

New Horizons

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THE CORNERSTONE



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WORSHIP AND ACTION

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

FAIRTRADE Coffee and tea is served after Morning Worship
Please stay to talk with each other in an informal atmosphere.

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 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.



Letter to the Fellowship

Coincident or God-incident??

Ephesians 2:10 says, *“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance*

for us to do.” (NIV)

We were created for good works. When we do good, we are fulfilling our life's mission. Our good works may sometimes require some big sacrifices of time, even money. Or it can be simple acts of kindness, may be just to stand to give an elderly person our seat, to give way to someone who is in a hurry; to help someone carry a heavy load; or may be to do speak kindly to someone; to encourage someone; to take time to listen to someone. However, kindness or good deeds are shown goodness is to become a way of life - a habit - a practice for us who have been created in God's image and especially redeemed by Christ. When we do our good deeds we will not only help others, but it will also nourish our lives.

About two weeks ago, before leaving home for our prayer meeting, Machrina shared a request sent to her from Pakistan by a colleague/friend wondering if we personally, or friends from the church, could help towards their daughter's university fee.

Shanzay Qamar, a Christian girl has been accepted for a degree in Agricultural Biotechnology. She is the first and only Christian girl in the whole country to get to that position. Shanzay is a bright student and recently won a scholarship towards her further studies. Unfortunately, that scholarship wasn't going to be enough to pay the full amount for the year. The family business went from bad to worse due to COVID-19. They had saved enough but had to dip into their savings to meet the needs of the family.

My/our initial and abrupt reply was, "sorry we can't help you because COVID-19 has effected people here, and thousands of people have lost their jobs as well. The churches we are part of have majority of OAPs and probably not in a position to help.

Anyway, both Machrina and I got to the prayer meeting. It was my turn to lead. I, without any prior intentions opened the Bible and read Psalm 112. I was only going to read the first couple of verses as our call to worship.

But don't ask me why, I read the whole Psalm. Verses 4 - 5 read:

***"Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.
Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice."***

While I was reading, I strongly felt the Lord was speaking to me about helping or at least praying about it. I shared with the prayer group and told them all about our brief WhatsApp chat but didn't make an appeal for help.

I came out of the prayer meeting and spoke to two elders initially. Initial reaction was, "Is it God speaking?" There were six elders present (which isn't a common scene on Tuesday mornings) and we spoke about it. While I was talking, I was going to read the 2 verses, I unlocked my phone and saw that the verse of the day sent by my sister living in Cambodia, was the same two verses mentioned above.

Coincident or God-incident?? I believe we need to know when, how, how often, to whom. Are we to do good indiscriminately? Are we to do good to everyone? Every time? Whenever someone ask us for help? Whenever we see a need? What does God say about doing good?

The truth is we can't really do well indiscriminately. We all have limited time and resources. Doing good to others is not as simple as it sounds. We really need wisdom in doing good.

The Bible provides very important help in doing good. One such passage is Proverbs 3:27:

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act." (NIV).

“Deserve it” “in your power to act” - these words tell us that there may be people who should not receive help. It also tells us that there are times when it is not right to help.

Do good to those who deserve. Wise people do not do good indiscriminately. They do good wisely. I also believe they act upon God’s leading, prompting.

What if it is beyond our power or resources? We as a church managed to help this family in Pakistan providing around 75% of what they needed, we couldn’t provide the whole amount asked for.

Then know and trust that God is bigger than you. He can have someone or another way to help you. I mention this because I know many sensitive, good-hearted people who live with “never-enough” cloud hanging over their heads. Our God is God of unlimited resources. The family of God is a huge family with many people to share the responsibility for doing good. Learn to assume those responsibilities that are yours and leave those that are not yours.

We’ve been called to do good works. When we do we become extensions of God’s goodness. Good works likewise opens doors into people lives. They see Christ in us, and they are moved closer to the Lord.

Keep up the Good Work folks, and God bless
Sohail

Covid 19 : You will all be aware that case numbers are increasing and we should all play our part in preventing the spread. Please consider staying at home if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms; do sanitise your hands on entering the building; try to keep your distance when conversing with others, and/or consider wearing a face mask. Thank You.

