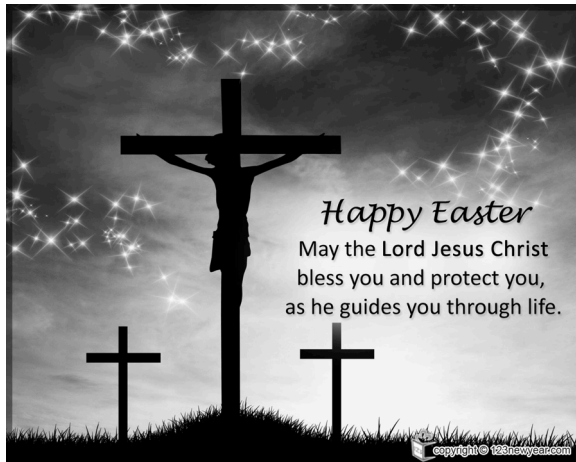


New Horizons

APRIL 2019



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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.



Letter to the fellowship - "Lenten Journey"

In the early days of the Christian church, the 40 days of Lent were a time for pause, contemplation, rededication and reflecting on Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness and his final journey to the cross. They used this period as a special time to contemplate Christ's life, examine their own lives and rededicate themselves to faithful service. They used it as a way to pause from the monotony of daily life and refocus on God.

Easter Sunday historically brought joy - new believers took baptismal vows while others renewed their promises - but Lent involved deliberate searching, fasting, prayer and confession. The sacrifices of the season led into the unparalleled high of Easter morning - the glory of resurrection and liberating promise of salvation.

In these days of instant gratification, the temptation is to skip the tribulations and move directly into the triumph. But theologians like Augustine preached patience: *"After the days of this humiliation will be the time of our exaltation. ... Therefore, let us voice our lamentations more insistently in prayers; then we shall exult more exuberantly in praise."*

Easter truly is an astonishing thing - the pain of betrayal, the agony of crucifixion and the utter ecstasy of resurrection.

But wait. While Easter events provide the core of our salvation, there is so much more to Jesus' ministry than those final three days. There is struggle and tension. There are parables and lessons. And there are miracles and wonders enough to eternally sate our thirst for the divine.

And there is waiting. For some in Jesus' day, the waiting was for vindication and victory. Others waited for a lifeline out of

hopelessness and despair. Christ brought all of those things, but in a way that, despite his warnings, none of his followers expected. In John 9:30, the formerly blind man acknowledged the “astonishing” or “marvellous” thing that had been done to heal his sight. During Lent, we, together, can reopen our own eyes to the astonishing things that Christ has brought to the world.

**God bless,
Sohail**

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus -
to reach out and touch Him
and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen;
O open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus!

Robert Cull
MP545

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THE LENT COURSE

This continues during Lent at 7.30pm.

Mon	1 st April	Change your mind - Life-long learning
Tues	9 th April	Live it! - Private or public

NB 9th April - 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!

Prayers for our Fellowship and those we know

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



We keep in our prayers all those in our fellowship who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

There are many who find it difficult to get to Worship week by week and we think especially of Hilda Burgess, 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, Mary Goodhew, Olive Goodyear, Morag Holloway and Mick Thorp.

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

Father, hear our prayers
Amen

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



Do make use of our prayer cards, whether to give thanks or to request prayers in specific need. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

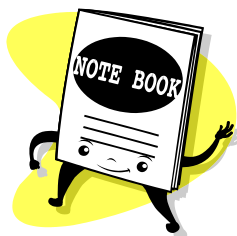
There is a collection box on the prayer table in the foyer. Requests will be prayed over at the Tuesday prayer group and other appropriate times.

Prayers for peoples and matters outside of our fellowship

Father, we pray for the whole world in all of its glory and misery. Help us to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people, whether we meet them, read about them or see them on television.

Help us to do all that we are able, to relieve suffering at home or abroad; sometimes on our own or by using the power of other people and groups.

Especially we pray for those affected by the cyclone in Africa and those who are helping in whatever way they can.



SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

It is hard to believe we are a quarter of the way through 2019, but here we are with Easter fast approaching. I finally sowed some seeds for this year's fruit and vegetable crop and started to weed the garden in readiness. Frank and I made a quick trip over to Holland to see the exhibition of Chihuly glass at Groningen Museum. It was very cold and wet, and our flight home was delayed by the gales that were blowing both there and in Southend! Dale Chihuly has an incredible talent for art with blown glass and I am glad we went to see it as an indoor display. However, I'm sure we will be making a trip to Kew Gardens later in the year to see his exhibits among trees and plants (runs 13th April to 27th October if you are interested).

