

New Horizons

MAY 2019



For the fruits of His creation

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.

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| Tues | 10.00 am | 1 hour's Prayer for fellowship. |
| | 10.00 am | Tea and Coffee in the Foyer |
| | 11.30 am | "Cornerstone Crafters"
(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 |
| | 1.30 pm | "Whisper" Worship Workout |
| | 5.45 pm | Pilots. Ends at about 7.00 pm. |
| Thurs | 11.30 am | Midweek Worship (2 nd Thursday) |
| | 6.00 pm | Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts |
| | 7.45-9.15 | Scouts |
| | 7.30 pm | Elders' Meeting (1 st Thursday) |
| Fri | 6.00 pm | Junior Badminton |
| | 7.00-9.00 | Youth Club |

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



Be Anxious For Nothing

We often like to plan for the future. It gives us a sense of security knowing what is coming next and working toward a certain goal. But we do not know what is coming next. Our best plans could be in vain. Many things could happen that are beyond our power to control that can completely change our life.

Our life is uncertain. James reminds us that our time on this earth is as *"a vapour that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."* Events in our life are uncertain. Instead of saying, *"we will go to such and such a city,"* we should say, *"if the Lord wills."* After all, He is the one in control.

Failure to recognize how little control we have over the events that impact our life constitutes arrogance. We are nothing. We should not think that our plans are set in stone. This is not to say we shouldn't make plans. James isn't teaching that at all. Make plans. But condition them with the phrase, *"if the Lord wills."*

While we might feel secure "knowing" what our future holds, realising that we cannot know what will come tomorrow can cause anxiety and fear. But though I am not in control, it is not as if no one is in control. God is in control. So, we should not be anxious about the future. *Jesus said, "do not worry about tomorrow"* (Mt. 6:34). Regarding the necessities of life, Jesus said, *"your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you"* (Mt. 6:32 - 33).

Life has many ups and downs. There are times in our lives when it can feel like life has control of us more than we have control over our own lives. There are times when all of us face situations which are bigger than we are - situations which have power over the directions of our lives. It can be when you face uncertainty about your job and whether they will continue or not. It can be uncertainty about your

children's schooling, your loved one's hospital treatment or your teenager's involvement with the wrong crowd.

Whatever the uncertainty, it usually brings up feelings of being out of control, fear, anxiety, worry, self-doubt, depression, and sometimes can even feel totally overwhelming.

If you ever feel overwhelmed or tempted to worry about what life may bring, remember you can *"cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you"* (1 Pet. 5:7). Remember the words of the apostle Paul: *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 4:6-7).

**God bless,
Sohail**

I do not know what lies ahead,
the way I cannot see;
yet one stands near to be my guide,
He'll show the way to me.

I do not know the course ahead,
what joys and griefs are there;
but one is near who fully knows,
I'll trust His loving care:

*I know who holds the future,
and He'll guide me with His hand;
with God things don't just happen,
everything by Him is planned.
So as I face tomorrow,
with its problems large and small,
I'll trust the God of miracles,
give to Him my all.*

**Alfred B Smith and Eugene Clarke - MP269
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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 in our fellowship who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

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

Ann Cassells, Louie Clarke (Pilots) Mum Charlotte and family, Ann Crowhurst, Roy Davis, Mary Goodhew, Olive Goodyear, Morag Holloway 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.

Prayers for peoples and matters outside of our fellowship

Father, we pray for the Christian Church in Sri Lanka as it suffers after the attacks on Easter Day. We pray for those who were murdered, injured and traumatised and those who went to their aid.

We pray for all Christians in that country, as the churches are currently closed because their members are too frightened of further attacks. We cannot understand the minds of those who committed such atrocities but we pray that sense might prevail.

The greatest man in history, had no servants,
yet they called him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called him Healer.
He had no army, yet Kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered
the world.



