

New Horizons

NOVEMBER 2022



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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

Coffee and tea is served after Morning Worship

Please stay to talk with each other in an informal atmosphere.

Tuesdays at 10.00 am **Is a special Time of prayer** together for: the Fellowship, those with special needs, our neighbours, and our worldwide Christian Family. All are welcome to join with us.

IMPORTANT CHANGE Church Meetings are held on alternate months. It is the decision of the Church Meeting that they shall be held after Sunday Morning Worship during the winter on a trial basis, but revert to Thursdays at 7.30pm in the summer. This may change so the actual dates and times will be published in this magazine and announced in Church.

What's on in the week

Mon	5.00 - 6.30pm	Messy Church (1 st Monday in the month)
	5.00 - 6.30pm	Pilots (2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Monday in the month)
	7.00 pm	Digging Deeper/Bible Study (2 nd and 4 th Monday of each month)
Tues	10.00 am	Tea and Coffee in the Foyer
	11.30 am	The Tuesday Rendezvous (1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays or as announced)
Wed	9.30 am	Cornerstone Toddlers during Term Time
Thurs	6.00 pm	Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts
	7.45 - 9.15pm	Scouts
Thurs	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting (1 st Thursday)

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

Lest we Forget

Every year since WW1, we have been giving thanks for the many lives laid-down in love for friends, and family, and country, and we remember them in love. We acknowledge the life we now have would not be possible if it were not for their sacrifice.

What does Remembrance Day mean to you? For some who lost loved ones in the wars of the 20th century it will have very special memories, but for most of us it's a very necessary reminder of suffering and sacrifice by ordinary men and women in the interests of their nation and its cherished values. We commemorate this unique event every year. Perhaps we should pause to ask the question "Why?"

The trouble is we forget so soon. That's why even small communities have a memorial column; that's why we wear our Poppies, as a reminder, so that each generation of men and women should not forget what was done on their behalf. These memorials are there to help us to remember; they are there as visual aids to remind us of how, in the mercy of God, we've been delivered from tyranny ... "lest we forget".



The Israelites had the same problem of forgetfulness. They, too, had passed through a great liberation experience. The story is well known. They had become enslaved in Egypt and were enduring harsh treatment as forced labour, probably building the now famous pyramids. Jehovah, the God of their forefathers, heard their cries of misery and desperation.

Moses was chosen by the Lord to lead the people out of Egypt in a great national deliverance that we know as the Exodus. But incredible as it seems, they were so caught up with the minor difficulties of the journey that they soon forgot that red-letter day of their deliverance from their enemy by the hand of Jehovah. They

forgot that they had an obligation to God who had so miraculously saved them from a life of slavery. How like human nature to be ungrateful.

So, they were to remember who they were; slaves living through harsh environments, situations and surroundings.

They were to remember what happened; the Jehovah God delivered them from that slavery by his powerful hand. This was a marvellous deliverance.

In the same way, as we are reminded by John "Greater love has no one than this, that one lays down his life for his friends (John 15:13) Jesus gave his life not only for his friends but also for his enemies.

As God, Jesus had no need to experience human suffering but he did for all our sakes.

Human's evil - what we call sin - has separated us from God. Jesus died to reconcile us to God, by dying in our place - the Perfect One for imperfect creatures.

Jesus reconciled man to God, through dying on the Cross. This reconciliation is a gift that we can receive simply by asking Christ to come into our lives. As the apostle John put it again:
"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."

As we remember our national and family heroes, we must also remember what Christ has done for us. He is our ultimate hero, who rescued us from our sins and eternal punishment of death.

May God help us to do that.
Amen.

**God bless,
Sohail**

The Poppy

I am not a badge of honour,
I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion statement,
to be worn but once a year.
I am not glorification
of conflict or of war.
I am not a paper ornament,
a token,
I am more.
I am a loving memory,
of a father or a son,
a permanent reminder
of each and every one.
I'm paper or enamel,
I'm old or shining new.
I'm a way of saying thank you,
to every one of you.
I am a single poppy,
a reminder to you all,
that courage faith and honour,
will stand where heroes fall.



**When the power of love
is greater
than the love of power,
the world will know PEACE**

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 live in these worrying times of sickness and the war in Ukraine.



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.

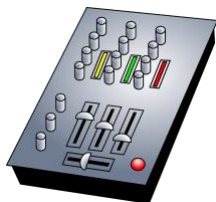
Father, hear our prayers.
Amen

Some Thoughts for all people

We all know that Jesus died so that we might be forgiven, but these days we rarely hear the word **SIN** mentioned in a damning way. Is it because we know that we will be forgiven over and over again however we behave? Is it like playing Monopoly and always expecting to pick up a free “get out of jail card”?

