

# New Horizons

NOVEMBER 2018

Always  
&  
Forever



## Remembrance Day

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays or as announced)  
          2.30 pm   Christian Forum (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)  
          4.00 pm   Messy Church First Tuesday in the month
- Wed        9.30 am   The Cornerstone Toddlers during Term Time  
          1.30 pm   "Whisper" Worship Workout  
          5.45 pm   Pilots. Ends at about 7.00 pm.
- Thurs     11.30 am   Midweek Worship (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
          6.00 pm   Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts  
          7.45-9.15 Scouts  
          7.30 pm   Elders' Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)
- Fri         6.00 pm   Junior Badminton  
          7.00-9.00 Youth Club  
          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.

## Letter to the fellowship



### *Trusting and Obeying God*

When the twelve spies were sent into Canaan to spy out the land, ten returned with a bad report. Their assessment was that it was impossible to conquer the land that God had promised them.

The Israelites had seen some awesome miracles. A couple of months prior to this Moses had revealed God's power as he performed one miracle after another. Turning a staff into a snake, dust into lice, water into blood, day turned to night, the sea parted, Pharaoh and his army destroyed - what an awesome display of God's power and goodness - and that He was with them!

Wouldn't you like to see one or two of those miracles? Wouldn't that boost your faith a little? It didn't seem to help theirs. You see, the issue is the heart. Believing is a choice. Trust is a choice. Seeing is not necessarily believing. That's why Paul said, "we live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7) Stability is from choosing to put your faith in God. If we believe only if we see something - we can be easily deceived and led astray. After seeing all these awesome miracles, these people were led astray, led to doubt God's power, led to doubt God's provision for them by a few faithless, doubting, complaining leaders.

Do you see how a few negative, complaining, doubting people can destroy others? Ten faithless people almost completely destroyed a nation. Ten faithless people hindered millions from entering into God's blessing. Ten faithless people caused millions to die in the desert instead of enjoying a land that flowed with milk and honey! That was their way of saying it was a 'sweet' land; a land of abundance. And they missed it - because they chose to believe ten doubting leaders instead of two godly men.

A democracy is not always a good thing. As Bible believing Christians, we are to believe in Theocracy, a form of government that is led by God. The word theocracy is a compound word using

theos (Greek for “God”) and cracy (rule, strength or government”). Someone might ask why? Firstly, and foremost, we must remember that we gave up any rights to ourselves when we surrendered our lives to Christ for our salvation. That means that the one who bought us at the price of his own blood alone has the right to determine our destination and our direction. Secondly, because Christ is the Head of the church our task is to discern his will and to obey it without question. Thirdly, when it is apparent that God has spoken, and his will is revealed our only right is to obey.

Listening to God’s voice and obeying him can be costly. The democracy can degenerate into a mob very easily. Such was the case there. The people were ready to stone Caleb and Joshua simply for being positive and faithful and trusting of God.

Joshua and Caleb returned with a good report. Refusing to be discouraged by what they saw, they fully trusted that their supernatural God was not going to break His promise to His people, Israel.

Let's walk by faith and stand firm in it, facing every challenge, and laying hold of every opportunity that awaits us sharing the story, the old story with confidence. May Joshua and Caleb be our examples of faith and courage in these days. With our God going before us, we also, can take the land, glorifying Him in every battle.

**God bless,  
Sohail**

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be Thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if Thou will be my guide.

**John Ernest Bode**

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## 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 the family and friends of Fiona Mead and Bill Fletcher who recently passed away. Give them your peace Lord.

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

**Monica Aloï, Ann Blackwell, Ann Crowhurst, Roy Davis, Olive Goodyear and Mick Thorp.**

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

This month we pray for all who are suffering in any way.

The homeless, the hungry, the sick and those who have lost their way.

Those who have had to flee from persecution, famine, religious intolerance and war.

Give thanks for what we have and where we are.



### SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

October seems to have flashed by, but maybe that is down to me being laid up for a while with “the cold” which turns out to be a lingering one. Meanwhile the grass has continued to grow, the runner beans finally produced a decent crop and the tomatoes keep on coming! Our winter soups and Bolognese sauce are safely stashed in the freezer. I thought on the parable of the man who built bigger barns (Luke 12: 16-21) and wondered how many more freezers it would take to preserve everything! - but with just two of us there would be no point in saving more than we can use, so a lot of it has been given away.

