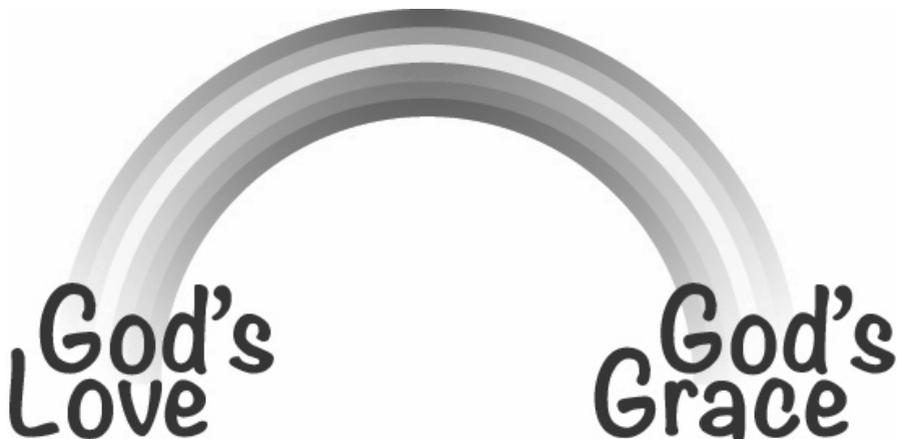


New Horizons

FEBRUARY 2018



Love divine, all loves excelling

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 (1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays or as announced)
	2.30 pm	Christian Forum (2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays)
	4.00 pm	Messy Church First Tuesday in the month
Wed	9.30 am	The 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 (1 st 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, especially at this time be close to Rob Milbourn, Sharon and Jonathan and their families, give them your peace Lord and the knowledge that family and friends are there for them to lean on when life is difficult.

Our Minister, Sohail, has been unwell since returning from Zimbabwe and we wish him a speedy recovery to health. Due to his illness, he has been unable to write his "Letter to the Fellowship" this month.

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, Margaret King and Hilda Prior. We pray for those who are ill, in constant pain, recovering and awaiting treatment:

Ann Blackwell, Florrie Bond, Ann Crowhurst, Roy Davis, Jan Fox and Olive Goodyear.

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.

Prayers for people and matters outside of our fellowship

As we are still in the midst of a flu epidemic, let us give thanks.

For all of those who administer health care. The doctors, the nurses, the carers, the pharmacists, the technical staff who work in operating theatres and laboratories. Radiographers, physiotherapists and social workers.

Those who we rarely see but support the great work that goes on. The maintenance and cleaning staff, the porters and those hidden away in offices who perhaps do not realise how important are their contributions.

We give thanks for them all.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Giving thanks at all times?

Consider your present situation. Is it one for which you would naturally wish to thank God or is it one from which you wish to escape? Reflect that, even in our worst moments some good can be found, and happy times often include some sadness. Thank God for his loving presence in every situation. Pray for help to recognise this on lonely and difficult days.

Contemplate past occasions and remember how God brought good from seemingly hopeless and desperate situations. Recall the opportunities for growth and the friendships which developed during those times. Thank God for his support. Praise him for his

tenacious love of us especially when we forget or consciously reject God.

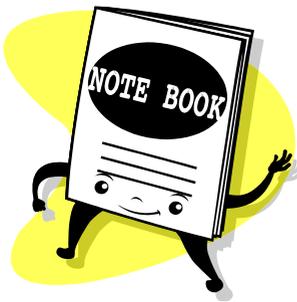
Confess how easy it is to believe that we are responsible for the good things which come our way but look for someone to blame when difficulties occur. Neither is necessarily true. Pray for God's guidance to have the right perspective and to see life through his eyes. Thank God for his grace and mercy.

Prayer

Lord grant all your people so great an awareness of your love, that, at all times and in all places, whether joyful or sorrowing, they may be blessed with divine Hope. Thank you Lord. Amen.

B Hunt

*A sharing from the magazine of Hutton & Shenfield Union Church
(2012)*



SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

As I write these notes, with February approaching, I look back on the wonderful times we had during Advent and Christmas; times of worshipping the King in various styles, and times of fellowship over hundreds of mince pies and sausage rolls. And the distribution of around 150 Advent Calendars to the children and young people associated with the church.

10th December was our Church Parade and Young People's Christmas service, based on the Bible Society's Pop Up Nativity The Greatest Journey. Members of the Junior Church, Pilots and Scouts took part and the 'Bear Hunt' style was delightful. During the service, toys and gifts were collected and subsequently delivered to the local authority Toy Drive for distribution to those in need.

