

New Horizons

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THE CORNERSTONE



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Church

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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.

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.

Mon 7.30 pm Digging Deeper
(2nd and 4th Monday of each month)

Tues 10.00 am Tea and Coffee in the Foyer
11.30 am The Tuesday Rendezvous
(1st and 3rd Tuesdays or as announced)

Wed 9.30 am The Cornerstone Toddlers during Term Time

Thurs 6.00 pm Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts
7.45-9.15 Scouts

Thurs 7.30 pm Elders' Meeting (1st Thursday)

Fridays **Changes from Friday 10th September**
5.00 - 6.30pm Messy Church (1st Friday in the month)
5.00 - 6.30pm Pilots (every other Friday)
7.00 - 9.00pm 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 and please contact the Church Secretary for details.

Following the removal of legal COVID restrictions, there is no longer a limit on the number of people we can accommodate for worship including singing, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back, including children. However, recognising that some people may still be very cautious about the possibility of contracting Covid-19, there are some measures we can all take in the interests of the most vulnerable:

- Hand sanitiser remains available at both entrances, and the worship space will continue to be well ventilated
- You are no longer required to book or sign in, although the QR code remains available if you wish to use it
- You may wish to take a regular Lateral Flow Test to determine whether or not you are likely to be carrying infection. These are available free from pharmacies or by post from Order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- There are re-usable stickers available for you to indicate how you would prefer to be greeted by fellow worshippers
- Face coverings are no longer mandatory; however you may prefer to use one to minimise your risk to others particularly when moving around, singing aloud or in close proximity (eg queuing for coffee)
- If you prefer not to sit close to people outside your household please continue to deploy the “Do not use this seat” markers. Additionally there are under-used areas of the worship space and/or foyer.
- For the time being we will refrain from passing an offertory bag from person to person; a collection plate is available at the rear of the worship space. Please make your offering by the close of the service to assist the Treasurer in timely counting
- Likewise, Communion this month will be laid out for you to come forward and collect; Elders will keep this under review.

And if you are not ready or able to return to in-person worship, our services continue to be streamed to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmZ8TMU6-Grmmgl4p87_puQ

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Letter to the Fellowship

We have all experienced a “window of opportunity” in our lives at some time or another - a situation where conditions are just right for something to occur, to be said or to be done, and we must seize the opportunity quickly before the window closes.

Recently, I went to Glyn Hopkin Cambridge to charge my electric car. While I was sitting on the driving seat checking emails, Facebook etc, I heard a knock on my window, there was an older man asking if I were going to charge to full 100%. I said, no, I only need a top up to get home. And where is home, he asked? I said, not to worry, it isn't that far, Southend on Sea.

What brought you to Cambridge? The next question asked. I am here to attend a Minister's Get Together at Westminster college.

O really, I have very fond memories of Westminster college as a child. My dad was a theology teacher there in 1947. He told me that he wasn't religious or go to church anymore. We had an excellent open conversation about faith, church, children, and future. We both shared our personal understanding of faith and found one thing was common, we both agreed, that there might be more than one way to recognise God or God revealing himself to us but the door to the Father is the only one, Jesus Christ.

Spiritual life certainly has its windows of opportunity, not only in the initial chance we receive to turn to God, but also in a smaller, ongoing way once we have done that. Every time we learn something new that affects our lives we are presented with a new window of opportunity. But if we do not quickly grasp the opportunity as soon as we see it, if we do not accept and implement whatever we see we need to do, we risk losing the opportunity entirely. The apostle James wrote about this:

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks

like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do” (James 1:22-25).

The analogy James uses of seeing ourselves in a mirror is not unlike the analogy we are talking about - of seeing a window of opportunity. When God shows us something about the way we are, or how we should be, we must act immediately or, as James says, we look away and we forget. Not only do we often forget what we saw, but if we do not accept and act quickly our own human nature will certainly take the opportunity to justify inaction on our part and sooner or later the window closes on change, we might have made.

God is certainly patient with all of those with whom he works, but the experience of Christians throughout history has been clear that he does not give endless opportunities to change and to act on what he reveals to us (Romans 2:4 - 5).