Our services during March were as usual very varied with Robert Wiseman leading the worship on 3rd. Due to absences for holiday or illness we did not have an evening service. Messy Church on 5th covered a lent theme, focussing on the temptations of the Jesus. On 10th March our Minister led the Family Service and Church Parade, and Roger Brett took the helm on 17th. At the Communion Service on 24th March, we were delighted to formally welcome into membership Tina Ryan, Heather Helm, Elizabeth Helm, Paul and Suzanne Dyer, and Sandra Russ, reaffirming her past membership. It was good to see so many making a commitment to the Lord and

our fellowship; the invitation is there for others, just have a word with Sohail. For the final service of the month we had another visit from our friend John Amos who tested us on temptation. As it was Mothering Sunday a gift of a brooch was made to every lady in the congregation. In the spirit of recycling and re-using, these hand-made wool flowers started life as decoration for the URC tent at last year's Greenbelt festival, and were saved from disposal, brought back here for the addition of felt backing and pins.

The Lent Course is under way and around a dozen people are following "Daring to see God Now". It is good to get together to chat about matters of faith and learn from each other.

In the wider church, last month included meetings of Synod and the Area Partnership. Synod was well supported from The Cornerstone, particularly the children's event. The occasion included a celebration of and reflection on Rev. Paul Whittle's forty years of ordained ministry, a session led by Rev Nigel Uden General Assembly Moderator, on what happens after baptism, what do we do and how to we use it for the Lord's work? We also heard from a pioneering ministry on a new estate in St Neots, Love's Farm. This is an Anglican appointment but the URC is making a financial contribution; although it is early days there is a sense that lives are already being changed with this project. More information at <https://www.lovesfarmchurch.com/> . A fuller report will follow once the minutes have been published.

At the Area Partnership Meeting on 28th March, after worshipping together, we shared news from the churches and prayers for each situation; we heard about the area lunches (paid for by Synod) for retired ministers, spouses and widows; this is an opportunity to keep these folk 'in the loop' as retirement and separation from their church fellowship often causes loneliness. The lunch next year is to take place at Bridgewater Drive church, and maybe The Cornerstone will be able to host a future one. Alan Clifton, the new Ministry and Mission Advocate, gave an overview of the area M&M commitment for 2019, and will shortly be getting together the figures for 2020. There was also a presentation by Nicola Grieves from Synod about forthcoming events, including the Coffee Cake and Create at The Cornerstone on 8th April. Finally Rev Samuel Cyuma told us about

the art project “Becoming Easter People” which is currently running at Wickford URC.

Looking ahead to Easter, our Messy Church (which takes place before this issue) will focus on the Palm Sunday and Last Supper narratives, and on 10th April we have the Family Fun Day that will look at the events of Good Friday and Easter Day. You are welcome to drop in at either of these; if you cannot come in person please remember the events in your prayers, that those who attend will hear just what God has done for them and choose to follow Him.

There are a number of services for Holy Week and Easter (see the calendar) and we look forward to seeing everyone at these. Our Easter Sunday celebration will once again be a flexible time, as we will join for refreshments BEFORE the service, to await Sohail’s arrival from Southchurch Park. We will be making a collection of fresh and chocolate eggs for donation to the less fortunate of the town.

SYNOD EVENTS FOR US

COFFEE CAKE AND CREATE

What ?	An evening to explore the use of craft and creative ideas for prayer and discussion
Where:?	The Cornerstone
When?	8 th April 2019 7.30 - 9 pm
Who?	Everyone, but particularly those working with children and young people

(see the noticeboard for other locations)

ROADSHOW

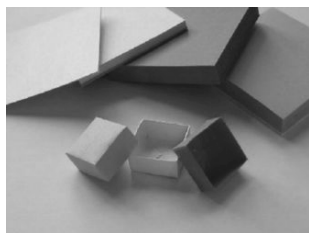
What?	A refresher/resourcing evening
Where?	Wickford URC
When?	20 TH May 2019 7.00 pm
Who?	Ministers, Elders and anyone in leadership or service in our churches

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP

News from the Forum

The meeting since the last report brings us right up to date.

The last meeting in February was organised by Joan and everyone enjoyed a good afternoon playing several rounds of Beetle.



Moving into March, our first meeting was a real challenge. John Wooton brought along a selection of Origami paper and set us two things to make. We all managed the first which was a box, suitable for a small gift or Easter eggs for the grandchildren. Lulled into a false

sense of security, we set about the second. Oh Boy! Was this a different kettle of fish!