It was, apparently, a good year for quince too. I learned this as two large boxes appeared from Clive and Mary’s (and Pat’s) garden, far more than in previous years. Quince is what you might call an “acquired taste” but with the addition of sugar and other fruits it makes some tasty preserves. Dulce de Membrillo is considered a delicacy in parts of Spain, eaten with the right kind of cheese of course. If you haven’t had yours yet I’m sure there’s some left in the usual place.

The Synod meeting took place on 13<sup>th</sup> October at Witham URC, and I was appointed as Synod representative to Mission Council for a further three year term; it is a privilege to serve the wider church in this way. We also welcomed guests from the Zimbabwe Presbytery of the Uniting Church of Southern Africa. Alongside the business, we

heard from them about church life in the parts of Zimbabwe where they serve. As a twinned church we hosted one of the delegates, Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, who spent two nights chez Dixon and two at The Manse. Our Minister was also involved in much of the transport for Lydia during the visit, and arranged for her to preach at the service on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Our services during October were, as always, varied in style and presentation. Messy Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> October looked at The Beatitudes with various crafts and stories. On 7<sup>th</sup> our morning service was led by our Children and Families Worker Lisa, for the first time, and Peter Hunt preached the sermon. In the evening we gathered in the Chapel for a liturgical, yet very intimate, communion service led by our Minister. Lisa led our midweek worship on 9<sup>th</sup> October, a time of sung worship, prayer and bible reading followed by lunch. This is a very happy gathering and we would love for more folk to join us. On 14<sup>th</sup> October Sohail led the service and we saw a video of Paul Drage's recent baptism at the Saturday church known as 57 West; we heard from Paul about his decision to be baptised there and from Sohail, who took part, that it was his first experience of baptism by immersion. I have not yet been able to hear Lydia's sermon that morning but hope to do so soon. On 21<sup>st</sup> October, Roger Brett led our worship; the children's address drew on Job's confrontation with God and God's response "Where were you when I created the earth?" Roger told a story of scientists who believed they could do anything God could do, including creating human beings from dust. Until God told them to go and make their own dust! Our final service of the month was led by the Minister, with Holy Communion.

With such a busy month, and being somewhat unwell, I did not attend the Christian Resources Exhibition for the first time in several years. I certainly miss attending and learning what God is doing 'out there'.

## **Need a pastoral visit?**

In the URC the Elders share with the Minister in the pastoral care of the congregation. Everyone who attends regularly is allocated to an

Elder (this usually changes in January each year and a list is on the church notice board).

Elders may follow up if someone is missing for a few weeks, but do not always know when someone becomes ill unless they are told. So do please pass on what we need to know. In the case of a sudden or serious illness, please call the Minister directly, or the Secretary who will inform him and the relevant Elder.

Finally, we have a group of people who will pray for you in times of stress or need. The prayer group meets every Tuesday, and at other times can be approached via the Minister or Secretary.

**Ruth Dixon**



### The OTHER Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to stop  
beating myself for not doing  
things perfectly, the courage to  
forgive myself because I'm  
working on doing better, and the  
wisdom to know  
that you already love me  
just the way I am

# NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP

## Your Greetings for Christmas

Once again we think of how we shall offer our personal greetings to our friends in the congregation at The Cornerstone.

There will again be the three ways as in previous years. The more traditional way is to buy and send cards through the post and some do prefer to do that. However, there will be the usual post box in The Foyer from the beginning of December where you can leave your cards for the addressees to pick up just before Christmas.



The final option is to add your name to a group Christmas card that we shall publish in the December issue of this magazine and also display in poster form in The Foyer. Names to Anne Clarke or Michael Wardle please.

If you use either the post box, or the group card, you will save postage and perhaps might care to make a contribution to church funds to reflect part of the saving that you make. Our Treasurer will be delighted to accept any offers and please remember to Gift Aid it if possible.

