



## Week commencing Sunday 16th May

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

Dear friends at Emmanuel,

By way of a stepping stone back to meeting together again at the chapel, a recorded service from Emmanuel will be broadcast at 11am on Sunday 16th May 2021 on our YouTube Channel – search Emmanuel Methodist Church Morchard Bishop.

It would be really nice if we could all watch this together, but in our own homes for now. So, if you can, grab yourselves a cup of coffee, or tea – or whatever takes your fancy, like we used to (!) and meet together via Zoom for a coffee & chat between 10.30am and 10.59am that morning. We will finish promptly so we can all load up the service on YouTube straight afterwards. A Zoom invitation will be sent out for you to join the coffee & chat session beforehand. It would be so encouraging to see as many faces as possible as we work our way back to resuming services in July and worshipping together again. The service will still be available on YouTube after this if you can't make it but we do hope you can.

Our thanks to the worship group and Jordan & Bethany for putting this together for us and thank you everyone for your continuing prayers and support.  
We look forward to seeing you soon.

With our love,

Emmanuel Leaders & Stewards

### Dates:

- Sunday 16th May service from Emmanuel 11am with Ian Pinhey and our worship group only, in the building. Accessible on YouTube
- Sunday 23rd & 30th May, also Sunday 6th, 13th & 27th June 2021 – the church will be open for quiet prayer and reflection. Stewards will be in attendance and all government advice will need to be adhered to, including the wearing of face coverings.
- Sunday 20th June – service from Emmanuel at 11am with our worship group only, in the building. Accessible on YouTube
- Sunday 4th July – first service back with the congregation at Emmanuel, providing the Government roadmap is going as planned and restrictions are lifted.

### Foundations in Christian Ministry Training Course

If you would like to go deeper in your Christian faith and learn more about how you can play your part in the life of the church then this is the course for you! The course is run by the South West Ministry Training Course and will be held over seven Saturdays from September 2021. It also offers a great opportunity to meet other people and be part of a learning community in which to explore your calling. Although run by an Anglican organisation with most of the students from the C of E, it is still a worthwhile, challenging and stretching experience. Particularly relevant for those who are considering a call to Christian ministry and thinking of candidating for the ministry. Here is the website link for more information and/or to apply: <https://swmtc.org.uk/study/foundations-in-christian-ministry/>

### Thank You

The Childrens' Youth and Families Worker Committee would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for the donations/pledges that have been received. A total of £20960 was raised for the year 2021.

### Wanted

CR2EE We are delighted to say our Store in Exmouth will resume opening on the FIRST Wednesday and THIRD Saturday of the month.

If you have any clothing, bedding (accept duvets but not pillows), newly knitted blankets or babies clothes, or secondhand toys that you know longer want we are accepting them to take to Moldova.

With the relaxation of the Covid restrictions we are now able to open our store at The Acorn Kindergarten, 3 Spiders Lane, Exmouth. EX8 5NE. On the first Wednesdays we will be open between 1:00am and 03:00pm and on the third Saturdays between 10:00am and 01:00pm.

**Update: Please let me know if you have anything you wish to donate so a delivery to Exmouth can be organised from here in the next couple of months. Helena 877434 csykes162@btinternet.com**

### Wanted

I am making blankets for Moldavia & if any one has any Double Knitting scraps I could use, please keep them & bring them to our reopening Service, hopefully!!, on the 4th July for me it would be great! Thank you Elizabeth Bamfield.

**Crediton Foodbank Gaps on the shelves:** We are in need of toilet rolls, sweetcorn, fruit juice, squash and meatballs, tinned green beans. Thank you Chris Parsons

### One Day Holiday Club, Summer 2021!

Witheridge; Wednesday 1st September.  
Morchard Bishop; Friday 3rd September.

Both days will run 10am-3pm with the possibility of an Evening event for families.

Please prayerfully consider if you can help for one or both of the days. These events can only go ahead if we have support from volunteers.

Any questions please contact Sherrin.

You can let us know your availability by completing our Doodle Poll, just follow the link – [https://doodle.com/poll/9i26cx45ewdh79sb?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/9i26cx45ewdh79sb?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)



### Sale of face masks for Nayamba School

We have reached £8000 from the sale of face masks. Thank you to all who have purchased them and supported the school in various ways from sewing, donating fabric etc. This is how the money is being used at the school.

