

# New Horizons

December 2025 and  
January 2026



## 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

**Coffee and tea will be served after Morning Worship**  
Please stay to talk with each other in an informal atmosphere.

**Tuesdays at 11.30 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.

**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 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

Tues	10.00 am	<b>THE HUB</b> Starting with Tea and Coffee in the Foyer Followed by Prayer Meeting with fellowship and activities on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays or as announced.
Thurs	6.00 pm	Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts
	7.45 - 9.15pm	Scouts
Thurs	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting (1 <sup>st</sup> 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.

## Reflections by an Elder

### Care

Just lately I have been involved in the act of caring. I have often wondered why we do 'care', what it really means and how it can be used and sometimes misused.



I am sure that, probably, most people during their lives have cared for someone or something. We are always pleased to hear about the caring ways of people, be it in our own personal lives or acts in the public domain. It makes us realise, in general, people are kind and caring to each other.

I often think about why anybody should or should not care about anyone or anything. Sometimes it is because it benefits the person who does the 'caring', thankfully, though, it is usually because the person has a kind heart and wants to show acts of kindness and consideration. However, why should we care?

I believe we were shown how and why to care by our Lord. All those years ago, he showed us, by his words and actions how we should be kind, considerate, caring people. Humanity has always cared for each other in one way or another, in our families and friendships, in our common interests, sometimes just sharing with each other but without the underlying strength of our belief in the ways of our Lord Jesus Christ, our care becomes more in our own self-interest.

I believe love and care go hand in hand. It is difficult to understand how we care if we do not love. It follows then that as love is of God then so is caring. Jesus told us to love each other as we love ourselves, therefore we should care for each other as we care for ourselves.

As we approach, arguably, one of the most important Christian times in the year, the birth of our Saviour in a stable long ago, we need to remember how he was loved and cared for by his mother and father, how they were shown care and concern when they could find nowhere to stay.

We then learn of the visits by others to worship and love him for who He was, the Saviour of us all, the example of God's love and care to humanity.

May we all, as we come to worship, love and care for each other as He has loved and cared for us.

God Bless,  
**Clive**

### **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 our fellowship as we live in these worrying times of financial worries, natural disasters and war.



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 those in our fellowship who mourn the loss of a loved one. We especially think of the family of Shelagh Root, who passed away last month. Give them peace of spirit and the knowledge that God hears all their prayers.

Father, hear our prayers  
**Amen**

Help when you can.  
Be there when you can.  
Encourage when you can.  
A truly happy life  
comes from giving  
more than you take

## Thoughts for your prayers at Christmas

Clive has talked about love and caring on page 3 and perhaps we should look at the opposite of these two words.

### ***Hate and Greed.***

Every time we pick up a newspaper, listen to the radio and see the news on our phone or TV, these words seem to describe many things that happen in our world.

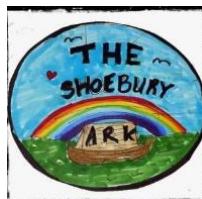
Whether it be about land, possessions, money, people, just about anything that someone else has that others want.

But the Love and Care that we know from our Lord, both seen and unseen, is gifted to us as the antidote to pass on to all people.

### ***“Love did come down at Christmas”***



### **Faith in Action – See below**



Collection Point - Blue trug at Reception Desk

## SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK



As I write, we have just had the first cold snap of the season - enough to warrant getting out the ice scraper to the car in the morning, but not prolonged enough to kill off the weeds!

At the end of October, during the service led by Daniel Williams, there was an opportunity for some discussion. The feedback we heard was largely positive and maybe we will try this again. A couple of observations

- Do make sure nobody is left without someone to talk with
- When giving your group answers please wait for a microphone
- When handheld microphones are used, they need to be held no more than 4 inches from your mouth

These last two points also apply to church meetings, in order that your voice is heard by everyone, particularly those relying on the T loop.

Frank and I have spent a good deal of time 'babysitting' the various engineers for the annual round of servicing of plant and equipment. We have filled the hours with maintenance jobs and service planning. You may have noticed the newly painted car park fences; sadly there is a great deal of rubbish piled up in the alley which is damaging part of the fence, I have been speaking to councillors to see whether the local authority will remove the rubbish, without much success to date. Apparently, it is 'common land' for which the council has no responsibility. There is a possibility of a community clean up being organised, I have made it clear that we do not have vast numbers of fit and able people to join in, but we could provide refreshments.

