

New Horizons

MARCH 2019



LENT

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

Little Turtles Pre-School meets on Monday to Friday from 9.00 am during term time. Please see one of the Junior Church Leaders for details.

Prayers for our Fellowship and those we know

Prayers can be for joy and sorrow, health and sickness, good news and bad in addition to those for our own needs and guidance.

We keep in our prayers all those in our fellowship who are mourning the loss of a loved one, especially the family and friends of Pat Britnell.



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, Alan Cornwall, Ann Crowhurst, Roy Davis, Mary Goodhew, Sohail Ejaz, Olive Goodyear, Linda Mead 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 acknowledge that peace and love are intertwined but so often we fail to foster one or the other, or both. We think of the Good Samaritan who not only stopped and helped but also provided for future care by giving money. Not only did he provide aid but demonstrated peace by assisting an enemy.

Help each one of us to not only pray about these things but to provide love in The Spirit and also to back that up by personal help and, where appropriate, by gifts of money and things.

Missing this month

Sadly, our Minister Sohail was unwell at the time of the magazine being prepared and edited, so he was unable to submit his usual "Letter to the Fellowship". We wish him a speedy recovery.

On looking through my "saved" items on the computer, I came across this article and thought that this may be appropriate to share with the fellowship at the beginning of Lent.

Lent

In the gospel reading, we hear a very succinct account of what happens to Jesus after his baptism - "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for 40 days, and was tempted by Satan and the angels looked after him". Mark 1:12-15.

Jesus' life in the Spirit begins with an immediate challenge!



The other gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus are much more detailed than Mark's as they go into the details of the individual temptations that Jesus must face. This brief, fast-paced style of Mark is reflected throughout the whole of his gospel. During his

public life of preaching and healing, Jesus will appear as strong, focused and determined, very much in control of his destiny. However, the 'table will turn' at the end of his life after Judas has handed him over to his executioners. Here he will find himself in a new 'wilderness' where he will be totally passive as he is beaten and cursed by his persecutors.

Here is a lesson in what 'a life in the Spirit' looks like. Sometimes we need to be active, take control and use our initiative in witnessing to our faith and the power of God's truth in Christ. Other times we need to be passive, allowing God's Spirit to speak to us, guide us and, if necessary take control.

Naturally though, both stances must be present in our lives; we need to be active in living our faith, but we also need prayer and reflection to inform and enrich our activity.

But equally important is "balance". If there is too much wanting control, then our ego may well be at work, rather than God's Spirit. If we're too passive, then we may end up doing nothing and therefore miss the incarnational nature of what we are about, which is making it real. If both *active* and *passive* are correctly balanced, we will find that a cohesive whole will gradually form in terms of our faith response.

Lent is an excellent opportunity in reviewing these areas of our faith lives. How are we with the *active* and *passive* dimensions of living out our faith life? Do we need more 'faith in action' going on? Do we need more prayer, reflection and self-analysis time? And when the two do come together, how balanced are they?

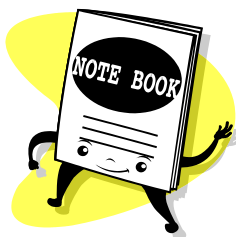
We talk about giving things up for Lent, why not take something on?

And beware of the danger of giving up Lent for Lent!

(A sharing)

Worry is a conversation you have with yourself
about things you cannot change.

Prayer is a conversation you have with God
about things He can change



SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

Winter has so far been relatively mild and our grass really needs cutting, but is far too wet to do. Wellies on to hang out the washing! Hellebores, snowdrops and crocuses are in full bloom to cheer the soul and bluebells and daffodils are beginning to peek through the soil.

As I write it is a sunny day, and I really feel spring is on its way. However, I am also mindful we had a late cold spell last year, so nothing is getting sown just yet! Meanwhile Frank is using his 'retirement' for a room-by-room redecoration of our house.

