

New Horizons

DECEMBER 2022
and JANUARY 2023



UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

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

Focus at Christmas

Recently, at one of our minister's conferences, we were asked by the leader to close our eyes and think about God (don't be surprised, we do think about God whenever we get together).

He said, just for a moment, concentrate on God in your mind. Use your imagination if you like, or reflect on God's characteristics, or meditate on all that God has done for you.

Now think about how much more God is than all that you have just imagined. Expand your conceptions beyond space and our universe. Outside of time. Unlimited power.

And now, take all of that and cram it into a new-born infant.

That is Christmas. God become man. The eternal, unchanging, all knowing, all powerful, ever present God of the universe, born as a human child just like each of us. Doesn't that sort of blow your mind?

Doesn't it fill you with a sense of awe, wonder, at the incomprehensibility of the whole scenario?

What should be our response to this unthinkable truth? I have been reflecting this week on the Christmas season, and on its place in our culture and in our faith. I have been thinking about what our response should be to God as we celebrate the birth of our saviour. And I have come to one conclusion: our response must be one of worship. Worship of the Christ child, yes, but more so, worship of God become flesh.

And yet it is sometimes difficult to worship at Christmas. There are the innumerable distractions of the busyness and hectic schedules, of presents and trees and parties and family gatherings and increased stresses we encounter at this time of the year. And there is the familiarity of it all as most of us could probably recreate the entire story, could sing many of the Christmas carols by heart, could even get a large number of the details correct, simply because we

have heard it over and over and over. The familiarity can desensitize us to the wonder.

So, how can we simply pause and worship, re-telling the familiar story throughout our Advent and Christmas time, with a special focus on how those in the story responded to God becoming flesh, learning more about how to worship, that as we walk through the familiar accounts, seeing ourselves in the story, seeing our journey reflected in the participants in the first Christmas, and learning to worship as they did. By the end of this season, we look back and say I'm like the shepherds, or like the Magi, or like Joseph, and I want to worship my Lord like they worshipped the Christ-child.

Shepherds were considered to be the lowliest in the community, they were generally regarded as grubby. There wasn't a lot of money in sheep, and the nomadic nature of their occupation created opportunity for theft which apparently many of them took advantage of.

And yet, to them God revealed the entrance of God into humanity with the most clarity. The most fanfare. Think about it, Joseph had a dream. The innkeeper was surprised. The Magi followed a simple star, and only after they show up did the theologians have a go at decoding the location. But the shepherds got a visit from a great company of the heavenly host.

What was their response? They were scared, and confused at first. What does it take to terrify a group of tough guys? In this case, all it took was the glory of the Lord. The angel shows up, and they were terrified.



Even though they were scared, they got up and went. There is an urgency in the language that is difficult to capture in translation, "They left the sheep in the fields in the middle of the night and went to see with their own eyes this thing that the angels had told them."

In keeping with their nature, we don't read about them hanging around Mary and Joseph for a long time. They got moving again. There is a sense of energy about these shepherds, of enthusiasm, of contagious excitement.

The news and experience, was so great that it had to be shared. Have you had an experience where something really positive happened and you couldn't wait to share it with someone? So, you called your best friend or your spouse or someone else as quickly as possible, just to share the good news. This is what happened with the shepherds. They shared the amazement with others.

Here I see a principle that applies to all of us, regardless of personality type. What God has done for us needs to be shared. I picture these shepherds as excited, maybe a little loud, certainly active and eager, telling everyone of their life changing experience.

Now maybe that isn't your personality type, and that is ok. But the principle stands, the good news needs to be shared. Maybe you share it in a quiet note to a friend. Maybe it is in a deliberate action that demonstrates the love of God. The important thing is that the message gets shared.

