

New Horizons

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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.

Tues 10.00 am **Time of prayer** together for, the Fellowship, those with special needs, our neighbours, and the world-wide Christian Family. All are welcome to join with us.

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 Tea and Coffee in the Foyer
11.30 am "Cornerstone Crafters"
(1st and 3rd Tuesdays or as announced)
2.30 pm Christian Forum (2nd and 4th Tuesdays)
4.00 pm Messy Church (First Tuesday in the month)
19.30-21.00pm Digging Deeper (Third Tuesday of each 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 (2nd Thursday)
6.00 pm Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts
7.45-9.15 Scouts
7.30 pm Elders' Meeting (1st Thursday)

Fri 6.00 pm Junior Badminton
7.00-9.00 Youth Club

We do offer Christian Marriage, Baptisms and Funerals so please talk to the Secretary or any Elder if you feel that we can help.

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.

As our Minister was delayed on his return from Pakistan, Alison Shannon kindly volunteered to “fill in the gap” and write this month’s:

Letter to the fellowship

I wonder what your favourite hymn is, one that brings together all you hold dear as you praise our great and wonderful God? Ever since I was a teenager and first knew Jesus in my life mine has been “O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder”, it has taken me throughout my life with all its ups and downs, and there have been quite a few of the downs as well as the highs, and always buoys me up whenever we sing it or I hear it sung.



Ever since I was seven years old there was only one goal in my life and that was the ambition to be a “Nature Study teacher”, as Science was known then in those far off days. One of my first sets of books was The Nature Year written by Enid Blyton and from then until the heavy Tomes of University days, science has been very much part of life. Science never stands still, constant research is opening up new facts to us, the internet and web give us more and more opportunities to explore the world around us. David Attenborough and Jim Alkalele bring great programmes right into our homes and we have to acknowledge that some of their information carries a sobering message.



We live on a very special planet, just the right conditions for life to exist and, over the millennia, species have come and gone as the climate has changed in the past. The difference for me now is that we are living in an audio-visual age which enables the scientists to tell us what is happening and with computer help, project what might be happening in the future. Let us never forget whose world it is, God made it, He has a plan for us all and it is in His hands ultimately. The trouble is us; our human nature needs to be part of the equation. He has enabled all the research, given the intelligence to the researchers but He holds the secrets which none have yet cracked open.

How did it all begin?

From the simplest organisms to the most complicated, all are creations of our Maker. I like to think about a tree, each leaf will move to get the maximum light it can, the roots of each tree spread out to reach the spread of the branches. The transport system is second to none as food and water are moved around the structure. Each tree can survive the cold by adapting to the conditions, evergreen or deciduous, and the future of the species is secure with its own unique reproduction pattern.



Trees are celebrated the world over in prose, poetry and song. From Louis Armstrong who sees trees of green to our Christmas carols and in the Bible. Where would Solomon have been without the Cedars of Lebanon when he built the Temple? Jesus used them in the parables with the Fig tree and the Olive was essential to life in so many ways.

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand has made....

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.....

Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine - MP506
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May we never forget the world is ours to take care of,
and may we join the young and realise
we all have a part to play in keeping it in order
that future generations can enjoy the world
we love today.

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.



Please pray for all our church activities that take place during the month. There are many who come along to our premises, week by week who some of us may not know by name or even by sight but who are in need of our prayer. We may not be able to attend the clubs and organisations but our prayer is essential to support the leaders and attendees.

We remember in our prayers Sohail and his family as they mourn the loss of his Mother and give thanks that they were able to be with her in Pakistan at the time of her passing to higher service.

There are many who find it difficult to get to Worship week by week and we think especially of Hilda Burgess, 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 Crowhurst, Roy Davis, Olive Goodyear, Morag Holloway, Lisa McCrae, Ron Root 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

Please pray this month for those in, or moving into, education and full-time training during September.

Remember those who are starting school for the first time as they seek to make new friends and adjust to a very different environment. Also, others as they move classes, change schools or go on to further education or training.

Think especially of those leaving home and going to universities and colleges as they perhaps have to look after themselves for the first time. Keep them safe and, whilst enjoying the freedoms of their new lives, may they be kept aware of all the things in this world that can do them harm.

Also pray for those involved in the delivery of education, that they may present an example to all that they teach and instruct.