That is why we must grasp every window of spiritual opportunity as quickly as possible once it opens. God does not call us to go window shopping - but to choose and use every window he opens for us even in difficult and unprecedented times.

We are still not out of a global pandemic. People are still fearful, anxious, worried, scared and extremely open to hearing those who bring truth, hope and encouragement in a compassionate and skilful way. Once again, there is a “greater willingness to listen to gospel truth.”

Just a couple of questions to ponder upon: how prepared and willing are we to share the gospel truths with all we meet? What windows of opportunity have we noticed or discovered opened and how willing are we to use them to spread the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ?

God bless,
Sohail

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 of our fellowship as restrictions are lifted and we return to a “new normal”. If you are unable to attend our worship on the church premises, you can follow our services or other URC churches online.

We keep in our thoughts any of our fellowship who are unwell, in hospital, undergoing surgery/treatment or having tests. We pray for their return to good health.

Please keep in your prayers Vic Crowhurst, Lucy & Kathy and their families as they lay to rest Ann, a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Give them peace of spirit and the knowledge that God hears all of their prayers.

Father, hear our prayers
Amen

A prayer about things outside, and inside, of The Cornerstone.

Oh dear, Father, we never seem to learn from our experiences. First it was COVID when we went out and stripped the supermarket shelves of toilet rolls, and anything else we thought might be scarce for the next six months. And, we have only just used it all up.

Then it was bottled water and fizzy drinks as we heard that there was a shortage of carbon dioxide and plastic bottles; forgetting that we were going to contribute to poor health and wastage.

Now it's fuel for the car. We need to fill up our tanks “just in case”, rather than for a real need. Forgetting that we still expect our delivery from the food stores and our parcels for the things we have ordered online.

Sorry Father, we will try harder to be less selfish next time.

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK



To everything there is a season (Ecclesiastes 3:1). The season of Creation is drawing to a close and we have been busy cutting back and clearing the garden for the approach of winter. It has been an odd year, with cold and excess rain, hot and no rain, and mediocre; we managed to save a good few tomatoes from blighted plants, by picking them early and ripening indoors, but they really don't have the *flavour* of fruit ripened on the vine. I wonder, is that a metaphor for us over the past eighteen months? Discouraged from going out and about, from being close to each other, from living out our Christian faith in public, have we become the salt that lost its savour (Matthew 5:13)? I'm sure over the next few months we shall be considering and doing what we can to make the Christian life more relevant to our neighbourhood, and regain our saltiness.

If this has made you nostalgic for 1965 when The Byrds set this bible passage to music, you can listen to it here: [The Byrds - Turn! Turn! Turn! \(To Everything There Is A Season\) \(Audio\) - YouTube](#)

Many thanks to those who brought gifts for the Harvest Festival at the end of September. The Storehouse was very glad to receive them to assist with serving the less fortunate residents of our town.

And so, the season passes from Creation to Remembrance in early November. Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day are long established dates in the calendar across the world and it is right and proper we acknowledge the sacrifices made during periods of war. Some Christian denominations have also marked "All Souls" with special remembrance of those gone before, in early November, although that is not the reformed tradition. However, Elders feel it is important that The Cornerstone should do something special this year in relation to those of our number that passed away during lockdown; for whom the funeral was very restricted and families may welcome the opportunity to remember their lives in the company of church friends. We are therefore having a special thanksgiving service at 2 pm on 6th November, so we can gather, remember, and

give thanks followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Although we are focussed on those of our number lost to us, it is not exclusive and if anyone knows someone in this position, please do invite them. Also, if you are able to contribute a cake or assist with serving tea and refreshments, please let Ann Thorp know.