## Operation Christmas Child



We are participating in the Shoebox Appeal again this year. Please save your shoe boxes, decorate and then fill them with gifts.

The leaflets will tell you what items are and are not allowed in the boxes.

## News from the Forum



At our first meeting in October there was a fascinated group of people wandering all over the building with a series of photographs in hand. None of the pictures were complete but each was of a part of a structure within the building. Those who had been to an earlier Quiz evening had seen these before, but that was not much help - memory did not serve us well! What was a common thing to all of us is that we decided that we take our wonderful building for granted and hopefully we will open our eyes more in the future and see how the various artefacts add to our worship week by week.

Our second afternoon really tested our brain power as Roy set us sixty (yes Sixty!) questions about the county we live in, our town and some general knowledge facts that we ought to be familiar with in our daily lives. There were some really testing questions and we do thank you Roy for all the research and sorting that you had put in to give us a full afternoon.

Next month we will be welcoming a return visit of Shawn who will be talking to us about Advent now and then. The second meeting will be a social afternoon and we will share a lunch together. Keep alert for the time which will be announced later.

As always I end by inviting new faces to join us, our last meeting before Christmas will be on the second Tuesday in December when our pre-Christmas afternoon will be with John Amos and his Ukulele.

**Alison Shannon**

### **Life is short....So**

Laugh, Be Grateful, Breathe Deep, Appreciate, Hug Tight, Keep Promises, Dream Big, Share Happiness, Love Unconditionally, Make Wishes, Help Others, Do your Best, Have Hope, Keep your Chin Up, Speak Kindly, Learn, Play, Cherish, Read and Smile.

**Unknown**

# Love from Lisa



## Youth Club

If I wasn't so determined to develop a thriving youth culture in our community, I think I may have cancelled at least two of last month's meetings. I've had a couple of extremely demanding weeks and that may be the only excuse for forgetting three youth club birthdays, one of them being an 18<sup>th</sup>. Sincere apologies boys, we'll have a belated celebration for you in the very near future with cake and balloons!

Our numbers are increasing at a gentle pace as participants are beginning to invite friends, who in turn are asking others along. We are still experimenting with various formats; presently around 7.30/8ish after whole group activities, the male leaders facilitate wide games in the sports hall and the girls go upstairs for dance.

We have invited some experienced dancers and it's wonderful to assist them encouraging and teaching one another. They would like to put on a small performance at our community Christmas event on December 15<sup>th</sup>. I was having serious doubts that they would be able to navigate each other's needs respectfully and produce a group routine, let alone be disciplined enough to practice, especially when they'd rather be playing football downstairs than perfecting a particular dance step! They have surprised me. Yes, we still have a few tears and artistic tantrums and the pessimist convinced "they'll never be able to do it, so what's the point in trying," but they are finding solutions themselves, learning to listen to each other and displaying genuine empathy, determination and commitment. I have every faith that they will produce a fabulous piece to contribute to our Advent celebrations. A public performance is a very scary thing for some of them - I've told them it is character building and to embrace it; to pray because God's perfect love casts out all fear.

Sohail and I discussed what will make our youth club stand out and be different. We made the decision to play only Christian music (I'd like to ban mobile phones but feel our young people's addiction to screens may stop them coming, they mostly put them down to play games and to eat!) the only exception being two of the dance

numbers, I've even bought a cd called 'Holy Hip Hop', personally I can't bear it, I think I confused hip hop with rap, another of my least favourite genres but by all accounts a necessity if you are under 20 and like popular music!

It's good to see friendships developing as they enjoy hanging out together. One young lady (whom I have known previously from a local school and now Pilots) in particular, is benefitting from hearing from our girls who are taking their education seriously and who know how to behave themselves in class; she's not had the ideal childhood and doesn't excel academically because she's too busy trying to get excluded! In my day, we just used to get our registration mark then walk out as the others made their way to first lesson! We knew the truant officer's route and often hid in the steam roller in Cluny Square! However, you can't just walk out anymore (the steam roller has gone any way, as has the witches hat, deemed too dangerous for today's children) security cameras, door locks, high fences and even police officers on some sites can make a child feel trapped, the only way to not be in school being illness (whether genuine or fake) or exclusion! All behaviour is communication; when they don't have the resources to make sense of their emotions (and let's face it even as adults we manage our emotional responses poorly sometimes) or an escape route they often feel a lack of control so play up. We can't immediately change a mind-set but it's our job as grown-ups to show that learning is fun and a life-long thing, we never stop doing it!