On 17th December John Amos led our morning service and in the evening we had Lessons and Carols, with reflections on each bible reading. Christmas Eve, being the 4th Sunday was the monthly

Communion Service led by our Minister, followed by a Christingle Service in the afternoon which was very well supported.

Our Minister led our worship on Christmas Day and the year concluded with a family service led by Roger Brett about the best way to make the changes we need to make is through Jesus.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make December a fantastic month of praise and witness.

January began with Messy Church on 2nd, when the theme was Jacob's Ladder dream and feeling closer to God and the morning service on 7th January was led by Stuart Stoner.

Our Minister has been unwell and was unable to take the family service on 14th December and his presentation about the recent trip to Zimbabwe has been postponed until February; our thanks to Peter Hunt for stepping into the breach at short notice.

On 21st January we had another visit from John Amos and at the Communion service on 28th Stella Duboux and Robert Wiseman were inducted and ordained to serve as Elders for a three year term. We also welcomed and commissioned Lisa McCrae as our Children and Family Worker; Lisa started with us on 2nd January and has been spending the first few weeks getting to know us and what we do. Although still unwell, Sohail was able to undertake these important ceremonies for us, at the beginning of the service, and the remainder of the service and communion was led by Mike and Linda Mead whom we thank for being willing to do so.

As Easter is quite early this year, the season of Lent will soon be here. A Lent Course is being run on the Monday evenings during Lent to which all are invited. Receptacles for the Water Aid Jars of Change appeal will be available shortly and you are invited to put small change in throughout Lent and return the jars to the church by Easter or the following Sunday. The work that Water Aid does across the world is invaluable and if you would like to know more take a look at their website www.wateraid.org.uk. Toilet twinning is one way everyone can help, and in addition to the church toilets



individuals can participate too. It costs £60 per year, and further information is available on the foyer coffee tables.

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on 22nd March and as usual would leaders of organisations and delegates please let me have written reports by Sunday 4th March to allow time to prepare the Book of Reports.

Thank You.
Ruth Dixon

ON THE SHELF

'HARK!' The Biography of Christmas
by Paul Karenza.

Paul is a Christian comedian who has collected together stories and legends about the origins of some of our Christmas customs and put his own humourous spin on everything. A good light-hearted read, don't wait until next Christmas to dip in.



DOES GOD LOL? A collection of thoughts on the question from comedians, brought together and published in aid of the charity Mary's Meals.

SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS Foreword by the Archbishop of York. John Stott's wisdom from *Issues Facing Christians Today [2006]* edited and updated by Sean Doherty.

Blessings

Ruth Dixon

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP



Robert Milbourn and family would like to thank everyone for all of the lovely messages, cards, prayers and support at this sad time.

They are much appreciated.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone from The Cornerstone for the lovely cards and present for my 80th birthday.

I had a lovely trip out with my friend and my sister-in-law who took me for a surprise meal out.



Thank you all.
Pam Wanstall

Commitment for Life

A letter of thanks has been received for the amount of £554 received for Commitment for Life and for the time and effort given by the Church in supporting the programme. The continued generosity for our support for Christian Aid's work in our partners' areas and other projects is appreciated.

In Zimbabwe, Commitment for Life continues to work with partners through the present political and economic uncertainty. We are asked to pray for them as they approach elections in 2018. Prayers are also needed for the continuing situation in Gaza and the increased restrictions in the West Bank. Violence and gender issues continue to cause concern in Central America, whilst Bangladesh is going through a time of change because of more violent weather patterns and political unrest amongst minorities.

In a society, suspicious of fundraisers, please be assured that your contributions make a real difference to our partner communities, providing hope when there often is none.

Thank you for all you do to encourage giving in your Church, alongside campaigning for a fairer world.

Andy Anderson

SANDRA ANN MILBOURN 1943-2017 RIP



On Thursday 14th January 2018, The Cornerstone was full of people for a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sandra. Rev. Derek Kingston officiated; several of the family took part and the Eulogy was given by Rev. Matthew Stone, one of her grandchildren. As part of that Eulogy there was a passage from Robert, Sandra's husband, and we are privileged to be able to reproduce that here.

"Sandra was born into a loving Christian family in 1943. Her parents, David and Dorothy took her to church (3 times every Sunday!) all through her childhood. Sandra joined the Girls Brigade at the age of 4 and stayed until she was 16. During this period she made many friends and enjoyed all the Brigade activities which enhanced her faith in God.

