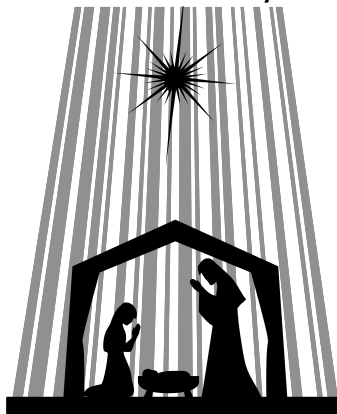


# New Horizons

DECEMBER 2018 / JANUARY 2019



## The Word Became Flesh

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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



### **Manger and the Cross**

The story of Jesus' birth has an immense progeny. Our planet fairly teems with stories and songs, paintings and drama that got their start from this story. The reproductive energies show no sign of tapering off. Writers and singers and artists, to say nothing of countless children and parents and grandparents all over the world, continue to find fresh and novel ways of keeping this story going.

But even more impressive are the lives that continue to get a fresh start; a new birth; in the story of this birth. Day after day, men and women who feel more dead than alive, in the hearing of singing or seeing this story, rediscover the utter and unspeakable and beautiful preciousness of life. The story of Jesus's birth gets reproduced in these human lives still, over and over and over again.

The key to Christmas is to remember what it is supposed to celebrate: the birth of Jesus Christ. If it weren't for Christ, there would be no Christmas.

And the key to keeping Christ at the centre of our Christmas is to keep our eyes on Him, and not let ourselves be distracted by everything else that is going on. I know that's easier said than done; Christmas has grown increasingly busy (and secular), and Christ easily gets crowded out by all the activities and the stress on material things.

We need to stop and reflect on why Jesus' birth is so important. Is it simply because He was a great man – or was He more than that? The Bible says He was God in human flesh. Think of it: Just over two thousand years ago, God came down from heaven and became a little baby! *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:14). But He didn't stay an infant; He went to the cross, so we could become part of His family forever. Have you put your faith in Him?

The true message of Christmas is that Eternal God came to earth in the form of man in order to save His own creation. It was necessary because fallen man is mired in sin, and there is no remission of sin without the shedding of blood.

The One we see in the manger is fully God who came to earth to die so that you and I could have forgiveness of our sins, so that we would receive the greatest gift of all.

As your family celebrates Christmas this year, take time to turn your attention to Christ. Because our best Christmas comes not from the gaily-wrapped presents under the Christmas tree, but from the One wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a wooden manger in the town of Bethlehem, the One who's birthday we celebrate.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and  
a prosperous, wonderful and blessed New Year.

**Sohail & Family**

### **A Thought on Advent**

Advent demands preparation. As we come closer to the events of Christmas we are challenged to smooth out the wrinkles of our daily life, to actively look for the ways in which God comes to us in the ordinariness of our existence, and to do all we can to come closer to him.



Father, we give you thanks and praise for so loving the world that you gave the greatest gift of all, your One and Only Son, that believing in him we may receive the gift of eternal life.

**Amen**

## 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.



At the end of November we heard that Rena Hume went to be with the Lord and we send our condolences to her family and friends at this sad time. We also keep in our prayers all others of our fellowship who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Christmas is a difficult time as families gather together, 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, Win Holmes, Margaret King and Hilda Prior. We pray for those who are ill, in constant pain, recovering and awaiting or receiving treatment:

**Ann Blackwell, Pat Britnell, 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.

## **Prayers for peoples and matters outside of our fellowship**

Father our world seems to be in more of a turmoil than usual, so we need your help more than ever.

We think of those suffering from flood, fire, earthquake, terrorism, eviction from their homeland and especially those who are being persecuted for being Christians.

We also pray for all politicians as they seek to bring peace and tolerance to all nations and peoples.

## **GREETINGS AND THANKS FROM THE EDITORS**



We wish you a blessed and renewing Christmas and thank you all for your contributions and articles during 2018. We are extremely grateful that most of our material now comes to us electronically as it makes our monthly task that much easier.

Thanks must also go to our readers, on paper and on screen, spread all over the UK and also overseas. Also for the helpful comments that you pass on to us as without you there would be no point in having the magazine.

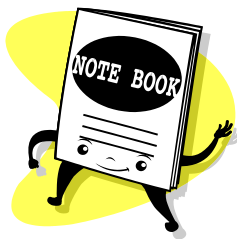
Last, but by no means least, we thank Derek Goodyear for printing it month by month despite being a very busy person inside and outside of the church.