I often tell my young people, the more you learn, the more you realise you don't know! Writing this has brought to mind a truly delightful but troubled 10 year old I once supported in school who, although small in stature was extremely agile, very bright and who knew the staff were not allowed to give chase. He would run full pelt at the 6 foot metal fence and leap over it before waving at the cameras as he escaped from "that stinking prison". Personally I thought we should have left a gate open on the days we had supply teachers or PE to reduce the risk of broken bones - his landings were spectacular but terrifying and were as regular as the PE lessons and cover teachers.



The Prayer Lounge is more becoming more popular since introducing music, an art corner and allowing all age groups in. After discussion at the church meeting we are going to buy some new furniture to help create an inviting atmosphere; I'm quite sure more comfortable, soft seating will be widely used at our Tuesday prayer meeting and monthly mid-week worship/fellowship gatherings as well as on a Friday evening.

During half term I decided to try a midweek, daytime youth club session to include mums, dads and siblings. We have a few younger brothers and sisters that are very keen to be 10 so they can come on a Friday evening. I invited my friend Assayigah to run an African dance workshop; a lovely follow on from Lydia, who took the time to come and chat about school and life in Zimbabwe when she visited us earlier in the month. There were 28 of us all together, including the little ones (we had 9 cancel at the last minute!) around half did the whole hour of dancing; I love the atmosphere and natural movement of African dance. Everyone that joined in gave enthusiastic feedback; we followed the dance with lunch (a huge thank-you to my Mum and friend Sarah for stepping in at the last minute to help), games, table tennis and finally made African masks and decorated hats. It was definitely worth the effort.

If you would like to be involved with our youth club there are several ways you can contribute on an occasional or regular basis, let me know.

I am looking forward to worshipping at Hillsong on October 28<sup>th</sup> with a small group from 3 different churches, my oldest son is at University nearby so will be able to join us, I can't wait to tell you all about next time,

**God bless**  
**Lisa**  
**xxx**



## Peter's Piece

### The Christ - The Messiah

What does the word 'Christ' say to you when we read it in the NT, sing it in our Hymns, hear it from speakers, use it when praying? It is of course very precious as it is most frequently linked with our Lord's name,

Jesus; but what does the title Christ actually mean?

Christ comes from the Greek word *Christos* which is Greek for the Hebrew word *māšiah* or in English - Messiah, meaning the Anointed (One), so we need to look into the OT to discover the meaning.

Anointing is not just the physical act of words and oil pouring; it is a sacrament (see last month's Magazine) - an outward and physical act of an inward and spiritual grace, in other words an act of God, God's blessing, his healing, his choosing, appointing and equipping to a special office. In symbolising God's equipping for service, it was often associated with a special manifestation of the Holy Spirit on that person.

There is, running through all the OT, the hint and promise of a special coming One whom God had anointed (Psalm 2) who would be a 'great deliverer' of God's true people Israel and also of believers outside Israel. By Jesus' time the expectation of this promised One or Messiah had been well formulated in Judaism, but sadly missing a vital aspect of this longed-for anointed deliverer; something that was foolish to miss and yet hard to believe, [Messiahs don't get crucified! [Luke 24:25] But for The Messiah, suffering was to come before glory. [Luke 24:26]. Isaiah 52:13-53:12 and Psalm 22 are the two of the clearest prophecies in the OT presenting the Suffering Servant aspect of The Messiah's work.

The wonderful and glorious truth is that Jesus is that promised Messiah foretold in the OT. There are, not only direct references of the Messiah, the actual word Messiah - Anointed One is only used twice in the OT Psalm 2:2 & Daniel 9:25-26, but there are numerous figurative indications, that speak of the Deity, person, status, nature, character, family line, place of birth, even the nature of his

conception, his life, his death by crucifixion, his burial and his resurrection, his redemptive work and of his ultimate victory, glory and the eternal sovereign reign of the Messiah. We are in grave danger of missing out if we are not aware that Christ means Messiah and all that that Majestic title signifies in the OT as well as in the NT. We only get a part of the great truth and wonder of who Jesus fully is if we view the OT [*These are the very Scriptures that testify about me*, John 5:39] as of a lesser importance in speaking to us as Christians.