Our next Church Meeting in November has the important task of electing Elders to serve the Church and this year it has particular significance in the light of the number of vacancies. Our rules provide for up to 12 Elders; our numbers are fewer than when the rule came into being, and you may think we do not need as many, but , there are still the same number of tasks to be performed in order to be efficient and continue the full spectrum of church life. Retiring Elders are myself, Sarah Wilson, Roger Brett and Clive Goodhew, of whom myself, Sarah and Roger are eligible for re-election. However, Sarah has applied to train as an army officer, which could happen as early as January so she would not be available to serve the church. She does not find out until next month *[NB our rules do provide for an elder standing down to be co-opted to fill a vacancy so if Sarah's training is delayed, she's not quite off the hook!]*. In addition, Alison Shannon and Peter Hunt are retiring before the end of their terms.

With vacancies carried over from previous years, we can elect up to 8 people next month, the highest number since we elected 12 at our merger in 2005. It might perhaps be helpful to consider this from the opposite direction – if we do not elect more Elders that is a lot of “power” and responsibility in the hands of very few people, which cannot be good for the church. Please pray that God will raise up people from our number able and willing to serve the church in this way. Nominations are now open and close at 12 noon on Sunday 7th November 2021; forms are available in the foyer, requiring the signature of proposer, seconder and nominee; completed forms should be placed in the box provided. The election will take place physically at the church meeting, in accordance with church rules. although we are considering whether or not it is possible for those joining on line to have a vote bearing in mind it is a secret ballot.

Our Youth and Children activities are beginning to pick up again after such a long absence. With the exception of Toddlers on a Wednesday, we have consolidated activities on a Friday evening.

There are a few leaflets in the foyer, so please do take one to invite any young families known to you. At present, youth club encompasses a wide age spectrum, and ideally older teenagers would be 'doing their own thing' in a different part of the building, which would mean additional adult supervision. We also need to plan ahead for Sarah's likely departure. If you have a heart for young people and a couple of hours to spare on a Friday, please do consider volunteering – have a word with Sarah to talk about it. Additionally, in response to a request from young people the premises will be open from 3.30 until 6 pm on a Wednesday to enable those who do not have a quiet space at home, to come and do their homework. Initially this will be supervised by Sarah and Scott Shannon. If this initiative is a success, we may be seeking further help in the future –please note it is not intended to be offering assistance with the homework, rather the space to do it in peace.

Legal processes willing, this is the month we say goodbye to our Elder Robert Wiseman who is moving away from the area. We do thank Robert for his contribution to church life and wish him and Rebecca well as they settle in Boston.

Also during this month, I will be putting in the order for Advent Calendars for distribution to our children's groups. It will necessarily be a lot of guesswork, as children are returning gradually and we are recruiting new ones. So, I will either be scrambling for extra supplies at the end of November, or have lots left over. I know some of you like to give them to family members, so if you would like any at £4.50 each, please do let me know.

2022 sees the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the United Reformed Church and there will be many events to mark this over the course of the year including the much delayed Synod Day Out next summer. I will share news and dates as they emerge, or you can keep a regular watch on the webpage [United Reformed Church 50th Anniversary](#)

Ruth Dixon

**Kiss of the sun for pardon.
Song of the birds for mirth.
You're closer to God's heart
in a garden than any place on earth**



Little Free Library

We are installing an outdoor bookshelf, on Bournemouth Park Road, where people can borrow, and donate, books for all ages free of charge. If you have any books you no longer want, please do bring them along for the shelf.

Church Treasurer

Ann has indicated she will relinquish the treasurer post at the end of this year, so we are looking for someone to keep us in good financial order. If you think it might be you, do please have a word with Ann.



NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP



Ann Crowhurst's funeral will be on Friday 8th October at 1pm in South Chapel, Southend Crematorium, 285 Sutton Road, SS2 5PX for the committal.

2pm Thanksgiving Service at The Cornerstone URC Church, Bournemouth Park Road, SS2 5JL (car park in Central Ave)

3.30 pm Wake at the Camelia Hotel, 178 Southend Esplanade, SS1 3AA.

You are warmly welcome at all or any of these venues.

To assist with catering, it would be much appreciated if you could please advise Vic of your likely attendance.

CHURCH FLOWERS

As we are now returning to worship in the church, we would like to outline a plan to re-introduce some flower arrangements.



We have been very fortunate in the past to be able to supply a flower arrangement in church every Sunday, but for various reasons this will not be possible in the future.

