

# The Methodist Church

West Devon Circuit



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Dear Friends

The West Devon Circuit look forward to welcoming you to the Hatherleigh Community Centre where we will be gathering for the District Representative Synod on September 9th.

The Community Centre is situated by the roundabout as you turn off the A386/A3072 into Hatherleigh. The A386 is the main road to Hatherleigh from both south (Tavistock) and north (Great Torrington). If you are approaching from east or west on the A30 you can access the A386 at the Thorndon Cross services or through Okehampton town. For the satnav lovers among you the Community Centre address is Bowling Green Lane, Hatherleigh, EX20 3HB. There is parking for approx. 70 cars at the Community Centre. If required there is a public car park near the Methodist Church. Charges apply and at the time of writing it is £1.90 to park all day. There will be stewards on duty to direct you as necessary.

In Anglo-Saxon times a small town grew up in this place – ‘Heagporn Leah’, the Anglo-Saxon name for a hawthorn glade. Over the centuries the small community expanded and by the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and after one or two name changes, Hatherleigh was a thriving market town. Many remember the busy market days of the 1960s when in one year 162,145 head of stock were sold at Hatherleigh market. The original Methodist Church was built in 1880. The new building opened on the same site in 1983 and whilst the face of the weekly Tuesday market may have changed it still brings people to Hatherleigh from all over the West Devon area and beyond and the coffee morning at the Methodist Church draws people in for a great time of fellowship and conversation.

There is a small Co-Operative store near the Methodist Church (both are a 5-10 minute walk from the Community Centre up an incline) where sandwiches and snacks can be purchased. Tea and coffee will be served at lunchtime at both the Community Centre and the Methodist Church and there will be tea and cake served at the Community Centre at the end of Synod.

So, a warm welcome awaits you and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Every blessing

Liz