Next time 'Christ in all the Scriptures.' [from Luke 24:27]

### **Revised Common Lectionary Readings November/December 2018**

#### **November 11, 2018**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127;  
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

#### **November 18, 2018**

1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16;  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

#### **Reign of Christ - November 25, 2018**

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18);  
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

#### **First Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2018**

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

#### **Digging Deeper.**

We are having a break in December as there are a number of extra events over Advent and Christmas. We will recommence on Thursday 17 January 2019. See YOU there!

May we all know God's blessing in the Lord Jesus throughout 2019.

<b>Income &amp; Expenditure for September 2018</b>		
	Monthly	Weekly
<b>Income</b>		
Central Ave House	4,932.40	1,134.75
Church:Electricity	853.53	196.36
Donation Hall use	1,201.00	276.30
Donations & Subscriptions Inc	348.27	80.12
Junior Church	19.71	4.53
Letting GW house	637.30	146.62
Offerings:Charities Trust	75.00	17.25
Offerings:Envelopes	1,869.50	430.10
Offerings:Envelopes SO	941.00	216.49
Offerings:Loose Cash	466.20	107.25
Special Collections Inc	173.20	39.85
	11,517.11	2,649.64
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Children & Family Worker	-2,114.94	-486.57
Church:Cleaner	-284.00	-65.34
Church:Gardening	-154.00	-35.43
Church:Gas	-209.13	-48.11
Church:Internet	-115.19	-26.50
Church:Maintenance	-52.94	-12.18
Church:Water	-55.00	-12.65
Donations & Subscriptions Exp	-50.00	-11.50
Manse	-1,527.30	-351.37
Manse:Council Tax	-188.00	-43.25
Manse:Drainage & water supply cover	-19.73	-4.54
Manse:Sewerage	-24.00	-5.52
Manse:Water	-15.82	-3.64
Messy Church	-29.97	-6.89
Ministry and Mission	-3,806.80	-875.80
Other Expenses	-621.31	-142.94
Photocopier	-24.41	-5.62
Pulpit Supplies	-75.00	-17.25
Special Collections Exp	-113.00	-26.00
Waste Disposal	-133.69	-30.76
	-9,614.23	-2,211.86
Overall Total	1,902.88	437.78

I hope this helps all those attending church understand the costs involved in running the church. With thanks, as always, for all the support.

**Ann Blackwell, Treasurer**



The most common ghosts are the visions dressed in white sheets with flailing arms.

These are people who died changing their duvets.

They roam bedrooms, forever trying to find the corners!

## Q&A

Q: Did you hear about the tongue who couldn't get a bookkeeper?

A: Apparently there's no accounting for taste.

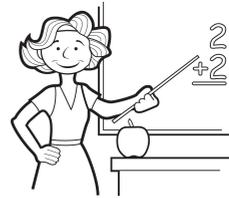
## Teachers and Children

Teacher: How old is your father?

Child: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is that possible?

Child: He became my father only when I was born.



Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Teacher: Johnny, your composition 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Johnny: No, sir; it's the same dog.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

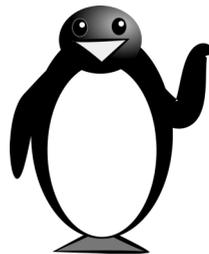
Glenn: Maybe it is wrong but you asked me how I spell it.

## Very Interesting Facts!! - Dead Penguins

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica?

Where do they go?

Wonder no more!!!



It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried.