Our thanks to you all.

**Anne and Michael**

And a line repeated from the Misister's letter to us all.

**If it weren't for Christ, there would be no Christmas.**

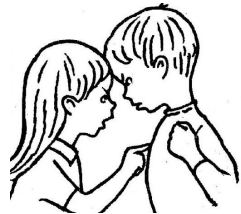


## SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

It seems that autumn came and went in a flash and winter is now upon us. Our tomato plants finally gave up, and remaining fruit has been picked to ripen (or not) indoors. Unfortunately overnight frosts have not killed the weeds and there is still work to be done in the garden!

We welcomed Janette Stevens to lead our worship on the first Sunday in November. Her children's talk was assisted by her dog puppet and she very generously gave us a tin of sweets for Junior Church time.

At Messy Church in November our crafts and activities concentrated not only on Remembrance, but also the need to make peace with one another. Sohail followed this up on Remembrance Sunday when he spoke of avoiding 'little' quarrels before they escalate; the children presented a poppy wreath made at Messy Church and we observed the two minutes' silence in the usual way. It was good to see so many in church on this occasion, the cub scouts had a sleepover on the premises the previous night and were on parade in large numbers, although Lorna and the team did look rather tired!



John Amos visited us on 18<sup>th</sup> November and challenged us on how we could draw closer to God. On 25<sup>th</sup> November, Roger Brett led our communion service, in the absence of our Minister away at Assessment Board.

On the third weekend of the month I was privileged to represent the Eastern Synod at the URC Mission Council, where we considered the future of youth and children's work in the church, forms of non-stipendiary ministry, finance and many other issues arising in the church today. Worship plays a central part in the councils of the church and it was stimulating to learn many new hymns (in fact over the whole weekend we only had one I already knew); daily Bible Studies were led by Rev.Dr. Susan Durber with new perspectives on Paul's letter to the Philippians. There is a possibility these will be

made public with the meeting minutes, they will certainly be a good read.

At our Church Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November we continued our exploration of Holy Habits, this time 'Breaking Bread', and had some discussion about the frequency of breaking bread together, both formally and informally. Further materials are available in the foyer for you to use as you wish over the coming months. In January we will turn to Prayer, which I am sure will enhance our understanding and practices. Also at the November Church meeting we had the annual election of Elders and I am pleased to report that the following were elected to serve for a three year term from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019:

Roger Brett  
Ruth Dixon  
Clive Goodhew  
Sarah Wilson

The Induction and Ordination is due to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

At the end of the month, once again The Real Advent Calendar was distributed to all our children and young people as a blessing for the season.



By the time you read this, the church post box will be out for you to exchange cards with people expected to attend over the festive period. Last year there were a number of cards for people who have moved away and sadly these had to be disposed of. Please do use the Royal Mail!

December is shaping up to be a joyous time of celebration together and I do hope you will support the events and services which are taking place, and take the opportunity to worship with Messy Church, Pilots and Toddlers.

Frank and I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Ruth Dixon**



# **NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP**

## **Thank You**

May I say thank you for your cards, good wishes etc. for my 60<sup>th</sup> landmark birthday and my full immersion in September. The latter being Sohail's first and I must admit I have been amazed at what has happened since.

57 West Saturday Church with Communion weekly has involved me in a slow return to singing with others in a project, "Tinsel for the Homeless" with new words for Band-Aid songs for facebook.

Season's Greetings

**Paul Drage**

## **Junior Church**

The Junior Church would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and every blessing in the New Year. We hope as many as possible can attend all the Christmas services involving our Young People.

**The Junior Church Leaders**

## **Cake and Carols**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5.45 p.m. we shall be meeting for fellowship and enjoy refreshments, including some cakes. Then at our usual time of 6.30 p.m., we shall gather in the Church for a service of Lessons and Carols, to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.



We hope you will be able to come slightly earlier than usual, so we can meet together before celebrating and hearing the Christmas Story.

**Nigel and Clive**

## **Christmas Day Lunch**

The list closed on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> but special pleading might secure you a place if you are going to be on your own that day.

