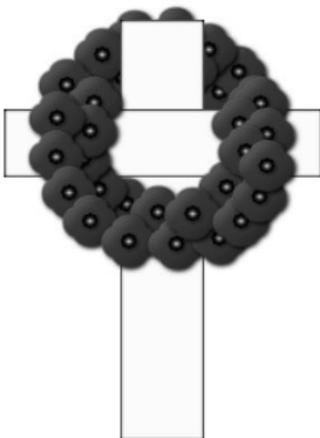


New Horizons

NOVEMBER 2017



LEST WE FORGET

THE CORNERSTONE



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WORSHIP AND ACTION

Sunday 10.30 am **Morning Worship** and Junior Church.
Holy Communion is celebrated during
Worship on the 4th Sunday

FAIRTRADE Coffee and tea is served after Morning Worship

Please stay to talk with each other in an informal atmosphere.

Sunday 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** will be held, and Holy
Communion celebrated, as set out in the
monthly magazine and as announced in Church.

Church Meetings are generally held in alternate months on the
third Thursday at 7.30 pm. The dates and times will be published in
this magazine and announced in Church.

Tues 10.00 am 1 hour's Prayer for fellowship.
 10.00 am Tea and Coffee in the Foyer
 11.30 am "Cornerstone Crafters" with lunch
 (1st and 3rd Tuesdays or as announced)
 2.30 pm Christian Forum (2nd and 4th Tuesdays)
 4.00 pm Messy Church First Tuesday in the month

Wed 9.30 am Cornerstone Toddlers during Term Time
 5.45 pm Pilots. Ends at about 7.00 pm.

Thurs 6.00 pm Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts
 7.45-9.15 Scouts
 7.30 pm Elders' Meeting (1st Thursday)

Fri 7.45 pm Church Music Practice

Little Turtles Pre-School meets on Monday to Friday from 9.00 am
during term time. Please see one of the Junior Church Leaders for
details.

Prayers for our Fellowship and those we know

Prayers can be for joy and sorrow, health and sickness, good news and bad in addition to those for our own needs and guidance.

We keep in our prayers all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one, give them your peace Lord and the knowledge that family and friends are there for them to lean on when life is difficult. We especially think of Sheila Taylor and family as they mourn the loss of Teddy.



Our prayers are with our Minister Sohail as he visits his parents and relatives in Pakistan.

There are many who find it difficult to get to Worship week by week and we think especially of Hilda Burgess, Ann Cassells, Pat Goodhew, Rena Hume and Hilda Prior. We pray for those who are ill, in constant pain, recovering and awaiting treatment:

Ann Blackwell, Florrie Bond, Ann & Vic Crowhurst, Roy Davis, Jan Fox, Olive Goodyear, Peter Hunt and Margaret King.

We also pray for those of our fellowship who are finding life difficult at the present time either with health, job or family worries. Give them peace of spirit and the knowledge that God knows of all their difficulties and hears all of their prayers.

Father, hear our prayers
Amen

Please feel free to use the Prayer Book placed on the Prayer Table, in the Foyer, to write down any names or events you want to be prayed for during the Service.



Do make use of our prayer cards, whether to give thanks or to request prayers in specific need. You may remain anonymous if you wish. There is a collection box on the

prayer table in the foyer. Requests will be prayed over at the Tuesday prayer group and other appropriate times.

For prayers during Sunday Service, please continue to use the prayer book on the table.

Sir Teddy Taylor 1937 - 2017

Over five hundred people said farewell to Teddy at the service at St Mary's Church that was led by our own Minister, Rev. Sohail Ejaz. Our own organists, Clive and Nigel provided the music and The Bach Choir sang "The Lord bless you and keep you".

It was a celebration of his life and the theme running through all of the tributes was his selfless devotion to others in both his constituency work and his personal life.



Three tributes came from politicians who spoke of his progression from a member of Glasgow City Council to that of a well-respected MP and a Knight of the Realm who understood people and was generous in his time with them. Even after he retired as an

MP he continued to serve the locality in many different ways.

His children John, George and Louise then paid glowing tributes to him as a loving father and family man. He was always busy but still found time to play with his children and grandchildren despite the stream of callers, incessant ringing of the phone and a mountain of correspondence. Sheila was always there to support him, not just by being at his side but always helping with his constituency work.