So, the shepherds hear the message, find the child, share the news, everyone is amazed, and then what happens? They returned, glorifying and praising God. They worshiped. On a hillside, surrounded by sheep, they worshiped. They glorified and praised God. It doesn't tell us how, if they sang or prayed or danced or feasted or quietly reflected. It just says they glorified and praised God. I'm going to venture that however they did that, it was an expression of their own personality, culture, and most importantly it was genuinely from their hearts.

May we be able to retell the familiar story with enthusiasm and excitement, and above all, may we be able to worship God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength at this Christmas and beyond.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**God bless,
Sohail, Machrina,
Shameer, Abneer, Shaleem and Asha.**

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, who may struggle at this time of year. Give them peace of spirit and the knowledge that God hears all of their prayers.

Father, hear our prayers.

Amen

Some thoughts for everyone.

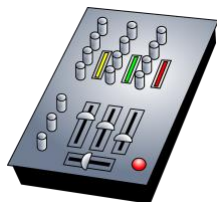
Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will.

The whole of The World is in a terrible state at the moment.
Wars, floods, droughts, famines, violence, slavery, torture, a greed for possessions and power that seeks to harm many; but only for the benefit of the few.

So, back to the start of this piece.

Give, fight, toil, and labour, all without reward.

Or at least try very hard!



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

Thought for the month

God is on duty 24/7, like a sentry. He watches over you, He protects you, He guides you when you are tempted, He encourages you, He gives you courage, wisdom and strength.

But He also watches and listens for 24/7. He takes note of what you do and say, also for 24/7.

It's wrong for us to be proud of what we do and say but, is He proud of us?

Always? Sometimes? Or not very often?

All is not lost. That's where Jesus comes in!

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK



November has, once again, been a busy month as we have finished the round of annual plant and equipment servicing, so Frank and I have spent some time on the premises with the teams from Blakes.

During one of these afternoons, it was discovered that one of the coffee machines was not functioning, and despite replacing the fuse it does appear to 'have died'. For the time being we will manage with the remaining machine. I would, however, take this opportunity to remind everyone of our fault reporting procedure. Where an appliance is not working, or part of the building fabric is damaged or not working as it should, a form (in the foyer hanging from one of the leaflet displays, also in the hall) should be completed and left on the reception desk by the computer so I can deal with it on my next attendance; in addition, if the matter is urgent telephone Vic Crowhurst, me or Frank. Thank You.

Speaking of building fabric, as we are now in the wet season our automatic doors need to be treated with care. At one point during the afternoon of 19th November, the car park door was swinging to and fro as if it had a mind of its own! The reason was quite simple, raindrops had settled on the sensor unit at the top of the door causing it to recognise movement quite a distance away and open the door as if someone were about to leave. So, a plea to all of you who are not vertically challenged like me, if you observe the sensor is wet, please wipe it gently with a soft cloth and all should be well.

We were pleased to welcome Rev Celia Whitman to conduct worship on the first Sunday in November, following up her previous theme of God's love, this time with a different aspect and message. Messy Church was about the story of Nicodemus and how he first misunderstood how to be born again. The Church Parade on Remembrance Sunday was a drumhead service led by Roger Brett, with a great turnout from the Scouts and their families, enabled by a sleepover the previous night. Our thanks to Roger for the research, anecdotes, timing etc and to Lorna and the Scout leaders, the musicians and everyone who took part. The display of tissue paper poppies made during the service was great. The following week I

was privileged to lead the service for Christ The King Sunday and thank you for your kind feedback. I could have populated the entire hour with hymns and songs to the King of Kings, there were so many to choose from, but I hope you enjoyed the selection as we brought the liturgical year to a close. On Advent Sunday, the first of the new year, Roger once again led our worship and communion, (Sohail being away on a training course).