“The Seven Deadly Sins” are thought to have emerged from the early Egyptian Christians, but most people know them from Dante’s Inferno. Remember them? Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy and Pride. Add them to the Ten Commandments and we don’t stand a chance without Our Saviour. The Good News He is here everyday!

Thought. Word. Deed. All these can be for good and bad.



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.

Living with it!

We are all having to live our lives with COVID, but we still have to take care not to spread it unnecessarily. So, please be mindful of those who are still nervous and to exercise caution around them.

For those unable or unwilling to attend, we continue to stream our services, on:-

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmZ8TMU6-Grmmgl4p87_puQ

A Thank You from two Happy Couples

A big thank you to all members and friends at The Cornerstone for cards and presents for our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Celebrations are still going on!

**Thank you again and God Bless
Stella and John xx**

We wish to thank the Church and Congregation for the gifts, flowers and cards received to celebrate our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

**Thank you all
Eric and Pat Garrard**

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK



It's the 26th October, the weather is still very mild, and we are getting the rain the water tables need so badly. In the garden this morning we still have marigolds and rocket blooming, and a little crowd of hoverflies enjoying them. Washing is drying on the line, although we do have one eye on the approaching clouds. Only a few of my tomato plants were hit with blight, and I still have many fruits ripening outdoors. We have not yet put the heating on! Some will think this unusual October weather is the inevitable consequence of climate change, and maybe they are right. I prefer to think of it as God's way of sparing us horrendous heating bills for a bit longer - I haven't forgotten the last lengthy dry spell when we had hosepipe bans in place, and shortly afterwards the longest spell of rain you could imagine! Somehow nature always manages to recover.

Frank and I found we had a few diary days clear, so took the opportunity to visit his Mum and sisters in the north-east. The journey up the A1 then branching off to cross the North York Moors went quite smoothly; it is at times like this you can actually admire the motorway network for its roadside planting - the autumn colours of the trees were quite spectacular bringing joy to what otherwise might have been a boring trip. Mum has now moved into a one-bedroom cottage, so we stayed in a nearby hotel, in a room with a view across the valley to the distant hills. It was so tempting one bright morning, we drove out to Blanchland and the Derwent Reservoir - that was a bit of a shock seeing the water level so low, but I'm sure it will fill with snow melt next spring.

On 17th October, a number of us joined members and friends from Southchurch Park URC to say goodbye to and give thanks for the life of Arthur Foster. Arthur came to faith late in life but was known for taking services in many of our churches. My abiding memory is of him turning up clutching a box file containing his sermon - and you know how much paper can go into one of those!

WORSHIP ROUNDUP

As most of you know, the URC had to postpone its big 50th Anniversary event on 1st October due to a train strike, so our own celebrations, including a festival service, are also postponed until a new date is fixed. Having already planned a joint service with Southchurch Park, it was a pleasure to welcome their congregation on 2nd October, when Sohail preached on what happens with faith the size of a mustard seed, and we took Communion together. Messy Church in October had been prepared on the Jubilee theme before the postponement and there was no time to ready a different session. I hope you have all seen the footprint frieze displayed in the foyer.

On 9th October Sohail once again led our worship focussing on the parable of the 10 lepers. The usual received message from this story is that only one was grateful enough to thank Jesus for his healing, but we also heard that the likely reason for that was because he was an 'outsider' with freedom to ignore the religious rules of the day. A lot of food for thought there!

The bible story of the unjust judge is an intriguing one, not so much for the character of the judge but the persistence of the petitioner which finally achieved a result. On 16th October Roger shared with us from his time in work that it was often necessary to send the same email several times before people would respond. That is so in many walks of life, I wonder why we are sometimes reluctant to answer a request or put ourselves forward for a task that needs doing? Perhaps the answer lies somewhere in the story of the Pharisee and Tax-Collector at prayer that we heard on 23rd - maybe we permit humility and modesty to prevent us from 'doing'. By the time you read this we will have heard from John Amos about the parable of the rich fool - and I'm sure there will be plenty to think about.

It is appropriate here to thank Mary Goodhew for making sure there is someone to take a service on those Sundays where our Minister is elsewhere. The pool of people willing and able to take services is dwindling so everyone gets booked up well in advance; Mary has already filled our slots for 2023, but that is not written in stone and

someone would step aside if anyone else wishes to join the pool. IT COULD BE YOU!

CHURCH MEETING

The September Church Meeting considered whether to continue with evening meetings or change them to Sundays, and reached a good URC compromise: winter months where people are reluctant to come out of an evening or the church may require heating on an extra day (a consideration in current times) the meetings will follow Sunday worship on the last Sunday of the month, reverting to Thursday evenings once the warmer days are with us.