We, at The Cornerstone, knew Teddy in other ways. Always ready to offer a view, a wry sense of humour and always ready to listen to those who wished to discuss his strongly held views even though we might not agree with him.

Oh that Parliament can find another one like him!

Prayers for people and matters outside of our fellowship

Please pray for those areas of the world where there is political unrest. We think of Kenya where elections are being boycotted and there is no effective opposition. We remember Spain where the Catalan Government has been suspended and the national government struggles to take over the running of the region.

We pray that reason and compromise may come together for the good of all people regardless of race or religion.

The Old Woman On The Beach



The children were having a fun day on the beach, jumping in the water, building sand castles, playing games with Joey, the family dog.

In the distance an old woman appeared. Her tangle of grey hair fluttered in the breeze; her clothes were tattered rags; she muttered to herself as she bent down every now and then to pick up God-knows-what from the sand then push it into her shopping bag. As the old woman approached, the parents instinctively moved towards their children, quietly telling them to stay away from the strange woman on the beach. As she passed by, the old woman smiled at the family, but the smile was not returned.

After they left the beach, the father asked some of the locals about the 'strange' old lady who had intruded on their day.

"Oh, that's Maggie" he was told. "She's a kind old soul. Every morning she walks along the beach picking up bits of glass or sharp stones so children won't cut their feet."

So often we can judge people according to our own very dubious standards of what (and who) is good. The externals of dress, speech etc. fail to take into account the true measure of an individual's worth; the love that is rooted in the human heart.

Jesus calls us to look beyond labels like ‘tax collector’, ‘strange old lady,’ and see the holiness and goodness that exist in every person, who is like each one of us, a child of God!

Prayer:-

Come Lord, and make your dwelling place within our hearts. Let your light illuminate our eyes to all beyond externals and see you in one another. Let your Spirit within us encourage us to become mirrors of your justice and compassion, transforming our lives and communities and world into your reign of peace.

Amen.

Yes, it is that time again!

Each year we remind you that there are several ways you can send your personal Christmas greetings to your friends at The Cornerstone.

Some of us continue to use Royal Mail but most of us use differing ways that are more friendly to the planet and benefit the church as well. Please do not forget to ask for the religious Christmas stamps at the Post Office



The post box will again be available in December for you to drop off your cards for people in The Cornerstone to pick up but, unfortunately, we cannot offer a delivery service. If you feel it appropriate, then a donation to reflect the saving in postage will be really appreciated by our Treasurer.

An even more eco-friendly way is to add your name to our group Christmas card that will appear in the December New Horizons and also on a display board in the Foyer. Not only will you save on postage but also on the number of trees that are used in the production of cards and envelopes. If you wish to take up this option then please speak to Anne Clarke or Michael Wardle. Again, any donations gratefully received.

And some of us use all three methods!

Your Editors



SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

First of all, Frank thanks everyone for their birthday greetings. He had more cards this year than ever before! Our daughter had arranged a weekend of surprises, including a trip to the RAF Museum at Hendon, and a meet up with some of his ex-RAF colleagues, culminating in a family dinner at a posh restaurant, all of which Frank thoroughly enjoyed. This did mean I had to miss the autumn Synod, but I am sure Mary will be making a report soon.

At the end of September, we had a very enjoyable harvest supper of fish and chips followed by "Good Old Days" style entertainment. Thanks are due to Roger Brett for putting this together, and to everyone who took part.

Messy Church on 3rd October explored the need to be ready for Jesus, who may come again at any time; the main story was the parable of the ten virgins (or bridesmaids as MC preferred to call them) and yes those shapes were oil lamps not tea pots!

Our Minister led our service on 1st October, and we said our goodbyes to Claire Otasowie, who has gone to Oxford to study medicine. The same day we welcomed Tina and Tony Ryan and family, to renew their wedding vows for the occasion of their 40th Anniversary. The following Sunday, again led by Sohail, we were delighted to have with us members of the beaver and cub scout groups; although it was not a formal church parade, there had been a sleepover and attending church was part of it. a bumper Junior Church that morning.