First, six pieces of paper in three colours had to be made into a sort of open pyramids. Sorry John, I expect there is a correct Origami term for them. THEN these were supposed to interweave and fit together to make a star shape, holding together because of the way they interlocked. Only the ones that John had time to correct and help with got to go home resembling the ideal. Mine, I am sad to say, was not one of them! It was a good afternoon though and we will certainly be asking John to come again.

Our second get together was last Tuesday and when the person invited to talk to us got there it was a grand reunion of the Old Girls' Brigade members from way back! The visit was Joan Sparks, and at least a quarter of the current membership recognised her and they had all been in the Brigade together. Even those who had been members of other local brigades had met up when the bands got together, and I said we didn't really need a topic for the afternoon, it was so good to hear everyone reminiscing.

When Joan started talking to us, she went down memory lane with a selection of items which she has kept over the years and wonders why. Joan quoted Bible verses to illuminate her theme and the one

“You brought nothing into this world and you will take nothing out with you” made her think that perhaps she ought to sort out again the ‘stuff’ she was storing. From her wedding dress, her sons christening gown, to the menu for a celebration dinner, such a variety and no doubt you can imagine the buzz of conversation there was as the items were passed round, and we all saw things from our own pasts coming to the fore of our memory banks. We all seem to have a well-loved and hairless Teddy, and some fabric from a dress made for her by her mother set the Crafters’ brains whirring!



What a joy the afternoon was. Thank you Joan H for arranging the visit from your friend Joan S, we look forward to a return visit perhaps next year.

Next month we have two contrasting afternoons planned. Firstly, Robert is coming to talk to us with his judging and breeding Daffodils’ hat on. Then, our second of the month will be a talk and demo from Ruth about Messy Church.

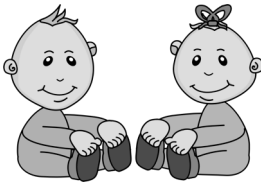
Visitors are always welcome so come along if you would like to do so.

Alison Shannon

Love from Lisa

Kidsmatter

We were pleased when 8 mums attended the taster session at the beginning of February, however we did not anticipate the 17 that arrived for the first session! We have a diverse group who come from vastly different backgrounds and whose personal stories and struggles have been met with empathy and understanding. There have been around 10 or 11 mums that come every week with some missing a session or two; we now have a second two hour session on a Friday morning. Fridays are more informal.



There is a crèche on Thursdays to enable parents to focus on the course content and on Fridays we set up toys and chat, as we are playing with the children (always with cake for mum and fruit for the small people).

One young mum shared how she had started parenting courses before but had never completed them because they always left her feeling inadequate; I believe Kidsmatter is different as it comes from a Christian perspective and is delivered by Christians.

The first session looked at building a strong family which generated much discussion about our own upbringing and how that affects the relationships we have in adulthood. For many the desire to do things differently comes from a place of deep hurt and emotional neglect of some form. Providing a safe space for parents to share these stories often helps them recognise their own needs and come to terms with past hurts, as well as giving practical alternative parenting skills to those they have experienced themselves. These discussions have often led to prayer times for individuals before they leave; it has also provided opportunities for the facilitators to share how walking with Jesus and being a praying parent radically changes everything, backed up with personal testimonies.

We talk a lot about church family and the importance of community during our chats after the official bits are finished. One or two of the attendees also come to the toddler group and have enrolled siblings to Pilots; we've invited them to our Big Breakfast too (I don't refer to it as Guzzle and Gossip as my youth group have informed me that Guzzle now has a rude meaning and I am trying to enforce gossip is a sin and that it is different to sharing news!)

Sessions 2 and 3 are my favourites; hearing the tales of how suggestions in the booklets have helped our mums to love and play well, is so encouraging.

Session 5 on rules and consequences caused a few raised eyebrows and some delicate discussion but we are confident new ideas will be taken on board and implemented! We will break for Easter after session 6 - The Bigger Picture, with a catch up meeting

to review our new strategies in May. In between I will be running a story and singing group at the same time each Thursday to enable the developing friendships and support network to grow whilst having fun; we have a selection of nursery rhymes with traditional words replaced by scripture and God truths that I am looking forward to sharing. If any of you have good quality children's instruments you no longer have use for we will happily rehome them. The course will run again in September alongside the continuing Friday support group with plans for meet ups and play sessions during the summer break.