*A child is like
a butterfly in the wind,
some can fly higher than others;
but each one flies the best it can.
Why compare one against the other?*

*Each one is different!
Each one is special!
Each one is Beautiful!*

(Ally Donaldson)

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK



As I write these notes during the second half of August, it seems to me that summer has passed very quickly this year. We had a really hot dry spell, then latterly the 'sunshine and showers' climate we are more used to. The ups and downs of the weather have somewhat confused the plants in the garden, with tomatoes taller than ever before reaching up to dry and get moisture from the air when there was little in the ground. And have you noticed that it doesn't matter how much tap water you pour on them; they don't seem to thrive until there is a decent drop of rain.

The Dixon household was thrown into chaos last month. We had commissioned our handy man neighbour to re-render and put a new roof on our leaky garage [I say garage, but having been built in about 1926 when cars, and people, were much slimmer it would be very difficult to get a modern car in there. [My ancient Corsa will just go in but I can't open the doors to get out!]] It is where Frank does some of his best work; tools were evacuated and dumped in various piles outside, covered in tarpaulin. Off came the old rendering, only to discover that it had been holding the wall up for goodness knows how long, one push and over it went. So, what was a couple of days' job turned into a couple of weeks to rebuild (with commensurate increase in cost). So now Frank is kitting out the space with new shelves and bench, and deciding what will be kept from three or four generations' tool collections. How many spanners did you say???? Of course, as jobs arose, both at home and church, the tool that he needed was right at the bottom of the pile! So, our summer has been quite eventful, even though we have not been away on holiday.

At worship during the summer months we have welcomed our friend John Amos, and been well served by our Elders, Roger Brett, Robert Wiseman, Peter Hunt and Sarah Wilson. And it was a great joy to work once again with our guests from Belfast for the service at the beginning August with some more of the URC "One Body" material. They took a copy back with them to follow up in their sessions. At Junior Church we have adapted our sessions for the fluctuating numbers over the summer and on occasions one of us has been

able to take in the sermon. Incidentally, although I try to mention our Sunday speakers in these notes, as I seldom hear the full service, I can't share their pearls of wisdom. If anyone would like to take over this paragraph and expand it a little please do say.

Our Minister and family have spent the summer in Pakistan, a final time with Sohail's mother before she passed to higher service. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all on their return to the UK in time for the youngsters to resume school.

Our usual activities resume in September, starting with Messy Church on 3rd. Please do pay us a visit. Later in the month we celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving and you will have an opportunity to donate tinned or packet food and other items to bless the less fortunate of our town.

I am preparing for a "Space to Remember" event on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd November. For a couple of hours our premises will be open for anyone we know and from the neighbourhood to come and spend some time remembering loved ones. Although there will be some focal points and appropriate music, it is not intended to be very formal and people will be free to sit where and do what they wish. However, we are looking for volunteers to

- donate some small cakes and biscuits
- come along to make and serve tea and coffee
- be present to comfort and talk to people if needed

I will shortly be preparing a flyer by way of invitation and would ask you to pass these to anyone you know who is grieving a loved one. Or (with their permission) I will send a personal invitation.

Our annual election of Elders takes place at the November Church Meeting and nominations are open throughout October. So now is the time to prayerfully consider whether or not you could be an elder in our church. Or do you know someone who would make a good elder who is waiting to be asked? The leaflet "Called to be an Elder" is quite informative, or talk to any existing elder to find out more. There is a total of six vacancies including those carried over from previous years. Elders who retire at the end of 2019 are Mary Goodhew, Peter Hunt, Alison Shannon and Derek Goodyear of whom Peter, Alison and Derek are eligible for re-election; those who

retired last and are now eligible for re-election are Ann Thorp and Mike Mead.

For a number of practical reasons, we will not be taking part in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal this year. A couple of years ago our Minister took some money to Pakistan for similar boxes to be purchased for children of a poor area and we are planning to do something similar this year. Watch out for details.

I continue to deliver your regular food donations to HARP for which they are grateful. In addition, we are collecting items of toiletries etc for the Churches Winter Night Shelters which start up in November. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Ruth Dixon

PS. And Ruth led the last service on August 25th. Thanks Ruth!