On 15th October, Linda Mead led our worship, the annual commitment for life service, and shared a little of the current situation in Zimbabwe. If you have not yet returned your gift envelope, please do so as soon as possible. The following Sunday, Machrina led the service (with Sohail taking the communion), reminding us of the story of Moses and his obedience to God. The final service of the month was led by Robert Wiseman.

Also last month I spent a couple of days at the Christian Resources Exhibition which has returned to Sandown Park. There were two very engaging sessions with the Messy Church team, the benefits of which we will no doubt experience over the coming months, and I have picked up a lot of other information too. I will be away at the URC Mission Council from 6-9 November. The last time Council was at The Hayes, Swanwick, the internet was a bit hit and miss, so I may not be able to respond to emails with my customary speed!

At our church meeting on 23rd November we will elect Elders to serve the church for a three year period starting 1st January 2018. The deadline for submission of this article does not allow for the nominees to be named here, so please listen out to the notices during November, and do your best to attend this important church meeting.

We are in the process of 'putting the garden to bed' for winter, and I have just ordered the Advent Calendars to distribute to our children's groups. It hardly seems possible that Christmas is fast approaching and next month we will be singing carols!

Blessings
Ruth Dixon



I am sure we would like to thank Ruth for the bountiful 'fruits of her garden' that we find week by week for us to buy. Personally, I just love the tayberry/blackberry & apple jam - absolutely delicious.

Ed - Anne C.

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks to everyone at The Cornerstone family who helped me celebrate my recent 70th Birthday in such style! Your cards, good wishes, gifts and charity donations were very gratefully received!



Also the presentation of the "Musical Mug" during the church service was much appreciated, and being used to keep my drinks warm!

A magnificent sum of £342 was raised and will be divided between St. Mungo's and the Lekkerwater School, Zimbabwe.

God's blessing,
Nigel

Harvest Festival

Meal and Entertainment - A vote of Thanks

At the end of September we held our Harvest Festival Food and Music Extravaganza which was, as usual Exhilarating/Excruating (delete word of choice).

But I do need to give out some words of thanks. So thanks to:

- Wendy for helping lay out all of the tables
- Kingfisher for providing the Cod/Chicken and Chips. I have been down there to thank them personally and they were interested in how the evening went.
- Val H and Wendy (again) for providing the sweet. Val just came up and offered so even more thanks there.
- Val M for tea and coffee
- Everyone who assisted in clearing and putting away the tables, washing up and clearing the Foyer ready for Sunday morning.

As for the show, thanks to:

- Jacqui for a wonderful miscellany of words for the introduction

- Nigel and Clive for the live music
- Derek for the IT and programmes
- John, Graham, Chris and a rogue Vicar for the live entertainment with fairly good support for such luminaries as Morcambe and Wise, Hinge and Bracket, Wilson Keppel and Betty, Victoria Wood and many more.
- And to Sohail for closing.
- Yet again thanks to all who worked to dismantle the stage and other items to get the Worship area ready for Sunday.
- And a special thanks to Frank D. for setting up the stage in the first place.

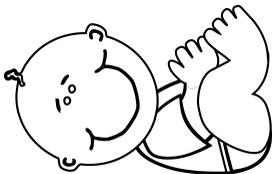
But thanks go chiefly to yourselves for taking part. Many people have come up to me and said they enjoyed the evening, which makes it all worthwhile.

Finally we made a slight profit of £145, which the Elders agreed would be added to a small sum of money which Sohail will be taking to Soul Winning Church of about 12 families in a village Francisabad near Gujranwala Punjab on his visit to Pakistan this month.

For those of you who also talked about 'next year' would you please talk to Management.

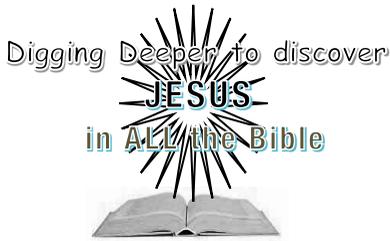
PS. I have a Vicar's costume for rent

Roger



CONGRATULATIONS

to Shelby and Warren Pires on the birth of their baby son, Carter, born on the 19th October. A gorgeous grandson for Tina and Tony Ryan.



Just a gentle reminder that Digging Deeper is still happening!