I took my customary week's RnR in the sun of Javea Spain - it was quite a bit warmer there. My niece has adopted a puppy so we did a fair bit of walking, and those of you on Facebook will have seen photos of the spectacular scenery I was blessed to see.

We have had more difficulties with the church heating and hot water systems and the guys from NCC have been frequent visitors. Hopefully these have been resolved and my parting phrase "see you for the service in August" will be correct this time!

At worship we began the month with a service led by Roger Brett, when he spoke about Jesus preaching in the synagogue and human unwillingness to embrace the new. Messy Church on 5th February was all things love, in particular God's love for his people and how we can share that with those around us; we also marked 5 years of Messy Church at The Cornerstone. My thanks to Lisa for organising this session, enabling me to take my break without having to compensate before and after! The love theme continued on Sunday when our Minister led the Family Service and Church Parade, and we marked the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Roy and Trixie Davis, a remarkable achievement and we wish them many more happy years together. God's love for us featured again at the Midweek Fellowship on Thursday 14th when we welcomed



ladies from the Russian Speakers group, one of whom gave a hand decorated tea light holder to everyone present. On Sunday 17th we marked the Christian Forum annual service when the speaker was John Amos, who preached on (yes, you've guessed it) Love. The monthly Communion Service on 24th was led, in the absence of our Minister due to illness, by Roger Brett who preached on forgiveness. Many thanks Roger for filling in at late notice.



Lent is nearly upon us and once again we will be supporting the Water Aid Jars of Change appeal. Water Aid does such valuable work in bringing a water supply to remote parts, and helping promote hygiene thus preserving good health. Jars and/or labels will be available for everyone who wishes to participate. Just fill the jar with small change and return it to the church. Full jars can be returned at any time, in any event by the Sunday after Easter.

The Church Annual General Meeting takes place on 21st March at 7.30p.m. This is the time of year when we appoint people to be responsible for our various activities, and to represent us at other councils of the church or wider community. If you are one of those people, and do not wish to continue in post please do let me know in good time. Thank You.

Ruth Dixon

**People were created to be loved.
Things were created to be used.
The world is in chaos
Because things are being loved
And people are being used.**

Looking forward to Easter

Lent commences on Thursday 7th March so please see details of the Lent Course later on in this issue.

Also see the advance dates of our Easter Services.

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP



Congratulations to Toni-Ellen Etchells and Arwel Bennett on their engagement. Wishing you both every happiness for your future together.

Commitment for Life

A thank you letter, dated 29th November, was received by Andy Anderson from Commitment for Life for our recent donation. He thought you might like to read what they wrote:

“We are most grateful for your kind donation of £502 to Commitment for Life and for the support given by your church for the programme. Your continued generosity towards our support for Christian Aid’s work in our four partner areas and for campaigns led by Global Justice Now is much appreciated.

At General Assembly in July the new Chief Executive of Christian Aid, Amanda Khozi Mukwashi said of our long-standing partnership,

“Christian Aid’s relationship with the URC through Commitment for Life (Cfl) is a model of positive partnership. Cfl, the URC’s world development programme, has raised millions of pounds for Christian Aid as well as for the social justice organisation Global Justice Now. The anniversary of Cfl marked 25 years of standing together. Partnership is the cornerstone of how we’re going to get to the promised land. For Christian Aid, Commitment for Life is not just a partnership, it’s that moment, that rope where, when you are feeling like it’s really tough, you know that you’re not alone.”

Please be assured that your contributions make a real difference to our partner communities in practical ways with ‘life giving faith, defiant hope and generous love’.

