

New Horizons

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THE CORNERSTONE



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WORSHIP AND ACTION

Sunday 10.30 am **Morning Worship** and Junior Church.
Holy Communion is celebrated during
Worship on the 4th Sunday

**FAIRTRADE Coffee and tea is served after Morning
Worship**

Please stay to talk with each other in an informal atmosphere.

Sunday 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** will be held, and Holy
Communion celebrated, as set out in the
monthly magazine and as announced in Church.

Church Meetings are generally held in alternate months on the
third Thursday at 7.30 pm. The dates and times will be published in
this magazine and announced in Church.

Tues	10.00 am	1 hour's Prayer for fellowship.
	10.00 am	Tea and Coffee in the Foyer
	11.30 am	"Cornerstone Crafters" with lunch (1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays or as announced)
	2.30 pm	Christian Forum (2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays)
	4.00 pm	Messy Church First Tuesday in the month
Wed	9.30 am	The Cornerstone Toddlers during Term Time
	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
	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



Living a Salty Life

How many people do you influence? What kind of influence do you have on their lives? It is probably more people than you think. Sociologists think that the average person's sphere of influence includes 250 people.

Our town's population is roughly around 174,000, we only need four people for passing a message to every person in town by word of mouth. If one tells all 250 people in his/her sphere of influence and they in turn tell all 250 in theirs, then everyone in town will know what you talked about. So, with only four or five people we could touch the whole world. We have more influence than we think!

Jesus used salt to illustrate the power of influence. He told His disciples that because of their relationship with Him they were the salt of the earth. He closed this extended section on discipleship with the affirmation that salt is good, but then He added the word of caution and warning; *"But if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out."*

When the salt had lost its taste, it was no longer useful. In fact, it had to be handled very carefully. About the only place that was appropriate to put it was on the pathway where you didn't want anything to grow. If you mixed it with the manure pile it would corrupt the manure. If you threw it out in the field, nothing would grow there. So, we had to be careful about what we did with salt that had lost its taste. But Jesus is not concerned about salt, but rather He is concerned about disciples who have lost their taste. When a disciple loses his ability to influence the world around him for good, all of the purposes involved in him being a disciple are null and void. The life becomes useless in God's kingdom purposes.

So, this raises a question - how can we maintain a life that is salty? How can we keep our influence so that our lives make it easier for

others to believe in God? How can we have influence that will make it more difficult for evil to prevail in the world?

Believers need to be "salty" in a world that is falling apart from the suffusion of sin and decay. Our message is sweet. God forgives, He loves, He brings eternal life. Yet these wonderful truths exist in an awful context of death and decay that we must not ignore by only speaking graciously. We must add salt.

I believe salt is that element of God's truth that enhances, preserves and strengthens us. Speech seasoned with salt will encourage or warn, it will impart life and prevent decay from setting in or stop it in its tracks. Stopping decay is reversing a fundamental element of the Fall. Salt is vital to life and salted speech is too.

Jesus taught us about reacting to our enemies in a most astonishing way - bless them, do good to them and pray for them. This means that we are a people who react to things completely differently to the way the rest of the world does. We are in the world, but we are not of the world. If we react in a completely natural and understandable way to the difficult circumstances in our lives, we will lose that unique taste. Jesus warned that we will then be rejected and trampled on - by the world!

If we will hear what Jesus says about discipleship and do them, then, we will be able to live a salty life.

God bless,
Sohail

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations His great name adore
and serve Him, Lord and King
for evermore.

J E Seddon

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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.



Sadly, we learnt of the passing of Pat Britnell on the 20th January and we send our condolences to Derek, 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. 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, Ann Crowhurst, Roy Davis, Pat Garrard, Derek Goodyear, Olive Goodyear, Sohail's mother 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.

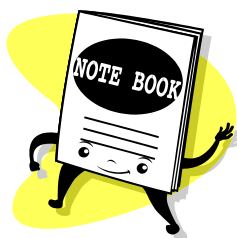


Do make use of our prayer cards, whether to give thanks or to request prayers in specific need. You may remain anonymous if you wish. There is a collection box on the prayer table in the foyer. Requests will be prayed over at the Tuesday prayer group and other appropriate times.

Prayers for peoples and matters outside of our fellowship

Father, we are not immune to the troubles of the world. From time to time, we can look homelessness, poverty, illness, insecurity, fear, hunger, loneliness and despair in the face and all seems lost.