We missed some of you as we have been fruitfully going through God's relationship with the Human Race from Adam to Jesus.

On 16 November, Sohail, will lead the final one in the series, 5. Resurrection Glory! - God's dwelling place is now among the people. [Where there is no more sea!].

We meet at 7.15 for tea and a chat with a prompt start at 7.30 to 9.00 pm, at the latest.

If you have missed one, some or all of what has gone before, no matter; this last one, the climax, is the Christians' joyous hope and stands alone in many ways. You can't miss out on a joyful looking forward to the bliss of where all God's people will spend a glorious eternity!

We recommence after the Advent/Christmas break in the New Year on the Thursday 18 January 2018! See you there.

Sohail, Victor, Robert and Peter

News from the Forum

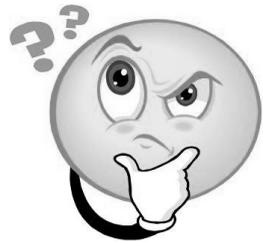
This month has been a very interesting one at the Forum with two exceptional afternoons, which everyone present enjoyed. On October 10th Bob Delgarno came along and gave us an illustrated talk on Southchurch as it was in the early twentieth century and then in the 1950's and 1960's. It was of particular interest to those of our number who have lived in the area all their lives, as they saw their childhood and early years of growing up there in front of their eyes.

The schools and playgrounds of their youth often now used for completely different purposes. Bob took us on a journey around the old farmsteads and roads, the trams and their routes, and where garages and milk depots

had been in the past. He also showed us where the old sea water baths were, and where the Beaker men had lived thousands of years ago. There will be more to come in a future talk maybe even a film about Southend as we knew it. Watch this space as they say.

Quite a different afternoon on the 24th when Robert Wiseman came along to tell us more about his life outside the working day. Robert now works part time in the college in Chelmsford and devotes a large part of his "Free time" to being a judge at shows for the flower growing sections usually . But he has had to judge everything from wooden toys to cakes, flower arranging to crafts, if called upon. This judging only becomes possible after hours of study and exams and Robert brought along a case which contains all the various Rule Books which lay down the regulations which have to be followed assiduously during the judging process.

Will the apple sit on top of the designated ring or fall through? Has the tomato still got its calyx? Robert told us of one occasion when a competitor had superglued the calyx back onto his/ her entry to try to fool the judges. This judge was not caught out ! Did you know that a gladiolus flower, to pass muster, has to have five open blooms, four showing colour and the rest in tight bud? Or how many sizes there are for a dahlias head to be, anything between 50 mm and 250 mm. that last one seemed huge. Each measured through a plastic ring. Our thanks to Bob and Robert for two fascinating afternoons.



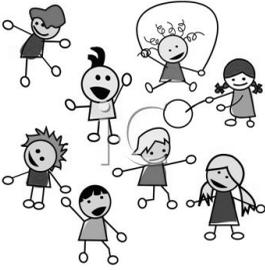
A presentation was made to Andy in recognition of his years as our treasurer and he tells me he is looking forward to a browse along the bookshelves later.

Next month we have visits from John Wootton to try to teach us some more Origami (good luck John!) and later in the month Derek Kingston will be speaking to us.

Finally, on the 8th of December, we will be having our Christmas Lunch and this year it will in the Foyer of the Centre and be cooked on the premises for us by Richard, the chef who has done so for many years at Shoebury Friars Centre. The cost will be £12, and everyone is welcome to join us. Book your place by seeing Sandra Milbourn and paying your money, there is no limit to numbers as we have our own space, Richard will need the numbers at the end of November.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and maybe for the lunch.

Alison Shannon



The Cornerstone Toddlers News Autumn 2017

The last two months have been very busy for the Cornerstone Toddlers. In September we said goodbye to a number of the older children, who were starting school, and said hello to some lovely new-born babies. We have welcomed several new members, with the result that our numbers have increased, now averaging twenty families per week.

It was also sad to say goodbye to Val, as she has decided to step back from helping fulltime with the group. The Mums wished to show their gratitude for all her work by presenting her with a lovely card and gift. I would personally like to add my own thanks as her help and support have been invaluable. Mary has now joined us as Joint Group Leader and has carried on the craft activities originally run by Val.