He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet **He lives today**. **His name is JESUS.**



SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

As I write these notes, we have just dashed out into the garden to rescue the nearly dry washing from a rather heavy April shower, only to find once the tumble dryer was going the sun came out again! However, within a few minutes the sky was full of cloud so we are not putting the washing back out. Maybe today there will be some good heavy rain; we had to use the hosepipe last week. It got me thinking about how we change the way we do things to suit changing circumstances, particularly as a church where change from the familiar and comfortable can sometimes be a little daunting.

On 8th April we had a visit from the Synod Children and Youth Development Officer, Nicola Grieves, to refresh our training and

introduce the latest materials and thinking, the results of which I am sure you will see later in the year.

Our Lent course “Daring to see God Now” concluded on 9th April, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team who organised us each week.

Our work with children and families has provided some exciting opportunities during the last month, as over the course of two sessions - Messy Church and the Fun Day - we were able to share the events of Holy Week and the reason for our Lord’s death and resurrection. During the Fun Day some 120 people were present to hear the gospel, some of them for the first time and we pray the seeds sown then will one day come to fruition. Some of the families joined us for worship on Good Friday and Easter Day.

I was unwell at the beginning of the month so not present on 7th when Roger Brett took the morning service and our Minister the evening Communion. Robert Wiseman led our Midweek Fellowship service on 11th April. On Palm Sunday Sohail again took the service (which was not a church parade) and the usual palm crosses were distributed and we wished Asha Ejaz happy birthday, also marked Stella Duboux’s Big-O birthday.

Our service on Maundy Thursday was the very moving “Service of Shadows” when we were reminded of all the people who betrayed, denied or condemned our Lord. A similar reflective service, with readings from the Psalms and Gospels took place on Good Friday., and a series of Meditations on the morning of Holy Saturday.

On Easter Sunday, our Minister takes worship at both his churches, so we have to be a bit adaptable on timing. So it was that we gathered at 10.30 for Hot Cross buns (thanks to Leng Kingston for arranging these, helped by Brenda Kemp) and moved into the worship space shortly before 11 a.m. In previous years this has worked well, starting with the notices and introit, while Sohail was arriving and taking a quiet



moment. Little did we know that he had been held up by a fire engine, so was delayed quite a while. So in addition to the introit “Jesus Christ is Risen Alleluia!” ever flexible we also

- heard the anthem “In the tomb so cold they laid him”
- collected gifts of fresh and chocolate eggs (which have since been distributed to Harp and Off the Streets, thank you all)
- heard the music group play “See what a morning” that had been prepared for closing the service
- sang the first planned hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

I was just on the point of finding some suitable prayers when Sohail arrived, phew! Thanks to everyone for reacting to changing circumstances.....

Sohail’s children’s address “Easter in 30 pieces of chocolate” was much appreciated, and Abneer did a great job finding the right bar at the right time.

(see here for the script <https://reflectionary.org/2019/04/08/easter-resources-30-pieces-of-chocolate/>)

The service concluded with family communion, and some great singing of “Thine be the Glory”. At this festival time it is right to express thanks to everyone who contributed to the variety of worship times we have had, in particular Nigel for arranging a great selection of music, and Val and Joan for the beautiful flower arrangements.

Our final service of the month included Holy Communion and was led by our Minister who preached on Jesus visiting the disciples on two occasions in the upper room after His resurrection. The Holy Spirit was breathed into them and Thomas believed.

By the time this magazine is published I will be away at High Leigh Conference Centre for the three-day Messy Church International Conference. You may remember I had to miss it three years ago, as I was waiting for surgery to a broken wrist, so I am really looking forward to meeting up with other leaders and exchanging ideas. I’m back to High Leigh again on 13th - 16th May for the URC Mission Council, the body that carries on the work of the URC between General Assemblies. I will be checking emails regularly. Later in the month I am due at Synod office for a meeting of the Mission Committee. Retirement, what’s that? **

Ruth Dixon

** And so say many of us!! The Eds.

SYNOD EVENTS FOR US

ROADSHOW

What?	A refresher/resourcing evening
Where?	Wickford URC
When?	Monday 20 th May 2019 @ 7.00 pm
Who?	Ministers, Elders and anyone in leadership or service in our churches

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP

News from the Forum



For nearly sixty years I have had a garden of my own to care for and one of my favourite times is when I see the first daffodil open its flower in early spring. So it was a special treat to welcome Robert Wiseman to the Forum at the beginning of this month to talk to us about his love of the flower, the judging points he has to look for in the role he holds and to hear about his attempts at breeding new varieties of Daffodil. Did you know that there are some 13,000 known varieties of daffodil if all the hybrids are included and that all of these can be attributed to 13 groups?