But we turn to you for comfort, reassurance and courage that you provide without any restrictions. Please remind us continuously that we need to pass these on, not only to those around us, but through prayer and giving to those we cannot reach.



SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

In early January, I visited my niece in Spain to spend a week in warm sunshine, returning to the UK just as the cold snap arrived! Since my last visit Sarah has acquired a puppy, so we did a fair bit of walking, and those of you with Facebook will have seen photos of the stunning scenery where she lives. It is orange season in Valenciana and believe me freshly squeezed oranges are far sweeter just a few hours from the tree!

Needless to say, there is not much activity in the Dixon garden at the moment, with the ground too hard even to weed. It always surprises (or should that be disappoints?) me that while many plants die off over the winter, weeds seldom do!

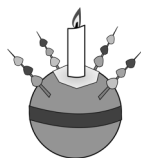
December saw our usual mix of services for young and old, with the month starting with a visit from John Amos on 2nd, and Holy Communion for Advent led by our Minister, Sohail, in the evening.

Messy Church on 4th involved making decorations and other activities to emphasise the reason for the season. 9th December was our Toy and Young People's service conducted by Neil Keeble, a Christian Magician who uses this talent to share the Good News about Jesus. Our children sang "O what a special night" - not to everyone's taste but great fun! Thank you all for your generosity

with toys and gifts; such was the seasonal altruism of Southend folk that many of our traditional recipients were overwhelmed with gifts and we have been looking for other causes to take them.

On 15th December we held a Christmas Fayre which included a dance display devised and performed by members of the youth club. It was good to see these young people taking the initiative in this way, and our thanks go to Lisa for organising the event.

Robert Wiseman took the morning service on 16th December and in the evening we had a service of Lessons and Carols preceded by cake. Thanks to everyone involved in arranging that. 19th December saw the Toddler Group and Pilots each celebrating Christmas and presenting the nativity story to family members. An innovation last year was a joint venture with Southend Vineyard to bring a 'pantotivity' "Christmas Castaways" to our facilities as a community event and this was well supported. Once again our thanks to Lisa for enabling this and catering for the visiting troupe.



Sohail led our morning Communion service on 23rd December, and the following day joined Mary and myself for the community Christingle, followed by seasonal refreshments. On Christmas Day we gathered for worship led by Sohail, and Roger Brett led all-age worship on 30th. December was indeed a busy month, full of joyful times and good fellowship over some 200 mince pies plus sausage rolls with vegetarian and gluten free versions, together with tea, coffee and mulled grape and apple juice.

On Epiphany Sunday, Sarah Wilson led the service with Peter Hunt speaking, and in the evening Sohail led us for Communion. I was absent for the morning service on 13th January that was led by Sohail. Roger took the service on 20th January, and in the 'children's address' asked what people wanted to be when they grew up; in Jesus' day he was almost certain to follow Joseph's profession, until God decided it was time for his mission; likewise we may be content enough in our work but must be open to change direction at God's calling.

At the Communion Service on 27th January led by Sohail, Sarah Wilson was ordained and Inducted as an Elder. Ruth Dixon, Clive Goodhew and Roger Brett will be inducted to serve for a three year period during a service in February.

With the change of Elders, the pastoral lists have been reworked; a copy is on the notice board in the church so please do take a look.

A few reminders:

- if you are using the kitchen or servery please check if the food waste bin needs emptying; we do not have a collection at the premises and rely on people to take it away for their domestic food waste collection
- after using the hot water boiler please remember to press the button on the front to engage “Standby”
- if you handle money on behalf of the church please ensure the treasurer gets your 2018 income and expenditure report as soon as possible for inclusion in the church accounts
- if you lead a group or organisation, I would appreciate your annual report (for inclusion in the AGM report book) by the end of February. Thank You.

At the Church Meeting on 24th January, we were delighted to receive into membership Tina Ryan, Elizabeth Helm, Heather Helm, Paul and Suzanne Dyer. May God bless their future as full members of The Cornerstone. The ceremony is to take place at the February communion service. In addition, Sandra Russ is to re-affirm her membership. At the same meeting, in recognition of his long and valuable service to The Cornerstone (and Bournemouth Park before) Allan Prior was made Elder Emeritus and he was thanked for his contribution to church life.

