

#### **DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018**



# JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD HAS COME!



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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 11.30 am 2.30 pm	1 hour's Prayer for fellowship. Tea and Coffee in the Foyer "Cornerstone Crafters" with lunch (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays or as announced) Christian Forum (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) Messy Church First Tuesday in the month
Wed		The Cornerstone Toddlers during Term Time Pilots. Ends at about 7.00 pm.
Thurs	7.45-9.15	Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts Scouts Elders' Meeting (1 <sup>st</sup> 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.

# Letter to the fellowship



#### The Reason for the Season

Around Christmas time, we frequently see the sign that says, "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season." When we look at our frenzied, commercialized world around Christmas, it is

sometimes difficult to focus on the real reason for the season. However, when we focus on Jesus at Christmas or any other time, our lives become so much more meaningful and abundant.

Jesus came into a world 2000 years ago full of confusion, death, loneliness, fear, addictions, hatred, alienation, strife and greed. This world has not changed much in 2000 years. The gospel of Jesus Christ still comes as a light in the darkness. The darkness of the world cannot overcome the light of Jesus Christ.

Jesus came as a weak, tiny baby. He did not come as a powerful worldly king. God's only son entered life in the most humble of circumstances. For Mary and Joseph, there was no hospitality. They were homeless. They were not welcomed. They were rejected. The Messiah of Israel was born in poverty. Jesus was laid in a



manger, a feeding trough. Ironically, this beloved child became the food for the whole world. He became the most hospitable, the most welcoming and the most accepting being who ever lived.

One thing is certain, the baby Jesus was loved. As he was laid in the manger, he was wrapped in swaddling clothes. What a wonderful image of love that is. His parents were not about to neglect him in any way.

The baby Jesus came as a gift from God the Father. He came to share our human nature. He came to live and die as one of us. Jesus became like us, so that we might become more like God. Man will live forever more because of Christmas day. Jesus came to help fill the lonely void in all of our lives. The Lord knows that we are all alone and isolated at many points in our lives. Jesus came because he desires a loving, merciful relationship with each one of us. He wants us to be in fellowship with one another. At some point in the future, God has a great and wonderful party planned for us in heaven.

The baby Jesus came that all people might be drawn from the world into the goodness and mercy of God. We have a God who humbled himself so that we can learn the true nature of love. We have a God that offers each of us hospitality and a welcoming heart. We have a God who especially loves the lowest and the weakest. We have a God who is so courageous that he sacrificed his own son for you and me. Jesus showed throughout his life that we matter greatly to God.

God still comes to us much like the baby Jesus. He tells us we are his beloved children. God's voice resounds from all directions. God says to us, "You are my beloved." When God speaks and acts, it is accomplished.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

#### Sohail & Family

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine, love to God and all the world, love for plea and gift and sign.

# Christina Georgina Rossetti

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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, give them your peace Lord and the knowledge that family and friends are there for them to lean on when life is difficult.



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

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

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

# Father, hear our prayers **Amen**

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



Do make use of our prayer cards, whether to give thanks or to request prayers in specific need. You may remain anonymous if you wish. There is a collection box on the prayer table in the foyer. Requests will be prayed over at the Tuesday prayer group and other appropriate times.

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

### Prayers for people and matters outside of our fellowship

This time let our prayers be ones of thanks.

We give thanks for our stable country where we can worship God in freedom without interference from the state. For shelter, for warmth, for food, for healthcare, for medicines and for clean water.

For the protection of the individual and for those who ensure it. For the freedom in which we can express our opinions and debate issues without the fear of a watching state.

Now let us pray for those throughout the world who do not enjoy all these benefits and also pray that at this Christmas they may have fresh hope and we may have renewed faith and action to help them in the best way that we can.



# SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

First of all, a big thank you to everyone who made up shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, or donated cash for transportation costs, and to Roger for delivering them to the drop off point. Your generosity is appreciated. Thanks are also due to Jacqui Wilson, members of the craft group, and Toddler/Pilots' parents who

organised our Christmas Fayre raising well over £500 for church funds. It was a fun-packed afternoon.

I was away at Mission Council in the early part of the month. There were some interesting items of business, not the least of which is "Stepwise" the successor training programme to TLS; planning is well under way and the first modules are likely to be available in September 2018. All of the content will be on the internet which means that local churches can organise delivery to interested parties. Watch this space....

Walking the Way is the URC's ongoing programme for personal and fellowship development. We have already used some of the prayers, and the Advent liturgies will feature in our advent candle lighting. Other programmes will also reflect the emphasis on Walking the Way -living the life of Jesus today. For example, the URC has just released a new daily devotional which anyone can receive by email; I am aware many of you have your favourite personal bible reading notes, but I would urge you to try the new one, as there is something particularly fulfilling in being part of a larger dimension. http://www.urc.org.uk/latest-news/2491-inspiration-in-your-

inbox.html

I am grateful to Jacqui who took the helm for November Messy Church, looking at some of the bible stories where God particularly, sometimes spectacularly, intervened and tying this in with the season of remembrance.

