

# **MARCH 2022**



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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	7.00 pm		Deeper/Bible Study d 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month)
Tues		Tea and Coffee in the Foyer The Tuesday Rendezvous (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays or as announced)	
Wed	9.30 am	The Cornerstone Toddlers during Term Time	
Thurs	6.00 pm 7.45-9.15	Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts Scouts	
Thurs	7.30 pm	Elders' N	leeting (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday)
Fridays	5.00 - 6.3 5.00 - 6.3 7.00 - 9.0	0pm	Messy Church (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday in the month) Pilots (every other Friday) 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 contact the Church Secretary for details.

Letter to the Fellowship



## Trusting God

Most of us have experienced some sort of storms in our lives. Sometimes storms can cause much damage and create havoc in the

lives of many. While the news focuses on environmental storms, there are other storms just as devastating that people experience every day. Those storms could be within families, at work, nationally or worldwide such as the Pandemic, wars or natural storms as we experienced just a few weeks ago, storms Dudley, Eunice and then Franklyn. These storms of life threaten our peace, comfort, and joy, and often bring about fear, doubt, and hopelessness.

Whenever we go through any storms in life, there are a lot of questions on our minds. How long is it going to last, will it ever go away, where is God in in? Why did God even allow it at the first place, etc. etc.

The idea that God permits bad things to happen to his children is a very hard pill for some of us to swallow. "It doesn't make sense for a loving God to allow his followers to suffer," some would say. This is a simple conundrum to solve. Jesus tells us in John 16:33, *"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."* Jesus promises us that we will have trials and tribulations in this world, but because He has overcome the world, we can trust Him in the storms.

In James chapter 1, we see that God has a purpose for every trial that we experience. God uses trials to test the genuineness of our faith. The disciples' faith in Jesus was being tested in the storm. They questioned the very character of Jesus, implying that He did not care for them. They got worried and anxious and felt overwhelmed by the waves crashing around them. And we know the rest of the story, how Peter courageously took a step of faith out of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus, and then doubted, got scared and started to sink. We may feel the same way when we face a health crisis or a financial hardship that may cause us to lose our home or love ones. But 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us to cast all of our cares and concerns on Jesus, because he cares for us.

We have a choice as to how we will navigate through the storms of life. We can either choose to rise above, and walk on water with God's strength, or we can choose to have little faith and begin to sink.

There are times when most of us, if not all, find ourselves walking one step forward and then two steps backwards, because the storm or the wind is too strong, and it pushes us back in to despair and doubt.

Last Sunday, a church member at our sister church, when asked about her journey to the church in a stormy weather said, it was a struggle, and her normal 10 minutes journey took her twice as much, but she was determined to come to church, and knew that the Lord will help her.

Even knowing that he is God in the storm, isn't always enough in the face of the storm, and so we find doubts creeping in. What shall we do when facing a storm?

We must pour our heart out to our heavenly Father. He already knows what our feelings and the thoughts in our heads so begin speaking it.

We need to remember that God hears and answers every prayer, not on our timetable but His, and not always with the answer we want to hear.

And we are to surrender it to God - there is no way that we can deal with these storms on our own, because they are far too heavy and large and we were never meant to deal with them with our own strength.

Lent is the season when we can bring whatever burdens or storms we might be facing at this time in our lives, personal, or communal, and lay them at his feet. So, focus on God and trust his unfailing love, grace and leading, and remember, that his plans for us are always perfect, and in the end meant for our good.

#### God bless, Sohail



**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.

# Covid 19 Precautions: NEW GUIDANCE

The Government has removed legal restrictions and now emphasises personal responsibility for living with Covid-19. The plan includes:

- Keeping our buildings well ventilated. If you feel the cold, please consider sitting on the Bournemouth Park Road side where there are no open windows
- Encouraging the use of face masks in indoor settings, to protect others
- Staying at home if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms;
- Continuing to sanitise your hands on entering the building;

Please remember that some people are more vulnerable than others. They may need to keep their distance and/or deploy the "keep this seat vacant" signs. 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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmZ8TMU6-Grmmgl4p87\_puQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmZ8TMU6-Grmmgl4p87\_puQ</a>

**Mother** *noun.* A person with the ability to detect a lie, hear the smallest noises, and see out the back of their head.

## 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 we return to life

without the legal restrictions of Covid. Let us be aware that some people may need time to adjust and give them space if they need it.