I first met Sandra at Wentworth High School. On leaving school, Sandra worked at Keddies' Department store in Southend, and then on the 3rd March 1962 we were married. The church continued to be an important part of our lives.

In 1963, our daughter Sharon arrived during one of the worst winters on record with several inches of snow. All public transport was suspended and the only way to get to the hospital was to walk. In 1970 our son Jonathan was born to make the family complete.

Sandra taught in the Sunday School for many years using her experience gained in the Girls Brigade to her advantage in this valuable work. In the 70's we were called to work in the Boys Brigade Company and trained for our Officer certificates. Sandra's caring and loving nature was invaluable in running two sections in the company. There was always a cuddle for anyone who had an accident or knocked over or a grazed knee. She was able to detect problems with the boys and quickly comforted those in need.

We organised over 30 camping holidays for the boys which included those from other companies. The lady Officers ensured that

everyone was safe and had a super time to remember these early days in their lives.

During this time Sandra was a "Dinner Mum" at Bournemouth Park Junior School which required her loving mothering skills to protect - comfort - tend to any that had any falls in the playground. She was blessed with the many skills needed to be a respected, loving and caring "Dinner Mum".

In the 1980's Sandra had the opportunity for a career change, with a move to ACCESS (now known as FDR) who dealt with all aspects of the Credit Card business. She enjoyed working in several different departments of the company gathering many friends in each section. These friends remained with her even after her retirement in 2006. She met up with many of them on a regular basis.

During the past 30 years, Sandra became involved in helping the charity Medical Missionary News based in Wickford. This charity sends up to eighty 40-ton containers each year to help charitable Organisations in Africa. Sandra encouraged friends to help her to make up thousands of gifts in small bags over the years, all destined for orphanages all over Africa. Many letters of thanks from the matrons of the schools were received, telling how appreciative the children were for these gifts. Most of the children's parents had died from AIDS.

During the past few years Sandra knitted hundreds of blankets specially designed for the Mother and Baby units throughout Africa.

Being a mum, nan and great nan was so special to her - no one in the family could possibly do any wrong in her eyes. She would soon come to the rescue and speak up for them if she thought they were in trouble. Always being the protector of all the young ones meant so much to her. Every member of the family was treated the same and were all recognised as her 'favourites'.

Sandra was blessed by God with an ability to give a cheerful smile and a kind word to all she met; helping and comforting those in need, and giving a listening ear for those who wished to chat. Sandra was a caring, loving lady who willingly and gladly shared with all she met.

Throughout the service tributes were paid to Sandra as a joyful family person and this was reinforced by the true spirit of thanksgiving for her life by all that were there.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Robert and all of the family.

Children & Families

What an exciting start to the year, so much going on, I especially enjoyed my first Messy Church. I am creating a 'pop up' quiet room, facilitating a space to engage with God within the busiest environment!



We introduced it to the toddler group and the initial response was extremely positive. There was a picture board with photographs annotated with encouraging scripture; pictures of trees and flowers hung on a washing line; soft lights and instrumental prayers playing in the background - mostly borrowed.

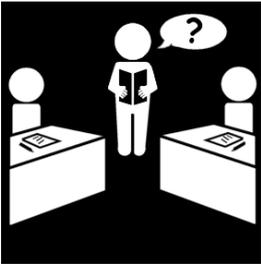
By request we are going to add more sensory aspects as the babies, who went in with their mums, responded so well, so some bubble lamps and textured cushions with pockets are on their way.

Additionally, I am hoping to have a Zumba and stretch class for Mums up and running by February. (See the Diary)

There is also a whisper about a Friday youth club - watch this space.

Much love & blessings,

Lisa McCrae
Children and Family Worker



News from the Forum

I think it is fair to say that both meetings this month have stretched our grey matter considerably. Roy and Shelagh both set us quizzes but very different in style. Roy looked at all aspects of life in and around Southend, and even those who had lived in the area all their lives found it hard to answer some of the questions. Some of the questions were more general knowledge and I have to say we did not fare any better with those ! Do you know what the Christian name of Captain Mainwaring is? Or what is a falchion? Or how about When was the Kursaal opened? And how tall is a double elephant book? Come to think about it did you even know one existed !

It was lovely to welcome Lisa McCrae along to our meetings, welcome Lisa, and we look forward to hearing about your work among us as the months go by.