This term the older children have made Harvest Festival scenes and successfully attempted leaf rubbing, with plans already in place for making Advent and Christmas crafts.

Opportunities for fellowship and outreach remain at the heart of our group. Each meeting begins at 9.30 with Tea and Toast so that Mums can come straight from dropping off older children at school. We offer a variety of toppings with Apricot Conserve proving particularly popular. Later for 'Elevenses' we keep our strength up with tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.



We now end each meeting with a Song Time, another group activity which the Mums can join in with.

Finally I would like to express my appreciation for the Church's prayers and practical support and would especially wish to thank the

great team of helpers who make The Cornerstone Toddlers possible.

Jacqui Wilson

THE CORNERSTONE PILOTS COMPANY

Since resuming in September numbers have increased and we now have 24 youngsters between 5 and 11 attending regularly on a Wednesday evening.

We started back looking at Harvest and the grapes and fruit decorations and Harvest banner in the Church were all made by members of the Company.

This then led into the Creation story and Adam and Eve and on to caring for God's world and endangered animals. This has enabled us to make animal masks, leaf prints, bird feeders (a very messy evening involving peanut butter and bird seed) as well as colouring, word searches and other games and activities on these themes.

Looking ahead over the next month we will be covering the stories of Noah, Jonah, Daniel and David and Goliath taking us into Advent and Christmas.



On Saturday, 2nd December, we are again holding a Snowman Drive (a Beetle Drive but drawing snowmen instead). This will be from 3 to 5 pm and all are welcome. No charge for the afternoon. Refreshments will be available (donations welcome). Please do come along and have a fun afternoon with us.

Also on Saturday, 2nd December we will be launching our bumper Christmas raffle (tickets will be sale on subsequent Sundays and at other events) and which will be drawn on Wednesday, 13th December at 7 pm.

All profits from the Snowman Drive and raffle will go towards paying the annual Pilots membership fees (£4.25 per child) which are due in January. Your support enables us to continue to offer Pilots completely free of charge giving us the opportunity of spreading the message of God's love to many families.

Derek Goodyear - Pilots Captain

Young People's Christmas & Toy Service

The service, on 10th December 2017, will be led by the staff of our Junior Church, Pilots and Scouts.

We hope all the children and young people will be able to take their part in this service. I am sure the children and young people would like to see their families and friends attend to support them as they portray the Christmas story in our special service.



Please remember to bring your gifts of Toys, to be given to children and young people of our area.

Mary Goodhew (Joint Junior Church Leader)

A Big "Thank you"

Sheila Taylor and her family would like to thank all at The Cornerstone for the expressions of sympathy on the death of Teddy. These came in the form of letters, cards and telephone calls.

Also, especially for the many prayers that were offered up over the difficult period of five months whilst Teddy was in hospital and at home.

**THE
CORNERSTONE
PILOTS COMPANY**



SNOWMAN DRIVE

Like a Bettle Drive but drawing snowmen

Saturday, 2nd December — 3 to 5 p.m.

A really easy fun game to play involving throwing a
dice and drawing a simple snowman.

Suitable for all ages. Fun for the whole family



ADMISSION IS FREE

Refreshments will be
available *(donations most welcome)*

Prizes for top scoring children
and adult

All profits to Pilots funds

Peter's Piece -



The Sunday Morning Service of Worship.

*Let us draw near to God. Hebrews 10:19-25 remember *The place where you are standing is holy ground.* Exodus 3:5*

The one leading our Worship Service is not merely expressing their own personal feelings or emotions of worship to God in public, nor are they presenting our worship to God, but are in fact leading, encouraging and helping us, the congregation to give, for ourselves, our own worship to God, in the quietness of our hearts, joining vocally and in our posture. This goes equally well for all taking part by playing an instrument, presenting drama, singing, speaking, reading or praying, each is leading the congregation in worship, not performing; yet best is still needful because it is being done for God. [1 Corinthians 14:26b, 33, 40.]

To this end a basic structure or order is helpful as it leads the congregation in a movement from coming to God, through meeting with God to departing with God.

