



Week commencing Sunday 11th July

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

Dates:

- Sunday 11th & 18th July – 11am Live Service. Please contact Sally to book your seat. s.hurst115@btinternet.com

Audrey Jackson's Memorial Service has been postponed on the 24th July due to the rising cases in Covid. A further date will be announced later in the year.

The chapel are doing the barbecue for the village fair on August 7th, any help appreciated. We will also be putting up the new marquees couple of days before weather permitting but date to be confirmed. Terry Nott



Emmanuel coffee mornings will resume on Tuesday 20th July 10-11-30 meeting outside the chapel under a gazebo, hopefully in a COVID safe environment . Please come along if you can and pass the good news on to others especially to the newcomers in the village. Carol H

☕☕☕ Help with Coffee ☕☕☕

We will be having coffee / tea each Sunday from 10.30 prior to our services. It would be helpful to have 2 pairs of hands each week to help with this. If you have helped before and/or are happy to do so in the future, please let me know. Thank you. Sally s.hurst115@btinternet.com

VACANCIES:

Data Projector Operator. To take a turn on the rota, once a month.

PA Operator. To help with sound at practises and once or twice a month on a Sunday morning.

Church Treasurer.

Please speak to a Leader or Steward if you feel you can help in any way. Thank you.

Crediton Foodbank Gaps on the shelves: We need (in order or urgency!): Coffee, Fruit juice, Pasta sauces (not curries), Tinned tomatoes, Shower gel, Corned beef, Tinned pears. Thank you Chris Parsons

Sherrins Update

- This week I have been feeling much better and it has been a productive time, thank you for your prayers.
- Back in Chulmleigh this week. It was nice to be back with the young people again and helping students in classes where their usual teacher was absent. Please pray for her as she continues to recover.
- Following our Lighthouse meeting the booking form is now live on the website and so I am getting excited at people booking in.

Prayer Points:

- Continue to pray for children and teachers as the end of term approaches.
- Pray that Lighthouse preparations will go well and children will start to be booked in.

Sun 11th	MB Light Club
Mon 12th	MB Worship prep/worship at MB/ Youth Bible Syudy
Tues 13th	Chumleigh
Wed 14th	MB Toddler Group/weekly update / induction of Saint Mary’s vicar
Thurs 15th	MB transition session prep /Witheridge flower display delivery
Fri 16th	PHSE at MB/year six transition and MB Worship Year 5/6 group
Sat 17th	Witheridge flower display



Part-time Administrator Required
8h per week (average) at £9.50 to £12ph based on experience

The Ringsash Methodist Circuit (comprising the Methodist chapels in Morchard Bishop, Black Dog, Witheridge and Copplestone) are looking to appoint a part-time administrator who can work alongside the minister and other church members to ensure the smooth running of the circuit.

If you’re an excellent organiser, enjoy working with a varied team as well as on your own, are looking for a few hours paid work a week that you can fit around everything else in your life and, are accepting of the beliefs and customs of the Christian faith, this could be the role for you!

We are looking for someone who can

- assist in administrative and clerical tasks (production of schedules, taking of minutes, writing of letters etc.)
- keep the circuit updated with what’s going on through the production of regular newsletters
- assist the Circuit Treasurer with basic accounts prep
- be flexible and enjoy taking on new problems and challenges

The circuit office is located at the Methodist Chapel in Morchard Bishop so you will need to spend some time there but there is also the option to work from home.

For more information and for an application form, job description and person specification, please contact Andy Cooper (01884 860698, andymcooper@outlook.com)

Closing date for applications is midnight on 16th July 2021

Moldova Update

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We mentioned in our last news sheet, thanks to the immense effort of our wonderful supporters, we have a mountain of very good quality clothing, medical aids etc, in our store and subsequently we are preparing to dispatch out next Humanitarian Aid Truck to Moldova.

Daily we receive many messages from Moldova, some very distressing explaining their desperate situation, and others with more encouraging news. It is agonising not being able to go to Moldova and visiting our Soup Kitchens, families and our other projects. We are very keen to go as soon as circumstances allow but in the meantime our truck will be eagerly awaited.