So, the plan is that we will do flowers for Sundays on request.

We will put a notice on the board in the church where you will be able to put your name against the date you require the flowers. It will also confirm that that Sunday is available (or not)!

You can also let Joan (Harvey) or myself know of any requests.

We will continue to do special floral arrangements for the Easter and Harvest festivals.

Many thanks to everyone for their generosity in the past, and we look forward to supplying some flowers in the future, which help to mark special events and occasions.

Val Mead and Joan Harvey



REMEMBER WHEN we all had landline phones instead of cellphones and when the phone rang everyone in the house ran to it and yelled "I'll get it".

Now, if a landline phone rings nobody moves because it's obvious we don't know who it is or they would call our cell phone.

Those were the days!!!



When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA - attention and affection;
Some need AAA - attention, affection and acceptance.
Some need C - compassion;
Some need D - direction.

And if they still don't shine - simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

Cricket is Quite Simple

You have two sides Ours and Theirs.
One out in the field and one in.
Each man in the side that's in, goes out, and, when he's out, he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out.
Then, when they have all been in and are all out, the side that's been in the field goes in and the side that's in goes out and tries to get out those coming in.
Sometimes you get men still in and not out.
Then when both sides have been in and out, including not-outs, that's the end of the game.

It's really very simple!!!!



Faith-filled Life: The Bible and Mission

Welcome to the first part of our New Horizons series on Faith-Filled Life! In this first reflection, we'll be thinking about how we understand the Bible and Mission. What is the Bible? How do we read and understand it? And what is Mission, and what does it mean for us specifically?

These might seem like two different things - but we'll see how together they can help us think about making our lives truly faith-filled.

First though I'd like you to think about a key question we'll refer to throughout the series: Where have you seen God recently?

In the past week, I think I've seen God at work in a few places. I think I've heard him in a recent phone call, which offered me an opportunity several months earlier than I thought it would come. It's scary, but also exciting. How often do we feel God at work, telling us something is coming whether we like it or not!

Take a moment to think about where you may have seen God at work in the last month.

What is the Bible?

Let's start with a simple description! The Bible is a small library of books that all emerged out of the history of the people of ancient Israel.



They expertly crafted the Hebrew language to write epic narratives, very sophisticated poetry, and were masters of metaphor and storytelling. They leveraged all this to explore life's most complicated questions about death, life and the human struggle.

Their texts tell an epic story about how God is working through people to bring order and beauty out of the chaos of our world. And it all builds up to a hope for a new leader, who would come and renew all creation.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus was that long-awaited leader who would restore the world. His earliest followers, the apostles, composed new literary works about the story of Jesus. They called these 'Good News', or the gospel. They wrote many accounts, called 'Acts', about the spread of the Jesus movement outside of Israel and then they circulated letters to different Jesus communities all around the ancient world.

The Bible, therefore, is a unified story that leads to Jesus and has profound wisdom for the modern world.

As with most habits of life, different people do things in different ways, and reading the Bible is no exception. Some like to read daily devotions in their favoured translation and reflect, some like to undertake an academic study of the text, while others listen to the scriptures in audio format.

The most important thing is to find a way that speaks to you!

What is Mission?

In any setting **Mission** is the core purpose of an organisation. It is a summary of the aims and core values that group follows.

A mission clearly tells what you as an organisation does for the people it serves.

Helpfully, the Cornerstone has its own mission statement: ***Our purpose is to love and serve God and others through Jesus Christ.***

I think most of us can concur! The next step though is to think about what our role in that mission is.

How can we be missional? What gifts can we give to help fulfil this mission?

In the Cornerstone we are quite blessed in having a number of clubs and activities which lots of people take part in as far as they are able. We have lots of volunteers who help with our music, our maintenance, our worship, and much more!

As the world restarts in the wake of the pandemic, our next step as a Church is to think about how we can show the wider community in Southend who we are, and what our mission is.

Bringing it together

The two halves of this reflection, 'What is the Bible?' and 'What is Mission?' are connected by being two of the most basic building blocks of our relationship with God. We read the Bible to feel closer to Him, to understand what He has done for us and be guided in how to live our lives. Our Mission is the purpose we are trying to achieve with those lives.