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

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 in these worrying times. 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.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of our dear friend and Church Member/Elder Emeritus Andy Anderson last month. Please keep in your prayers his daughters Linda and Gillian and their families as they lay to rest a beloved father, father-in-law, Poppas and close friend of many years to Betty. Give them peace of spirit and the knowledge that God hears all of their prayers.

Father, hear our prayers
Amen

A prayer for the whole world

O Father God, it seems that your whole world has lost respect for one another, both in thought, word and deed. We all seem unable to express an opinion without being violently challenged, rather than being allowed to put thoughts forward for a rational debate to explore and find the truth of things.

We pray for a world of peace, calm and reason where force is not seen as an answer and the retaliation that it causes. Where all are respected for their views, that all are given equality in freedom of expression, opportunity, education and protected from harm and persecution.

As your servants in Jesus, we pray that we may all strive to make these prayers a reality. Amen

ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING

A powerful poem for Remembrance Day
By Joshua Dyer (aged 14)

One thousand men are walking,
walking side by side.
Singing songs from home,
the spirit as their guide.

They walk toward the light milord,
they walk towards the sun.
They smoke and laugh and smile together,
no foes to outrun.

These men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved.
A nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved.

They march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war.
Stepping closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps.

The meadows lit with golden beams,
a beacon for the brave.
The emerald grass un-trampled,
a reward for what they gave.

They dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them.
Forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men.



SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK



October seems to have passed with a flurry of activity as we continue building up our events and meetings once again.

We had our first 'live' Messy Church on 1st, with good numbers attending; the theme was Joseph - Hero or Villain? in-line with the Pilots' Heroes and Villains theme. Suzie Armstrong is now leading in the kitchen, and pizza with salad was enjoyed by those present.

The following Friday we also bade our final goodbyes to Ann Crowhurst, with a packed church and some delicious refreshments afterwards. The church had been filled with flowers, which were distributed among those present, thanks to Val Mead and Sue Greengrass who worked so hard on this. Please continue to uphold Vic and the family in your prayers.

Other services during October were led by John Amos, Rev. Celia Whitman and our Minister, Sohail. On 17th October we welcomed the Al-Soufi and Ryan families for Arnold's baptism into the family of Christ.

On 9th October the Eastern Synod meeting took place at Plume Avenue URC, Colchester. Numbers attending had to be restricted due to available space, and the proceedings were streamed to YouTube. Minutes of the meeting will be available shortly at <https://www.urch-eastern.org.uk/synod-meetings> and some of the presentations are already live to download.

At The Cornerstone premises we have had our second quinquennial electricity inspection, with very few issues to address, and the annual heating system service with a few more! Other systems are also serviced this time of the year. My thanks to Frank who generally sits at the church whilst these are taking place, and this year has had to fit around babysitting duties in Central London!

Outside, we now have our Little Free Library, constructed by Mike Mead. It is currently well stocked, but do please keep an eye out and donate your unwanted books when there is space available. And

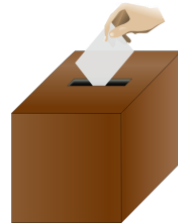
borrow any that take your fancy. If you spot any books with inappropriate content, please do remove them!

Looking forward to November, by the time you read this we will have held our service of thanksgiving for those who have passed away, focussing particularly this time on our members who died during lockdown for whom a traditional funeral service and gathering was not possible due to Covid restrictions.

My thanks to those who donated plastic bottle bottoms for the remembrance season poppy display and to members of the youth club for painting most of them, and also to Wendy Brett. I am hoping to find some space to store this to use again.

Our Minister is away at a conference starting 22nd November, and will take the rest of the week as study leave. In the event of a pastoral matter arising during that time please contact your elder in the first instance; I am also away at Assembly Executive 22-24 November but reachable by email.