With grateful thanks,
Suzanne Pearson
Administration Assistant”

Weekly Income and Expenses for January 2019		
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Donation Hall use	£387.88	
Donations & Subscriptions Inc	£21.86	
Donations & Sub's Inc:New Furnishings	£5.88	
Interest Inc:Bank Interest	£5.33	
Junior Church	£7.36	
Letting GW house	£164.17	
Manse	£15.81	
Offerings:Charities Trust	£40.26	
Offerings:Envelopes	£266.18	
Offerings:Envelopes SO	£216.49	
Offerings:Loose Cash	£70.42	
Other Income	£3.45	
Special Collections Inc	£27.66	
Children & Family Worker		-£486.57
Church:Cleaner		-£163.57
Church:Electricity		-£56.11
Church:Gas		-£77.18
Church:Water		-£12.65
Church:Window Cleaning		-£16.10
Donations & Subscriptions Exp		-£146.49
Manse:Council Tax		-£43.25
Manse:Drainage & water supply cover		-£6.50
Manse:Sewerage		-£4.14
Manse:Water		-£3.45
Minister's Expenses		-£73.33
Ministry and Mission		-£946.43
Other Expenses		-£185.61
Photocopier		-£14.80
Pilots		-£30.71
Pulpit Supplies		-£11.50
TOTAL:	£1,232.75	-£2,278.39
Overall total	-£1,045.64	

News from the Forum

It was very good to see an almost full house at our first meeting of the New Year when we welcomed Gwyn Morgan to speak to us. We did not know what his topic was going to be but Gwyn introduced himself to us, told us briefly about his career in researching cell biology and then gave us a wide ranging introduction to the subject.

He explained that when he looked at trees in his garden he went deep inside the structure of each leaf in his mind's eye and imagined the working of each cell. Gwyn told us that without plant cells harnessing the power of the sun and using that energy to produce food, there would be no life on earth as we know it. He explained in very simple layman's language how all the parts of the cell interacted to work efficiently and went on to tell us that our own cells are not so very different, with the one difference that we cannot generate our own food.

Thank you Gwyn for a fascinating afternoon.

Once again the deadline for the magazine comes before we can write about our second meeting in the month. It will be organized by Joan and will be a version of a Beetle Drive.

Our first meeting in March will be on the 12th and we are looking forward to a return visit by John Wootton to test our skills in Origami, good luck everyone !



I know some people who do not always come to the Forum are interested in the Flower based things we do and if that is you, put two advanced dates in your diaries now. On April 9th Robert Wiseman is coming to talk to us about his judging and growing of Daffodils.

Then on May 14th Val Mead and her sister will be showing us some of the ways we can arrange the seasonal flowers of that time of the year.

I know both afternoons will be well worth attending so you are all

welcome as always, 2.30 p.m. on a second and fourth Tuesday afternoon in the Foyer.

Come a bit early and share a cuppa and chat first.

See you there
Alison Shannon

Love from Lisa

Youth Club

We regularly have around 18 young people on a Friday evening. As the group is establishing itself, we are able to tailor the structure to suit our audience. Sohail and I discussed how even though they think they know what they want and what is best for themselves and the youth club, sometimes the grown-ups do know what would be more beneficial, to help develop good relationships; positive social interaction; what could be damaging; what isn't ok (even more so today with social media) how to be inclusive and aware of the needs of others.

This is a lot like us with God really, we often think we know what is right for us, we struggle on in our own strength not hearing God's voice and ignoring advice or failing to seek wisdom in the busyness of our daily lives because we are so intent on getting on and 'doing'.

It's great to watch the different dynamics within the group and as leaders we are in a position to help nurture their strengths and encourage them in their friendships - not always an easy task with groups of teenagers/pre-teens but with the Lord's help we trust everything is possible!

Each week we will ensure there is a whole group activity and a time of coming together quietly to give opportunity for prayer, housekeeping (the 'rules' need constant updating as I notice issues arise i.e no phones on film night) and as the group grows we are eating increasing amounts of birthday cake with our standard Friday milkshakes!

I often refer back to a book I once read when I wasn't sure what God was saying to me, called 'Taking Theology to Youth Ministry' (by Andrew Root, I think. I'm unable to check as I can't remember who I have lent it to!!) Anyway, the one thing that really stood out to me was a chapter that talked about how just being a significant adult in a young person's life can make a real difference to their emotional well-being and spiritual growth; studies show that parents and teachers face such huge amounts of pressure these days that their availability to listen when children need to talk is often limited. It's reassuring to know that even when the evening's session felt like it all went wrong, just showing up each week might be all a particular child needs; for the odd few, youth club or something similar could be one of the very few constants in an otherwise chaotic life.