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 remember in your prayers the families of recently deceased loved ones. Give them peace of spirit and the knowledge that God hears all of their prayers.

Father, hear our prayers Amen

# Some thoughts for prayer when things are so difficult at the present time

Oh, what can I do Lord?

Can I make a difference?

How can I make a difference?

But I can only do a little, how can it make a difference?

Perhaps if **You** help me to ask others, then **WE** can all do bigger things.

Then, if **THEY** ask **PEOPLE** they know, we can do even more.

Spreading THE WORD then becomes very much easier; the more that help, then the more WE can do.

Then, Faith will not just move mountains, but change lives.



# SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

As I write these notes, we have just experienced some of the worst storms on record and parts of the country have suffered a lot of damage from wind and flood. But here we are, for the most part, able to pick ourselves up and get on with life, the effects of the storms put behind us once the clear

up is done. In our own garden, we lost three quarters of one tree, and a clothesline pole. Thankfully, the greenhouse remained intact and as soon as time allows, I hope to get a few seeds sown for the next season of plants and vegetables.

Can we say the same for the Church post-Covid, a much bigger 'storm'? According to the government and the scientists, the worst is over and we are no longer bound by legal restrictions on our lives and livelihoods. Yet we are told to continue to exercise caution in our interactions with one another; 'personal responsibility' is the current mantra, but even in two years many people have forgotten how to do it and seem to need telling. As Christians we can draw upon the acronym of my youth WWJD (What would Jesus do?), but those who don't know him have no such measure. Here then is a fine opportunity for us to come alongside other people and demonstrate.

Our church organisations and meetings have, for the most part, resumed with some adaptations, and in many cases fewer people. Yet we continue in faith that God has a plan for us and will, in his own time, build us up sufficiently to execute it. At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting we will take some time to reflect on the visit in January of Lindsey Brown, the Synod Mission and Training Officer, who set us off on a path of discernment. What exactly does God have in store for you as a disciple, and for The Cornerstone as a collective of his people?

Speaking of the AGM, the Agenda and Book of Reports will be published shortly. The meeting is on 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. and I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Our services during February were ably led by Our Minister Sohail, John Amos and Roger Brett (with his collection of vegetable soft

toys!). At Messy Church, we looked at some of the Proverbs from the Bible that we still use in some form today, a good way of demonstrating the continuing relevance of Scripture.

The season of Lent is now upon us, a time to focus more deeply on our relationship with the Lord through prayer and reflection. We have some activity books and scratch-off cards which may help you on your journey. It is not too late to sign up for the Bible Society (or similar) daily emails. If something you read or hear particularly moves you, please do take the time to make a short recording about it so that Roger can share to our podcast channel, or share it in writing so someone else can record it; alternatively just write about it for the next magazine.

June 2022 marks a period of celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There is a short questionnaire to ascertain preferences for when and how we have a 'street' party so please do take the opportunity to let your views be known so plans can be made. Thank You.

#### **Ruth Dixon**

Dear Friends,

We would like to say thank you for all the cards, messages and conversations sent or held, following the passing of dear Dad, suddenly on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022. It was very kind of you and helped us and the family during a difficult time. Also, a big thank you for the lovely flowers we received on Sunday.



Especially, we would like to express our thanks to Ruth for writing the article about our Dad in the February magazine, on deadline day. We use the term 'our Dad' as Clive has known him since the age of 9 years.

With love from Mary and Clive

#### The Life of Rev Colin R. Garwood B.D.

Colin was born in Chelmsford, Essex, on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1927. He left King Edward VI grammar school to begin a career in accountancy (which proved very useful in all his pastorates).

He served in the RAF from 1945 to 1948 mostly in India & Pakistan. He studied theology in New College, London, from 1948 to 1952, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree.

Colin was ordained to the Congregational ministry and inducted at Staines Congregational Church on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1952. He married Elizabeth (Betty) a week later. They had 2 daughters in 1953 (Mary) & 1956 (Gillian). At Staines he was closely involved in overseeing the building of new church premises, very unusual in a first pastorate. The church went from strength to strength (Mum and Dad began a successful youth group whose members are still in contact today) and the premises are still used for a thriving congregation.

Dad was called to Cliff Town Congregational Church in August 1961; he began his ministry on 1<sup>st</sup> September and remained until April 1975. Dad and Mum started and were closely involved in several new forms of ministry in a town centre church.