HOLY HABITS - Gladness and Generosity

Do you believe in coincidence? Elders have continued to consider the Holy Habits, and the order in which we are doing so was determined at the beginning. This month's theme is Gladness and Generosity. Then I find out that the Messy Church theme for September is the same! So, prepping from two different sources, and making lots of notes I was ready to step in for the service on 25th August.

It cannot be coincidence that we have a number of opportunities to practice generosity at this particular time, and I think this one can be put down to "Godincidence" -a happening we may often overlook. Meanwhile if anyone would like to read more about this Habit please do let me know.

Ruth Dixon

12th Southend Scout Group

By the time this comes out we will be ready to start a new year in Scouting so I thought I'd give you an insight into the scout group and our activities over the last year.

The Beaver Colony (ages 6 - 8) is run by Tracy, helped by Katie & Holly and they have been working on gaining Emergency Aid Stage 1, Global Issues & Explore badges. This has involved basic first aid,

exploring our seashores & finding out about saving energy & recycling. They play games & make lots of craft items.

The Cub Pack (ages 8 - 10 ½) is run by me, helped by Heather, Glenn & our young leader Kellianne. Over the last year the cubs have gained the Scientist, International, Local Knowledge, Pioneer, Home Help, Athletics & Skills challenge badges. We've had fun with scientific experiments, making pizzas, learning knots (using strawberry laces!) and finding out about our local area, local celebrities, & many other things.

The Scout Troop (ages 11 - 14) is run by Lindsey, helped by Liam and they were working on many different badges including cyclist, entertainer & personal challenges. These were completed at troop meetings, indoor & outdoor badge weekends, hikes & camps.

The highest award in the scout troop is the Chief Scout's Gold Award and this involves earning 6 activity badges and completing all 9 challenge awards so takes a lot of time & commitment by both the scouts & leaders. I was very pleased to be able to present Ellie O'Shea with this award at our recent AGM so, congratulations to Ellie.



During the year we held a joint beaver & cub sleepover at The Cornerstone and a joint cub & scout camp at Belchamps.

If this sounds like something you think your child, or any other child, would be interested in joining or you think you would like to help us then please get in touch with me. Thanks.

Lorna Skippon - Group Scout Leader

**Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load
with today's strength -
carrying two days at once.
It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time.
Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows;
It empties today of its strength.**

Corrie ten Boom

News from the Forum

Our new Forum Year starts on the 10th September in the Foyer.

Everyone is welcome and we always look to new people joining us to see what we do. We are a friendly lot, enjoy great fellowship, conversations and a variety of topics on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Our first meeting is the AGM followed by a cup of tea and then Brenda has set us up with some Dingbats to puzzle over. She tells me they are never “easy” but these will be “less hard”. Make of that what you will!!

Our second meeting of the month will be on the 24th and will be a DIY afternoon. Please bring along a photo of family members of differing generations with the theme “Where are they now?” in mind. Then we can share with each other where all our offspring have got to in their lives.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 10th, don't let the title AGM put you off, it is good to hear how the last year has gone and we hope get a team together to enable the group to continue into 2020.

See you all soon
Alison Shannon

Notice seen on the door of the famous church in the grounds of Sandringham:

Before the service **Talk to God**

During the service **Let God talk to you**

After the service **Talk to each other**



Harvest Festival Meal and Entertainment
21st September 2019
Points to Ponder



Planning and programming for The Cornerstone's annual Harvest Supper and Entertainment Evening is now pretty much complete.

Some of our live entertainers are even practising. Yes! I know! Practising. Whatever next?

Just a few hints though about our on-screen entertainment.

One of our big stars went on to further fame and fortune as the male human lead in the television series 'Mr Ed' about the adventures of a talking horse.

Then we have someone who at the start of his career was, for a short while, known as 'The Singing Cowboy' but he is not singing.

There may even be the opportunity for an audience vote on which video should be shown of a dancer, singer, actor, choreographer and television presenter also known as one of the most influential dancers in the history of film.

We have a marvellous 'Scat' singer; an award-winning short clip; something from the first ever film of its kind and the forerunner of today's super-hero Blockbusters. And much, much more.

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

Who art in Heaven

Encourage one another with these words.¹¹

This is the first of two references in the Lord's Prayer to Heaven, the second being, for God's *will to be done on earth as it is in*

Heaven.