The exception this time around is this month, when the meeting will be on Thursday 24th November at 7.30 pm because of the confidential nature of some agenda items, in particular the discernment of Machrina Ejaz's call to stipendiary ministry. We will also have the annual election of Elders.

All church meetings are an important duty of membership, but this one perhaps more than others, so please do your best to attend. If transport is an issue do have a word with me.

Ruth Dixon

MUSIC

**It has the power to make us smile
and bring us to all types of tears.
It can carry us back in time
and inspire us to
dance in the moment.
For all our happiest days
and our saddest,
there is music**

Typical!

There is a story about St Bernard when he was riding his horse up into the Alps to give a retreat, and as he passed a farmer along the road, he heard a loud grunt. He stopped to look down at him and the farmer remarked, "I envy you, with nothing to do but pray while I have to kill myself working in this rocky soil." Bernard said, "Well, praying can be even harder work than digging that rocky soil."

"I don't think so!" the man said. "With that beautiful horse and the gorgeous saddle, what do you know of hardship?"

"Yes, I suppose it is a beautiful horse It hadn't really caught my attention to be honest with you" replied Bernard. "I'll tell you what, if you can say the Lord's Prayer from beginning to end without taking your mind off of it, I'll give you this horse".

"That's so generous of you," the man said; and he began praying, "Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name do I get the saddle too?"

Your greetings this Christmas.



Once again you will be able to have your name and a short personal message in the magazine for your friends at The Cornerstone. This will also be on the board in The Foyer. If you wish to be included, then please speak to, or email, either 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.



Craft Sale and Open Church Event

On the 19th November the Craft Group, which meets as part of the Tuesday Rendezvous Group, are holding a Craft sale from 2 - 4pm.

The Craft items on sale are mainly to do with Christmas, and a speciality this year will be an assortment of children's Christmas jumpers - I understand too that Paddington Bear is also featured on a few jumpers as well!

There will be refreshments available, which include creams teas and an assortment of delicious cakes!

At the same time, an 'Open Church' Event will be taking place in the sports hall. This will be when the organisations attached to the church, or regularly hire the premises, have the opportunity to showcase their organisation. So why not save the date and come along and see what's going on in your local church!

You will be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Val and Nigel

Did you know these things had names?

1. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
2. The way it smells after rain is called petrichor.
3. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
4. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning is called dysania.
5. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
6. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
7. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
8. The rumbling of your stomach is actually called a wamble.
9. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called a tittle.
10. The prongs on a fork are called tines.

(These might come in handy for Scrabble or a Quiz)

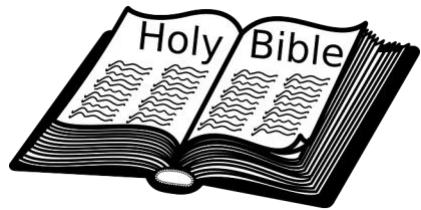
**“God never sends you into a situation alone.
He goes before you.
He stands beside you.
He walks behind you.
Whatever situation you have right now,
face it with confidence of
knowing
God is with you.”**

St Vincent Pallotti

Digging deeper

Digging Deeper is still considering the Psalms and next time the leader is Derek K.

Watch this space, attend at 7 p.m. alternate Mondays or Zoom. Link is in the relevant church notice.



God Bless

Vic Crowhurst

**Hope is being
able to see that
there is light
despite all the
darkness**

Have you ever wondered Why?

- Why the sun lightens our hair but darkens our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors and solicitors call what they do 'practice'?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called 'rush hour'?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?

A captain notices a light in the distance, on a collision course with his ship.

He turns on his signal lamp and sends, "Change your course, 10 degrees west."

The light signals back, "Change yours, 10 degrees east."

The captain gets a little annoyed. He signals, "I'm a US Navy captain. You must change your course, sir."

The light signals back, "I'm a Seaman First Class. You must change your course, sir".

Now the captain is mad. He signals, "I'm an aircraft carrier. I'm not changing my course."