I am currently reading a book called 'Ordinary Mum Extraordinary Mission', it talks about mission being less about engaging in a specific set of activities and much more about developing a mindset; saying it is less about tasks and more about relationships. "A life of mission cannot be about God adding in a gazillion extra tasks into our already sanity-stretchingly busy lives". Jesus promises we'll recover our lives, "Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."(Matthew 11:28 The Message).

God bless
Lisa

I believe

I believe churches are meant for praising God.
But so are 2 a.m. car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym,
conversations with friends, strangers etc.
Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change
the world by just going to church,
we need to be the church.

**Plant a seed of love
and
it will be you that blossoms**



Harvest Festival Meal and Entertainment 21st September 2019



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

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

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

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

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

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

And for your diaries -

Date - 21st September 2019

Arrive from 5.30pm

Food served at 6.00pm

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

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

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



Peter's Piece

The Faithfulness of God.

The LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, ---. Deuteronomy 7:9

A few Sundays back Roger led us in a consideration of Abraham and his trust in what God was promising him then, and for the future; some of the promises he was never to see fulfilled. As we heard from Roger, God promised some things to Abraham personally – Abraham would have a son, despite his age and that of his wife, and that his family would be great and possess the land west of the Jordan and become a great nation. All this God was faithful to, with the nation of Israel still existing today.

But as Paul points out in his letter (Galatians 3 & 4) to the churches in Galatia, we need to be careful in our reading of God's promises. It was not to be through Abraham's offspring generally but that through one offspring specifically that there was to come the promise of blessing for all people, Jew and non-Jew. There was to be two families from Abraham, those of natural birth, Israel the Jewish nation and spiritual Israel, those who like Abraham are people of faith, born by faith in Jesus into the kingdom of God. *Now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.* (3:29 NIV)

In the opening of his Gospel Matthew takes care to trace the lineage of Jesus back through David to Abraham, showing that in God's covenant with Abraham, alongside the rise of an earthly nation, Jesus is the promised seed (singular) through whom *all peoples on earth will be blessed.* (3:16)

Easter proclaims the faithfulness of God, as by the death and glorious resurrection of Jesus, the way is opened for that promise, made to Abraham some 2,100 years earlier, to find its fulfilment.

For by faith, as we place our faith and trust in Jesus, his death on the cross and his victorious resurrection on Easter Day we are born into the kingdom, family, of God. This has its promised coming in God's covenant with Abraham, were alongside the earthly nation there is a heavenly kingdom,

were knowing our sins forgiven, finding new life in Jesus we can know and enjoy the blessing of the faithfulness of God, and have entrance into the kingdom of God now and for eternity. (3:29)
Hallelujah!

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for April 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 7, 2019
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday April 14, 2019
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

Easter Day April 21, 2019
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

Second Sunday of Easter April 28, 2019
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Digging Deeper

Will recommence on **Tuesday** 28 May 2019 full details in May Magazine.



Palm Sunday

Two donkeys were walking in Jerusalem, when one donkey said to the other, “Just yesterday, I was here carrying Jesus and the people were singing and shouting and throwing down their clothes for me to walk on, and today they don’t even recognise me.” The other donkey replied, “That’s how it is my friend
Without JESUS you are nothing.



Maundy Thursday

“Maundy” comes from a Latin root meaning “command” or “order”. It refers to Jesus’ command to the disciples to love each other as he had loved them. Jesus showed this love at the Last Supper by washing their feet as a sign of service and then instituting Holy Communion in memory of his own sacrifice that was about to take place. As we gather for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, we renew our commitment to serve God in our neighbour and we pledge ourselves once more to unite ourselves ever closer to God.

Good Friday

Jesus Christ died on the cross on Calvary so that we might no longer be kept in the grip of sin, evil and death but might be set free by his sacrifice to live the life that God intended for us. Good Friday is a momentous day but not a sad day, for it is a day of triumph when Christ won the victory over fear, anxiety and destruction. We ponder on the immensity of Christ’s love for us and await the events of Easter Day with joyful expectation.

Holy Saturday (the Saturday after Good Friday)

Holy Saturday Vigil - 20 April 2019. 11.30-12.30.

It is finished Tetelestai Paid in full!

The vigil will last approximately an hour including hymns, prayers and 4 meditations and will be followed by fellowship over soup and a roll.

1. **It is finished.** John 19:30 Tetelestai Paid in full!
Led by Rev. Derek Kingston
2. **Dead and buried!** Luke 23:44-56.
Led by Mr Roger Brett
3. **In paradise.** Luke 23:39-43 (c.f. 2 Corinthians 5:6-9.)
Asleep in Christ - 1 Corinthians 15:18
Led by Rev. Sohail Ejaz
4. **The Resurrection.** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Hallelujah!
(c.f. Revelation 21:1-4) *Life after life after death.*
Led by Mr Peter Hunt

Easter Sunday - He Is Risen

Wishing you all a very happy Easter! May the light of our risen Lord fill your hearts with his love and joy.