What do you picture Heaven as, in the Bible? A place of bliss and rest in God's presence, where all true Christians go when they die? According to Psalm 2:4 and Isaiah 66:1, Heaven is the throne room of God *above the circle of the earth*. Isaiah 40:22. But God is working his purpose out, to establish a new heaven [astral] and a new earth where *the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea*. (Habakkuk 2:14) The penultimate chapter of the Bible - Revelation 21 tells us about this; and in v.3 *Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God*. What a wonderful, glorious prospect. It will truly be Heaven on earth!

Then, we are told v.7 - *Those who are victorious (overcome) will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children*. How can we be victorious or over-comers. 1 John 5:4-5. explains - *everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God*. Having placed your faith and trust in Jesus the Messiah the Son of God and his shed blood, then, cleansed of all our sin, we can enjoy eternity in Glory through him!

But this is not at the moment we die. When we die trusting in Jesus our bodies return to dust but we, our souls, go into the presence of Jesus' safe keeping (paradise)² until he comes again³; then the

¹ 1Thessalonians 4:18

² Luke 23:43. & Philippians 1:22

³ Corinthians 15:23. 1 John 3:2-3.

glorious great resurrection⁴, when those who, all down the ages, have died believing will be changed in the twinkling of an eye⁵ and given bodies like unto His glorious body⁶, to be, forever, with Him. *Amen, come, Lord Jesus.*⁷

Revised Common Lectionary – Readings for September

September 1, 2019 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8, 2019 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33

September 15, 2019 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

September 22, 2019 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9, , 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

September 29, 2019 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

October 6, 2019 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5;

Digging Deeper.

We recommence on Tuesday 17 September (7.15 for 7.30 pm) when we are starting a more in depth look at the individually letters. DV Sohail will be starting us off with a letter of his choice before his 3 month sabbatical.

⁴ 1Thessalonians 4:13-18.

⁵ 1Corinthians 15:51-55.

⁶ Philippians 3:20-21

⁷ Revelation 22:20

Almost Heaven - West Virginia - Unlock a New world - My Experience of the 24th World Scout Jamboree.



Hello, my name is Kellianne Butler and I am a young leader at the cub pack that meets here on a Thursday evening. I recently attended the 24th world Scout Jamboree, and this is about the once in a life-time trip.



It would be a massive understatement to say attending the 24th world Scout Jamboree was the best experience of my life. It was amazing in every single way possible and I am going to give you a glimpse into the fabulous journey I took with 45,000 other scouts

from around the world.

On the 6th December 2017, I received an email that told me that I had been selected to attend the Jamboree in West Virginia in the summer of 2019. This came as a big shock as part of the selection process you had to endure many different challenges to see if you were suitable; unfortunately, not everyone was so lucky. I felt very privileged to be given this opportunity and so honoured that I would be representing the United Kingdom.

The months that followed were filled with quiz nights, cake sales, boot fairs and anything else I could do to make the £3,800 needed for me to take this massive trip. I can tell you there was pure relief on Monday 17th June 2019 when I paid the final balance into the bank.



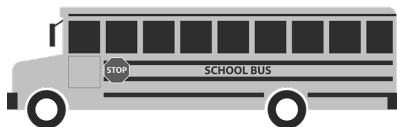
We were put into one of the 100 specific units that made up the United Kingdom Contingent of over 4000 scouts. I was put into unit 17 which was a regional one from Essex, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire and also included Girl Guides.

We decided on the name Busby bears for our unit, as busby hats are worn by the Queen's soldiers and we all share the same capital. This links us all together as all the UK units had to incorporate the bear.

Over the 2 years prior, we had regular camps to prepare us for the challenges that we might face at the jamboree, to bond us as a team and so hopefully all become the best of friends.

On the 20th July at 6.30am, I set off on the adventure I would never forget and left for Heathrow airport at 7am for a 2pm flight to Toronto airport. It was raining so we were praying for New York to have some sunshine and when we arrived at the airport we were treated like celebrities; there was a message on the big screen wishing us a lovely trip away. While there, we had to explain to many people why we were all dressed in smart scout uniform and what we were doing. Many were very impressed, wished us good luck and told us to have fun. After a delay in Toronto we arrived fairly late at the University of Hoftstra (after a 29 hour journey) and went straight to sleep as we had to be ready for New York with our bags packed by 7am the next morning,

The next day we set off for the Big Apple by Yellow school buses, the ones we have all dreamt about going on, which was a nice surprise. We saw the sights of New York and tried street food, something we never thought possible. Once this fun-filled day was over, we headed on a ferry to New Jersey where our journey began to the Summit Bechtel Reserve, the Jamboree site.