We remember the Youth Club of several hundred people inside and out, the Senior Men's Forum and Ladies' Forum both of at least 200 people. Our biggest memory however, was joining the Baptist Church and, during the summer, holding services at the Cliffs Bandstage with congregations of between 600 and 1000, reaching 2000 plus on Carnival Week. Mary remembers children's talks using props of a spare lifeboat, road name signs and various strange articles being in the manse hall prior to services; Clive recollects the Songs of Praise programme being broadcast from the Bandstage with Colin flinging his arms about, conducting the congregation.

Colin was on the joint committee at the birth of the United Reformed Church, 50 years ago this year.

Moving to St John's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, in 1975, he continued his ministry by being involved in sharing with Rev Edmund Heddle (Beryl Gates' relative) the open air Sunday School on Sunday afternoons and leading the open air Hymn Singing at the De La Warr Pavilion on Sunday evenings where congregations of 600 plus were attracted. There were far more when a Songs of Praise programme was made, which he led, conducted and organised, once again being remembered for his arm flinging! Colin and Betty led forums, clubs and guilds with great success and the church prospered.

They retired to Norfolk in 1992 and joined the Fakenham Methodist Church (there being very few URC churches in the area). He was minister of Fakenham Church for a year and served on the local Methodist circuit until his passing; he remained connected to the URC at all times. He was invited to reform the local circuit choir for an annual Songs of Praise to be held at the Thursford Collection in which we all took part. He found it a great privilege to conduct a large audience of 1500 people inside. Colin also conducted a Methodist Guild Male Voice Choir and also organised and led a midweek Prayer & Praise meeting and hosted Lent study groups.

Sadly, his wife, Betty, died in 2002, a week after their Golden Wedding Anniversary. He married Pat in 2006 and moved to Wellsnext-the Sea, where his ministry continued in the local churches, he led his last service in Wells church on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022, with his wife and Mary reading and Clive playing. He was a strong believer in mission and especially the unity of the Christian church. Churches Together in Wells was very close to his heart and he was pleased united services took place on a regular basis in Wells.

We will miss his advice on gardening, his wisdom, his cheerfulness under any circumstances and his undying love for everyone, especially his family.

#### Mary & Clive Goodhew

God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in.

He chooses people as his instruments and performs His wonders where one would least expect them.

God is near to lowliness; He loves the lost, neglected,

the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken.

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer** 

# Peter's Piece



The Holy Bible.

I've had on my mind for a little while some of the foundation truths of our faith. Matters which, if you are anything like me, we take for granted and don't very often give much dedicated thought to.

The first, foundation, I feel we should look at is 'The Holy Bible'.

This is a vast subject in itself when we consider its history, how we got it, who wrote it, is it trustworthy and many other considerations about which libraries have been written; but the question I want to ask myself, and you the reader is more personal, what does it, in practice, really mean to ME?

The Holy Bible is in fact a library itself, of 66 books, 39 in the OT and 27 in the NT. We shall find some harder to understand and find helpful, but they are all God's communication with us human beings which we need to listen to. *All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness*, [2 Timothy 3:16 NIV].

When Paul wrote this to Timothy, his young friend and helper, there was only the OT, the Jewish Scriptures which is here described as coming from God or is God's Word. During Paul's day the NT was in the process of being written, not as a book but as a five-part history of the early church [the 4 Gospels and The Acts of the Apostles,] and a series of letters [epistles] to people and churches which, as with the OT, *men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.* [2 Peter 1:21 NIV]

The Bible then, both OT and NT, as we are privileged to have it today in one volume, in English, is the written Word of God. God revealing himself and speaking to the human race.

In our secular life, if someone important and well versed in their subject speaks or writes, we listen, study and apply what they say, because they are a recognised authority on their subject. Paul challenges us to do that with the Bible - *Do your best* ('study' KJV) *to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.* [2 Timothy 2:15 NIV]

The anonymous writer of the letter entitled 'Hebrews', reminds us that God has also *spoken to us by his Son,* [Hebrews 1:2 NIV] What a wealth of 'good news' God has given us!

But just how much do we - value it, treasure it, study it (not just read it!) and apply it, in body - actions, mind - thinking and spirit - worship, in our daily lives?

## Peter Hunt

#### Digging deeper

Spring has arrived, and nature is awakening. So, it's time for Christians to take stock of our surroundings and prepare for new life. At this time, solitary animals seek out similar fellow beings to prepare a good environment into which to bring and nurture new life to continue their kind.