Preparations are well under way for our special Advent and Christmas occasions

- Do please take a copy of the leaflet and invite your family and friends along.
- The URC has produced Advent packs which are going to all the children and young people associated with the church, with some added chocolate. I also obtained extra packs so you can give one to any children in your family or neighbourhood to bless them this Advent.
- Do pick up a cloth bag to bring cash gifts to the tree on the morning of 11th December
- For our service of lessons and carols on 18th December at 5 pm, I will be coming around with my trusty clipboard seeking volunteers to do a bible reading or reflection. Or, preferably, volunteers can come to me.
- Offers of mince pies for after this service, and a volunteer to make and serve the tea/coffee would be appreciated.
- The Post Box is available for you to exchange cards with the last sorting after morning service on 18th December. Please only use this box for cards to people you know will be attending church during Advent, otherwise they will not receive them. As ever, the Treasurer will gladly receive cash in lieu of postage (please use the blue envelopes)

Frank and I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Blessed New Year.

Ruth Dixon

Proposed Meeting Dates 2023

Please add these dates to your diary. It is useful for all members to know when Elders' Meetings take place in case there is a matter you wish to be considered. And it is of course a privilege and obligation of membership to attend Church Meeting if you are able.

January 5 th	Elders/M&M
January 22 nd (Sunday)	Church Meeting /Elders' Induction
February 2 nd	Elders
March 2 nd	Elders
March 26 th (Sunday)	AGM
March 30 th	Elders/M&M (6 th April is MaundyThursday)
May 4 th	Elders
May 25 th (Thursday)	Church Meeting
June 1 st	Elders
July 6 th	Elders/M&M
July 27 th (Thursday)	Church Meeting
August 3 rd	Elders (if required)
September 7 th	Elders
September 28 th (Thursday)	Church Meeting
October 5 th	Elders/M&M
November 2 nd	Elders
November 26 th (Sunday)	Church/Elders' Election
December 7 th	Elders

Ed says - "Or even rip out this page and put it somewhere visible!"

FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

A Message from The Midlands

We have at last moved into our new house in Warwick and are busy getting organised. We are now looking forward to spending the generous tokens you presented to us when we left Southend, and will let you know what we choose.

Our new address is:

5 Jacombe Close
Warwick
CV34 6JN

If you are passing on the M40 (Junction 15) we would love to see you.

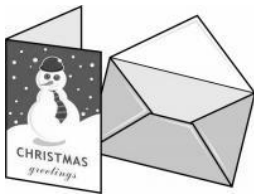
All good wishes
Mike and Linda Mead

Your greetings this Christmas.

The good news is that our post box is back this year!

You can do it the traditional way by card via Royal Mail.

Or see the personal greetings that follow.



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.

Children's Wishes

The children and young people of our church would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mary & Ruth

Your Christmas greetings.



Ruth and Frank Dixon send greetings and best wishes for Christmas and 2023.

Pat and Eric Garrard send their greetings and good wishes to all.

Roy and Trixie Davis send you their greetings for Christmas and their best wishes for the New Year.

Stella Yates sends you her greetings for a blessed Christmas and prays that The New Year brings God's Peace to the whole world



Nigel and Val Mead send Christmas greetings to you all and wish you a very happy and healthy 2023.



Val & Geoff Hayman wish all our Fellowship Friends a very happy and healthy Christmas and many Blessings for 2023

Paul Drage sends you his good wishes for Christmas and 2023.

Mike and Linda Mead wish all our friends at The Cornerstone a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Alison Shannon sends good wishes to all at The Cornerstone at this very special time of Christmas, together with sincere hopes of peace and goodwill in 2023.

Glynis Conway sends Season's Greetings to you all and warm wishes for a good 2023.



David and Maureen Stone would like to wish all our friends at The Cornerstone a very and Happy, Healthy and Joyous Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Dear Friends, with our love and best wishes for a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. Mary & Clive.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Love Pat Goodhew

Christmas blessings to you all, with love from Anne and Shawn Clarke.

Joan Harvey sends her greetings to you all and misses those who can't be with us.