## Love from Lisa



### Jesus is the light

This was the focus for Pilots on 31<sup>st</sup> October. However, the majority of our Deck Hands and Voyagers were drawn into the world of trick or treat and scary costumes; we even had one passing parent pop in to use the toilet - she explained her son was a bit

scared, that she belonged to the Salvation Army and didn't really like the celebrations but what could she do when all his friends were dressing up and going out? (One house two blocks along from us transforms into a real house of horror and displays moving skeletons, witches and light up skulls from early October, which I find disturbing in the daylight and I'm a brave grown up). I told her what we were celebrating and refrained from telling her to explain to her 6 year old that Halloween has its roots in the occult and that as a Christian mother she has a duty not to participate in anything not of the Lord! But I do feel I should have explained why it's not ok to endorse such celebrations and felt quite sad that the lure of candy kept the majority of our attendees away. However, it made our time with the few children we had very special. Derek had organized some wonderful team games using torches and our Minister and his family thoroughly enjoyed making up the numbers joining in the games enthusiastically. The craft and story focused on Jesus lighting up the darkness and we were able to fully engage with each child with time to listen and answer their questions. Zoy and Joan prepared a party tea for us all to eat as a family and we shared the cakes the children had decorated for dessert. The few children that attended are regulars. One little girl in particular often voices misconceptions (one week it took me over 10 minutes to convince her that Jesus and Boaz were not the same man!) and we had a delightful time hearing her peers' opinions about her views on God, interjecting with truth if necessary.

It's a rare joy in our busy lives to be able to sit and observe the fruits of our labour; I'm often surprised at the depth of their understanding and recall of the Bible stories. I believe these children will grow up knowing that they are loved by our heavenly Father, who created the heavens and the earth. I pray that we can teach them to accept and

follow Jesus, to be thankful for all they have and to love God wholeheartedly. Watch out for news of Pilots/Junior church's Nativity celebrations in the notices.

## **Whisper**

We still haven't had a response to our request for funding from 20/20 vision so I'm presuming no news is good news and would like to thank those who support this project financially in the meantime.

Two of our ladies have seen a significant improvement in their flexibility and balance and all are enjoying the positive atmosphere the prayer and music creates. The movements can be adapted to suit individual needs so the class is open to all ages and abilities. There are a couple of day and time changes during November and December which will given out with the notices on Sundays and listed on the notice board. There will also be a short demonstration from the group at the Christmas Fayre.



## **Russian Speakers' Group**

Olena is a delightful lady from a country in the former Soviet Union (that I can't spell or pronounce) who I met in a Kids Matter parenting group in September, she told me how she felt very isolated when she first came to England and how a pastor from a local church befriended and encouraged her.

Olena started to volunteer with a homeless project where she made friends and recognised a real need for community, so set up a facebook group for foreign speakers living in Southend; around 80 people joined and over 40 turned up for their first meeting. For several weeks the group were nomadic, having to meet at different times on odd days until they started meeting here at The Cornerstone 1-3pm every Sunday.

Numbers have begun to increase again now and Olena has asked me to explain that this social gathering is for everyone - all are

welcome. If you do come along you could learn some Russian; learn to dance; learn about English grammar, play games, drink tea, chat, immerse yourself with their resident artist's weekly masterpiece or simply watch the children play. They are a diverse, friendly bunch, who Olena is hoping will join her for several wonderful Christmas activities and crafts, including a pantomime during the next few weeks.

## **Youth Club**

Our young people are going to run the Christmas Fayre this year (obviously we'll help a bit!) on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

So far they've designed the flyer and program; planned a show; persuaded mums to come to run stalls, make cakes and find raffle prizes - a great start. We need some more books, puzzles and games (in good condition) if you are able to source them. No soft toys please. It has been a privilege to watch them work together and lots of fun planning the stalls.

The girls from Friday nights have choreographed all the dances in the performance themselves using Christian songs in keeping with our Friday gatherings. We hope the singing group will be able join our other vocalists to extend the range of entertainment. Tickets for the show will be on sale for 50p each the Sunday before the event and on the day.

We had a representative from Usborne Books at Toddler group in October and they are happy to come back for the afternoon; all the books are reasonably priced and she has several lovely Christmas packs to offer. There will be the usual Tombola, guess the name of the elf, a raffle, guess how many sweets in a jar, Bric-a-Brac etc. In addition there will 3 or 4 stalls supporting local ladies who run their own small businesses making brooches, vegan sweets, lamps, bunting and a Body Shop party host. Our own crafters have made some delightful knitted characters and tree decorations, which make perfect original gifts and I believe one of their beautiful blankets has been offered as a raffle prize; if anyone would like to bake us some pies or cakes to add to our refreshments list please let Mary or Lisa know.