Essentially, they are the instruction manual we follow, and the target we are aiming for!

A lot to think about! But it's not something that should overwhelm us - after all, God knows (literally) that we're only human! We can instead use this moment as a positive moment to reflect on our lives and how we can serve God better.

Perhaps there's a way forward in one of the places you've seen God recently?

God Bless you all, and see you again next month for more!

Sarah Wilson



Noah opens up the ark and lets all the animals out, announcing to them all to follow God's command and "Go forth, be fruitful and multiply."

He's about to close the great doors of the ark when he notices that there are two snakes sitting in a dark corner and not making a move to leave. So, he says to them, "Didn't you hear me? You can go now. Go forth and multiply." The snakes reply, "That command doesn't apply to us." Noah shakes his head and asks why.

"We don't multiply," said the snakes, "we're just adders."

A New Group that has started:

THE 'TUESDAY RENDEZVOUS!'

Why not come and join us.....see what it's all about!

The aim is to be a social group. To meet friends in a comfortable, relaxed environment.



If your interest is handicrafts, some of us will be knitting, patchworking, crocheting, embroidering or finding new crafts to try out.

If you are interested in 'friendly' challenges, games such as scrabble, cribbage, dominos and other board games are available, or why not exercise the little grey cells by doing a jigsaw - some of which are very challenging!!!!



If all this seems too much, then come along anyway and enjoy a chat - just putting the world to rights!!!!

All this happens - on the first and third Tuesday of the month, immediately after the Coffee Morning.

You can join in at anytime, bring your lunch and stay and enjoy the fellowship that finally being able to join together can bring. The group usually finishes about 2.30, but we can be around for longer if people need to chat.

So, Tuesday's where it's at, we look forward to seeing you!!!!

**Val and Nigel
(Mead)**

One kind word
can change
someone's
entire
day

Revised Common Lectionary – October 2021

October 3, 2021

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 17, 2021

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 2021

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

October 31, 2021

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

November 7, 2021

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

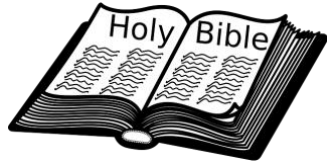
Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44 11:32-44

Digging Deeper/Peter's Piece

Thus says the LORD

On Monday 11 October in Digging Deeper we commence a new series which will take us through to the end of Lent 2022. We are going to look at Old Testament prophecy and what it tells us about Jesus the Christ, Messiah, God's anointed deliverer who came to rescue God's people from the awful result of Adam's sin.



John Milton (1608-1674) puts it succinctly in the opening of his epic poem Paradise Lost

*Of Man's first disobedience, and the fruit
of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste
brought death into the world, and all our woe,
with loss of Eden, till one greater Man
restore us, and regain the blissful seat.*

We tend to think that 'prophecy' is what is going to happen in the future, a foretelling, but that part of the message is secondary. The main purpose of Bible Prophecy is, it is the Word of the LORD. This is what the LORD is saying, which at times includes a look at future events while the overall purpose is of declaring God's Word. 'Thus says the LORD' is the catch phrase of the prophets.

All are welcome to join us, for the time being on Zoom, so that those, understandably still cautious about meeting face to face, can join in. With the coming of the Autumn, Winter and Spring evenings it's an added bonus that we can meet and have fellowship with each other without venturing out from the comfort of our own homes!

If you would like to join in but haven't got internet access, please let us know and we will see how you can be included.

Peter Hunt

Are you having a laugh?

- Once upon a time there was a King. He was only 12 inches tall and was a terrible King but he was a great ruler!
- I went to the antiques roadshow the other day and they told me my vase was priceless. I sold it at a car boot for £4, whose laughing now?
- If it hadn't been for the invention of the Venetian blind, it would have been curtains for all of us.
- Birthdays are good for your health. Studies show that people who have more birthdays live longer.
- When Shakespeare hung up his quill and retired from writing, he moved to Bavaria and opened a sausage shop. So basically he went from Bard to Wurst.
- I recently took a pole and found that 100% of the people in the tent were angry when it collapsed!
- I saw a man going up a hill with a trolley full of horseshoes, four leaf clovers and rabbits' feet. He's pushing his luck!!!
- It's my wife's birthday tomorrow, she's been leaving jewellery catalogues all over the house, so I've bought her a magazine rack!