The light signals back a final message: "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

Lesser Known Knights of the Round Table

- The knight who was afraid to fight: Sir Render
- The knight no one believed: Sir Real
- The knight too big to sit at the table: Sir Round
- The knight who designed the table: Sir Cumference
- The undercover knight: Sir Veillance
- The knight who was never killed in battle: Sir Vivor
- The knight who exceeded expectations: Sir Passed
- The knight who showed up unexpectedly: Sir Prize
- The knight who overcame obstacles: Sir Mount
- The knight who funded the kingdom: Sir Tax
- The knight who kept the maps up to date: Sir Veyor
- The knight who stood out among the rest: Sir Perb
- The knight with the fragile ego: Sir Amic
- The knight who stood in for the King: Sir Rogate
- The knight who wasn't needed: Sir Perfluus
- The knight who liked to dance: Sir Prance A lot
- The saddest knight of all: Sir Rowful

SERVICES AND MEETINGS AT THE CORNERSTONE

November

Thu	3 rd	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	
Sat	5 th	9 - 11am	Makaton course online (URC)	
Sun	6 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Celia Whitman
Mon	7 th	9.30-11.30am	Makaton course online (repeat of 5 th)	
Sat	12 th		Induction of Rev Andrew Birch to Hadleigh URC	
Sun	13 th	10.30am	Morning Worship, Remembrance Sunday Parade Service	Roger Brett
Mon	14 th	7pm	Digging Deeper	
Thu	17 th	7pm	Makaton course online (repeat of 5 th & 7 th)	
Sat	19 th	Crafters 2 - 4pm	Cream Teas & Christmas Jumper sale and Open Afternoon	
Sun	20 th	10.30am	Morning Worship (HC)	Ruth Dixon
Thu	24 th	7.30pm	Church meeting & election of elders (not online)	
Sun	27 th	10.30am	Morning Worship (1 st in Advent)	Roger Brett
Mon	28 th	7pm	Digging Deeper	

December

Thu	1 st	7.30pm	Elders' meeting	
Sun	4 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Sun	11 th	10.30am	Parade Service Jun Church, Pilots & Scouts	
Mon	12 th	7pm	Digging Deeper	
Sun	18 th	10.30am	Morning Worship (HC)	John Amos
Wed	21 st	2pm to	4.30pm. Fun Day for children & young people	
Sat	24 th	3.30pm	Christingle Service	Ruth & Mary
Sun	25 th	10.30am	Christmas Service	Roger Brett

Communion Offerings



These collections are taken at the Monthly Sunday Communion Service during the last hymn and are for local charitable organisations outside of The Cornerstone.

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

<u>Nov</u>	6 th	Sandra Russ and helpers
	13 th	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	20 th	Val Hayman and helpers
	27 th	Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ
<u>Dec</u>	4 th	Sandra Russ and helpers
	11 th	Anne Clarke and Val Mead



Tuesday mornings “Drop in”

<u>Oct</u>	4 th	Stella Duboux
	11 th	Wendy Brett and Val Mead
	18 th	See below
<u>Nov</u>	1 st	Stella Duboux
	8 th	Wendy Brett and Val Mead
	15 th	See below
	22 nd	Carol Smith and Pat Pates
	29 th	First one there please!
<u>Dec</u>	6 th	Stella Duboux
	13 th	Wendy Brett and Val Mead



On the Tuesdays of the months that are in red type, someone will set up in the servery and we shall then rely on you to help yourself and perhaps assist others if you feel able.

Thank you.

Church Flowers

Nov 6th -
 13th - Alison Shannon
 20th - Monica & Vince Aloi
 27th - Anne & Shawn Clarke

Dec
 4th - Michael & Brenda Wardle
 11th -
 18th -
 25th -



As you will see, there are some empty dates in December. So, if you would like to supply flowers for any of those vacant Sundays, 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.



The Next Issue of New Horizons will be for both December 2022 and January 2023

We always welcome contributions from our readers, whether they are from The Cornerstone or anywhere around the world.

Your next issue will be published on Sunday **4th December** and we will be pleased to receive any contributions for this issue by **9 a.m.** on Thursday **24th November**. Thank you.

Also, just a reminder that we shall need all dates for the remainder of Advent and those for Christmas.

And also for the whole of January please! And Thank You, again.

Anne and Michael

Thinking Beyond Sunday and Beyond the Building A Church Calendar to the end of 2022

1st November - All Saints Day

5th November - Time to Remember @ The Cornerstone - See Flyer

5th November - Lay Preachers Day Via Synod at Cambridge

13th November - Remembrance Sunday

14th November - Elders as 'The Secretary' Via Synod

19th November - Crafters Do and Open Day - See Val Mead

24th November - Church Meeting

26th November - Ideas on Worship Via Synod at Bury St. Edmonds

27th November - Advent Sunday - Communion

8th December - Immaculate Conception

11th December - Junior Church/Pilots Lead our Worship

14th December - SAVS Networking Brunch - Book

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/savs-networking-brunch-tickets-164989910263>

24th December - Christingle at 3.30 with Ruth and Mary

25th December - Christmas Day Worship

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

All sort of goodies to look forward to.

**As you walk through the
valley of the unknown, you
will find the footprints of
Jesus both in front of you
and beside you.**

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**Please remember that your Elders are ordained
to serve our members and friends
who have pastoral concerns.**