This is the perfect time of year to reach out to those who don't yet know the joy that comes from walking with Jesus. I still believe that we can make our local churches the centre of every community across Southend. I believe we can help raise Godly children who will lead their parents back to the Lord. In the early Church so many influential leaders were of a tender age and they didn't always have it easy but they persevered and the churches grew.

There is a huge revival happening in Colombia at present; thousands of people giving their lives in an instant, having felt the touch of The Holy Spirit; it may not be like that across Europe but one at a time in Southend will signal rejoicing in Heaven. Let's be generous in our giving throughout Advent whether with time, prayers, baking or money; we all have a part to play; as we remember God's generous gift to us. I pray we can reflect His nature in our own characters and that we share the Good News in our words and actions in our everyday because the world so needs to know !

Please remember to purchase your tickets for Christmas Castaways. Described as fun for all the family, an original hour long pant-ivity, combining all the fun of panto with the message of the nativity; they come highly recommended and will start their show at 4pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Love from Lisa xxx**

**It's not what  
we have in life,  
but who we  
have in our life  
that matters.**

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2018



**WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS AT  
*THE CORNERSTONE***

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

**Monica Aloï**

**Andy Anderson and Betty West**

**Pat Britnell**

**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**

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2018

Janet Gooding  
Derek Goodyear  
Joan Harvey  
Geoff and Val Hayman  
Win Holmes  
Brenda Kemp  
Valerie Liggett  
Gwen and Colin McMillan  
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

## News from the Forum

At our first meeting in November we had a very interesting and informative talk from Shawn Clarke as he took us through the topic of Advent Now and Then.

Shawn explained how the name we use now for the season of preparation for Christmas came into our language from the Latin word *Adventus* which means Arrival, and how the past Popes had such an influence on our traditions today.

The date we use now of December 25<sup>th</sup> is, relatively speaking, modern in that in the early life of the church Christmas has been celebrated in every month of the year! Once it was established on the December date, the date of the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrating the visit of the Angel to Mary announcing the coming of the Christ as a baby, was set as 25<sup>th</sup> March. This fixed Christmas as nine months later on 25<sup>th</sup> December!

We sing carols each year with words that have come down through the centuries, a few of which have come from the writings of Popes.

We no longer have a tradition of fasting in our church but it is still adhered to in the more catholic traditions and Shawn expressed his relief that it is now only expected on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Whereas, many centuries ago, it used to be required for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Advent and on Christmas Eve!

We ended with some explanations and pictures of the Advent Wreath which we have each year. By the way, the dripping of wax on the floor will be a thing of the past here now as technology has come to our aid and we will be having LED lights this year.



From fasting to feasting - our last meeting of the month was when 25 of us, with some of the partners, sat down to a meal in the foyer. It was a very happy occasion and our thanks go to Zoy who volunteered to cook it for us, it was lovely Zoy, Thank you very much, also to Rob and Sharon for helping lay-up and Joan and



Brenda for the help with serving.

The Amaryllis you gave me was very unexpected and I look forward to the green shoots appearing soon.

And so to our last meeting of 2018 when on December 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having an afternoon of Christmas music and singing with John and his friends with Ukulele and Guitars.

It is time to remind you that the decision was taken not to meet in January, so we look to the second Tuesday in February and we will be welcoming a new visitor to our group with an afternoon of music to be announced when we meet.

A Holy and Blessed Christmas to you all and good things to come in 2019.

**Alison Shannon**

After my talk to the Forum, I read two very ancient prayers associated with the latter days of Advent. We think they originated in 5<sup>th</sup> Century France. We know they have been said by the Priests/Ministers of different Christian traditions for many centuries.

They are called the “O” Antiphons. Antiphons are verses of psalms or prayers used during the Divine Office (the daily prayers of Priests and Religious), these prayers are still used today in the Presbyterian (USA), Lutheran and Catholic traditions. There are seven of these prayers and they are said over the last seven days of Advent. Alison asked that I include one for the readers of this magazine.

**Shawn Clarke**

**O Emmanuel:** O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Saviour of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God, Isaiah had prophesied, The Lord himself will give you this sign: the Virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

(Isaiah 7:14). Remember Emmanuel means God is with us.



