



**Week commencing Sunday 21st February First Sunday of Lent**

**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 28th February 2021

**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.

**Church Council Meeting**

Wednesday 24th February, 7:30pm by Zoom.

Please can you email any apologies or discussion items to Angie ([angiebrim99@gmail.com](mailto:angiebrim99@gmail.com)).

ZOOM link and agenda to follow.

**Emmanuel Lent Course: Live Lent** : Every Thursday 10 am via zoom. “Gods 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. The sessions explore relevant Bible passages including discussion questions and each week we hear interviews between Hannah Steele and invited guests such as Canon J John and the Archbishop Justin Welby . If you are interested please contact Chris Hutchings [cpcah@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cpcah@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01363877259 to receive the link.

For anyone interested in following the course and unable to attend the sessions the book ‘Living His Story’ by Hannah Steele is available at Amazon and other online bookshops. Free daily can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>

**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

**Audrey Jackson:** Over the past month Audrey has been struggling with her health. She feels that the time has come to move to a care home, and has gone into Hillbrow, 1 Park Street, Crediton EX17 3BS. Please hold her, and her daughter Rachel, in your prayers as they come to this big transition in their lives.

**Crediton Foodbank Gaps on the shelves:** We are getting low on: Tinned ham, corned beef, tomatoes, beef or Irish stew, rice pudding, custard, sweet corn and green beans.

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.

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

**Update from Sherrin**

Sunday 21st	Online Sunday school
Monday 22nd	Furlough
Tuesday 23rd	Office
Wednesday 24th	MB Church Council
Thursday 25th	Youth Bible study
Friday 26th	Edge Youth Club
Saturday 27th	Day Off

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](http://www.bit.ly/livingaloneinlockdown) It is full of great gospel reminders and positive practical tips to help you keep going through lockdown

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7  
  
Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength. Corrie Ten Boom  
  
(From Copplestone Newsletter)

## Read, Reflect and Pray from Heather Castle Lent 1.

We begin to prepare for Easter and our thoughts centre on the Journey Christ took to the Cross for us . . . Here we look at the beginning and at our response.

### Read:

Colossians 1 v 15 – 20 ‘The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood shed on the cross’.

John 1 v 1 – 3 ‘In the beginning was the Word (= Jesus) and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made’. And in Revelation 13 v 8 Jesus is referred to as ‘the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world’.

**Reflect:** God has always been triune, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The whole of God was active in the creation of the universe and all of God has been active ever since. Even before mankind existed God knew that the people He would create with the freedom to make choices would mess things up, both for themselves and for the world around us and that these wrong choices would alienate us from God, so we would need a Saviour to break down the barrier of sin and restore our relationship with God. So Jesus was to be that Saviour, planned from the beginning of time, the ‘Lamb slain from the creation of the world’. I acknowledge that what Christ did on the cross made salvation available to all but I must recognise my personal need of a Saviour to be able to claim His forgiveness for myself. Have I reached that point in my life? Do I know that I am redeemed? If so, praise God and move forward . . . ever onward with Him. If not, wouldn’t this Lent be the perfect time to come to Him in faith and accept what Christ did for me on the Cross? What about my family and friends? Am I concerned for their spiritual welfare and, if so, is God counting on me to gently lead them to Him?

**Pray:** ‘Nothing in my hand I bring, Helpless to Thy cross I cling . . . ‘

Be honest with God. Thank Him for your salvation and ask Him to help you to work it out in your daily life and in your concern for others . . . . . or confess to Him your need of a Saviour and accept for yourself what He made available for all who will turn to Him in penitence and faith. . . . . (If you need help, ask someone from your church or you can phone or message 07802 577256)