The current topic for Holy Habits is Prayer, both personal and corporate. If you were unable to be present at the church meeting, there are materials available in the foyer for you to talk about in small groups or take away to think about. More resources will be added over the next few weeks, and I hope everyone will take the opportunity to think about their prayer life and how it might be enhanced for a closer relationship with the Lord. In addition, you

may care to purchase one or more of these Lifebuilder study books, which are around £5 each:

- Prayer: An Adventure with God David Healey
ISBN 978 185999 6249
- Prayers of the Old Testament Lynne M Baab
ISBN 978 184427 6325
- Prayers of the New Testament Lynne M Baab
ISBN 978 184427 7216

Ruth Dixon

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Dinner

Jo Reeder, head of fundraising and marketing for Age UK Suffolk, said: *"The festive period is a particularly challenging time for many older people. While most of us are looking forward to spending time with family and friends, the reality is that for some people, this can be the most isolating and difficult time of year."*



We felt this too and after a few years of thinking, praying, planning and near misses, finally this year we managed to put it all together. It was our first attempt to organise a free Christmas dinner for those who, otherwise, would have been on their own at Christmas. I really enjoyed planning it thinking about the menu, finalising it and shopping. It was thrilling!

Altogether we were 24. All went well and we had some great feedback, for example: *"It almost felt like I was having a dinner with my family, which I have not had for a long time. The atmosphere was great. There was lots of interaction, unlike other places."*

We had a quiz after the starters...a choice of either cream of potato and leek soup or roasted butternut squash. After the three-course meal, we had a round of "Pass the Parcel" everybody participated in it and enjoyed it, we all had chocolates as a prize. We were expected to tell a joke or anything we wanted to share with others, to

which Bridget made a special contribution by telling us about her country's Christmas traditions.

We have thoroughly enjoyed organising it and putting it all together, especially Shameer, Abneer and Shaleem who were very efficient as were Sara and Sohail. My heartfelt thanks to the church elders who felt that this event was worth doing. It really was. Many thanks to all those who encouraged me along the way. It meant a lot, I felt strengthened. Special thanks to those two people who came to the lunch with Lisa but helped in the kitchen as well because they preferred to wash the dishes by hand. Their help was greatly appreciated. We were all tired, but I believe this tiredness was worth it.

The ambience and mood of the whole event was very relaxed, and we came away feeling we had made a small contribution in making someone's Christmas worthwhile. Everybody was grateful and happy to be at The Cornerstone. It only cost £106 for 24 people, not a bad contribution to the community...

Many thanks for your prayers and support. We are already looking forward to the next one.

Machrina Ejaz

News from the Forum

Forum restarts on February 12th with a music programme by Gwyn Morgan.

Thank you

Alison

Twinned Church (Highfield-Harare)

Thankfully no-one from the congregation was hurt during the recent unrest. An email has been received as to the statement from the Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum (copy on notice board). Sohail mentioned at the recent church meeting that there has been a financial cost for individuals. In particular one young lady can no longer afford her school fees as her part time work was halted; he urged that we pray about this to test our response.

House Groups

With the death of Rena Hume our last meeting place for House Groups has been lost. Robert Wiseman has proposed and would like to start a House group in his Eastwood home 12 Southwood Gardens SS9 5DP, on a Wednesday afternoon approx 2pm - 4pm starting Wednesday 27th February.



If you are interested, can you let Robert know by 13th of February. There is parking on his drive for 2 cars and street parking in the Cul de sac and local roads - no restrictions.

There are additional offers to hold a further House Group at the Manse on a Friday evening and another by Peter & Zoy Hunt at their home, details to be agreed by those interested.

The house groups are informal, relaxed and cover a wide range of Christian and theological topics from the Bible. Tea coffee and light refreshments provided.

YouTube 57 West Feed the World

The video's success has surprised the team at 57. A suggestion of a Band Aid re-write (a combination of music/film) of a factual film on daily life of serving people in 2018/19 did not seem a hit. However, the numbers viewing it started from 200 to 700 plus in a short time and we have now seen the 800 barrier reached. This video shows how the project has been blessed with great teamwork on all fronts, secular and spiritual. 818 is the current total and there is still time to grow.

Just visit the address above and be surprised, just like me.