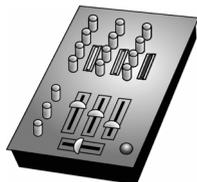
The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

“Freeze a jolly good fellow”

“Freeze a jolly good fellow”

**Anne - Ed.** Sorry about that but it probably, like me, had you going at first.

### 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.

## **Did you Know?**

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1920, in strictest secrecy, four unidentified British bodies were exhumed from temporary battlefield cemeteries at Ypres, Arras, the Asine and the Somme. None of the soldiers who did the digging were told why. The bodies were taken by field ambulance to GHQ at St-Pol-Sur-Ter Noise. There the bodies were draped with the union flag. Sentries were posted and Brigadier-General Wyatt and a Colonel Gell selected one body at random. A French honour guard was selected and stood by the coffin overnight. On the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup>, a specially designed coffin made of oak from the grounds of Hampton Court was brought and the unknown warrior placed inside. On top was placed a crusader's sword and a shield on which was inscribed 'A British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country.'

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November, the unknown warrior was taken by horse-drawn carriage through guards of honour and the sound of tolling bells and bugle calls to the quayside. There it was saluted by Marechal Foch and loaded onto HMS Verdun bound for Dover - the coffin stood on the deck covered in wreaths and surrounded by the French honour guard.

On arrival at Dover, the unknown warrior was greeted with a 19 gun salute, normally only reserved for Field Marshalls. He then travelled by special train to Victoria Station, London. He stayed there overnight and on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, he was taken to Westminster Abbey. The idea of the unknown warrior was thought of by a Padre called David Railton who had served at the front during the Great War and it was the union flag he used as an altar cloth at the front, that had been draped over the coffin. It was his intention that all relatives of the 517,773 combatants whose bodies had not been identified could believe that the unknown warrior could very well be their lost husband, father, brother or son. Every year on the 11<sup>th</sup> November we remember the unknown warrior:

**At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will  
remember them.**

**Roger Waters**

## The Soldier

If I should die,  
think only this of me:  
that there's some corner of  
a foreign field  
that is forever England.



## Rupert Brooke



## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders field the poppies blow  
between the crosses, row on row  
that mark our place. And in the sky  
the larks still bravely singing fly,  
scarce heard among the guns below

John McCrae

## Flower Donations

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> Geoff & Val Hayman
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ron & Shelagh Root
- 18<sup>th</sup> Toddler Group
- 25<sup>th</sup> Shawn & Anne Clarke



### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter and Zoy Hunt
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pat Britnell
- 16<sup>th</sup> Rob Milbourn - In memory of Sandra
- 23<sup>rd</sup> John, Stella Duboux and family
- 30<sup>th</sup> Frank and Ruth Dixon

## Coffee/Tea Rotas

### Sunday mornings after Worship

<b>Nov</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Kemp and Leng Kingston
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Gwen and Colin McMillan
<b>Dec</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Suzanne and Paul Dyer
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead

### Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

<b>Nov</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Smith
<b>Dec</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone



## 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 October for collecting £57.65 for Peaceful Place.

**November**  
**December**

Rumania  
Christian Aid

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

### Nov

Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Janette Stevens
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	PMG meeting	
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
		12.00 a.m.	Scouts Sleepover at The Cornerstone	
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	<b>Remembrance Sunday &amp; Family Church Parade</b>	Our Minister
		3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Community event for the Remembrance season; come, for quiet reflection, to light a candle, to pray or talk with someone, to have refreshments.	
Thurs	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. Digging Deeper (next meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019)	
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Amos
Thurs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Church Meeting including election of serving elders.	
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	(Doors open at 7.00 p.m.) Concert by Chanteuses led by Pauline Curtis - 'Saturday Night at the Movies and Musicals'. Tickets £8.00 & £6.00 Concessions	
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Roger Brett

### Dec

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Amos
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	



## Christmas Services

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Amos
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	<b>Toy Service and Family Church Parade</b>	

This year the Junior Church and Young People will share in a service led by Neil Keeble Magic (a Christian Magician). They will also sing a Christmas song, with actions, to include the whole congregation.

Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Robert Wiseman
		6.30 p.m.	<b>Service of Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve - Christingle Service</b>	
Tues	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	Our Minister
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship	Roger Brett



### The next edition of New Horizons!

The next magazine will be a double issue for December and January and will be published on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of **9.00 a.m. on**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** and please remember to include all of those special dates for Advent and Christmas..

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