Lastly, I would mention the church meeting on 25th November, which includes the important matter of the election of elders. Although we hope to make the meeting available on line (learning from last month's experience) we have not been able to determine an efficient way of including on line voting whilst maintaining the requirement for a secret ballot; accordingly, you will need to attend physically in order to cast your vote. It is appreciated this is not an ideal situation, and if transport to and from the meeting is the deciding factor for you, let me know and we can make appropriate arrangements.



It hardly seems possible that next month I shall be writing about Advent and Christmas activities, but here we are, 2021 almost over.

Ruth Dixon

Heard recently. “A preacher should hold The Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other.”



Little Free Library

We have installed 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.

HAROLD (*ANDY*) ANDERSON 1922-2021

The funeral of our much-loved friend, member and Elder Emeritus, will take place on **12th November**. The hearse will pause outside the church for one minute, between **12.05 p.m. and 12.10 p.m.** in recognition of Andy's great love for his church. Members and friends who wish to witness this and pay their respects, but are not attending the committal, are welcome to wait in the foyer for the service to start.



The Committal Service will be at **12.20 p.m.** in the South Chapel at Southend Crematorium.

This will be followed by a 'Celebration of Life' Service at **1.00 p.m.** to celebrate Andy's life at The Cornerstone.

Family flowers only but donations in memory of Andy's life will be for Havens Hospice.

"At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought but what we built;
not what we got but what we shared;
not our competence but our character;
and not our success, but our significance.



Live a life that matters.
Live a life of love"

That's what Andy did.

ANN CAROLINE CROWHURST 1954-2021 R.I.P.
(Vic's recollections from her funeral service on Friday 8th October)

Ann was born to Beryl and Bernard Reeve. She caught polio in 1957 and, as her parents were great party goers and loved travel, she was 'baby sat' by Aunty Gracie whose husband Akroyd was the Clifftown Congregational church organist. From a young age it was recommended she had dancing lessons and there met Buffy McClelland. She went to St Audreys until Thorpdene was completed where she met Anne Pallent at Thorpdene school who became her lifelong friend. Ann went to St Augustine's, Mrs Wheeler's school of dancing and Anne's mum made the costumes for their shows.

Bernard loved to take Ann to Southend United football matches, and they'd enjoy a sneaky snack. Her fondest memory was sitting on his knee watching Basil Brush. She was devastated when she lost him from a heart attack when he was 59. This impacted on her GCE results. Martin 10 years older than her, was now qualified as a dentist and was establishing his practice in Ipswich. Beryl was inconsolable relying on Ann to be her companion, so it was Angee Hyde who insisted Ann went to the new Christian coffee club at St Augustines, but It took a while for Angela to persuade her to go.

As her grandfather had been a very popular and well-loved Southchurch GP, and his wife a fabulous Drs wife, Ann had always wanted to do something similar. She just needed a Doctor so it was apt that at the first night at the club she met Vic who was waiting to study medicine.

Qualifying at Guys as a Dental Assistant she was headhunted into private practice in Wimpole Street, she worked with patients from the Qatar embassy including Princes and their many wives. She had offers of marriage and to join the Hareem but politely declined, receiving interesting gifts instead. Ann wasn't happy with the ethics of private practice.

We had at that time been persuaded to become Racing Track Marshals at Brands hatch and Lydden, through my student dentist friend, John Richards, asked if Ann was interested to become an Instructor Dental Surgery Assistant with a new experimental project at The London, teaching students four and six-handed dentistry. This

was a trailblazing method which changed the future of Dentistry. Although not qualified, with her encouraging nature she gave confidence to the newbies doing their very first fillings. She certainly knew the drill. It was the perfect job!

Ann enjoyed the companionship of our Round Table friends and we use to regularly camp, using a trailer tent, venturing abroad to the French Vendee coast together. In 1981 when Lucy was 3 months old, Ann's mother Beryl had a traumatic car accident, which led to her having to live with us. This prompted us to move to the bigger house which Ann loved and facilitated lots of catering and hospitality for our various groups. Sometimes there were rows of police, ambulance, fire service and doctors' cars with green lights on top parked along the street. No burglars ever bothered our road.