Thanks
Paul Drage

Digging Deeper: 17th January 2019

Gifts of the Holy Spirit *charismata* - gifts of grace

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1

Corinthians 12:4-7

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms 1 Peter 4:10 - 11

Romans 12:6-8	1 Corinthians 12:7-10 v.7 <i>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.</i>	1 Corinthians 12:28-30 [Listed twice, there are two in the first list not in the second, the rhetorical question 'are all?']
Prophecy		
Serving		
Teaching		
Encouraging		
Contributing		
Leadership		
Showing mercy		
	Wisdom	Apostles
	Knowledge	Prophets
	Faith	Teachers
	Healing	Miracle workers
	Prophecy	Healers
	Distinguishing spirits	Helps
	Tongues	Administrators
	Interpretation of tongues	Tongues

Average weekly income and expenditure report

Due to a technical problem, we have been unable to include this report covering the period of November and December 2018. However, if you would like a copy please ask Ann Blackwell, our Treasurer, who will be pleased to oblige.

Love from Lisa

Youth Club

At the very end of November instead of our usual Friday meeting, we joined some friends of mine from the Pegasus housing estate at The Ambleside Social Club; despite the fact that it is not a Christian establishment and is situated in the most notorious area of Southchurch! Although I do not reside on the estate, I have become an associate member, through a friendship that began just after my daughter Willow was born 12 years ago at a baby Sing and Sign group and another friend, who moved there a few years ago.

They have a social committee that organize events and fundraisers throughout the year. Each one I have attended has been well organized, fun and friendly so I had no qualms inviting our young people and their families to join us for a pre-Christmas party. Two of our girls brought their entire immediate family while several of our other regulars enjoyed each other's company, the music and the buffet. There were different games and activities on offer, however the younger attendees were large in number and very keen to be in charge of the Karaoke and games, of which we were more than happy to appreciate from our tables around the dance floor.



Some of the girls from youth club performed at the Christmas Fayre in December and were very professional. All the music they used was Christian, in keeping with our Friday gatherings. My personal favourites were the opening number that told the Christmas story and a troupe dance to a song called Wave Walker; one of the lines is "when the devil tries to shake me, I just pray harder". Often when I'm battling with something spiritual, I will sing this to myself and now I can recall their smiling faces and talented, energetic interpretation of the music as I sing! It was wonderful to watch on the day, we enjoyed singing, dance duets and solos. They have lots of ideas for a bigger better show this year! All who were there helped in some way with the other aspects of the Fayre, which was well attended. One of my neighbours came along, thrilled to be able to get a manicure and a cake for under four pounds! She's lived within walking distance of

The Cornerstone for more than 15 years but has never been inside before (she brought her family to the panto the following week). Many thanks to all who contributed generously with either time or merchandise and especially to the mums who manned the stalls, when everyone else went to watch the performance. Also to Ann Blackwell for taking care of the monies.

In January we came back together on the 11th and discussed ideas for this year over hot chocolate .We are going to have a few more structured activities, which Robert has kindly offered to help with. On the 18th we had our first quiz night, it was a resounding success, very lively and thoroughly good fun. We will continue with regular film nights throughout the term and hope to be spending a day at Belchamps in the February half term to try some new activities and play team-building games.

Whisper

We have secured funding from 20/20 Vision for the immediate future and there has been a change of direction within the group. One or two less able ladies have joined and we will be focusing more on balance and toning with less strenuous exercises than usual, still opening in prayer and listening to Christian music. I plan to advertise the class once Lauren and I have finalised a new plan. We may also look at changing the time to suit more of the mums whose children go to school further afield to enable them to participate for the whole session. Unfortunately, too few of our ladies were brave enough to perform at the Fayre, so the promised public demonstration is yet to come!



On the Saturday after the Fayre the highly recommended Christmas Castaways pant-ivity did not disappoint. We had a fabulous turnout and everyone that came along enjoyed the show. Performed entirely by three very talented committed Christians who I'm sure we will be inviting back. Many thanks to Claire (children's Pastor at Southend Vineyard Church) for her help with the organisation and cost.

Midweek Fellowship

In December we sang carols and were joined by two or three mums, whose children attend junior church activities during the week, as well as a lady from Milestones, who I know through Southend Vineyard, two of whom returned in January along with four ladies from Olena's Sunday group.

I don't know these ladies' beliefs or backgrounds and as their English is limited it will probably take a few months to really get to know them! I really enjoy our informal meetings and often wonder if that's what the early church looked like. We always pray and sing and read Scripture together, finishing by sharing a meal. Everyone is welcome and by starting at 11.30 it is hoped that those, who rely on carers for assistance in the mornings, are not excluded.