We have listened to their ideas and we do facilitate space for them to hang out and do their own thing; we believe we have a duty of care to help them grow and mature well. Obviously my not very secret agenda is to have them all find their identity in Jesus and lead all their classmates to the Lord. While we wait patiently for this move of the spirit we can endeavour to pray for them, encourage them to pray and have some great adventures along the way.

On Wednesday 20th February, myself, Derek, Jade, Suzie, Karen and Machrina accompanied 21 youth club members, including some younger siblings (and one of Ezra's friends who now comes to Messy Church) to Belchamps for the day. The boys started with abseiling whilst the girls tried their hand at archery, however we didn't anticipate how long it would take some of the girls to find the courage to step backwards from the top of the 10 metre platform and consequently the boys got to have lunch on time; our youngest successful abseiler was only 6 and the oldest a mere 50; this activity proved to be a real challenge for some and they showed real determination and courage overcoming their fears. After lunch everyone tackled the outdoor climbing wall, cheering each other on and celebrating each other's attempts to reach the top. The crate stacking was hilarious and they had to work collaboratively in small groups; I think they all enjoyed swinging around in the harnesses when the stack inevitably crashed to the



ground, a good lesson in trust because at this point they were completely reliant on their peers not to let the ropes slacken too quickly, controlling their descent.

The sun shone all day and there were no injuries or disagreements, Praise the Lord. The children often found themselves working alongside others they don't know so well and I feel that the day really helped strengthen and develop friendships amongst the group. We are already planning a return visit with bushcraft, water zorbing and the assault course in mind.

Kidsmatter



On Thursday 7th February we ran a taster session for a 6 week parenting course that begins at 9.30 a.m. on 28th February in the foyer. The aim being to meet together for six sessions to talk about our struggles, encouragements, and needs as parents and to share our experiences with each other.

All our conversations will be confidential, the facilitator will not be discussing what we talk about with any other professionals unless there is a concern for safety, in which case the issue will be discussed with the parent directly first. Each week participants will be given a booklet that outlines the content of each session with space to add your own notes and ideas. The topics we will cover are

- Session 1: Building a strong family
- Session 2: Loving our children well
- Session 3: Play, encouragement and listening
- Session 4: Routines and rewards
- Session 5: Family rules and consequences
- Session 6: The bigger picture

Psychological research shows that 'good enough' is all we need to bring up secure happy children, but parenting is hard and often a job we find ourselves doing with no training and often without role models or good mentors to follow! Hopefully through learning together and supporting one another we will be able to take away a

few things that will help us enjoy our children more and meet their needs more effectively.

It is not essential to attend every session so if a particular week's discussion point appeals please feel free to come and join us. There were 8 of us at the taster session and we have 3 more planning to come on the 28th. It is a friendly group and there is no pressure to contribute any more than you feel comfortable with, and there's always cake! A week or two after the final session we will have a booster session to catch-up, share our successes and reflect on the impact this course has on our families.

Midweek fellowship



We are more familiar with our audience now and can plan accordingly. The informality no way detracts from the importance or reverence of coming into the presence of the living God, it's just a different format and will evolve with the group; we are asking different people to come and speak or share and are open to any ideas to enhance what we do.

We will always pray and offer our voices as an act of worship. We will always finish by sharing a meal. Following Jesus is exciting and unpredictable; sometimes the Holy Spirit will move when we least expect it, so often in ways we don't expect, but isn't that what makes the mystery of God, of this spiritual journey so utterly consuming?

Looking back at my notes from a recent conference I came across this quote, ' Do not set your mind on the natural, tune in to the truth of who God says we are, allow Him to renew your mind so you can live in the freedom you have already been given.' God's Kingdom began to arrive with the birth of John the Baptist and the birth of Jesus, it is up to us to further his Kingdom, empowered by the Holy Spirit.'