Once again we have experienced a variety of different styles of worship during the last month. John Amos came to us on 5<sup>th</sup> November morning service, and in the evening we had an informal communion based around some meditations on relationships from the Walking the Way prayer series.

On 12<sup>th</sup> November, the church was packed, for the Remembrance Sunday service led by Roger Brett and members of the Scout group and congregation. By the miracle of modern technology we were able to see and experience the wreath laying and silence from the Cenotaph in Whitehall; names of the war dead from The Cornerstone constituent churches were read to remember their sacrifice.



Jeanette Stevens visited on 19<sup>th</sup> November and led the morning worship on a pre-advent theme, and we sang our first Carol of the season! Our Minister led our Holy Communion Service on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

At the church meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the following were elected to serve as Elders for a three year term from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018:

Stella Duboux Jacqui Wilson Robert Wiseman

May God richly bless them as they serve him in our church.

At the time of writing, it is not known whether or not the Synod visit to Zimbabwe will go ahead, given the political uncertainties. As many of you will know, our twinning with Highfield has not developed as we originally hoped, but with a new minister in post we felt it would be right for Sohail to represent us on this occasion, and he would therefore be absent for part of Advent.



Preparation for our Advent services is under way, and full details are in the Christmas leaflet. On 10<sup>th</sup> December we will have the toy service and young people's presentation. You are asked to bring new toys, books or craft sets, which will then go to Southend Council's Toy Drive. It is planned to serve mince pies, sausage rolls etc after our major advent services, and

contributions will be most welcome.

On Christmas Eve we have a normal Sunday morning service and Christingle at 3.30 pm. I am planning to stay on after morning service to make the Christingles, so if you fancy bringing a packed lunch and stay to assist you will be most welcome.



We are very much looking forward to working with Lisa who starts as our Children and Family worker in January. I know Val has written about this elsewhere, so I will just ask you to pray for her and our team as we seek to do his will in the times ahead. Frank and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

#### Blessings Ruth Dixon

# NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP

#### Children and Family Worker

I am very pleased to report that Lisa McCrae has been appointed into the position of Children and Family Worker, commencing on the  $2^{nd}$  January, 2018.

This has been a huge decision for the church to make and we have been praying for God's guidance, and it has become evident that He has led every step of the way by the coincidences that have occurred, which culminated in Lisa's appointment.

Lisa is really looking forward to starting work and getting to know the Fellowship at The Cornerstone, and she will be seen at many of the church's activities. Her main focus is working with the children and families and she is brimming with ideas and enthusiasm.

A robust management structure will be in place to support Lisa and I will be her Line Manager. She will need time to settle in and it will be imperative to manage everyone's expectations of her and her role, so just a please to begin with - I respectfully ask you not to request her to do any extra tasks, run any ideas past me please. Also, "Change" takes time and encouragement. "Church" does not always have to happen on Sundays!

Please give Lisa a big welcome to The Cornerstone and loads of support.

Thanks Val (Mead)

# Christmas Wishes

The Junior Church would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ruth Dixon & Mary Goodhew (Joint Junior Church Leaders)

Pat, Melanie and Tricia Tyler wish all friends at the Cornerstone a happy and peaceful Christmas, and thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

#### Your Christmas Greetings

The post box is now available for you to drop off your cards for people in The Cornerstone to pick up but, unfortunately, we cannot offer a delivery service. If



you feel it appropriate, then a donation to reflect the saving in postage will be really appreciated by our Treasurer.

Also, the Group Christmas Card is now on display in the Foyer and we thank those who have contributed to Church Funds in respect of the cost of the postage and or cards.

#### A sincere Thank You

Your editors wish to thank you for your articles, reports, jokes, event dates and comments during 2017. Without these we would not have been able to produce a magazine but merely an uninteresting news sheet.

We would also like to thank Derek Goodyear for printing the magazine each month and also the many appreciative comments we receive from our readers.

Our Blessings to you for Christmas and Greetings, as we look forward to an exciting 2018, full of Faith and progress.

#### Anne and Michael

#### News from the Forum

Our first meeting in November saw a record number of the group sitting round the tables ready to listen to John Wootton teach us some more origami pieces. The first piece we tried was a very attractive Santa with his traditional red coat and trousers, complete with white fur trim. How many of us did what John suggested and tried it at home with the grandchildren? Then John showed us some party hats, albeit in miniature, very effective nonetheless. Thank you, John for a very enjoyable afternoon. At the time of going to press we are looking forward to welcoming Revd Derek Kingston to our next meeting and we are anticipating another interesting afternoon.