I'm hoping to encourage some more mums to join us, if only to help our new eastern European community feel less isolated. There is one lady in particular that I feel the Lord has put on my heart. She is Russian and has been living in England for over 5 years. She came to us through Olena's group; I worked on a language programme with her grandson and supported him in class for two years when he first came to the junior school where I was working. Through a translator she told me how lonely the last five years have felt at times. Since that conversation she joined our midweek worship and has regularly come along to the coffee morning, as her confidence grows she is hoping to join other groups that the church facilitate. What a fantastic opportunity to practice what we preach; to reach out, be welcoming, generous, to give just as the Lord gives to us and to show her life with Jesus is different.

In one of the apostle Paul's first letters to the early church he encourages believers to live holy lives, worthy of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the kind of lives that will prepare the way for His second coming, the Message quotes "Keep on doing what we told you to do to please God, not in a dogged religious plod, but in a living, spirited dance. You know the guidelines we laid out for you, you are God taught, invited into something holy and beautiful, as beautiful on the inside as the outside. If you disregard this you are rejecting God, who is making you a gift of His Holy Spirit."

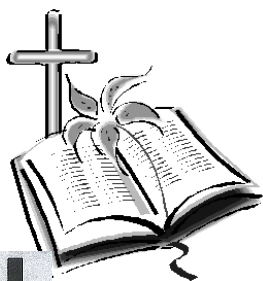
(Thessalonians) the letter tells them how pleased he, Silas and Timothy are to hear about their growing church, embracing the Lord's ways even when things are tough but reminds them not to be complacent, to keep it up, to get better at it; to keep praying and to love one another more.

We meet on the second Thursday each month at 11.30, and will endeavour to continue throughout the school holidays, if we are able to accommodate everyone's children. Let's pray that this informal group can offer fellowship and new life in Christ for those who don't yet know God as our Heavenly Father.

Next month I will have exciting news about the African Watoto Children's Choir, who are touring England again this year. We are fortunate to be hosting their penultimate performance on Thursday May 30th at 5pm.

**God bless
Lisa x**

**I asked for strength
And God gave me difficulties to make me
strong.
I asked for wisdom
And God gave me problems to solve.
I asked for prosperity
And God gave me brain and brawn to work.
I asked for courage
And God gave me danger to overcome.
I asked for favours
And God gave me opportunities.
I received nothing I wanted.
I received everything I needed.
TRUST IN GOD**



Peter's Piece

A fishy one!

I guess most have seen the Fish badge with or without the Greek letters of iota, chi, theta, upsilon, and sigma, which spell *ichthus* the Greek word for fish and are the initial letters of *Iesous* - Jesus, *Christos* - Christ, *Theos* - God, *uios* - Son, and *soter* - Saviour.

The early Christians were unable to openly admit to being a Christian to any stranger they met, as they could well face death if they did so. Therefore, the symbol of the fish became a means of finding out if the stranger they were speaking too was a Christian or not. As they talked the Christian would idly draw, with his foot, an arc in the dust of the road. If the other person was a Christian, they would respond by drawing corresponding reverse arc, so completing the fish symbol saying, I am a Christian too.



Today the Sign of the Fish is the one trans-denominational symbol. To wear the Fish sign marks you out as a Believer.

Is Jesus Christ God's Son your Saviour? If he is, why not wear the fish badge and let others know of your faith; but beware people might ask, 'Why do you wear a fish?' Are you ready to tell them that Jesus Christ, God's Son is your Saviour? Praise God, we don't face the death penalty, in this country, if he is. [Yet!]

[With acknowledgements to the T L Osborn Foundation.]



Revised Common Lectionary Readings for February 2019.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany: February 10th, 2019

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: February 17th, 2019

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany: February 24th, 2019

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Transfiguration Sunday: March 3rd, 2019 *(Last Sunday before Lent)*

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

**You can't go back
And change the beginning
But you can start where you are
And change the ending.**

The Season of Epiphany

Christmas and the New Year must now seem like a distant memory! Trees have been taken down and decorations packed away for another year.

But as Christmas ends in the Christian calendar, a new season called Epiphany begins. This is the season marking the revelation of God's presence in the world. The first symbol of Epiphany is the star guiding the wise men to Bethlehem and the last, the light of the transfigured Christ, making clear who he is to his disciples.



At Christmas time when we sing carols, light candles and try and get on with those we encounter, it is perhaps easier to believe in promises of 'joy to the world' and 'peace on earth'. Somehow for a few days, or is it just hours, we believe that God's love can change the world and that the light will never be overcome by the darkness.