Then in our second meeting Shelagh took us back to Christmas and set us some cryptic clues to Christmas carols and songs, but we had to think of the first line. We realised quite quickly that we happily sing all of them but it is often another line that we think of as the carols' name. This led to some real discussion before we hazarded an answer that just might be right ! How about these for clues.... " Heavenly Rider in the milky way" (think outside the box for that one) or "A disfigured Quadruped ". Can you think of this one "I had better get ready today for tomorrow" or finally "Did they count them as well?"

All in all a good month, and I think January is back in the programme, another indication that our weather is changing, as it was taken out some years ago because the weather was so bad.

Next time we welcome Tony Castle's return as he comes to tell us about an old Lenten custom, still very much part of some church life today, and the second meeting will be to say hallo again to Heather Glynn.

As always a warm welcome to everyone who would like to join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month, 2.30 pm in the Foyer,

See you there.
Alison Shannon

Richard Lennox Entertains @ The Cornerstone

7.30pm Saturday 3rd March 2018



**Piano and Organ,
Acoustic strings and air blown through
pipes, Hands and feet,
Artistry and dexterity,
Amusement and entertainment,
Virtuosity and brilliance.**

Richard Lennox is leaving the Royal Albert Hall and forsaking Cathedrals to be back again at The Cornerstone performing his particular brand of musical entertainment on both piano and organ.

We do not yet know his programme and I suspect that he does not either but on previous visits he has given us items from Arthur Sullivan, Elgar, Coates and Gershwin. With titles such as Ragtime, Chopsticks, Calling all Workers (you remember ... from 'Workers Playtime') and a waltz from Murder on the Orient Express. From rousing pop songs to traditional classical. A variety of music to please every palette.

**Tickets are available from Val and Nigel Mead.
The price is £10 for adults and £5 for those in full time
education. Family tickets are also available.
You can buy in advance or just turn up and pay on the
door.**

Doors will be open from 6.30pm

What a load of rubbish

All of us at some point rely on goods bought from shops. Whether we go out and buy it ourselves, someone does it for us or we have an online delivery. We all need 'Stuff'.

Much of that 'Stuff' is put to good use. Around the house, in the car or the garden or it is eaten but inevitably there is 'Waste'. It may be that we only use the item once and it is thrown away, or it comes with a lot of packaging which we throw away, or we bought too much food and the remainder, that we do not compost, is thrown away.

Luckily most of us live in an area with a regular Council waste collection. So all we need to do is to place the item in the correct box or bag, put it at the roadside by the required time and it magically disappears never to be seen again. And in the house if we make a mess anywhere we just get out the required tool and clean it up.



Sad to say we do not get a magic rubbish removal or a cleaning fairy at The Cornerstone.

It may surprise you to know that The Cornerstone is classed as a non-residential property. Despite the fact that some of our members seem to be almost permanently on site they do not live there. And non-residential properties are subject to 'Business Rates'. But the good news is that as we are registered as a place of worship under an Act of parliament from 1855 we are exempt and so do not pay Council Tax.

But the downside of being classed as a Business is that we do not get a Council rubbish collection either. Our two containers in the Car Park are collected by a private company to whom we pay a sum of money. They collect Recyclable rubbish in one container and 'Black Sack' rubbish in the other and to help us out they have marked each container with what is supposed to go in them.

But this company does not collect food waste.

So what, you may ask, has this got to do with me?

Well, this is our building and we have to work to keep it clean.

So, just as at home, if during whatever you are doing there is rubbish please put it in the right sack in the right bin. And if the sack is full then please take it and throw it in the right container in the car park and put a new sack in the bin. If you cannot find a new sack then it may be because we have run out and, of course, we don't get a delivery of these, not paying Council Tax, and so rely on people to bring them in from home.

And for food waste it would be really good if you could take this home with you as part of the 'after-event' tidying up. Mick Thorp used to do this but now he has moved it means the rest of us have to step up and do it. If the event organiser does not do this then the next person has twice as much to take home.



And what about the magic cleaning fairy? Well they usually come on a Friday morning and we pay them. Anything dropped on the floor on a Sunday, or a Tuesday after coffee could still be there until the Friday. Although some of our users are very good at cleaning up both before and after their event they should not have to do the first bit.

So again if your event makes a mess it would be appreciated if, as a final piece of work, the vacuum cleaner is taken over the floor and work surfaces and the cooker cleaned. We have a large cleaner for those who can use it and a smaller lightweight version for those who prefer this. And you can find lots of cleaning material around.