In order to help you do this in your Spiritual life, the York Lent course should help you build these relationships up from previously dormant or winter damaged states.

Therefore, it's back to church on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, at 7.00 to 8.00 pm to first look at "Better together", a

relationship awareness course in five fortnightly parts, to run up to and past Easter.

For those not able to come to church, our new hybrid (best of both worlds) Zoom machine will allows us to spontaneously communicate with our members in Sandhurst, Boston and even Rayleigh.

Oh, there may be some cake!

## Vic Crowhurst

# TAKE A HORSE TO WATER

'With one bound he was free'. For many of us this is a phrase from our childhood. The hero, it was almost always a hero, is bound, gagged and locked in a driverless car heading over the top of the cliff or in some other serious peril. At which point the programme ended with some stirring music and we had to wait for a whole seven days to learn how he escaped.

But we never did learn the detail. All we had to start the next week was the hero rolling out of the car just before it went over to top. A scene that was missing the previous week.

But the theme music, the excitement and the wondering 'what came next' kept us coming back. Television programmes today have the same idea of a cliff top ending with dramatic music often used to get us to tune in next time. We watch because we want to know what happened next.

People come into our building because we have something on offer that they want. Something that they want to see and to hear about or to take part in and that something could be any number of different activities and events. Sadly, it is unlikely, in this day and age, to be learning about the One who has offered His life for them. In order to get that message across we sometimes have to slip that in alongside what they are already here to do.

You will know about my Scouting background. We would never say to any Young Person or their parents 'What we are going to do is to 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society'. We tell them about the fun, friendship, outdoor activities and adventure that they would enjoy if they came to us. And then slide in all the other bits that we really want and need them to know.

Sometimes parents would stay and sit in a corner if the meeting was short and not enough time to go home and come back. Scouters were and are adept at suggesting that they help with this or that minor activity 'as you are here' and so it goes on until they are hooked. We need people to come to us so we can tell them about Jesus, and to get that message across we need to lay on many types of activities that will encourage them through the doors. Jesus met people where they were, they travelled for miles to hear Him. We need to work just as hard or maybe harder to get His message across.

Meeting people's needs and, bit by bit, telling them about Jesus in an exciting way that makes them want to come back and hear more. Growing a new group of Jesus followers without them really realising. At least at the beginning.

Everyone who walks through our doors is a potential follower of Jesus and even a potential leader/helper of an activity where we are short of staff. Just don't tell them that at first. Let them learn slowly and do a bit here and there and, before they realise it, they will be hooked on doing the Jesus thing for Jesus.

Taking a horse to water is good but in reality, our job is to make each and everyone who comes in to our building thirsty to learn more about the One who came to save them. And to do that we all have a role in speaking outside of that small group where we feel secure. We need a thirst to bring people into the Lord and make them thirsty to hear more.

**Note** - 'With one bound he was free' is a phrase from the Dick Barton radio series which I am sure you knew.

#### **Roger Brett**



Please make a special note in your diary that the clocks go forward an hour on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

#### You're having a laugh!

- My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner. So, I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!
- In a public restroom I found a sign that read "THINK" on the mirror above the sink, so I labelled the soap dispenser "THOAP" to match with it.
- A friend said she didn't understand cloning. I told her that makes two of us.
- If anyone has any ideas to solve my terrible condensation problem, pop round anytime the kettle's always on.
- I said to the baker, "How come all your cakes are 50p and that one is £1?" He said, "That's Madeira cake!"
- Karl Marx is an historically famous figure but nobody ever mentions his sister, Onya. She invented the starting pistol.

#### Always Remember:

Your **house** that looks old or modest to you, is the dream of those who do not have a **roof** over their heads. The **kid** who makes you angry, is the dream **Child** of those who cannot have offspring. The **job** you complain about is the dream of the **unemployed**.

Be **grateful** for what you have, you are much **luckier** than you think.

#### March 1922 - 2022 - A look back at the past

Looking back at a history of Southend seafront I noticed some strange co-incidences.

100 years ago this year, a Constable and Sgt combined in the rescue of one life, defeating a suicide pact on Marine Parade. With help from a night watchman, Mary was saved but her partner died, despite resuscitating treatment by the Sgt. The pair had placed themselves near the water's edge, probably around by the pier on the boating lake side. The two victims had been taken to Victoria Hospital in Warrior Square, the 1922 version of Southend Hospital, close by a green tin hut church (which was later moved to Central Avenue/Bournemouth Park Road). The Police were praised by the Coroner for their attempt to save lives.