The Summit was our new home, with the other 45,000 scouts, for the next twelve days which were the longest, but the shortest ones of my life. We managed to put up our tents in the rain; yes, it rained again. The opening Ceremony was out of this world, we even had an extra special visit from Bear Grylls and Baden Powell's grandson. During the jamboree I did so many activities and met many different people from around the world whom I now call my friends. One was white-water rafting, this is the best thing ever so if you ever get the chance to do it, just go for it. I tried so many different things it is impossible to mention them all, but I can tell you I embraced every opportunity and made them count. I now have friends and memories for life.

The closing ceremony was brilliant, a mix of an amazing light show and firework display, and an extra special surprise appearance from a group called Pentatonix. If you haven't heard of them, they are a cappella group that appeared on the film Pitch Perfect. They were really good and I am the envy of many of my friends back here in England. I think

we all had to sit down for a moment afterwards and think hard about what we had just experienced and realise how lucky we had been and what an incredible time we all experienced. It was sad to be leaving. After the jamboree we travelled 7 hours to Washington to the University of Maryland which hosted the 4000 UK scouts for 3 days. We had 2 days in Washington looking at the sights and all visited a baseball game. The atmosphere was electric. We then hosted a party with games, music and laughter; we didn't want it to end.

On then to Ottawa in Canada where we stayed with the 101st Ottawa scout group in the hall at St Andrews church with our amazing host Francois. He planned some amazing days out for us including swimming, a tour of the parliament building, and an amazing race game around Ottawa. An MP came and spoke to us and explained about his many roles and we had a fun evening of badge swapping, so I now have many new badges for my camp blanket.

The Jamboree was the best thing that I have ever done, I would 100% recommend going if you ever get the opportunity. Grab it with both hands and it will make the very best memories that you can ever have. I am sad to be home but you never know, maybe one day I will get the chance to do it all again. All I will say is, watch this space!



Thank you very much for reading this and I hope you have got some idea of what an amazing three-week adventure I had.

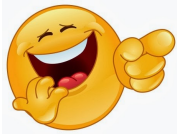
Kellianne Butler

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Having a Laugh

The police came to the door and said, "Are you familiar with the letters HB"?

I said, "No I'm not"

"How about LS"?

"No"

"What about JD"?

I said, "Hang on a minute, am I a suspect or something"?

They said, "No, these are just initial enquiries".

Breaking News.....

- A man who took an airline company to court after his luggage went missing has lost his case!
- Police say the man who recently fell into an upholstery renovating machine is now completely recovered!
- A photographer tragically died this morning when a huge block of cheese fell on him..... Everyone posing for the wedding party picture had tried to warn him!

WARNING!

To the person who stole my glasses.....

I will find you.

I have contacts!

**There are better golfers,
there are better drivers,
there are better swimmers,
there are better cooks.**

**The one thing that no one can ever be better than you at is....
being you.**

JUST BE YOU.

There's no one more qualified for the job.

The Vessel

The Master was searching for a vessel to use.
Before him were many, which one would he choose?

“Take me”, cried the golden one. “I’m shiny and bright,
I’m of great value and I do things just right.
My beauty and lustre will outshine the rest.
And for someone like you, Master, gold would be best.”

The Master passed on with no word at all.
And he looked at a silver urn, grand and tall.
“I’ll serve you, dear Master, I’ll pour out your wine.
I’ll be on your table whenever you dine.
My lines are so graceful, my carving so true.
And silver will always complement you.”

Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass,
Wide mouthed and shallow and polished like glass.
“Here, here!” cried the vessel, “I know I will do,
Place me on your table for all men to view.”

“Look at me”, called the goblet of crystal so clear,
My transparency shows my contents so dear.
Though fragile am I, I will serve you with pride,
And I’m sure I’ll be happy in your house to abide.”

Then the Master came next to a vessel of wood,
Polished and carved, it solidly stood.
“You may use me, dearest Master”, the wooden bowl said,
“But I’d rather you used me for fruit not for bread”.

Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay.
Empty and broken it helplessly lay.
No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose,
To cleanse, and make whole, to fill and to use.

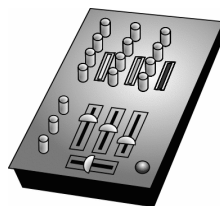
“Ah! Now this is the vessel I’ve been hoping to find.
I’ll mend it and use it and make it all mine.
I need not the vessel with pride of itself,
Nor one that is narrow to sit on the shelf,
Nor one that is big-mouthed and shallow and loud,
Nor one that displays his contents so proud,
Nor one who thinks he can do things just right,
But this plain earthy vessel filled with power and might,”

Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay,
Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day:
Spoke to it kindly - “There’s work you must do....
Just pour out to others as I pour into you.”



Recording of services

We are now sound recording every Sunday service, so please let Vic Crowhurst know if you would like a copy for yourself, someone who could not be with us that day or perhaps to give to someone to listen to how well we sing!



For special and festival services we may make video recordings and if you would not wish to appear in these, then please speak to anyone at the sound and vision desk before the service starts. There should be a prior warning of the services involved.

Flower Donations

Sept

- 1st Nigel and Val Mead
- 8th Brenda Kemp
- 15th David and Maureen Stone
- 22nd Harvest
- 29th John and Stella Duboux & Family

Oct

- 6th Alison Shannon
- 13th Eric and Pat Garrard



Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

Sept

- 1st Stella Duboux and Joan Harvey
- 8th Anne Clarke and Val Mead
- 15th Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ
- 22nd Brenda Kemp and Leng Kingston
- 29th Carole and Alan Cornwall

Oct

- 6th Suzanne and Paul Dyer
- 13th Anne Clarke and Val Mead



Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

Sept

- 3rd Stella Duboux and Brenda Melling
- 10th Joan Harvey and Maureen Stone
- 17th Carole and Alan Cornwall
- 24th Carol Smith and Pat Pates

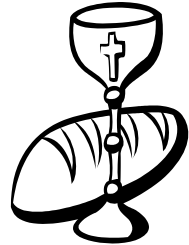
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Communion Offerings

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 July for collecting £71.50 for the RNLI and £72.50 in August for HARP.



**September
October**

**Havens Hospices
Peaceful Place**

Havens Hospices

You will see that this month's communion offering is for this charity with which many of you are familiar. However, just a reminder to all. Fair Havens and Little Havens are for adults in Westcliff and in Thundersley for children. A small portion of their income is from the NHS but the remainder comes from the general public so please help them all that you are able.



The next edition of New Horizons!

The next magazine will be for October and will be published on 6th October 2019. Please let us have your contributions by our usual time of 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 26th September.

We always welcome contributions from any of our readers, wherever they are. Reports, stories, thought provoking articles and even funny stories are all very welcome.

A large print version of this magazine is available.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
(Also see weekly Notice Sheet)

Sept

Sun	1 st	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Tue	3 rd	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
		7.30 p.m.	Course at Rayleigh URC for Elders who are authorised to preside at the sacraments	
Wed	4 th	9.30 a.m.	The Cornerstone Toddlers start	
Wed	4 th	5.30 p.m.	Pilots begin	
Thu	5 th	7.30 p.m.	Elder's Meeting	
Sun	8 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Our Minister
Sat	14 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sat	14 th	Synod Youth Fun Day at Barrow Suffolk (includes assault course) For ages 11-18. £5 per person Further information from the Minister		
Sun	15 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Peter Hunt and Sarah Wilson
Tue	17 th	7.30 p.m.	Digging Deeper, Bible study	
Sat	21 st	5.30 p.m.	Meal at 6 p.m. Harvest Supper & Concert	
Sun	22 nd	10.30 p.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving & Family Parade	Our Minister
Thu	26 th	7.30 p.m.	Church Meeting	
Sun	29 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev Celia Whitman

**Sun 22nd & 29th - Personal Information Forms will be issued:
complete on the day or return by 17th October 2019, please.**

Oct (Our Minister starts a three month sabbatical)

Tue	1 st	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church	
Thu	3 rd	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	
Sun	6 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Sat	12 th	9.00 a.m.	Big Breakfast	
Sat	12 th	10.30 a.m.	Eastern Synod meet at Bury St Edmunds	
Sun	13 th	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship (No parade)	Linda Mead

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