Holy Communion 9am	
Zeal Monachorum	Family Service 10am	Communion 6:30pm		Evensong 3pm
Shobrooke		Family Service 11am		Communion 11am
Yeoford		Communion 9:30am	Harvest Festival 11:15am	
Posbury	BCP Holy Communion 11am		BCP Holy Communion 11am	
Crediton	Harvest - 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		

News from around the Team

St Lawrence Chapel

Sunday 12th October, 6pm, Harvest Songs of Praise in aid of UNICEF Yemen Famine Appeal. All welcome.

Harvest at Woolsery

What an amazing and yet difficult year for farmers and growers this year; and what a lot we have to be thankful for, in spite of it all.

On Sunday the 12th of October we shall be doing just that in our Harvest Thanksgiving at Woolsery at 10.30am.. As usual, we shall have a collection of non perishable food for CHAT's food bank. We would love to see you at that service, whether or not you come laden with goodies, but if you can't be there do feel free to leave your gifts in the church for us to take to CHAT in Tiverton.

Harvest Season's greetings to everyone.

Nigel Marshall

News from Holy Cross, CREDITON

There was a rush of events taking place over four weekends at Holy Cross and the Boniface Centre. Whilst the events were raising funds for the CREDITON PCC, they do offer outreach into the local community and other visitors to the church. The craft fair served to support over 20 talented local crafters.

The quiz was won by a family team of two sisters and their husbands. Special mention must also be made of the team that correctly identified 19 out of 20 currencies in use around the world.



The CREDITON Music Endowment Fund was established to promote the study, practice and improvement of music making at Holy Cross. It contributes towards the cost of the music staff and makes grants towards the cost of music lessons for the junior choristers (singing and playing). It raises funds through music events (the most recent being 'Bach to Broadway') and has further events coming up – a jazz evening on Wednesday 8 October and a 'Come and Sing' choral workshop ending with a performance of 'The Armed Man' on Saturday 8 November.

On Saturday 4 October at 4pm, we are holding a short Pet Service to include a blessing in the churchyard (in church if inclement weather) followed by refreshments. If you don't think your pet is suitable to bring, bring a photo! This is also the day on which we remember St Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals. The next day, we celebrate Harvest at each service and end with our Harvest Supper. The proceeds and donations from this go to support the work 'Ripple Effect' (formerly Send a Cow).

Then we can take a short breather before the run-up to Advent and Christmas begins!

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.

Puddington

On Saturday 4th OCTOBER there will be Harvest Thanksgiving Service in our church at 6pm. We hope as many of you as possible will come to celebrate this special time of year and give thanks for the harvest. Any produce will be gratefully received, please leave in the church or the village hall. Unfortunately there won't be the usual Harvest Supper this year but mulled cider and refreshments will be served in the village hall after the service and any produce will be sold to raise much needed funds for our church.

Washford Pyne

St Peter's Harvest Festival is on 12th October 11.15am all are very welcome. Nature has given plenty of fruit to harvest this year, with hedgerows groaning with blackberries and plum, apple and pear boughs weighed down to breaking point - a very fruitful year!

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



The Rev'd Caroline Ralph was warmly welcomed at her first service, of Holy Communion, at St Bartholomew's Church on 17 August.

We send her our very best wishes and hope that she will enjoy her new role.

Services

Sunday 5 October (first Sunday) at 10:30am.

Lay led service of Morning Prayer

Sunday 19 October (third Sunday) at 10:30am.

Priest led service of Holy Communion



HARVEST FESTIVAL Sunday 12 October at 3:00pm



at St Bartholomew's Church

with Rev'd Caroline Ralph

followed by Bring-and-Share Harvest Tea

(All flower and produce arrangers required for this special service, please)

All Welcome

Produce and gifts to be donated to St Petrock's Collection to be donated to Crediton Food Bank

Sunday 2 November (first Sunday) at 10:30am, a lay led service of Morning Prayer

Join us for tea or coffee and biscuits after services

Bow Ringers

Bow ringers maintained their winning (and being placed second!) streak with a First Certificate at the Cathedral of the Moor Rose Bowl Ringing competition, a DAR Centenary Celebration, at St Pancras Church Widecombe in the Moor on 2 August.

Well done to Linda, Autumn, Ewan, James, Ryan and Lee.

On 13 September the Bow team received a Second Certificate at the Tom Wright Ringing Festival held at St Mary's Church, Down St Mary

also on 13 September the Bow Team was awarded a First Certificate in the 6 Bell Ringing competition at St Mary's Church, Morchard Bishop.

Fundraising

As we go to print, CREAM TEAS, are about to be held at Bow Village Hall on Sunday 28 September at 3:00pm

Saturday 29 November CHRISTMAS BINGO will be held at Bow Village Hall. More details next month.

Brenda Ware

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Team Vicar North Creedy West

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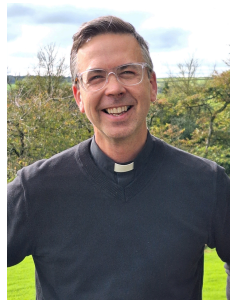
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SAFEGUARDING The North Creedy East with Sandford Mission

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