Our Preparation should start even before we come to church by having read the set scriptures and in having a prayerful excitement for our meeting together with, and worship of, the One and Only True God. In church we should take our seat with a prayer and aim to be quiet for a few minutes before 10.30; say from when the elders meet in the vestry for prayer, so that after the announcements and prayer the Introit, the piece sung by the group, can continue to focus our thoughts on God.

The Call or Invitation to Worship is followed by a Prayer of Approach and the Confession. By these we are concentrating on what we are doing and, by acknowledging and confessing our failures of the past week, know God's gracious forgiveness through Jesus as we stand in His Most Holy presence.

We then give our attention to what God is saying to us, most importantly through the Reading of His Word, the Bible. [This is sometimes called The Lesson.] This, through the talks, the first, appropriate for the younger members of the congregation, and later the Sermon, is explored and applied.

Opportunities follow for us to make our own Responses to what we have heard, [in Holy Communion]* in worship, praise and adoration; in challenge, further confession and commitment; in request for healing and help both spiritual and/or physical; as we pray for ourselves and others in the Intercessions and often in the words of the closing hymn, after which, with either the Blessing or saying together the words of The Grace, we prepare to part, asking for the presence of Almighty God to continue with us.

This brief outline, based on the URC order for Holy Communion, is similar for most services of corporate worship in the main-line Christian churches, but at the Cornerstone we have a further opportunity for reflection and response as we listen to the musical voluntary, usually by the organist but sometimes by the music group and then in fellowship over refreshments.

* As and when announced.

Revised Common Lectionary lessons for the Sundays of November 2017

5 November 2017

Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Micah 3:5-12*, Psalm 43*, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

12 November 2017

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, Amos 5:18-24*, Psalm 70*, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

19 November 2017

Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*, Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12*, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

26 November 2017

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ezekiel 34:11-16*, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a*, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46.

First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2017

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37.

*Alternative First Lesson and Psalm. Full information can be found at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>



**LEST WE
FORGET**

A boy was born in Lancaster. His name was Laurence Binyon and he grew up to write these unforgettable lines for the fallen:-

**“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old ..
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn ...”**

His words have become the epitaph of the dead of two great wars and those wars that followed - yet, strange to say, they were written just after Mons in 1914, when the first great tragedy had scarce begun.

Binyon did not know then that millions were to fall. He did not need to know. The sacrifice of one was as the sacrifice of many.

So, as the first few laid down their lives, he took up his pen and expressed in his own deep compassion the unspoken compassion of us all.

**And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.**



The next edition of New Horizons!

The next magazine will be published on 3rd December and will be a double issue for December and January.

Please let us have all details of Advent and Christmas events and services, as well as items for January 2018, by our usual time of 9.00 a.m. on Thursday November 23rd.

**A large print version of this magazine is available.
Please ask an editor if you would like one.**

**Alternatively you can view it on line.
See the website address on the front cover**

Last Minute Laugh

- ❖ I went to a restaurant that serves breakfast at any time. So I ordered 'French Toast during the Renaissance.'
- ❖ 'Where there's a will – there's a relative!'
- ❖ Police were called to a Day Nursery where a 3 year old was resisting a rest.
- ❖ 'I always take my wife morning tea in my pyjamas, but is she grateful? No, she says she'd rather have it in a cup.'
- ❖ I tried water polo but my horse drowned.
- ❖ A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- ❖ I got an odd-job man in. He was useless. Gave him a list of eight things to do and he only did numbers one, three, five and seven.
- ❖ I'll tell you what I love doing more than anything - trying to pack myself in a small suitcase. I can hardly contain myself.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

November

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|-------|------------------|--------------|--|-----------------|
| Thurs | 2 nd | 7.30 p.m. | Elders' Meeting | |
| Sun | 5 th | 10.30 a.m. | Morning Worship | John Amos |
| | | 6.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | Elders |
| Tues | 7 th | 4.00 p.m. | Messy Church | |
| Sat | 11 th | 9.00 a.m. | Big Breakfast | |
| Sun | 12 th | 10.30 a.m. | Remembrance Sunday | Roger Brett |
| | | | Family Church Parade | |
| | | 6.30 p.m. | URC Youth meet | |
| Thurs | 16 th | 7.15 p.m. | Digging Deeper, Bible Study | |
| Sat | 18 th | 12.00 p.m. - | Christmas Fair, run jointly by Toddlers, | |
| | | 4.00 p.m. | Mums and friends | |
| Sun | 19 th | 10.30 a.m. | Morning Worship | Janette Stevens |
| Thurs | 23 rd | 7.30 p.m. | Church Meeting, including Elders' Elections | |
| Sun | 26 th | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | Our Minister |
| | | 6.30 p.m. | URC Youth meet | |
| Thurs | 30 th | 7.30 p.m. | PMG meeting | |