As both girls went to the Finch school of dancing, Ann supported them, driving to regular practices and the many shows at the Ilford town hall. Beryl's health declined, I was offered the Crowd Doctor role at Southend United and a partnership in Westcliff, so we moved back to Ann's original home in Acacia Drive. Well, that sounded simple but for Kathy marrying, Lucy graduating, Ann selling and clearing the London home, my buying a large yacht, Beryl setting the bungalow alight, with me in it, and my trying to run 2 practices alone.

During this time we had our second dog, Willow, ostensibly to encourage Ann to go out for a walk; unfortunately he only had two modes, racing down the road to mark his trees, and sitting on Ann's lap to keep warm. Ann still had a passion for fast cars and when I changed my yacht, she chose an electric blue Subaru WRX STI, 305 horse-power, and never got a single speeding ticket. She enjoyed keeping up with her groups of friends, Tangent, Logs and was very enthusiastic about the merger of Clifftown, Wakering, Chelmsford Avenue and Bournemouth Park, but especially the new building that became The Cornerstone.

She participated actively as Member and Elder while her health permitted. Her sudden and unexpected death has left us in Southend United terms Heaven 1 Southend 0.

A lovely lady, an excellent friend and an example to us all.

'Come' and Worship

One of the Ministers I recently heard online said that she had three types of people in her church.

The first type of people were those who turned up to anything that was taking place.

The second type were worried and concerned and required some help and support before they came.

The third group were never going to come. They had changed. Things had changed. No help that could be provided could solve that. This was where they were.

Now I am sorry if I have misled you. It was, of course, deliberate. I am not talking about physically attending worship but worshipping using technology and online.

Some people, she said, happily adopted online worship. Being used to technology it came easily to them. On the opposite side there were a few people who had no interest in anything beyond radio, television, CD Player or washing machine. Everything else was a step too far. In between were those who needed physical help to overcome their nervousness and lack of knowledge. Training sessions were provided. Face to face with the trainer in the garden and the learner in the room, socially distanced. And ongoing help available.

Or it may be a financial issue. There the church often spoke to relatives to discuss 'The Christmas Present' suggestion. Or the church found the money. Some smart phones or other devices adequate for occasional use cost less than £100. With a cheap package to get online this would not be a great expense for some or for us to keep in touch with the people we love and help them to receive God's message. And make that contact and that message available 24 hours a day.

Just a thought for this coming Season of Goodwill.

Roger Brett

Your greetings this Christmas.



Last year we were not able to have the usual greetings on the board in the Foyer but, now that many of the restrictions have been lifted, this can be resumed.

However, you will again be able to have a short personal message in the magazine and on the board, or if you wish just your name. Whatever you decide, then please speak or email Anne or Michael.

Also, the good news is that the post box will be making its traditional appearance once again.

Or, you can do it the traditional way by card via Royal Mail.

As always, our treasurer will be pleased if you feel able to make a donation to church funds, as the result of any savings you might make in postage and cards.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Our thanks to all who have offered to provide flowers in the church during the next twelve months and, as a result, the rota is again appearing in the magazine.



We shall continue to do the special floral arrangements for the Easter and Harvest festivals, but are always grateful for contributions towards the cost of buying the flowers.

Many thanks to everyone for their generosity in the past and it has been a joy to see some lovely flowers now that we are able to be fully open for worship.

Val Mead and Joan Harvey

Faith-filled Life: The Bible and Mission

Part 3: Who am I?

Welcome back to the third instalment of our Faith-filled Life series. Last month we examined what we know about the Bible, why we study it, and began to think about Mission and the role we can play in it.

This time we'll be considering the question 'Who am I?' in relation to God.

Genesis 1.26 tells us that we are made in the image of God: '*Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness'.*

What is your own image of God?

Perhaps you have a picture in your head? Or, maybe, you think of qualities that God has, or of the relationship God has with people.

Next, think about your own identity. What sort of roles or titles would you apply to yourself? Artist, musician, baker, Father, Mother, Grandmother?