Janet and Les Gooding send their love and greetings from Mistley. They do look forward to joining us for the services on line every Sunday and will think of all their friends in The Cornerstone this Christmas and pray for a peaceful New Year. They also add their grateful thanks for being sent New Horizons every month.

Monica and Vincent Aloï send their good wishes at this special time.

Roger and Wendy Brett would like to wish you all a Christ filled Christmas. We give thanks for all that we still have in our lives and what God has in store for us next.

Alan and Carole Cornwall send you all their Christmas greetings.



Brenda and Michael Wardle send good wishes and greetings to all.

Craft Sale and Afternoon Tea

For its sale this year the Craft Group focused on making children's Christmas jumpers and as Paddington Bear had received a resurgence in popularity, some jumpers featured him and Christmas decorations. These items take many hours and considerable skill to produce, and I would like to thank the crafters for their hard work.

Many thanks also for the donations of cakes and 'ingredients' for the Afternoon Tea, home-made cakes are always popular!

Members of the wider Tuesday Rendezvous Group were also very active with furniture moving, washing up, serving refreshments etc and without their help our task would have been much more difficult so, "thank you".

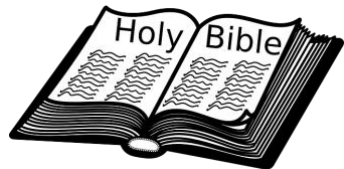
The final thanks go to all those who came along and supported the event, the weather was not so good, but a sense of finally being able to join together for a social event was fantastic!

Oh, and I suppose you'd like to know that so far, we've raised £450.

Many thanks to everyone,
Val and Nigel

Digging deeper

Digging Deeper is still considering the Psalms and next time the leader is again Derek Kingston who will be revisiting Psalm 1 from our previous discussion.



Please join us at 7.00p.m. in Church or on Zoom, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The link will be in the relevant church notices.

God Bless
Vic Crowhurst

ADVENT

We have begun the holy season of Advent and in the Bible Jesus urges his followers to “stay awake”. This suggests that we need to get ourselves into a particular frame of mind” which is one of alertness and readiness for the arrival of the Lord. This is linked to one of the central themes of this season, which is that God will fulfil his promise of liberation through forging a new kind of relationship with his people.

This new era will come about through the agency of a new “King”, an anointed one of God who will be known as

EMMANUEL ‘God-with-us’

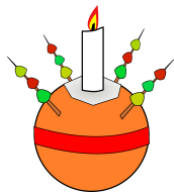
So, God’s place will be next to us, where He will be forever knocking on the door of the human heart.

The question is how might God find the door of our heart; shut, ajar, half open or fully open?

Our objective for Advent is to push that door open as widely as we can; this is vital if Christmas is going to have a heartfelt and transformative effect on us.

and best of all he came to share his life, God’s life. His mystery of being is very much intertwined with our mystery of being and through this relationship we are able to understand our true dignity and purpose.





The Story of the Christingle

The word 'Christingle' actually means 'Christ Light' and celebrates the light of Jesus coming into the world. Stories of how the Christingle began look back to the Moravian Church, which is found in the Czech Republic. The Moravians have held Christingle services for more than 200 years and according to them, this is how the first Christingle might have been made:

Many years ago, the children in a village were asked to bring a Christmas gift to put beside the crib in the church. One family was very poor, and had no money for gifts but the three children were still determined to take something. The only nice thing they had was an orange, so they decided to give the Christ-child that. But then they discovered the top was going green, so the eldest cut it out, and put a candle in the hole. To add some colour, one of the girls took a red ribbon from her hair and tied it around the middle of the orange. It was hard to make the ribbon stay still, so they fastened it in place with toothpicks. The toothpicks looked a bit bare, so the youngest child added some raisins to them.