The remedial work and extension to our Soup Kitchen in Chiperceni continues but inflation is taking its toll. The price of raw materials has rocketed, to give an example, we want to pave an area outside the building and last year this would have cost 55 lei a metre but today costs double, 120 lei per square metre. This is playing havoc with our budgeting.



The fear of the Covid vaccination in Moldova is very disappointing as the scepticism remains strong, so many still believe this is all a big conspiracy. This cynicism will undoubtedly delay recovery and the end of restrictions in Moldova. Many are waiting to see what happens to those who have had the vaccine before having it themselves.

A number of families earn money by picking and shelling walnuts but this year the price is very low, about 2 lei per kilo, that's about ten pence! It takes a lot of work to pick and shell walnuts. This is very distressing for those who rely each year on this income. Prices for clothing is very much the same as here. To compound their problems most food is increasing in price. For example, in the past year fish has doubled in price, cheese from 30 lei to 50 and cherries were 10 lei but now 25.

Families in villages largely survive on the produce from the fields and their garden. Hours are spent tending the crops but sadly in June torrential rain and strong winds destroyed so much. We have said many times how depressing it is for those who have worked so hard to see their crops being destroyed by rain and flood; looking on helplessly, just praying something will survive the storm. The heavy rain in June on the one hand has made everything green but too much rain spoils the fruit and crops which will make things far more expensive.

A truck with clothing and bedding will be go to Moldova in the next week or so. They will start collecting Good Quality clothing from the 19th of July. Watch this space for details of when Carol and Chris want items to take to Exmouth. Helena



Job Vacancy for a Coordinator & Community Support Worker

Part time: 16 hours (flexible but to include Foodbank opening hours Tues /Fri a.m.)

Salary: £21,736 pro rata, (£11 per hour) (plus contributory pension scheme. 3year fixed term contract)

Base: Crediton Foodbank, Crediton Congregational Church, 98 High St, Crediton EX17 3LF

Closing Date: 25.7.21 Please email creditonfoodbank@gmail.com for job description and person specification.

Read, Reflect and Pray Heather Castle. Prologue to John's Gospel 6

Read: John 1 v 14 'The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His Glory, the Glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth'.

2 Peter 1 v 16 – 18 'For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye witnesses of His majesty. He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased". We ourselves heard this voice that came from Heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain.

John 8 v 54 'My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me'.

Hebrews 1 v 3 'The Son is the radiance of God's Glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word'.

Reflect: Ponder long on John 1 v 14. It is one of the most amazing and significant statements ever made. It is the heart and climax of the Gospel. The Word, the expression of the mind of God became flesh. The word translated 'flesh' means more than just a body. It means body and soul. Jesus took on Himself the whole of human nature and because He was God, the human and divine were combined in one person. This was necessary if He were to die to be our Saviour. Ponder, too, 'made His dwelling among us' literally, 'pitched His tent' ! this would have great significance for those who knew the Jewish scriptures. There were instances where God's people of old had seen the shekinah – God's glory. (Read Exodus 33 v 18 – 23) Sometimes God's glory was revealed in the Tabernacle (tent of meeting and worship). Now, John was saying, in Christ, God's glory has been revealed for all. Have I ever just glimpsed God's glory? How has he revealed it to me? Am I looking for it? One day I shall see it fully in heaven, the glory, the radiance of God. Finally in this amazing verse, we are told that Jesus who became flesh, who pitched His tent among us, who revealed God's glory, is full of Grace and Truth. . . . Grace, the love that seeks the lost; truth, righteousness in every detail. Neither of these can stand alone. There is no grace without truth and no truth without grace. If we get the balance wrong we could be loving without principles or right without a loving spirit. In Jesus we see the perfect balance. I need Him to help me find that balance in my life. John's Gospel will show me the way

Pray: 'O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on High, O truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky. We praise Thee for the radiance, That from the hallowed page, A lantern for our footsteps, Shines on from age to age'. (William Walsham How)

Father, as I read your written word, may I encounter Jesus, the Living Word and, in Him, by the power of your Spirit, may I catch a glimpse of your Glory, a foretaste of what I will experience one day when you call me home. Then, while here on earth, help me to live a life of perfectly balanced Grace and Truth. Amen.