Here we are at the most important celebration of the Church's year; light triumphs over darkness, life triumphs over death.



Taking the scriptures as a whole, one of the major features of the various stories that we hear is the struggles that people have as they journey through life. Some of these struggles are of their own making and some are not. Whatever form they come in, God is

always in the background wanting to help and wanting to save; some take up the offer, others do not.

Those that take God up on his offer find themselves supported and their lives transformed in ways that they never envisaged. This is the extraordinary nature of God's power.

We see the extraordinary nature of God's power at work in the resurrection of Jesus! In the risen Lord we are reminded that God's presence in Jesus is as close to us as we are to ourselves! In the person of Jesus, God is there, eager to save us and draw us into communion with the Holy Trinity and give us life in all its fullness. This is the cause of our Easter joy; we are not alone, and the opportunity for a life of blessedness, peace and love is always before us.

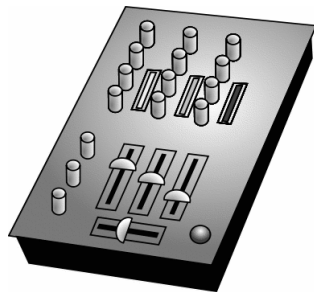
We pray that the graces of this Holy season will deepen our faith, hope and love, bringing us closer to God and each other.

(A sharing)

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.





No Words

A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone, then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realised it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon, I will be back in church next Sunday.'

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

(Mikey's Funnies)

FUNNY TIMES

Aren't children cute?

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was impossible for a whale to swallow a human as its throat is very small.

The little girl pointed out that in the bible it says that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

The teacher repeated it was impossible.

"When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah", said the girl.

"What if Jonah is in hell?" demanded the teacher. The little girl replied, "Well then, you ask him!"

(Found in 'The Rotator' Rotary Club of Southport Newsletter)

Signs of the times

My 10 year old niece says her prayers every night and instead of 'amen', she says 'click, send'.

Applied Law



A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour thy father and thy mother', she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

The same yesterday.....

Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?

Because even back then men wouldn't ask for directions!

(Found in Abbey Hill URC magazine)



The next edition of New Horizons!

The next magazine will be published on 5th May 2019. Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 25th.

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

**Happiness isn't about getting
what you want all the time.
It's about loving what you have
and being grateful for it.**

Flower Donations

April

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

May

- 5th Geoff & Celia Whitman
(In memory of Juliette)
- 12th Stella Yates



Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

April 7th Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ
 14th Anne Clarke and Val Mead
 21st Brenda Kemp and Leng Kingston
 28th Carole and Alan Cornwall

May 5th Gwen and Colin McMillan
 12th Anne Clarke and Val Mead

Tuesday mornings “Drop in”

April 2nd Stella Duboux and Brenda Melling
 9th Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
 16th Carole and Alan Cornwall
 23rd Carol Smith
 30th **Volunteers please!!**

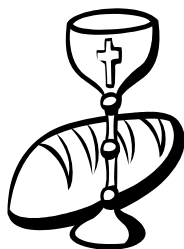


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Communion Offerings

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 March for collecting the magnificent £367.00 for the Christian Aid Appeal following the Cyclone Idai in Africa.



April Peaceful Place
May Rumania Appeal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

April

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 p.m.	Lent Course	In The Chapel
	9 th	Evening	Preparation for Fun Day	
Weds	10 th		Easter Fun Day	
Thurs	11 th	11.30 a.m.	Midweek Fellowship	
Sat	13 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK

Sun	14 th	10.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday	
			Family Church Parade	Our Minister
Thurs	18 th	7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service	Our Minister
Fri	19 th	10.30 a.m.	Good Friday Service of Meditation	Our Minister
Sat	20 th	11.30 a.m.	Time of Meditation in four periods Followed by a simple lunch	
Sun	21 st	10.30 a.m.	Easter Day Service and Holy Communion Refreshments before the service starts on The arrival of our Minister.	
			Don't forget your Easter Egg offering	
Sun	28 th	10.30 a.m.	Worship and Holy Communion	Our Minister

May

Thurs	2 nd	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	
Sun	5 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Robert Wiseman
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Our Minister
Tues	7 th	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Sat	11 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sun	12 th	10.30 a.m.	Family Church Parade	Our Minister

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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.