### Sherrins Update

Sun 16th	Day off
Mon 17th	Prep for MB worship/MB worship /Youth Bible Study
Tues 18th	Chulmleigh Community College
Wed 19th	MB Toddler Group/weekly update/Governors Meeting
Thurs 20th	Visiting Church Members * / Line Management
Fri 21st	Visiting Church Members */MB Worship
Sat 22nd	Day Off

\* Dependant on weather

- It was great to be back with the children at MB Light Club on Sunday.
- Following my meeting at Chumleigh Community College last week I am pleased to let you know that I will now be in the college every Tuesday. I am looking forward to supporting children in lessons and also doing some mentoring. Hopefully lunch clubs can return in September.
- I enjoyed the opportunity to reflect and think about the rest of the year as part of the SWYM professional day on Tuesday. There were 3 different sessions that I took part in 'live' and I am also looking forward to watching the recordings of the sessions I couldn't attend.
- Wednesday began with the re-opening of the toddler group in Morchard Bishop. We had 4 mums and 6 little girls and I hope that this work will grow as people discover it is back open.
- Next Week:
- If the weather allows I hope to spend some time visiting church members to say hi!
- Witheridge teachers are meeting today (12th) and so I hope they will make decisions on when I can be back in school with them

### Prayer Points:

- Please continue to pray for the Lighthouse plans in August.
- Please pray that I will be able to be back in Witheridge School face-to-face soon.
- Please pray for me on Tuesday as I go in to Chulmleigh College.
- Pray for those in years 5&6 as we meet for Bible study on Friday.
- Pray for Edge as we plan our first face-to-face session on 28th May.

**Read:** Acts 9:3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

<sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

<sup>7</sup> The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.

**Reflect:**

In the science fiction classic, *Day Of The Triffids*, almost the entire world population is struck blind, and society collapses. We can learn to cope, of course, but at least at first the loss of agency is crippling. Suddenly our other senses have to work overtime, especially our touch, and our hands take a whole new role. Saul (later Paul) had to be led by the hand, and then in his blindness he'd have to feel for his food, his drink, his clothes, his bed, the doorway, and on and on. This didn't have to be, God willed it so. What do we think was the lesson Jesus wanted Saul to learn in his blindness?

Paul was a tentmaker, skilled with his hands. Now he was learning new skills; cut off from his old life by blindness, he was being "softened up" in preparation for his new role. When life takes an unexpected turn, as with the pandemic, do we just fight it and hope things will return to normal, or do we look for the hand of God in the changes? Are we being nudged to something new?

**Pray:**

When I am a child,  
I hold my mother's hand.  
When I am young,  
I hold my sweetheart's hand.  
When I am a parent,  
I hold my child's hand.  
When I am old,  
I hold my carer's hand.  
My hands connect me to my world.

What else are my hands for?  
To change the world,  
    to shape it by my craft,  
To fashion something beautiful or plain,  
To make my mark  
    and show life's not in vain.

But without sight these purposes are lost,  
And to go on I need another's eyes.  
At first a hand to guide me  
    to the city's gate,  
and then more hands to see me safe and well.

But now O Jesus I need more,  
for I no longer see the world so clear.  
I need your eyes to guide,  
and being so guided,  
My hands will truly do your work,  
to change the world,  
    to shape it by your love,  
to fashion people, beautiful or plain,  
To make your mark  
    and make your glory plain.

## NAYAMBA TRADE CENTRE

It has been a very busy few months for the NTC. Our first real commercial success came in the run up to Christmas, when we sold our first big batch of woven stock. Our beautiful blankets, rugs and cushions flew off the shelves at Christmas markets and fairs. We are building relationships with various shops, boutiques and co-operatives within Zambia to create regular sales outlets for our products, as we continue to refine our skills and our design and manufacture capabilities.



Watch this space for how we continue to grow.

Our original trainees have gained sufficient experience and skills to begin working as weavers for the trade centre, as well as supporting and guiding our new young apprentices, who are teenage mothers and vulnerable girls with additional needs. Four of them started in January and are learning to sew, weave and dye, as well as continuing their education with our wraparound skills programme.



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## OUR TEACHERS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP

Nayamba School teachers pride themselves on their excellent continuing professional development opportunities and the senior leadership team have an expectation that their teachers see themselves as lifelong learners. This term they have been recapping and reviewing their main professional learning from last year – primarily for the benefit of the new team members but also because it does everyone good to refresh their skills!

They have been particularly focusing on how to engage all learners in every lessons – especially in deeper learning – and also using the community and local environment to enrich the provision.

They continue to partner with Teach2030 – a CPD initiative provided through the Commonwealth Education Trust – and all the teachers are just embarking on a new online training programme to improve their digital skills.

# EXAM RESULTS



Our grade 7s and 9s sat their public examinations before Christmas and we are pleased to have received a good set of results – especially given the upheaval of 2020! Our thanks go to the teachers in our secondary section and to our grade 7 teacher – although we all know that when children do well in their end of school exams, it is down not only to their teachers in that current year but to the teaching and guidance they have received throughout their school journey. Many of our students worked extremely hard



during a particularly challenging year, and they deserve their good results.

Congratulations to those grade 9s who have managed to go on to grade 10 in other schools.

We would like to make special mention of two of our grade 7 students, Sylvia Mweetwa and Eneless Mudenda, who overcame particularly challenging circumstances this year to do well in their exams. They are proof that a positive attitude and a commitment to education can carry you through!