## Peter's Piece

### Christ in ALL the Scriptures

We tend to think that if we want to learn more of Jesus, who he is, why he was born, lived, died, resurrected and Ascended into heaven then we need to read the NT. This is only partially true. It is true that the historical account of his earthly life and indeed his teaching, including that through the Apostles, is recorded in the NT, but who he is and the promise and purpose of his coming is more fully revealed in the OT. *These are the very Scriptures that testify about me*, Jesus said, John 5:39.

The wonderful and glorious truth is that Jesus ‘--- *the Messiah, the Son of the living God*’, (Matthew 16:16) is the fulfilment of the promises of God, which were foretold in the OT. There are, not only references telling us directly of the Messiah<sup>1</sup>, but there are, as I said last month, numerous prophecies as well, that speak of the Deity, person, status, nature, character, work, family line, place of birth, even the nature of his conception, his life, his death by crucifixion, his burial, his resurrection, his redemptive work but also of the ultimate victory, glory and the eternal sovereign reign, of the Messiah, which we are in grave danger of missing if we are not aware that Christ means Messiah and all that that 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 as of lesser importance than the NT in speaking to us about Jesus.

From the first verse of the NT<sup>2</sup>, Matthew himself refers his readers back to the OT 12 times confirming that the Messiah is revealed and promised there. Further, in chapter 1 vv. 22-23; quoting from Isaiah 7:14, we learn that his very name Immanuel - ‘God with us’ - declares his Deity.

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 2:2 & 7; Daniel 9:25-26. Psalm 22 particularly vv.14-15 describes crucifixion some centuries before it had been in use by the Romans!

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 1:1 see Genesis 12:7

To be topical, Christmas is coming, Matthew then refers to the prophecies of the Messiah's conception<sup>3</sup> and the place of his birth, Bethlehem<sup>4</sup>. Matthew recounts the details of the miraculous conception<sup>5</sup> while Luke gives the historical background events<sup>6</sup> telling how God's plans worked out when a virgin from the Galilean town of Nazareth came to be in Bethlehem, some 90 miles south of her home, for the birth of her first born, Jesus the Messiah.

So, let's go on, reading the OT side by side with the NT discovering Jesus there and see the faithfulness of God in fulfilling his promises of redemption for us humans in the coming and work of his Messiah, Jesus.

## **Revised Common Lectionary Readings for December 2018 and January 2019**

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

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

### **Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018**

Malachi 3:1-4;  
Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

### **Third Sunday of Advent - December 16, 2018**

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6;  
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23, 2018**

Micah 5:2-5a;  
Luke 1:46b-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

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<sup>3</sup> Matthew 1:22-23 quoting the prophecy from Isaiah 7:14

<sup>4</sup> Matthew 2:4-6 quoting the prophecy from Micah 5

<sup>5</sup> Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>6</sup> Luke 1:26-27, 2:1-7.

## **First Sunday after Christmas Day - December 30, 2018**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;  
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

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## **Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 2019**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

## **First Sunday after the Epiphany - Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;  
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## **Second Sunday after the Epiphany - January 20, 2019**

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

## **Third Sunday after the Epiphany - January 27, 2019**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

## **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 3, 2019**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

**Digging Deeper** will recommence on Thursday 17 January 2019.

Today be thankful  
and think how rich you are.  
Your family is priceless.  
Your health is wealth.  
Your time is gold.

Income & Expenditure for October 2018		
<b>Income</b>	Monthly	Weekly
Central Ave House	£237.60	£54.66
Donation Hall use	£1,586.00	£364.88
Donations & Subscriptions Income	£253.90	£58.41
Junior Church	£7.00	£1.61
Letting GW house	£713.60	£164.17
Manse	£68.70	£15.81
Offerings	£2,463.46	£566.75
Other Income	£60.50	£13.92
Special Collections Inc	£327.65	£75.38
Youth Club	£12.50	£2.88
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£5,730.91</b>	<b>£1,318.46</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Children & Family Worker	-£2,114.94	-£486.57
Church:Cleaner	-£284.00	-£65.34
Church:Electricity	-£206.56	-£47.52
Church:Gardening	-£52.50	-£12.08
Church:Internet	-£41.88	-£9.63
Church:Lift line	-£34.08	-£7.84
Church:Maintenance	-£1,131.74	-£260.37
Church:Telephone	-£36.94	-£8.50
Church:Water	-£55.00	-£12.65
Donations & Subscriptions Exp	-£50.00	-£11.50
Insurance	-£1,159.97	-£266.86
Manse:Council Tax	-£188.00	-£43.25
Manse:Drainage & water supply cover	-£19.73	-£4.54
Manse:Sewerage	-£24.00	-£5.52
Manse:Water	-£15.00	-£3.45
Ministry and Mission	-£3,806.80	-£875.80
Organ & Piano Tuning	-£120.00	-£27.61
Other Expenses	-£1,173.02	-£269.87
Photocopier	-£82.10	-£18.89
Pulpit Supplies	-£70.00	-£16.10
Total Expenditure:	-£10,666.26	-£2,453.89
Overall total	-£4,935.35	-£1,135.43