The children took their decorated orange lantern to the church for the Christmas Mass. The other children sneered at their meagre gift but the priest seized upon it with joy. He held it up as an example of the true understanding of the meaning of Christmas, for the following reasons:

The orange is round, like the world;

The candle gives us light in the dark, like the love of God;

The red ribbon goes round the 'world', as a symbol of Christ's blood for everyone;

The four sticks point in all directions and symbolise that God is over all. North, South, East and West;

And the fruit and nuts remind us of God's blessings.

The Children's Society first introduced the Christingle Service to The Church of England in 1968 and it has become a popular event in the church calendar. This candlelit celebration is an ideal way to share the key messages of the Christian faith, whilst helping to raise vital funds to help vulnerable children across the country.



Christmas Gift Suggestion

To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

Merry Christmas

WAS I BORN UNDER A WANDERING STAR?

Some of you may have noticed I've been missing two Sundays. Well, I've been on a whistle-stop tour, to Austria and Germany to meet my Fiancés' cousin in Mittersill, near Salzburg and her nephew in Hamburg. Then to Southampton to visit longstanding friends Sue and Kevin.

If that wasn't enough, I then flew to Bucharest, in Romania, with John Amos and two other trustees and then four hours on the road, to near the Moldovian border. We were visiting families and orphanages around Barlad, a town where mentally challenged children and young adults are supported by the English Crestin trust, and Myosotis Trusts.

It is very distressing to think what will happen to these people when we can no longer support them. Their buildings are old, under threat of being sold by their original owners who are elderly and want to cash their assets in to enjoy their old age. Myosotis has a plan to build new premises to house everyone. However, the land they were promised by the local Mayor has been taken back for another project. I've been in meetings from 9am to 6 pm. and helping to support John.

Home now and back in the corner, pressing buttons on a Sunday.

Vic Crowhurst

P.S. Except he returned with COVID. Get well soon Vic!



YOUR MESSY CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Messy Church logo © Bible Reading Fellowship 2021.

Messy Church is part of our mission to the neighbourhood and has become an established part of church life. During the Covid-19 lockdowns, we delivered “Messy Church in a Bag” to continue this work in much the same way as our Sunday services went on-line.

The essence of Messy Church learning is by doing and being creative, and this involves crafts and games as much as storytelling and listening. When we resumed in-person sessions, on the 1st Monday of the month, it became apparent that things were not going back to how they were previously, with fewer people available to help. So, the craft activities remain ‘in a bag’ and done by family groups around tables, and Derek and I move around talking to the various groups.

However, I would love to re-introduce some more game/communal type activities to support the learning. So, I have to ask you to prayerfully consider if you can participate in this piece of mission work in any of the following ways:

- Help set up the hall between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. on the day
- Attend from 5-6.30 p.m. to be alongside families as they learn, or maybe supervise an activity
- Help Machrina in the kitchen
- Clean the tables between crafting and mealtime
- Clear down the hall and clean up afterwards

Do please let me know if you wish to come on board.

Thank You.
Ruth Dixon

CHURCH MEETING ROUND UP

- Clive Goodhew, Derek Goodyear and Alison Shannon were elected as Elders to serve a three-year term from 1st January 2023
- Machrina Ejaz moves to the next step towards training for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
- Discussion on the role of small groups in the fellowship was deferred until January
- Synod is to subsidise energy costs for local churches - the difference between this year's and last year's fuel bills October - December 2022 and January - March 2023 to a maximum of £3000.00 per church. If the difference is over £3K and there are still funds in the budget next April, preference will be given to churches running warm hubs.
- Gift tree collection - suggestions for application of funds
 - St Vincent de Paul charity food club
 - Pakistan Church assistance with food for needy families
 - Childline
 - NSPCC
 - Catering at proposed warm hub

It was suggested as this collection is a substitute for a toy service, which benefitted local children, the funds should be used for similar benefit. Further enquiries to be made, for decision at January meeting.