Robert brought along examples of those groups for us to see and he described the way in which they varied one from another. We all recognise the trumpet, it can be longer or shorter than the petals, there are the Jonquils which have their own individual scents (not all pleasant I have to say) and all shades of colour from bright orange to pure white were there in the examples we saw. We, as mere mortals, buy our bulbs in bags or even mesh sacks but the purists are paying anything up to £150 PER BULB in order to add to their own collections. Robert told us he had bought bulbs from the Americas and from New Zealand. He also shared with us, with some chagrin, that as he was downsizing and passing on some of his collection that he had recognised two very expensive bulbs in flower in friends' gardens!

Some of the members were able to take home the blooms so the enjoyment of the afternoon went on.

Thank you Robert and maybe you will have a tale to tell about how the downsizing and re-establishing your new garden goes.



Confucius he say “I hear and I forget”
“ I see and I remember”
“ I do and I understand”

This Chinese proverb was part of the introduction from Ruth Dixon when she came along to the afternoon meeting this week to talk to us about Messy Church.

I think it is very important for us all to know what is going on at different times in the week when we are not at the Cornerstone but it is buzzing with life of all kinds. We all hear that Messy Church is happening, there is a banner outside advertising the same but: What is it? Who is it for? And what on earth do we all get up to?

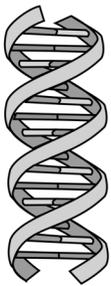
Ruth gave us a very clear insight into the origins both nationally, and here in our own church, how it develops differently to cater for the needs of the individual communities being served and the frequency of the event. Generally the meeting is monthly, midweek or in some cases on a Sunday. There are more frequent times but usually these are more like our Fun Days than the full Messy Church routine.

Planning is both time consuming and prayer led with topics covering all the main festivals so that all comers of whatever age, inclination and gender can come along and get a flavour of the Christian Year. Interspersed are other ideas from the Manuals and newsletters that can be followed in full, adapted to the locale or to the day itself. The pattern is the same for us each time. We welcome the children AND their parents after school and by about four o'clock there is a buzz developing as they try the activities around the room. There are usually about twelve to have a go at, some harder than others and as the age range changes year on year. We have to take the new school intake along



with those who moved to High School but still come along.

After about an hour we break, clear up and while the populous go into church for twenty minutes or so with story, recap of what they have done and singing, the rest of the team set out the tables with cutlery, etc. ready for the meal, lovingly prepared for us by Zoy. We have fed as many as eighty, and as few as forty and Zoy never knows how many will come through the doors but somehow there is always enough to go round and every-one enjoys a time of eating and chat before they go home at about six o'clock.



I cannot end this though without referring back to good old Confucius. He said basically that you only really retain knowledge by doing an activity related to the written or spoken word. I could write pages for you here about what DNA is, how it is made of various molecules, how a double helix is linked by phosphate strands of four types in varying order and I bet most of you would give up and think I was a bit of a nerd. BUT Ruth produced a bowl for each of us with stringy sweets, jelly tots and cocktail sticks and said “Build a bit of DNA“. We did have a picture to follow, but I thank my Creator that he knew what He was doing because my uniqueness would be a complete and utter mess if my bit was left as the pattern!

It fits into a theme worked last July about our specialness and uniqueness.

I leave you with another of the Confucius proverbs

“ Education breeds confidence”

“ Confidence breeds hope “

“ Hope breeds Peace”

Next month we have Val Mead coming to show us how to beautify our home with some Floral Art and secondly, by request, a session of Adult Colouring. See you then.