There are many ways we can construct our identity. Some of us will have thought in terms of where we spend our time and others in terms of what we do.

Looking at the Bible, we can see three particular ways in which the relationship between God and humanity is described.

Firstly, there is our 'Covenant Identity'. This refers to the Old Testament covenant the Lord made with his people Israel - a mutual promise of faithfulness between God and his people Israel. From Leviticus Chapter 26, we read: '*If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands ... I will look on you with favour and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you ... I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.*'

Then there is the identity we learn about from the New Testament - that we are all Children of God. In John 1: 12-13, we read: *'But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God'*

This is a universal belonging, open to everyone: *'There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.'* (Galatians 3:28-29)

Lastly, Paul describes in his letter to the Corinthians that the Church is the *'Body of Christ'*. This refers to the togetherness of the church, the fact that we gain strength by being and working together in fellowship. And more than that - the Church embodies, includes, and is filled by the life and energy of Jesus. Our life is his life, our being is his being, and he is present among us.

These are powerful approaches to considering our relationship with God, and with Jesus. Take some time to think about your own personal faith journey and identity, and your own relationship with God. Personally, I know I can be better at consistently appreciating and prioritising it!

I'll close by returning to the one question that flows through this whole course - where have you seen God recently?

We are his children, his people, and he is always there even if at times we feel alone. Remember to keep an eye out for his workings in the month ahead!

Sarah Wilson

**We cannot force
someone to hear a message they
are not ready to receive.
But we must never underestimate
the power of planting a seed.**

Revised Common Lectionary - November 2021

November 7, 2021

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

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44 11:32-44

November 14, 2021

1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 21, 2021

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

First Sunday of Advent - November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

Second Sunday of Advent - December 5, 2021

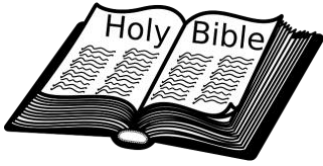
Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

**Never wish them pain.
that's not who you are.
If they caused you pain,
they must have pain inside.
Wish them healing**



Peter's Piece

I guess we were all rightly appalled by the pointless murder of the Southend Conservative MP Sir David Amess last month. Made even more poignant because this happened on our patch, not, as so often, in some other part of our country, but in our locality, perhaps even a near neighbour of some of us. We can't shrug it off with, that's there. Not from round here!

Our thoughts might well have gone to the words of God through his prophet Jeremiah. *The heart is deceitful above all things, [KJV and desperately wicked] and beyond cure. Who can understand it?* Jeremiah 17: 9 NIV but with a distancing ourselves from it with a - well that is a serious violent crime, something of the like that I would never do. Well, I hope not!

But hang on a minute before we attempt to justify ourselves, let's listen to God's word again, this time from the apostle James. *For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.* James 2:10. While the apostle Paul goes further in Romans 23:23f *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;* we all stand guilty before a Holy God who has no graduation of sin. Sin is sin, whether in our eyes serious, like the recent heinous murder, or minor, like just having a sinful desire, no actual act involved, about someone, something. See Jesus' words about desiring a sinful act in Matthew 5, adultery in this case, for all sin begins with a thought!

But, praise God "*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*" 1 Timothy 1:15 *and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.* Romans 3:24.

That's great news, but he goes on – *to be received by faith.* We need to receive that 'being made right with God' (justified) by trusting in Jesus' death on the cross, that when He died, he died there for me, in my place. So, if we accept by faith that Jesus' death on my behalf, God's judgement '*the one that sins shall die*' has been carried out.

But wait, in Romans 6 Paul makes one more point, and this is a reminder to me more than anybody, *In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.---- offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.*

May He help us so to live, instead of falling short, bring glory to God our Father -- *whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Digging Deeper

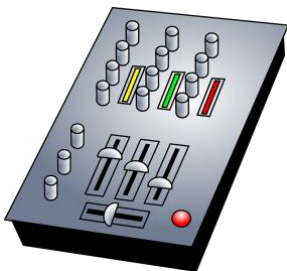
ALL are welcome to join us in meeting on Zoom, avoiding the risk of cross infection, in the series 'Old Testament prophecies and Jesus'.