And this is where Epiphany comes in. This is the season where we continue to experience the revelation of God embodied in the life of Christ and God's continuing presence in our own lives. Just because the celebration of Jesus' birth is over does not mean that our grasp on the 'kingdom' values of joy, peace and love should end.

As recipients of God's gift of love, we have the opportunity to share love, to forgive and to create peace, rather than continue nursing old hurts, and in so doing pass on the light of Christ throughout the world.

Then, before we know it, another season will have passed as the shadow of the cross over the cradle leads us into the season of Lent, a time for a positive, committed renewal of discipleship.

(A sharing from another Church Magazine)

Laughlines

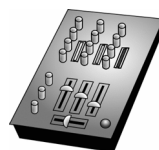
My dad was named George after St George's Day. I was named Peter after St Peter's Day. I just feel sorry for my son Pancake.

My teacher pointed a ruler at me and said "At the end of this ruler is an idiot". I got detention for asking "Which end?"

A Government warning said that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take a shovel, blankets or sleeping bag, extra clothing including a scarf, hat and gloves. Also a 24 hour supply of food and drink, a de-icer, rock salt, torch & spare batteries. In addition they should take a safety triangle, tow rope, petrol can, first aid kit and jump leads. I looked a right idiot on the bus this morning.

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 3rd March 2019. Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 21st of February.

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

February

- 3rd Terry and Barbara Dillon
- 10th Flower Fund
- 17th Christian Forum
- 24th Mike and Linda Mead



March

- 3rd Rob Milbourn
- 10th Brenda Kemp
- 17th Hilda Cramond and Pat Wanstall
- 24th Alan and Carol Cornwall
- 31st David and Beverley Osborn

There are three vacancies on the flower list for this year:

2nd June;

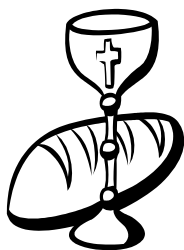
11th August and

25th August

If anyone would like to donate towards flowers on any of those Sundays, please see Val or Joan.

Thank you

Communion Offerings



These collections are taken at the two Sunday Communion Services during the last hymn and are for charitable organisations outside of The Cornerstone.

Thank you for your generosity in December for collecting £105.60 for Christian Aid and £110.70 in January for the RNLI.

February
March

HARP
Havens Hospices

Coffee/Tea Rotas

Feb	3 rd	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	10 th	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	17 th	Gwen and Colin McMillan
Mar	24 th	Suzanne and Paul Dyer
	3 rd	Maureen Stone and Val Hayman
	10 th	Anne Clarke and Val Mead

Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

Feb	5 th	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
	12 th	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
	19 th	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	26 th	Carol Smith
Mar	5 th	Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
	12 th	Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

February

Sun	3 rd	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
		6.30 p.m.	No Service	
Tues	5 th	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	7 th	7.30 p.m.	Elders' meeting	
Sat	9 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sun	10 th	10.30 a.m.	Family Church Parade	Our Minister
Thurs	14 th	7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Digging Deeper		
Sun	24 th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister

March

Sun	3 rd	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Robert Wiseman
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Tues	5 th	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	7 th	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	
Sun	10 th	10.30 a.m.	Family Church Parade	Our Minister

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held this year at Kings Road URC, Kings Road, Westcliff on Friday 1st March at 10.30

Digging Deeper/Lent and Easter

1. 21st February - Praying in the Spirit [To the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit]
2. 14th March - History of the Trinity; how we have come to see the Person of the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
3. As 18th April is Maundy Thursday no Digging Deeper
4. Then for the months of May, June, July we will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month. August Summer break. We will recommence on 24th September.

6th March Ash Wednesday

Lent Course the five first weeks of Lent [4 Mondays and the last evening a Tuesday] commencing 11th March

11th March The Good news of God - First the bad news

18th March The time is now - Prelude

25th March God is present – Good news, bad news

1st April Change your mind – Life-long learning

9th April Live it! - Private or public

NB This is Tuesday as Synod had already booked the Monday for a Synod Youth Training evening.

This evening will have to be in the Chapel as our youth leaders will be setting up for holiday club next day!

14th April Palm Sunday

Holy Week

18th April Maundy Thursday Service

19th April Good Friday Service of Meditation

20th April Holy Saturday Time of Meditation – in 4 periods

21st April Easter Day He is Risen – Hallelujah

Note: Digging Deeper will be Thursday 14th March as Church AGM is on 21st March

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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.