Alison Shannon

Love from Lisa



I love this time of year, we can speak freely about Jesus without non-believers thinking we are unhinged as it is accepted more readily and expected in and around churches at Easter. I adorned almost every adult at the fun day with a God loves you sticker, which generated an astonishing amount of faith conversations very naturally. In the past I have been put off sharing the Gospel by people, especially by a few family members and when working in schools, being scornful and refusing to engage in conversation.

As Christians we are constantly seeking to grow and become more holy but it's not enough to just show God's love in the way we conduct ourselves (in public and behind closed doors), we need to tell people about Jesus too - the Bible says so. Lent gives us the perfect opportunity to reconnect with God and with all the different traditions carves out specific worship time in our busy schedules. It is so easy to be distracted from listening to God when we are busy juggling all the balls life throws up.

In the first week of the school break I arranged a meet in the park for the Toddler and Kidsmatter mums. There is a crossover as some of the mums attend both groups and others have children in the Cornerstone Youth Club. I have a laminated storyboard about Jesus' life in the box with the bats, balls, parachute, kites, stilts, pogo stick and snacks as well as the popular stickers - some of the conversations around these gentle promptings have been amazing!

"So, do you do that prayer stuff on a Sunday?"

"Does God do magic (healing) now?"

"Why do old people go to church? My nan goes all the time."

"What, He died, came to life and never was dead again ever?"

I particularly enjoyed the exchange between two year 6 children (one from youth club the other a toddler's sibling) about who went to church most and who knew more about God - music to any youth worker's ears and very funny; this is an opportunity to eavesdrop with the mums and then share some of my own story of how

accepting Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, choosing God first and being part of a Church family has transformed my life over the last 12 years.



Those of us with older children took turns to push prams round the lake (one of our lovely mums had a shock when surprise baby number four turned out to be twins!). Giving them a few minutes reprieve with deckchairs and hot chocolate is the perfect excuse to grab baby cuddles and having read recently that children connect to God far more outside in nature than they do indoors, I was able to genuinely wonder at creation and the deep beauty of spring again through the eyes of a toddler, such a lovely day.

Our Good Friday service ran at the same time as our Friday parent group so I invited them to come to the service and to stay and play afterwards. Those that came were respectful when I asked if we could listen to the Bible readings and when I joined in the prayers from the foyer as we made paper chains and decorated eggs. We stayed in the building for the whole afternoon, another family joining us for lunch.

Please take a look at the notice board where the toys are in the corner and take a moment to pray; one little boy drew a train on a palm leaf and asked whether Jesus may have gone on a train instead of a donkey if there had been one. The girl that asked if we do the praying stuff on Sundays made a beautiful cross to decorate an egg and asked so, so many questions as she worked. There are also a couple of big pictures made by the deckhands and toddlers depicting spring in a resurrection garden style, which will remain pretty until Pentecost, unlike my attempt at live Easter gardens, although I'm sure the children and myself enjoyed the mud just as much as the paint and glue.

After the Sunday service a few new faces stayed to chat and join in the egg and spoon race, Mick came out with us to enjoy the sunshine and to watch out for anyone holding their egg on!

I really enjoyed working with Nicola and Hannah at Bridgewater Drive's Easter holiday club; they have kindly offered to come here in August to help me run a summer holiday club at the Cornerstone.

Please remember to invite your friends, neighbours, family and anyone who needs to hear the good news to the Watoto event on Thursday 30th May at 5pm - they are brilliant

God bless
Lisa

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

During April some of us have been very fortunate to receive an increase in our occupational pensions due to the rate of inflation in a previous period of twelve months. Some of you will already have taken the opportunity to review your regular contributions to the work of The Cornerstone, but if not, is now the time to do so?



For some, your financial circumstances might have worsened over time and perhaps you feel that you cannot give more, or indeed, feel you have to make a reduction. That is fine and fully understandable.

Please pray about this and remember that if you pay Income Tax, then Gift Aid can increase your giving by 25% at no cost to yourself.