Just wait and see!

Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same heat, in the same oil and yet the kernels do not POP at the same time.
Don't compare your child to others.
Their time to **POP** is coming!



Would you care to help the Editors please?

We know that Advent and Christmas is some time away, but our readers do appreciate good notice of what is being planned in the coming two months.

It would be helpful if we could have any relevant dates for the November magazine so that all might be able to reserve slots in their diaries, calendars and electronic gadgets.

Thank you from Anne and Michael



The Next Issue of New Horizons for October

We always welcome contributions from our readers, whether they are from The Cornerstone or anywhere around the world. Please let us have your personal stories, recollections, inspiring thoughts from biblical or other sources, acts of kindness both given and received, encouragement to mission; really anything that you have found interesting.

Been on holiday? Anything interesting to share? Then let us know about it please.

The next issue will be published on Sunday **7th November** and we shall be pleased to receive any contributions for this issue by **9 a.m. on Thursday 28th October.**

Thank you
Anne and Michael

And a final item.
There will be a double issue for December and January.

I think this poem may have been in a previous New Horizons but it makes me chuckle, especially as so many of our older people have had to grapple with modern technology during the pandemic and learning how to do things they never thought possible. Well done everyone, you should be very proud. (Editor - AC)

The computer swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed Grandma.
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
and disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
the thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
and files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
but nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Google
my searches to refine.
The reply from that was negative,
not a thing was found 'online'.

So, if inside your 'Inbox',
my Grandma you should see,
please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
in an email back to me.



SERVICES AND MEETINGS AT THE CORNERSTONE

Please see the Secretary's Notebook of details for current restrictions

October

Sun	3 rd	10.30am	Morning Worship	John Amos
Thu	7 th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting & M&M Meeting	
Fri	8 th	2.00pm	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Ann Crowhurst (Further details can be found on page 9)	
Sat	9 th	10.30am	Synod Meeting, Plume Ave, Colchester	
Sun	10 th	10.30am	Morning Worship, Church Parade	Our Minister
Mon	11 th	7.30pm	Digging Deeper	
Sun	17 th	10.30am	Morning Worship Baptism of Arnold Al-Soufi	Our Minister
Weds	20 th	7.30pm	Area Partnership meet at Kings Road URC	
Sun	24 th	10.30am	Morning Worship (HC)	Our Minister
Mon	25 th	7.30pm	Digging Deeper	
Sun	31 st	10.30pm	Morning Worship	Rev Celia Whitman

November

Thu	4 th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	
Fri	5 th	5pm to 6.30pm	Messy Church	
Sat	6 th	2.00pm	Thanksgiving Service - Remembering those of our fellowship who passed away during Covid Lockdown followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments	
Sun	7 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Sarah Wilson
Mon	8 th	7.30pm	Digging Deeper	
Sun	14 th	10.30am	Remembrance Day and Church Parade	Our Minister

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

<u>Oct</u>	3 rd	Suzanne and Paul Dyer
	10 th	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	17 th	Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ
	24 th	Stella Duboux and Val Hayman
	31 st	Carole and Alan Cornwall
<u>Nov</u>	7 th	Linda and Mike Mead



Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

<u>Oct</u>	5 th	Stella Duboux
	12 th	Wendy Brett and Val Mead
	19 th	Carole and Alan Cornwall
	26 th	Carol Smith and Pat Pates
<u>Nov</u>	2 nd	Stella Duboux



Church Flowers

<u>Oct</u>	3 rd	Maureen & David Stone
	10 th	Vic Crowhurst and family in Memory of Ann
	17 th	Baptism of Arnold Al Soufi
	24 th	Wendy & Roger Brett



(See list on Notice Board for available dates)

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