Monday 8 November - 'Events in Jesus' early life'.; when Sohail will be leading our time together and

Monday 22 November - 'John (and others) preparing the Way' with John Amos leading us.

Please ring in if you can't find the code to join in.

Peter Hunt



Data Protection Notice:

If you are in church for worship and do not wish to be seen on the Internet, please ask at the AV Desk to be directed to a seat not covered by the camera.



**Harvest Festival
24th September 2022
Saturday Night is Music Night**



The Cornerstone Annual (sort of) Harvest Supper and Entertainment was cancelled for 2020. We never made it off the drawing board in 2021. But we hope to return better than ever in 2022

Saturday Night is Music Night

is proposed to take place on Saturday 24th September 2022.
Eating from 6.00pm followed by entertainment from 7.20pm(ish)
Harvest Festival Service on 25th September 2022 from 10.30am

There are a number of separate components that make up the evening.

1. We need food - previous request for Fish and Chips?
2. We need people to stand up and entertain us
3. We need songs to sing
4. We need film clips on the big screen.

Sorting songs to sing fills in my day nicely as does the process of deciding on some clips to show.

Volunteers to perform and ideas for songs and/or film clips would still be welcome.

I give reasonable notice to Nigel/Clive to allow for sourcing the music to the songs. And have some time left to produce the printed programme.

Your task, should you decide to accept it, is to - Save the date and the time; Volunteer to sing or dance. Suggest a musical clip or a song.

Entertainment is free but food paid by a suggested donation. Booking list for food will be available in good time.



The Next Issue of New Horizons for December 2021 and January 2022

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 5th **December** and we shall be pleased to receive any contributions for this issue by **9 a.m. on Thursday 28th November.**

Please remember to send in details of the special services and events for Advent and Christmas.

Thank you
Anne and Michael

Church Flowers

<u>Nov</u>	7 th	Val & Geoff Hayman
	14 th	Mike & Linda Mead in Memory of Andy Anderson
	21 st	Shelagh Root
	28 th	Anne & Shawn Clarke



<u>Dec</u>	5 th	Zoy & Peter Hunt
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(See list on Notice Board for available dates)

SERVICES AND MEETINGS AT THE CORNERSTONE

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

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	
Fri	12 th	1.00pm	Celebration of Life service for Andy Anderson	
Sun	14 th	10.30am	Remembrance Day, Church Parade	Our Minister
Sun	21 st	10.30am	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Mon	22 nd	7.30pm	Digging Deeper	
Thu	25 th	7.30pm	Church Meeting including Elders' Elections	
Sun	28 th	10.30am	Morning Worship (HC) - 1 st in Advent:	Ruth Dixon

December

Thu	2 nd	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	
Fri	3 rd	5pm	Messy Church	
Sun	5 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Sun	12 th	10.30am	Youth & Children, Church Parade:	Minister with Church and Youth Leaders
Mon	13 th	7.30pm	Digging Deeper	

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

Nov 7th Linda and Mike Mead
 14th Anne Clarke and Val Mead
 21st Stella Duboux and Val Hayman
 28th Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ

Dec 5th Stella Duboux and Val Hayman
 12th Anne Clarke and Val Mead
 19th Carole and Alan Cornwall



We are very grateful to Val Mead, Anne Clarke. Stella Duboux and Val Hayman who will be serving coffee on the second and third Sunday of each month respectively from the beginning of 2022.

Any offers to go on the existing rota to help on other Sundays during the year would be much appreciated.

The more on the list, the less often your turn will come around!

Thank you.
Michael W.

Tuesday mornings “Drop in”

Nov 2nd Stella Duboux
 9th Wendy Brett and Val Mead
 16th Carole and Alan Cornwall
 23rd Carol Smith and Pat Pates
 30th **Volunteers please**

Dec 7th Stella Duboux
 14th Wendy Brett and Val Mead
 21st Carole and Alan Cornwall



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