



Week commencing Sunday 14th February

Live Sunday Service 10.45 am at Copplestone website <http://www.copplestonechurch.org.uk>.
Catch up on YouTube Copplestone Methodist Church Service

Zoom Prayer & Share Dates:

Sunday 14th February 2021 - with Roy Sambles.

Zoom Bible Study on Daniel:

Sunday 21st February 2021 – Daniel Chapter 4 part 2 with Lee.

Sunday 7th March 2021 – Daniel Chapter 5 with Lee.

From Rev Graham Thompson, District Chairman.

Cuttack Sunday, 14th February 2021

The Plymouth & Exeter District of the Methodist Church has a partnership with the
Diocese of Cuttack in India.

The churches of our District and the Diocese of Cuttack unite in the Spirit and, through prayer and preaching, remember and encourage their partnership.

The Church of North India (CNI) is a united church established in 1970 by bringing together the main Protestant churches working in northern India. 2020 saw their Golden Jubilee year but the celebrations have been postponed or cancelled because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Diocese of Cuttack is situated in Orissa, one of India's seven poorest states. Approximately 2% of the population of Orissa (estimated at 45m) are Christian. It is an area which retains a heavy Baptist influence from the work of the Baptist Missionary Society. The Rt. Revd. Surendra Kumar Nanda is the Bishop of Cuttack.

The Diocese is divided into 4 Pastorate Unions, each comprising a number of Pastorates, around 140 congregations, and an estimated 12,500 communicant members.

The Diocese works with partners to support a number of educational establishments, including 5 Stewart Schools, a Skills Centre at Mohana, and teacher training college, as well as a Christian Hospital at Berhampur.

The area includes the large urban populations of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, the coastal tourist resort of Puri with its historic Hindu temple, as well as numerous fishing communities.

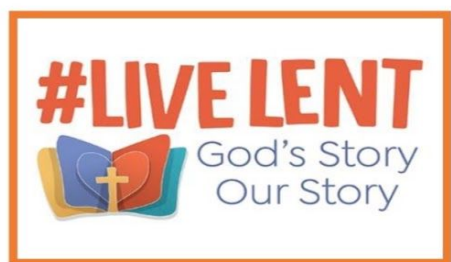
Inland, the area is predominantly rural, mountainous and remote. Between 80-90% of the population in this area is made up of scheduled castes (Dalit) and scheduled tribes (Adivasi).

As partners, we have agreed that the Sunday before Lent will, each year, be an occasion when we will pray for each other and, if possible, preach about unity in Christ.

As in previous years, we are marking our Partnership with the Diocese of Cuttack on the Sunday before Lent.

Please will you join with us on Sunday, 14th February 2021 as we pray for our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Cuttack? They will be praying for us.

The theme for 'Cuttack Sunday 2021' is Treasure in Earthen Vessels focussing on our humanity and the abiding presence of God, particularly in the worst of times. This year a recorded service has been put together. It is 40 minutes long and can be found on YouTube using the following link <https://youtu.be/CfqJp9gyfnA>.



Emmanuel LENT COURSE 2021

We are hoping to run a Zoom Lent course which will concentrate our thoughts as we lead up to Easter.

It was some two years ago that Archbishop Justin Welby invited Dr Hannah Steele to write his 2021 Lent book on the theme of Evangelism.

'God's Story, Our Story' encourages all Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives.

There are 7 sessions in all, the first session is entitled 'The Greatest Story of All Time'. They all explore relevant bible passages; include discussion questions and each week we hear interviews between Hannah Steele and invited guests such as Canon J John and the Archbishop Justin Welby.

Chris Hutchings will be leading us through these sessions and welcomes everyone interested in joining him in this study. A provisional time and date to start the course is being considered depending on numbers. If interested to join, you will need to email Chris before the end of

SUNDAY, 14th FEBRUARY to be included.

Please contact Chris either cpcah@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01363 877259. Many Thanks.

Lent Course: The first session will start on Thursday 18th February 10am. The day of the week could change for other sessions if Thursday isn't convenient for all.

Church Council Meeting – Wednesday 24th February, 7:30pm by Zoom. Please can you email any apologies or discussion items to Angie (angiebrim99@gmail.com). ZOOM link and agenda to follow.

Crediton Foodbank Gaps on the shelves: This week we have run out of rice, rice pudding and tinned fruit and ladies deodorant. We are getting low on: tinned tomatoes, jars of sauces small and large both curries and tomato based pasta sauces, tinned ham, corned beef, sugar and always tinned curries, stews etc are needed.