There is only one gathering in December and that is our Christmas meal, when about forty people will be sitting down here in the foyer to enjoy a meal cooked by Richard, on our own premises for the first time. It will be interesting to see how this works out as we combine the usual

Coffee morning with all of the preparations for the dinner.

An advance notice here now to say that, for the first time for many years, we are including January in our programme. Previously it has been omitted in view of the inclement weather but this has not been true for some time so there are two meetings planned for the second and fourth Tuesdays as usual, but with our own members planning the afternoons. It remains to be seen whether we are fortunate enough to have the better weather of the past few years, but it will be easier to cancel if we do not have outside speakers booked.

The end of another year comes around and we wish all our readers a Holy and Blessed Christmas and then as we enter 2018, a peaceful and healthy New year.

If you haven't been to any of our meetings do come along and see what we are up to, always a friendly greeting and an interesting way to spend a Tuesday afternoon.

# Alison Shannon

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2017



# WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS AT THE CORNERSTONE

# A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND GOD'S BLESSING ON THEM IN THE NEW YEAR.

Monica Aloi Pat Britnall Roger and Wendy Brett Hilda Burgess Anne and Shawn Clarke Alan and Carole Cornwall and Family Roy and Trixie Davis Terry and Barbara Dillon Eric and Pat Garrard Pat Goodhew Janet Gooding

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2017

**Derek Goodyear** Joan Harvey Geoff and Val Hayman Win Holmes Rena Hume Brenda Kemp Valerie Liggett Nigel and Val Mead **Jacomine Mole David and Beverley Osborn** Ron and Shelagh Root Alison Shannon Sheila Taylor Mick Thorp Martin, Julie and James Turner Melanie, Tricia and Pat Tyler Brenda and Michael Wardle Chris, Julia, Phillip and Helen Ware Stella Yates

# Peter's Piece - Advent



Last Sunday was Advent Sunday - the first day of Advent, the four Sundays and the weeks, leading up to Christmas.

Advent is a Penitential period, like Lent before Easter, time for reflection, review and repentance before the Celebration.

Advent has a dual looking forward to,

obviously Christmas, but even more so, the great and glorious promise of Jesus that, *if I go ---, I will come back and take you to be with me ---.<sup>1</sup>* It should be a productive reflection on how we live out our Christian lives all the year round, in view of Jesus' promised return.

Advent, literally meaning 'coming,' is not only to prepare us to celebrate Christmas, Jesus' birth, his first 'coming', but a reminder and challenge that Jesus is 'coming' again, for Christ --- will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him,<sup>2</sup> and that we should be eagerly and expectantly waiting and looking for that triumphant Advent, every day, not just for the Advent weeks leading up to Christmas.

My mother, who had many wise words, used to say, and sadly I can't say that I have always faithfully followed her good advice, "Never do anything that you would be ashamed to be found doing at the Lord's return!" That is how we should live all the time, and the season of Advent is designed to urge us to have that frame of mind.

Jesus our Lord and Saviour is without doubt coming back to collect those who are his. Paul tells loud and clear *the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> John 14:3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hebrews 9:28

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

<sup>1</sup> Corinthians 11:26

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.<sup>3</sup>

This is the glorious, sure and certain hope that we in Christ have and we should live excitedly and expectantly for Jesus Christ to come, at any moment; not at some distant time in the future, which we only remember at Advent, possibly at Easter and each time we hear the words *till He come*<sup>4</sup> as we celebrate Holy Communion.

Some may be tempted to say, *'Where is this "coming" he promised?*<sup>5</sup> --- But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.<sup>6</sup>

What a great promise are the penultimate words of the Bible! '*I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*<sup>7</sup>

Therefore encourage one another with these words.<sup>8</sup> Hallelujah!<sup>9</sup>

# Revised Common Lectionary lessons for the Sundays of December 2017 and January 2018.

**First Sunday of Advent**. **December 3, 2017** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9: Mark 13:24-37.

# Second Sunday of Advent. December 10, 2017

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a ; Mark 1:1-8

#### Third Sunday of Advent. December 17, 2017

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1:46b-55; \*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 : John 1:6-8, 19-28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 2 Peter 3:4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 2 Peter 3:10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Revelation 22:20. c.f. 2:16, 3:11, 22:7 & 12. 'I am' is of course God's personal Name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 1 Thessalonians 4:18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Hallelujah literally – Hallel – praise; jah – Yahweh (God)

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent. December 24, 2017

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26;\* Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38. \* complementary to the standard reading, may be used with, or in place of it.

January 7, 2018 Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.