There is only one Holy Spirit of God but he manifests Himself in different ways, just as there are different ministries in the church, but all inspired by the same Lord. Although God works in different ways, it is still the same God who is doing His work in every believer. Every

manifestation of the spirit is given for the good of all who meet together.' 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, this passage then lists the different gifts that may be received and goes on to say in verse 11, 'Very different gifts, but all the work of the same Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God. And He uses different people in the way that He decides.' (from the Truth-study edition)

We are called into His supernatural kingdom on earth, right here, right now, discovering who we are called to be and realizing our gifts as we go deeper into His purpose; it is no mystery to God - He already knows exactly who we are and loves us anyway!

God Bless Lisa



Peter's Piece

In several recent conversations I've been party to, reference has been made to words we say together, or words frequently used in the Services, which because they are so familiar raise the question, what do they actually mean to us as we say or hear them? Over the next few months we are going to explore some of them.

God

Who is the God we worship?

Frequently, on a Sunday morning at the commencement of our Service of Morning Worship, in the call to worship, our Minister Sohail, uses words along these lines:-

"we come here this morning to worship 'the one and only true and living God' ".

I wonder what these familiar words mean to us? How do they identify The God we have gathered to worship? Who is The God we come to worship?

He is The God, who is spirit, John 4:24, who has revealed himself to us humans through the Bible in two ways; firstly, through his written

and secondly through his Living Word, his Son Jesus His Messiah. [or Christ, from the Greek word meaning Messiah!] *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets --- but in these last days he has spoken to us by [or in] his Son,* Hebrews 1:1-2.

Echoing the opening words of the Bible - *In the beginning God ---*. Genesis 1:1. John, in his introduction to his Gospel, carefully spells out that Jesus, God's son, is himself God in human form. *In the beginning was the Word.* John 1:1-18. Jesus himself said *Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.* John 14:9.

This God we come to worship each Sunday is The God revealed to us in the Bible - The One True and Only Living God. 'He is the One and only God.' *The LORD our God, the LORD is one.* Deuteronomy 6:4. The God of the Bible is not one or the summation of several gods; the God revealed in the Bible, is the only God, there are no other gods beside him, *the LORD is God; besides him there is no other.* Deuteronomy 4:35

'True God;' utterly trustworthy and faithful - *God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil?* Numbers 23:19.

'Living God;' he is - not legend or figment of human imagining not an idea that has evolved as man's brain and thinking is thought to have done, but is the very, beginning and end, is, exactly as His Name declares, I AM or HE IS. Exodus 3:14 YAHWEH, printed in our OT and above as LORD.

In short, He is Creator God, Covenant God. God is Love and God is Holy.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for March 2019

Transfiguration Sunday - March 3, 2019

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

Ash Wednesday - March 6, 2019

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
- Psalm 51:1-17
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First Sunday in Lent - March 10, 2019

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday in Lent - March 17, 2019

- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
- Psalm 27
- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Third Sunday in Lent - March 24, 2019

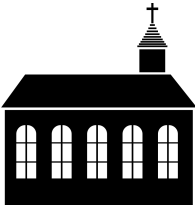
- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalm 63:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 31, 2019

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 7, 2019

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8



Why Go To Church On Sundays?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to an editor of a newspaper asking for reasons why he should go to church every Sunday.

“I have gone to church every Sunday for thirty odd years and have heard about three thousand sermons but could not remember a single good thing those sermons were about. I have wasted my time and so have the preachers who gave the sermons.”

The letter started a real controversy for a long time in, “Send Your Views to the Editor’s Column”.

Much to the delight of the editor, someone wrote a rejoinder saying:

“I have been married for almost thirty years now, and my wife has cooked some thirty-two thousand meals but for these years, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But now, I have realised; all those meals have nourished and given me the strength to work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead. Likewise, if I had not gone to church every Sunday for spiritual nourishment, I would have died long before now.”