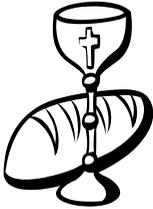
December

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| Sat | 2 nd | 2.00 p.m. | Pilots "Snowman Drive" | |
| Sun | 3 rd | 10.30 a.m. | 1 st Sunday in Advent | Stuart Stoner |
| | | 6.30 p.m. | Holy Communion | Our Minister |
| Tues | 5 th | 4.00 p.m. | Messy Church | |
| Weds | 6 th | | Lay Preachers' evening at Christchurch Chelmsford Speaker is Peter Ball | |
| Thurs | 7 th | 7.30 p.m. | Elders' Meeting | |
| Sat | 9 th | 9.00 a.m. | Big Breakfast | |
| Sun | 10 th | 10.30 a.m. | Toy Service/Young People's Sunday led by Junior Church, Pilots and Scouts (Family Church Parade) | |
| | | 6.30 p.m. | URC Youth meet | |

Advent/Christmas Services as follows:

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|-----|------------------|------------------------|--|---------------|
| Sun | 3 rd | 10.30 a.m. | Advent Sunday | Stuart Stoner |
| Sun | 10 th | 10.30 a.m. | Toy Service/Young People's Sunday led by Junior Church, Pilots and Scouts (Family Church Parade) | |
| Sun | 17 th | p.m. | Lessons & Carols | Nigel/Clive |
| | | (Time to be announced) | | |
| Sun | 24 th | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | Our Minister |
| | | 3.30 p.m. | Christmas Eve - Christingle Service | Our Minister |
| Mon | 25 th | 10.30 a.m. | Christmas Day Service | Our Minister |

Communion Offerings



These collections are taken at the two Sunday Communion Services during the last hymn and are for charitable organisations outside of The Cornerstone. Thank you for your generosity in September for donating £50 for the URC Retired Ministers' Housing Fund and £84 for the Rumania Crestin Trust

November Christian Aid
December The Leprosy Mission

Flower Donations

November

5th Geoff and Valerie Hayman
12th Ron and Shelagh Root
19th Shawn and Anne Clarke
26th Parent and Toddler Group

December

3rd Peter and Zoy Hunt
10th Pat Britnell
17th Alison Shannon
24th John and Stella Duboux & family
31st Frank and Ruth Dixon



Coffee/Tea Rotas

Sunday mornings after Worship

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| Nov | 5 th | Val Hayman and Stella Yates |
| | 12 th | Anne Clarke and Val Mead |
| | 19 th | Stella Duboux and Jan Fox |
| | 26 th | Machrina Ejaz |
| Dec | 3 rd | Sandra Milbourn and Leng Kingston |
| | 10 th | Anne Clarke and Val Mead |

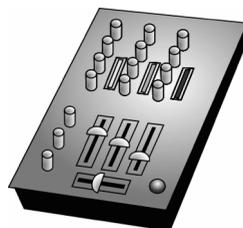


Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

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| Nov | 7 th | Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon |
| | 14 th | Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone |
| | 21 st | Carole and Alan Cornwall |
| | 28 th | Alison Shannon and Sandra Milbourn |
| Dec | 5 th | Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon |

Recording of services

We are now sound recording every Sunday service, so please let Vic Crowhurst know if you would like a copy for yourself, someone who could not be with us that day or perhaps to give to someone to listen to how well we sing!



For special and festival services we may make video recordings and if you would not wish to appear in these, then please speak to anyone at the sound and vision desk before the service starts. There should be a prior warning of the services involved.

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Please remember that your Elders are ordained to serve our members and friends who have pastoral concerns.

We do offer Christian Marriage, Baptisms and Funerals so please talk to the Secretary or any Elder if you feel that we can help.