Leaving gift for John, Judy & Josh - John will officially retire on the 28th February, although will remain in the Manse for a bit longer while they finalise the move to a new home. It would be nice to give the family a financial gift that they can use towards setting up their new home and remember us by. Russell Crang, our circuit treasurer, has kindly agreed to coordinate a collection towards this gift on behalf of the circuit churches. If you wish to donate you can do so by bank transfer or cheque (no cash please). The deadline for this is Sunday 21st February.

The details for online banking are:

Account name : Ringsash Methodist Circuit Sort Code : 60-02-03. Account number : 03917509

So that Russell can apportion please use payment reference : Leaving gift

or Cheques should be made payable to : Ringsash Methodist Circuit

and posted to : Mr Russell Crang, Butsford Barton, Colebrooke, Crediton, Devon, EX17 5DH

April 2019-Dec 2020

NCH Action for Children Lantern appeal raised £162.69 .

A huge thank you to all those who donated to the appeal and to those who saved their loose change.

It was decided at the last church council meeting that Emmanuel would make an annual donation to the charity from church funds.

However, I am aware that some people would still like to continue with their lanterns and I will return them once the national lockdown is lifted. God Bless Samina Polerowicz

The Children, Youth & Families Project Pledge Day is going to be held on Sunday 21st March.
A letter will be circulated prior to this date. Thank you for your continued support with our churches project. Sherrins Annual Review was sent out last week.
Kind regards, Charlotte Squire.

Update from Sherrin

Sunday 14th	off	Sunday 21st	Online Sunday school
Monday 15th	Office/Lighthouse meeting	Monday 22nd	Furlough
Tuesday 16th	Office	Tuesday 23rd	Office
Wednesday 17th	annual leave	Wednesday 24th	MB Church Council
Thursday 18th	annual leave	Thursday 25th	Youth Bible study
Friday 19th	annual leave	Friday 26th	Edge Youth Club
Saturday 20th	Day Off	Saturday 27th	Day Off

I, along with many other parents and children alike, am looking forward to next week as a welcome break from home schooling. I pray that our Children & Young people, along with parents and teachers will enjoy a rest from what has been a busy and stressful half term for all.

It was great to be back with the children from Witheridge School along with some teachers and children joining us from home via Zoom. We talked about perseverance and I used the story from Luke 5, where the perseverance of four friends to get their lame friend to Jesus results in him being healed. The image of perseverance seems so apt at the moment. With many suffering from ‘Covid Fatigue’ it seems an important image as we strive to keep sharing Jesus with our friends and neighbours and even our Church families in such difficult circumstances. May the strong and confident hope we have in Christ sustain us as we persevere until the pandemic is better controlled and we can meet together again.

I was asked to lead collective worship for Morchard Bishop this week, Friday 12th. This was to talk about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent all of which will happen during half-term. I told the story of Jesus temptation and his decision to do what God wanted and not what would have benefited only himself. I talked with the children about the importance of listening to and thinking of others, again very apt as we remain separated from one another to protect one another.

I pray that whatever you will take up or give up during this season of Lent you will draw closer to God through it.

Living Alone in Lockdown

If you are living alone, or even if you’re not, you might find this blog helpful.
www.bit.ly/livingaloneinlockdown It is full of great gospel reminders and positive practical tips to help you keep going through lockdown

Read, Reflect and Pray from Heather Castle Faith

Read: Hebrews 11 v 1 'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see'.

Romans 5 v 1& 2 'Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand'. James 2 v 14 – 18

'What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds'. Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds'.

1 Timothy 4 v 1 'The Spirit clearly says that in latter times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons'.

Ephesians 6 v 16 & 17 'Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God'.

Reflect: Faith is an absolute confidence and assurance in what I hope for. Is that my experience. ? Through faith I'm put right with God (justified) and so I can know peace through Jesus. Do I have that peace ? Faith and deeds go together. My faith must show in how I live and in my concern for others. Is God saying something to me here ? There is always the danger of my faith being attacked. Am I alert to this danger. ? Am I using the shield of faith to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one ?

Pray: Dear Lord, I thank you for the gift of faith - that through Jesus and with faith my sin can be forgiven and I can know peace with God. Help me to work out my faith in daily life by how I live and by my active concern for others. Keep me aware of ways in which the evil one attacks people of faith. Thank you for the shield of faith which I take up now for my protection as I move forward with ever stronger faith . . . because of Jesus. Thank you, Father. Amen.

'No condemnation now I dread;

Jesus and all in Him is mine !

Alive in Him, my living Head,

And clothed in righteousness divine.

Bold I approach the eternal throne,

And claim the crown, through Christ my own. (Charles Wesley)