It is, after all, our building and the cleaner we can keep it the more that we show that we care for God's house.

Remember that when 'Everyone-Else' leaves a job to 'Someone-Else' then the 'Someone-Else' that Everyone-Else' is leaving it to is YOU.

Roger

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)

All God's Creation is Very Good

The interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5000 services being held on Friday 2nd March 2018, with the title "All God's Creation is Very Good". We will join an estimated 3 million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this year by the women of Suriname in South America.

Starting in Samoa as the sun rises, and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in. With its vast rainforest and wealth of resources, Suriname asks us to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, as well as for the situation in Suriname and concerns for the future.

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it.

LOCAL SERVICE

The local service will be held at the Salvation Army, Clarence Street, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1AN on Friday 2nd March at 10.30.am. The deputy Mayor and Mayoress Cllr and Mrs Derek Jarvis have accepted an invitation to attend.

COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning to raise funds to cover expenses for the service will be held on Friday 2nd February at 10.30.am. At The Bridgwater Drive Church, Hilltop Building, (corner of Cockethurst Close and Bridgwater Drive). There is ample parking, and the No 20 bus stops are very close to the church

Peter's Piece



In the middle of this month we shall be enjoying pancakes as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, (13th February) in preparation for the following day, Ash Wednesday, which marks the commencement of Lent; a period over 46 days ending on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. The 6 Sundays, Sundays being celebration days for Jesus resurrection, are not included, giving the 40 days of Lent. Lent includes and ends with Holy Week, this remembers the last week of Jesus earthly life, death and burial, and will be considered next month!

The 40 days of Lent are based on the 40 days of deprivation, temptation and preparation that Jesus spent, after his baptism and before the commencement of his 3 years of public ministry, in the Judean Desert, a barren, desolate area of high cliffs and deep ravines between Jerusalem and the River Jordan and the Dead Sea. Nowadays Lent is most often associated with giving up something, usually pleasurable, for the period, from alcohol to TV with most popular, abstaining from chocolate! Today this practice, frequently followed by non-church goers as well as by those who do have a regular church connection can be a helpful act of self-denial and self-discipline.

But why? Is that all it is – giving something up?

Originally the 40 days of Lent were fast days (only one, evening, meal a day, no meat, fish or animal products!) when festivities and certain foods were abstained from and the time was spent in reflection and penitence in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' glorious resurrection at Easter.

There is no Biblical authority or precedence for the practice of Lent; it appears to have started c.130 – 200 A.D. in the early Church, and has greatly varied in strictness of observation over the centuries.

There is no spiritual benefit from the observance of token fasting unless it is accompanied by reflection, on the Lordship and redeeming sacrifice of Jesus and with the resulting penitence when, with open heart and in close fellowship with Jesus Christ our Lord, preparation is truly made to celebrate the great fact of Jesus triumphant resurrection; which all those whose belief and trust is in Jesus as both Saviour and Lord will one-day share! Hallelujah!

To encourage and assist us in our Lent reflections this year, we are running, for everybody, the 2018 York Lent Course '**On the Third Day**', on Monday Evenings 19 & 26 February, 5, 12 & 19 March. There will be a course booklet for everyone who attends. The church will be open from 7.00 pm. for tea, coffee biscuits and fellowship; making a formal start at 7.30 pm. with a welcome, then listening for 15 minutes to a DVD of accredited teachers introducing the subject for the evening; followed by group discussions, and coming back together in time to hear what the other groups have covered, finishing promptly at 9.00 pm. See you there!

Revised Common Lectionary Lessons for the Sundays of February and Ash Wednesday 2018

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 4, 2018

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11;
2 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Transfiguration Sunday - February 11, 2018

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17;
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 or *Isaiah 58:1-12*

First Sunday in Lent - February 18, 2018

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Second Sunday in Lent - February 25, 2018

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Third Sunday in Lent - March 4, 2018

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

LENT 2018

Ash Wednesday 14 February 2018 to Sunday 25 March 2018

It is proposed to run the York Lent Course for 2018, on the Resurrection - then and now, '**On the Third Day**', on each of the middle five Monday evenings of Lent 2018.