January 14, 2018 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

January 21, 2018 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

January 28, 2018 Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

# 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.

# A Very Special Thank You

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, flowers, supportive words and hugs received from those at the Cornerstone during my ongoing chemotherapy treatment. It really has made a huge difference to me that so many people care and I can honestly say that each time I have felt a bit fed up or sorry for myself someone says something to lift me or gives me a gift or a hug and I believe God is working through many friends to keep me going through difficult times.

Thank you to all **Ann (Blackwell)** 

# CELEBRATION (December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>)

Christmas is a time for celebration. How do you celebrate? Do you rush around spending more money than you can really afford in order to buy food, decorations, presents and drinks? Or do you take a tipple or two at the



office party and remain in a daze until sometime around New Year's Day?

Perhaps you are one of those who feel that their Christmas is incomplete if you haven't spent some time in church, listening to the readings about the birth of Christ and responding with well-loved carols and hymns?

Our ways of celebrating either anaesthetise us to reality or heighten our perception of it. So how did the characters in the gospels celebrate the very first Christmas?



The shepherds celebrated by spreading the gossip of the Good News everywhere they went.

The angels and the wise men celebrated the birth by being amazed.





Mary celebrated by storing up all these wonderful things and treasuring them in her heart.

So, this year, why not listen to the good news of God identifying with our human condition on that first Christmas, then allow yourself to be utterly amazed by it, and finally, when you have stored it all up, ponder it seriously.

If you do these three things, then you really will have celebrated Christmas.

Christmas Presence (Isa 9:6, 7:14)

#### Unto us a child is born To us a son is given .......

And you will call him Immanuel, God with us.



Jesus, God actually with us. God's greatest gift, Born into weakness and vulnerable, sharing life's raw reality, family rows, family rejoicing, broken relationships, broken hearts, grief and great suffering, rejection and injustice, despair and death.

Yet through it all still the gift goes on, revealing God's grace and power and peace to overcome. This is a gift that cannot be wrapped, that will never break, or pass its sell-by date. This is Jesus, the greatest gift.

Receive God's Christmas presence and walk on with Him.

#### By Daphne Kitching





# The next edition of New Horizons!

The next magazine will be published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of 9.00 a.m. on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>.

All items welcome, even the jokes from the Christmas crackers!

#### 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

# **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.

#### Remembering

Never a Christmas morning, never the Old Year ends, but someone thinks of someone, old days, old times, old friends.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

# **December**

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Toy Service/Young People's Sunday led by Junior Church, Pilots and Scouts (Family Church Parade)	
		6.30 p.m.	URC Youth meet	,
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Amos
		6.30 p.m.	Lessons & Carols	Nigel/Clive
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.15 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. Digging Deeper	
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Eve	
		10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
		3.30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Christingle Se	rvice
				Our Minister
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Family Se	rvice
				Our Minister
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett

#### <u>January</u>

Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	$4^{th}$	7.30 p.m.	Ministry Team & Elders' mee	eting
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Stuart Stoner
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	To be decided
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Family Church Parade	Our Minister
		6.30 p.m.	URC Youth meet	
Thurs			7.30 p.m. Digging Deeper	
Sun		10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Amos
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion; Ordinatio	n &
			Induction of Elders	Our Minister
		6.30 p.m.	URC Youth meet	

# February

Sun	$4^{th}$	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Amos
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	

# **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 November for donating £128 for Christian Aid.

DecemberThe Leprosy MissionJanuaryRNLIFebruaryHarp<br/>(Southend Centre for Homeless)

# **Flower Donations**

### December

- 10<sup>th</sup> Pat Britnell
- 17<sup>th</sup> Alison Shannon
- 24<sup>th</sup> John and Stella Duboux & family
- 31<sup>st</sup> Frank and Ruth Dixon

#### <u>January</u>

- 7<sup>th</sup> Roger and Wendy Brett
- 14<sup>th</sup> Joan Harvey
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ann Cassels
- 28<sup>th</sup> Restorick Family



# February

4<sup>th</sup> Barbara and Terry Dillon

# Coffee/Tea Rotas

# Sunday mornings after Worship

Dec	10 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Shannon and Jacqui Wilson
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Maureen Stone and Sandra Milbourn

<u>2018</u>

Jan

7 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanne and Paul Dyer
14 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
21 <sup>st</sup>	Maureen Stone and Sandra Milbourn
28 <sup>th</sup>	Linda and Mike Mead

**Feb** 4<sup>th</sup> Val Hayman and Stella Yates 11<sup>th</sup> Anne Clarke and Val Mead



# Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

Dec	12 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Closed for Boxing Day

# <u>2018</u>

Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone Carole and Alan Cornwall Alison Shannon and Sandra Milbourn Machrina Ejaz

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon

#### WHO'S WHO?

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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.