**Ann Blackwell, Treasurer**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13  
(A Christmas Version)



If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of mince pies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, sing carols in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the Christmas tree with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on those I love the most, I have missed the point.

In other words,

**Love** stops the cooking to hug a child.

**Love** sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

**Love** is kind, though harried and tired.

**Love** doesn't yell at the children to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

**Love** doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

**Love** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Love** never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.

**But the gift of love will endure**

## A Christmas Chuckle

What would you get if you crossed a turkey with an evil spirit?  
A Poultrygeist!

Sing along now:

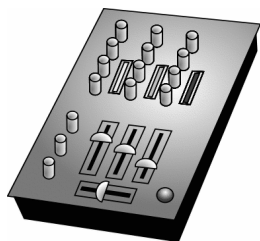
Oh the weather  
outside can bite me,  
and my car won't  
start to spite me,  
and I can't feel any  
of my toes,  
Winter blows,  
Winter blows,  
Winter blows.

Never use a GPS when going to a cemetery.  
It is not nice to hear "You've reached your destination"

10 commas, 2 full stops and an exclamation mark all appeared  
in court on Friday. They're all due to be sentenced next week.

I was arguing with someone until we came across a smiling fortune  
teller - I think we found a happy medium.

## 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.

## Flower Donations

### 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



**2019**

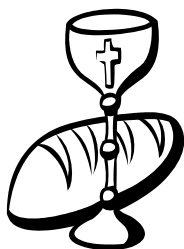
### January

- 6<sup>th</sup> Roger and Wendy Brett  
13<sup>th</sup> Joan Harvey  
20<sup>th</sup> Ann Cassels  
27<sup>th</sup> Restorick Family

### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Terry and Barbara Dillon

## 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 collecting £79 for the Rumania charity.

**December**  
**January**  
**February**

RNLI  
HARP

Christian Aid



## Coffee/Tea Rotas

### Sunday mornings after Worship

<b>Dec</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Suzanne and Paul Dyer
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen Stone and Val Hayman
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Linda and Mike Mead
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Val Hayman and Stella Yates

### 2019

<b>Jan</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Stella Duboux and Joan Harvey
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Kemp and Leng Kingston
<b>Feb</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead

### Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

<b>Dec</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day - No coffee morning



### 2019

<b>Jan</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day - No coffee morning
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carol Smith
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
<b>Feb</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

### 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	
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.

Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	The Cornerstone Christmas Fayre and Tabletop Sale, including live dances being performed from 2.00 p.m.	
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Robert Wiseman
		5.45 p.m.	<b>Cake and Carols</b>	
		6.30 p.m.	<b>Start of Service</b>	
Tues	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 a.m.	<b>Toddlers Group Nativity and Party</b>	
		5.30 p.m.	<b>Pilots' Open Evening and Christmas Service, followed by a small party</b>	
	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Castaways Family Fun Show</b>	
			Tickets £2 per child.	
			Maximum £5 per family	
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	<b>Holy Communion</b>	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 - Family Service</b>	
				Our Minister
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship	Roger Brett

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### **Jan**

Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Ministry & Mission and Elders' meeting	
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	<b>Epiphany</b> Peter Hunt and Sarah Wilson	
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Tues	8 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Weds	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Toddlers' first meeting	
		5.45 p.m.	Pilots' first meeting	
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Our Minister
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.	Digging Deeper (Bible Study)	
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Church meeting	
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
			Ordination and Induction of Elders	

### **Feb**

Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
		6.30 p.m.	No Service	
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Elders' meeting	



### **The next edition of New Horizons!**

The next magazine will be published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of **9.00 a.m. on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

Please remember to include anything that has inspired you over the Advent and Christmas period as well as your usual contributions.

**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.**

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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.**