The Sgt later was found on film guarding Mayor Tweedie Smith on a parade at Prittlewell, St Marys. This same Sgt's name appeared again in 1929 when Southend became the first town in the UK to have a Wall of Death and the then retired Sgt was asked to stop a fight at the Kursaal sideshow. The Sgt would appear again on the Pier when the new wing was opened by Royalty.

His Police skill of care doesn't end there. After a transfer to the Bailiffs, the Sgt who failed to save Mary's partner, gave a client money out of his own pocket when he saw that their two children had not eaten for days.

These links wouldn't have occurred to me, when, as a 6 year old boy, I heard that Pop and Granny Drage had died. The coincidences came to light when years later the Drage family worshipped at Bournemouth Park URC (the same church from Warrior Square) and then along with Clifftown's history with the Tweedie Smith family link on the War Memorial.

#### Paul Drage (the Sgt's Grandson)

# SERVICES AND MEETINGS AT THE CORNERSTONE

# March

Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Messy Church	
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Area Partnership meet at Ray	leigh
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 to 1p	m Synod Meeting on 'Zoom'	
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship (Parade)	Our Minister
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Digging Deeper	
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Ruth Dixon
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>	12.00hrs	Ret'd & Jubilee Ministers Lune	ch (H & Shen)
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	1.00am	Summer time begins - clocks	forward 1hr
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship (HC) Mothering Sund	day Minister
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Digging Deeper	-
Thu	31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Church A.G.M.	

# <u>April</u>

Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> 5.00pm	Messy Church	
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.30am	Morning Worship	John Amos
Thu	7 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Elders & M&M Meeting	
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Morning Worship	Our Minister
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	Digging Deeper	
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup> TBÁ	Maundy Thurs Service	Our Minister
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Good Friday Worship	Our Minister
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Easter Day Worship	Our Minister

# **Church Flowers**

There are no names on the Flower List at the present time, so if you would like to supply flowers for any of the Sundays in March or April, please contact Val or Joan. They would be very happy to buy the flowers on your behalf and



arrange them or alternatively, you are very welcome to do an arrangement yourself.

# Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

<u>Mar</u>	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall Anne Clarke and Val Mead Stella Duboux and Val Hayman Linda and Mike Mead	
<u>Apr</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>	Carole and Alan Cornwall Anne Clarke and Val Mead	

Our thanks go to Joan Harvey and Brenda Kemp who have agreed to go on the rota when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. Thanks also to those who will cover the first four Sundays of each month

# Tuesday mornings "Drop in"

<u>Mar</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	Stella Duboux Wendy Brett and Val Mead Carole and Alan Cornwall Carol Smith and Pat Pates Helpers please!



<u>Apr</u> 5<sup>th</sup> Stella Duboux

# 12<sup>th</sup> Wendy Brett and Val Mead

## The Next Issue of New Horizons - April 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.

The next issue will be published on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and we shall be pleased to receive any contributions for this issue by 9 a.m. on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. *Please remember to let us have details for Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April.* Thank you. Anne and Michael

#### Thinking Beyond Sunday and Beyond the Building A church Calendar for 2022 - March to October

9<sup>th</sup> March - Area Partnership Meeting @ Christ Church Rayleigh

- 14<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> March Power of Prayer via Synod Office
- 12<sup>th</sup> March Synod Meeting via Zoon Date and Venue change
- 24th March Retired Ministers and Widows Luncheon
- 31st March Annual Church Meeting
- 14th April Maundy Thursday Evening Worship
- 15th April Good Friday morning Service
- 17th April Easter Sunday Service
- 23rd April St Georges Day
- 26th May Church Meeting
- 26th May Ascension of Jesus

5<sup>th</sup> June - Pentecost

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June - Jubilee holiday and a time to get together. Please answer the questionnaire and let Ruth know what you want to happen and when. With FUN Sunday Worship

12th June - Trinity Sunday

 $16^{\rm th}$  July - Eastern Synod's big Day out at Trinity Park Ipswich. - Maybe there will be a free bus.

1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the URC

Synod events can be booked at - training@urceastern.org.uk

All sorts of goodies to look forward to.

#### WHO'S WHO?

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Digging Deeper	Vic Crowhurst	(01702) 588409	
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Please remember that your Elders are ordained to serve our members and friends who have pastoral concerns.