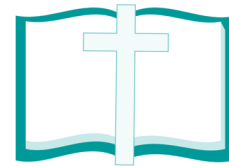


# Three Parishes Churches

## Creech St Michael, Ruishton and Thornfalcon



2nd Newsletter of  
February 2018

### Latest News

Welcome to our second newsletter. If anyone has any items that they think others may be interested in, please send them to the church office email address and I will do my best to include them. Our recent Taizé Service was very well supported and captured the spirit of Taizé. Thank you to all of you that attended.

We were sorry to hear of the recent death of Richard (Dick) Child. Richard used to live in Ham and was a member of Creech Church for many years, before recently moving to Wellington. His funeral will be at 11am on Wednesday 28th February at Creech St Michael Church. All are welcome to attend.

#### Ruishton Children's Choir

We are sorry to announce that the Julie Hembery has stood down from leading the Children's Choir at Ruishton. The choir has therefore been discontinued. We have thanked Julie and accompanist Jane Hempson Brown for all their hard work with the choir and all they have done over the last several months. It has been much appreciated. If anyone would like to step forward to lead the choir, please let Rebecca Harris know.

### Thought For the Day

#### Fairtrade Fortnight 26 Feb – 11 March

What are you doing for Lent this year? Many people try to give something up for Lent, like chocolate, biscuits or sweets. This relates to Jesus' teaching on fasting. However, in the book of Isaiah the prophet says this:

*Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter? (58:6-7).*

During Fairtrade Fortnight we have the opportunity to review how we support Fairtrade. All our three churches are registered as Fairtrade Churches. We use Fairtrade tea, coffee and sometimes biscuits. We have Fairtrade Communion wine. We use Fairtrade products sometimes in the cakes we make and sell etc. Why not take some time over the next few weeks to try some different Fairtrade products and see what they're like? They may be more expensive, but perhaps it's worth it if it means that those in other countries get a fair wage for their work and can afford to feed their families properly and send their children to school.

At our All Age Worship service at Creech next Sunday (4 March) we shall be thinking about this and I hope to have some free samples of products for us to try! Why not come and join us?

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#### Forthcoming Events

**Tuesday 27th February (and every Tuesday morning) from 9.45am - 11.30am**

Coffee Stop coffee morning at Ruishton Church Meeting Rooms

**Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm**

Deanery Synod Meeting at West Monkton Primary School

**Wednesday 28th February at 11am**

Funeral of Richard Child at Creech Church

**Wednesday 28th from 7.30pm—9pm**

Faith Pictures at Creech Meeting Rooms

**Thursday 1st March from 4pm - 5.30pm**

Faith Pictures at Ruishton Meeting Rooms

**Sunday 4th March at 3pm**

Baptism Preparation Session at Creech St Michael Church

**Friday 30th March from 10.30am - 12.30pm**

Messy Church at Creech St Michael Village Hall

### March Services

Date	Creech St Michael Sunday Services 11am	Ruishton Sunday Services 9.30am	Thornfalcon Sunday Services 8.15am
Sunday 4th March	All Age Worship	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th March	Family Holy Communion	Mothering Sunday Service	
Sunday 18th March	Holy Communion	Family Service 11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th March	Lay Worship Assistants Commissioning Service at West Monkton Parish Church 3pm		
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Short service of Holy Communion 9.30am at St Michael's Creech St Michael in Creech Meeting room		
Sunday 25th March	Service of the Word & Baptism	Holy Communion	

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30am on Mondays and Wednesdays at Creech, Tuesdays at Thornfalcon and Thursdays at Ruishton

## **In Our Prayers**

We pray for Richard Child and his family. Richard's funeral will be held at Creech St Michael Church on Wednesday 28th February at 11am.

We also pray for the family of Betty Inson and for all those who mourn for her. We continue to pray for Olivia Tucker who has had her operation and has just come out of hospital.

We also pray for Phyl Powell, John Dean and Joan and Jonny Upham, Peter Teal, Pam Amys, Peggy Cartwright and Betty Greenslade, and for all those sick and housebound.

## **Faith Pictures**

This course started on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and will run for six weeks. It will take place at the Creech meeting room. If anyone would like a lift, please ask. For more information on the course, please see: [www.churcharmy/faithpictures](http://www.churcharmy/faithpictures).

There is also a course running at Ruishton Church Meeting Rooms on Thursdays from 4pm until 5.30pm. This is kindly being run by Jane Hempson Brown. For more information contact Jane on Tel : 01823 442939

## **LENT APPEAL**

You will find in each of our churches a blue appeal envelope.

We are collecting money during Lent in aid of our link in Zambia and also the Lay Ministry.

Please feel free to take one with you and return it with any donations at Easter.

Any donations will be gratefully received.

Thank you.

# Communications Manager

Creech St Michael Baptist Church

Creech St Michael Baptist Church is a fairly large and growing, lively, busy, renewed, evangelical Church in the heart of village life and community. It draws its congregation from Taunton, its villages and surrounding area. It is an all-age church with a big heart for families, changing lives and our communities.

We are seeking an Office and Communications Manager to work with and free up our Ministry Team, organise and administrate church/office life and be at the centre of efficient communication using technology, Church Suite, the web and social media.

Hours: 25 per week

Salary: £14,219 p.a. (£22,750 pro rata) + 12% pension contribution

Information and application pack from [ewen@creechbc.co.uk](mailto:ewen@creechbc.co.uk)

Closing date for applications: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

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## Coffee Stop



Coffee Morning at Ruishton Church  
Meeting Rooms.

Every Tuesday morning from 9.45am - 11.30am.

All welcome to attend.

To find us go through the white gates to the left of the church (other side of road), proceed up the track to the meeting rooms straight in front of you.

## **Deanery Synod Meeting**

### **Deanery Synod Meeting on Tuesday 27th February at West Monkton Primary School at 7.30pm.**

Our next Deanery Synod meeting will take place on Tuesday 27 February at 7.30 pm at the new Church of England Primary school in West Monkton. We have invited the Revd Tina Hodgett to come and speak. Tina is the Team Leader for Evangelism in our Diocese. She is a passionate and engaging speaker and is coming to talk about her work and also help us think about what Pioneer ministry is all about, with a particular reference to how we may reach out to the new housing developments in our area (both in our parishes and in neighbouring Monkton Heathfield). This evening is not just for Deanery Synod representatives, but for everyone, so please come along if you are interested. Rebecca is going and is happy to give people a lift. Please ask if you would like a lift.

The St. Michael's Church



**Coffee Morning  
and Rainbow Café**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
Creech St. Michael Village Hall

**Coffee and stalls 10 a.m. - noon**

Books, Cakes, Nearly New, Jigsaw library & Raffle

**Light lunches noon - 1 p.m.**

Drop in any time and bring your friends.  
Donations of items for the Taunton Foodbank  
will be gratefully accepted at this event.



You are invited to  
**MESSY CHURCH**  
IN MARCH  
All welcome

Creech St. Michael Village Hall  
Friday March 30th (Good Friday) From 10.30am to 12.30pm

All the fun of activities, games, celebration and food. Remember we end with a meal to which everyone is welcome (but we understand if you can't stay)

This is run jointly by our local churches.

Please register at [messychurchatcreech@gmail.com](mailto:messychurchatcreech@gmail.com)  
especially if you have a special diet.

Or just turn up!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

*Messy Church is for all families in our area run by members of the churches of Creech, Ruishton and Thornfalcon*

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