***Our prime purpose in
this life is to help others.
And if you can't help them,
at least don't hurt them.***

Dalai Lama

Collection for the Night Shelters instead of shoe boxes

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the collection for the Night Shelters.

The place to put your items is in the **BLUE** bucket on the Foyer desk and a full list of their requests is on the container. Mostly it is toiletries for all, disposable razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, soap and flannels.

We are not a collection point for clothes, so please do not bring along second hand jumpers etc. There is one exception to that in the list, where they ask for **NEW** underwear for men and women, but please only new gifts. New socks, hats and scarves are always welcomed and I will store those if you are making them.

Thank you all,
Alison

Are you having a laugh!

- This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat, it was obvious that she thought her cat understood her When I came home I told my dog..... we both laughed a lot.
- A wagon overturned on the M1 this morning loaded with Vicks Vapour Rub. There was no congestion for 8hrs.
- The inventor of the throat lozenge has died. There will be no coffin at his funeral.
- The adult version of “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes” is “Wallet, Glasses, Keys and Phone”
- Due to recent budget cuts, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.



Harvest Festival Meal and
Entertainment
21st September 2019



Back by popular demand (!) is The Cornerstone's annual Harvest Supper and Entertainment Evening.

Now is your chance to volunteer to be on our great stage and give forth with your inner Thespian. Whether it is acting, juggling, comedy, magic, singing, dancing or any other legal public event Your Supper Needs You.

There will be a number of items on the Big Screen along with songs for all to sing along with using music from our Musical Directors and the 'Vicar' may make a return visit. But it will be nothing without you.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to do something just let me know soonest so that I can slot you in to the programme. Title of piece, name of performers and length of performance as well please.

And if you have any idea of a song or two that you would like us to sing then also let me know. Something from a 'Show' would be good. And, even better, something we know and have the music for.

Mike and Linda Mead will be catering, thank you, to start the evening off and booking notices for the meal will go up in the Foyer a few weeks before the event.

And for your diaries -

Date - 21st September 2019

Arrive from 5.30pm

Food served at 6.00pm

Concert to start at approx. 7.15pm and finish around 8.30pm

All are Welcome to this fun-packed evening but pre-booking is essential for the meal.

Our Harvest Service will be on Sunday 22nd September 10.30.



Peter's Piece

'Our Father'

We say this prayer together most Sundays during Morning Worship. A few weeks ago, a colleague Elder and I got into a conversation wondering just how much this prayer really means to us as we say it and also to the members of the congregation as it is said each Sunday morning. This was not a criticism of people's sincerity in prayer, but a genuine questioning on the purpose and indeed value of its being said together each Sunday morning, as well as at other times.

Mulling over this conversation, has prompted me, to once again, take a closer look at this prayer our Saviour gave to his disciples, in response to their request *Lord teach us to prayer us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.* Luke 11:1-5. Matthew also includes this prayer in our Lord's teaching in the familiarly called "Sermon on the Mount." Matthew 6:5-15. It is vital to read this prayer in its set contexts, for around it Jesus gives valuable teaching on the nature of true effective praying.

Strictly speaking it is somewhat of a misnomer to call it 'The Lord's Prayer', it is properly the 'disciples' prayer', having been given to them in response to their request. The actual 'Lord's Prayer' the Prayer which Jesus himself prayed is John 17. Here amazingly, immediately before his death, Jesus prays for his disciples v.9ff and indeed also for us! v.20ff. It is more than well worth, not just reading, but meditating on this actual Lord's prayer.

It is important to note that Jesus gave us this prayer to be used in two ways. One, as indeed we do in recital, *When you pray, say: Father ...* Luke 11:2 which I'm sure should be a truly meaningfully saying and not a mere repetition (babbling Matthew 6:7) And then as a guide or pattern for prayer, *This then is how you should pray: Our Father ...* Matthew 6:9. Here I admit I fail as a 'how' guide to my praying. More of that in later 'Pieces'.