So brothers and sisters in Christ, my hearty piece of advice is that; when you are DOWN to NOTHING, GOD is UP for something.

Faith sees the invisible.

Believe in Christ to receive the impossible.

Let us praise God for our physical and spiritual nourishments. If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all.

B.I.B.L.E. simply means:

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

(A sharing from Redhill United Reformed Church)



If you are over 60, you could possibly have heard these from your mother's lips or even used them yourself to your children.

So, Do You Remember These Ones?

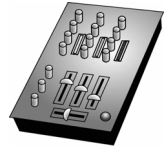
- Because I said so.
- Wait and see.
- Ask your father.
- If someone asked you to jump off a cliff would you?
- I've told you a thousand times.
- Say pardon, not 'what'
- What did your last slave die of?
- You will have someone's eye out with that.
- It'll all end in tears.
- I want, never gets.
- Close the door - you weren't born in a barn.
- Don't sit too close to the telly, you will get square eyes.
- There is no such word as can't.
- Who is she? The cat's mother?
- Carrots make you see in the dark.
- Take your coat off or you won't feel the benefit when you go outside.
- Don't make that face. If the wind changes you'll stay like it.
- Do as I say, not as I do.
- Don't care was made to care.
- Back in my day.

A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" The reply, "Call for backup".

**Cherish those moments you get to spend
with those you love.
Time is fleeting, life changes,
but love remains.**

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 7th April 2019. Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 28th March.

A large print version of this magazine is available.

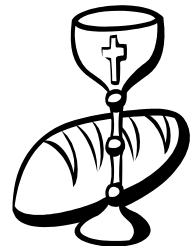
Please ask an editor if you would like one.

Alternatively you can view it on line.

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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 February for collecting £117.04 for HARP.

March
April

Havens Hospices
Peaceful Place

Flower Donations

March

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



April

7th Mrs Wright
14th Sheila Taylor and Louise (in memory of Teddy)
21st Easter
28th Les and Janet Gooding & Vince and Monica Aloï

Coffee/Tea Rotas

March 3rd Maureen Stone and Val Hayman
10th Anne Clarke and Val Mead
17th Linda and Mike Mead
24th Val Hayman and Stella Yates
31st Stella Duboux and Joan Harvey

April 7th Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ
14th Anne Clarke and Val Mead

Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

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



April 2nd Stella Duboux and Barbara Dillon
9th Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

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	
Sat	9 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sun	10 th	10.30 a.m.	Family Church Parade	Our Minister
			Induction of Elders	
Mon	11 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course	
Thurs	14 th	7.15 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. Digging Deeper	
Sat	16 th	10.30 a.m.	Synod (incl children) meeting at Chelmsford	
Sun	17 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Mon	18 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course	
Tues	19 th	7.15 p.m. for	7.30 p.m. A.P. Pastoral meeting	
Thurs	21 st	7.30 p.m.	Church A.G.M.	
Sun	24 th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Mon	25 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course	
Thurs	28 th	7.30 p.m.	Area Partnership meeting at Billericay	
Sun	31 st	10.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday	John Amos

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Mon	1 st	7.30 pm	Lent Course	
Tues	2 nd	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thurs	4 th	7.30 p.m.	Elders' meeting	
Sun	7 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Mon	8 th	Evening	Synod Youth Training Evening	
Tues	9 th	7.30 pm	Lent Course	In The Chapel
	9 th	Evening	Preparation for Fun Day	
Weds	10 th		Easter Fun Day	
Sat	13 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sun	14 th	10.30 a.m.	Family Church Parade	Our Minister

THE LENT COURSE is during the five weeks of Lent [4 Mondays and the last evening a Tuesday] commencing 11th March, all at 7.30pm.

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 A 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!

EASTER AND 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

Digging Deeper

1. 14th March - Not 21st 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.
2. As 18th April is Maundy Thursday no Digging Deeper
3. Then for the months of May, June, July we will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month. August is Summer break and we recommence on 24th September.

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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.