Monday 19 February

Session 1 - *Have I got news for you!*

Monday 26 February

Session 2 - *So what? The implications of the Resurrection.*

Monday 5 March

Session 3 - *Let him Easter in us.*

Monday 12 March

Session 4 - *Celebrating and praying Easter*

Monday 19 March

Session 5 - *A risen Church*

This Series is for everyone, young and old, Christians for a long time and those new to the faith. Each session starting with refreshments, formally opens with a Welcome and brief introduction; then we listen to several accredited speakers in a 15-minute DVD dialogue introducing the subject for the evening, giving plenty of food for thought and the following group discussions. We come back together to share our groups' discoveries, finishing at 9 o'clock. There will be a copy of the booklet 'on the Third Day' for everyone attending.

The Resurrection is a vital, joyous and essential part of our Christian faith, so let's encourage one another as we consider together our sure and certain hope of LIFE after death, through the Resurrection.

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. --- For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, --- and the dead in Christ will rise --- we who are still alive --- will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.

From 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 NIV.



The next edition of New Horizons!

The next magazine will be published on 4th March 2018.

Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of **9.00 a.m. on Thursday February 22nd.**

Anything you picked up over the Christmas or New Year break that might be of interest?

**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**

TUESDAY COFFEE and THANK YOUs

Our Tuesday Coffee Morning provides the opportunity to meet together in total informality as well as a place to discuss our faith and attempt to put the world to rights! And, in 2017, we contributed over £700 to church funds. Thank you all.

Alison Shannon has had to drop out of serving us on the fourth Tuesday but Carol Smith has kindly agreed to take her place and we are grateful that two other ladies, Pat and Sandra, will help her.

Coffee/Tea Rotas

Sunday mornings after Worship

Feb	4 th	Val Hayman and Stella Yates
	11 th	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	18 th	Stella Duboux and Joan Harvey
	25 th	Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ
Mar	4 th	Brenda Kemp and Leng Kingston
	11 th	Anne Clarke and Val Mead

We are grateful to Val Hayman for taking on extra coffee duties and also to Brenda Kemp, Sandra Russ and Colin and Gwen McMillan for coming on to the rota for the first time.

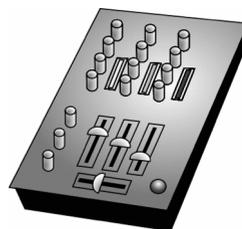
Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

Feb	6 th	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
	13 th	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
	20 th	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	27 th	Carol Smith and helpers
Mar	6 th	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
	13 th	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

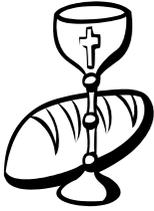
February

Sun	4 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Amos
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Service	Our Minister
Tues	6 th	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	8 th	1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Zumba Class for young mums, contact Lisa (new weekly activity)	
Sat	10 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sun	11 th	10.30 a.m.	Parade Service (Zimbabwe)	Our Minister
		6.30 p.m.	URC Youth meet	
Thurs	15 th	7.15 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. Digging Deeper	
Sun	18 th	10.30 a.m.	Christian Forum Anniversary	Keith Berry
Mon	19 th	7.00 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. Lent Course	
Thurs	22 nd	7.30 p.m.	PMG meeting	
Sun	25 th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Service	Our Minister
		6.30 p.m.	URC Youth meet	
Mon	26 th	7.00 p.m.	Lent Course	
Tues	27 th	11.30 a.m.	Fun Day preparation and Youth Work meeting	

March

Thurs	1 st	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	
Fri	2 nd		Women's World Day of Prayer	
Sat	3 rd	7.30 p.m.	Richard Lennox Concert - tickets (£10) Available from 01702 296189 or nigeljmead@gmail.com	
Sun	4 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Robert Wiseman
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Service	Our Minister
Mon	5 th	7.00 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. Lent Course	
Tues	6 th	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church - 4 th Birthday	
Sun	11 th	10.30 a.m.	Parade Service & Mothering Sunday	
		6.30 p.m.	URC Youth meet	
Mon	12 th	7.00 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. Lent Course	
Thurs	15 th	7.15 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. Digging Deeper	

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 December for collecting £74.46 for the Leprosy Mission and in January £83 for the RNLI.

February Harp
(Southend Centre for Homeless)
March Havens Hospices

Flower Donations

February

4th Barbara and Terry Dillon
11th Ms Poynton (In memory of her parents)
18th Christian Forum
25th Michael and Linda Mead

March

4th Rob Milbourn
11th Joan Harvey
18th Hilda Cramond and Pam Wanstall
25th Alan and Carol Cornwall



Spring Fair

On 24th March, between 12.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m., we will be holding a Spring Fair. We need people to help provide and run stalls, as well as supporting this fund raising venture. Please see Mary Goodhew or Jacqui Wilson if you can help.

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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.