- Warm Hub: Southend Council is opening its public spaces, but there is none in the immediate vicinity. The Cornerstone is able to make its facilities available, subject to there being sufficient personnel. Proposal:
 - Open Mondays ideally from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. (when Pilots/Messy Church starts)
 - Serve soup and roll lunch, and hot drinks as required
 - Books and board games etc
 - Volunteers needed
 - a) At least one person with DBS in the event of vulnerable people attending

- b) One person with Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate to supervise kitchen
- c) A trained First Aider if possible
- d) People to come alongside/befriend visitors

This seems a fantastic mission opportunity for us, one which might help us to grow the church in several ways, so do please consider if you can help. No-one needs to come for the whole six hours unless they wish, so the more offers there are the longer we can be open and available to serve the neighbourhood. Please speak to the Secretary to volunteer or for further information.

TURKEY TALES

So, I was in Waitrose earlier.

A lady was looking at frozen turkeys but she couldn't find one big enough.

She asked one of the assistants "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

He replied with a straight face "No madam, they're dead"



A HELPFUL TIP

Cooking a truly terrible meal and crying softly whilst serving it, is the best way to ensure that future holiday gatherings will be held at the home of someone else.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS AT THE CORNERSTONE

December

Thu	1 st	7.30pm	Elders' meeting	
Sun	4 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Mon	5 th	5pm	Messy Church	
Sun	11 th	10.30am	Family Parade Service - "The Greatest Gift" Junior Church, Pilots & Scouts	
Mon	12 th	7pm	Digging Deeper	
Wed	14 th	9.15am	Toddlers Party	
Sun	18 th	10.30am	Morning Worship (HC)	John Amos
Sun	18 th	5pm	Service of lessons, meditations & carols followed by refreshments.	
Mon	19 th	5pm	Pilots' Party	
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

January 2023

Sun	1 st	10.30am	New Year Morning Worship	John Amos
Thu	5 th	7.30pm	Elders'/M&M Meeting	
Sun	8 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Our Minister
Mon	9 th	5pm	Messy Church	
Mon	9 th	7pm	Digging Deeper	
Wed	11 th	9.15pm	Toddlers start	
Sun	15 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Celia Whitman
Mon	16 th	5pm	Pilots start	
Sun	22 nd	10.30am	Worship/Church Meeting-Elders induction	Our Minister
Mon	23 rd	7pm	Digging Deeper	
Sun	29 th	10.30am	Morning Worship (HC)	Ruth Dixon

February 2023

Thu	2 nd	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	
Sun	5 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	John Amos
Sun	8 th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Our Minister



The Next Issue of New Horizons will be for February 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 5th February and we will be pleased to receive any contributions for this issue by 9 a.m. on Thursday 26th January.

Thank you.
Anne and Michael

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.

Church Flowers

Dec

- 4th - Michael & Brenda Wardle
- 11th - Geoff and Val Hayman
- 18th - Stella and John Duboux
- 25th - Christmas

Jan

- 1st -
- 8th -
- 15th -
- 22nd - Heather and Elizabeth Helm



The Flower List for 2023 is now on the noticeboard in The Foyer, so if you would like to supply flowers for any of the three vacant dates in January or any Sunday in the future, 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 your own arrangement.

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

Dec 4th Sandra Russ and helpers
 11th Anne Clarke and Val Mead
 18th Val Hayman and helpers
 25th Christmas Day

2023

Jan 1st Sandra Russ and helpers
 8th Anne Clarke and Val Mead
 15th Val Hayman and helpers
 22nd Machrina Ejaz and Sandra Russ
 29th Joan Harvey and Brenda Kemp

Feb 5th Sandra Russ and helpers
 12th Anne Clarke and Val Mead



Tuesday mornings “Drop in”

Dec 6th Stella Duboux
 13th Wendy Brett and Val Mead
 20th See below
 27th Boxing Day

2023

Jan 3rd Stella Duboux
 10th Wendy Brett and Val Mead
 17th See below
 24th Carol Smith and Pat Pates
 31st First one there please



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.

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