I am not suggesting here that we should discard this valuable and sacred prayer, as some people do for a variety of reasons; but to re-examine our use of it both collectively and personally and ensure that whenever we say it, either together publicly or on our own in private, to not rush it, but thoughtfully, consciously and carefully making each sentence our own petition.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for May 2019

Third Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2019

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2019

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 19, 2019

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

Seventh Sunday of Easter - June 2, 2019

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Note **Ascension Day** is Thursday 30 May 2019

The set Readings are for the

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

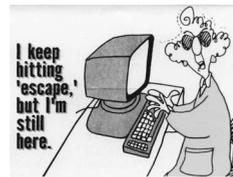
Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Digging Deeper recommences on **Tuesday** 28 May 2019. If you have a subject or passage of scripture you would like us to 'dig deeper' into, then please let one of the planning group know as soon as possible; Sohail, Vic, Robert or Peter.

Any typing mistakes found in our magazine are not the fault of the typist!! And here is the proof.



ODE TO THE SPELL CHECKER

Eye have a spelling checker
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight 4 it 2 say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It show me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew!



Leader of the Pack

We can learn an invaluable leadership lesson from a pack of wolves.

The ones in the front are old and sick. They walk in front to set the pace.

The next group are the strongest. They protect the front and side from an attack.

The middle group is fully protected because behind them are also wolves among the strongest. They protect the back side.

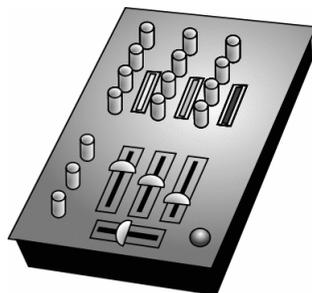
The last wolf is the LEADER. He ensures no one is left behind. He keeps the pack tight and on the same path. He is ready to run in any direction to protect his pack.

Being a leader is not about being in front. It's about taking care of your team.

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.





The next edition of New Horizons!

The next magazine will be published on 2nd June 2019. Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 23rd May.

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

Flower Donations

May

- 5th Geoff & Celia Whitman
(In memory of Juliette)
- 12th Stella Yates
- 19th Alan Barnes
- 26th Vic and Ann Crowhurst

June

- 2nd Joan Harvey
- 9th Win Holmes
- 16th Gwen & Colin McMillan
- 23rd Ann & Mick
- 30th Clive, Mary and Pat Goodhew



Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

May 5th Gwen and Colin McMillan
 12th Anne Clarke and Val Mead
 19th Suzanne and Paul Dyer
 26th Maureen Stone and Val Hayman

June 2nd Linda and Mike Mead
 9th Anne Clarke and Val Mead

Tuesday mornings “Drop in”

May 7th Stella Duboux and Brenda Melling
 14th Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
 21st Carole and Alan Cornwall
 28th Carol Smith

June 4th Stella Duboux and Brenda Melling
 11th Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone



A very special “thank you” is due to all of those who willingly stepped up to fill in during times of sickness. Your help was appreciated by all of our tea and coffee drinkers!

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 April for collecting the magnificent sum of £90.60 for Peaceful Place.



May Rumania Appeal
June Christian Aid

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

May

Sun	5 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Robert Wiseman
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
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.	Family Church Parade	Our Minister
Sun	19 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Mon	20 th		Elders' Training Day at Wickford, Dovetailed into an Elders' Road Show For Area Partnership	
Thurs	23 rd	7.30 p.m.	Church Meeting*	

**If the UK is participating in the EURO elections on this day, the foyer will be a polling station. It has been agreed that we will hold the Church Meeting in the worship space, with entrance and exit via the emergency door to the car park, an appropriate barrier and signage to be erected. There will be no access to other facilities.*

Sun	26 th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Tues	28 th	7.30 p.m.	Digging Deeper	
Thurs	30 th	5.00 p.m.	Concert by Wototo Company	

June

Sun	2 nd	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Amos
Tues	4 th	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	6 th	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	
Sat	8 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sun	9 th	10.30 a.m.	Pilots, Junior Church & Parade Service Followed by a Barbecue	

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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.