You will also have seen that shabby areas of the premises have been repainted - this is thanks to Ann Thorp and John Warin, who have spent many hours decorating and saved the church a fortune. It is likely we may have to hire professionals to do the higher areas.

It was with sadness we received news of the passing of Shelagh Root, who was a faithful worshipper until frailty prevented her attendance. Shelagh's funeral is on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am at Southend Crematorium.

Services during November were led by Ian Miller, Roger Brett and Ruth Dixon. At the Remembrance Sunday parade, crosses were distributed each bearing a name of our war dead, as a change from reading out names. Courtesy of the internet, we were able to join the 11am rite at the Whitehall Cenotaph. After the service on 16<sup>th</sup> November, we had a lunch to welcome those who have come to us during the last year and thank Ann for the catering with her team of assistants. This gave us the opportunity to explain how the URC is structured, where and how decisions are made and invite consideration of church membership. Please do come and have a word with me if you think membership is for you, so we can progress further.

At the Church Meeting, following morning service on 23<sup>rd</sup> November

- Clive Goodhew, Derek Goodyear and Alison Shannon were elected to serve as Elders for a 3 year term from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.
- The Mission Partnership Agreement was approved

2026 Meeting Dates for your diary appear elsewhere in this Magazine.

During the last month, Elders have undertaken mandatory safeguarding training. We were reminded that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church - if you see or hear something that does not seem right you can and should raise concerns with our Safeguarding Co-Ordinators (currently Victor Crowhurst and Mary Goodhew). If you want to know more about the URC's approach to safeguarding, take a look at Good Practice 6

<https://urc.org.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-good-practice/> or the Foundation course

<https://www.urclearninghub.org.uk/mod/scorm/player.php>

Our colleagues from the Pag-Asa Centre (which uses our premises to worship on Saturdays) have agreed to help us with a Messy Church in December. Messy Church is an entirely new concept for them. It will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> December from 4 pm. Anyone is welcome to come along, although children should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Flyers are available -please do take these for any families known to you.

Looking forward to Advent and Christmas

- Our Christmas leaflet is available for you to invite family and friends to any of our events in December
- Please use the church post-box for cards only to those people you expect to be in church on the Sundays leading up to Christmas.
- Cloth bags are now available for your cash donations for Shoebury Ark, to be brought to the tree on 14<sup>th</sup> December. This is in place of a traditional toy service.
- There will not be a Christingle service this year but if you wish to make a donation to The Children's Society, please put it in a clearly marked envelope in the offertory bag.

To help with the Mission Partnership integration, it was suggested that each church invite the others to their social events, much like we did when we formed The Cornerstone. Christ Church, Rayleigh's invitation for the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 appears elsewhere and it would be good for a number of us attend. However, parking at the church is very limited, so I suggest you carpool where possible. Street parking is virtually non-existent, so it is likely the driver will have to 'drop off' then go around to Webster's Way car park.

Finally, Frank and I wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Ruth Dixon**

**Sometimes the best  
thing you can do is not think,  
not wonder, not imagine, not obsess.  
Just breathe  
and have faith  
that everything will work  
out for the best.**

## **Toddlers**

The church has been trying to find an extra leader and others to help on a regular basis, so that we are able to restart this valuable group. Unfortunately, we have not been successful, but Mary has put in a plea following this piece, and you are requested to see if you can help. Perhaps you might know someone else who can?

Once we have helpers, there will be a time lag whilst training is given and other details are checked. So, with regret, we have to say that we shall not be opening on 7<sup>th</sup> January as was hoped. But watch this space.

## **From Mary**

I shall feel very sad if Toddlers has to close and we have to disappoint all the little children who joined us on a Wednesday. Please do not let this happen. Can someone help?.

## **Proposed Meeting Dates 2026**

**But please check as we go through the year!**

January 8th	Elders/Ministry & Mission
January 25 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Church Meeting/Elders' Induction
February 5th	Elders/Property focus
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	AGM
April 9th	Elders/Ministry & Mission
May 7th	Elders/Property focus
May 28th (Thursday)	Church Meeting
June 4th	Elders
July 2nd	Elders/Ministry & Mission
July 30th (Thursday)	Church Meeting
August 6th	Elders/ (if required)
Sept 3rd	Elders/Property focus
Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Church Meeting
October 1st	Elders/ Ministry & Mission M&M
Nov 5th	Elders
Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)	Church Meeting/Elders' Election
December 3rd	Elders

## Remembrance Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025



On the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025, The Cornerstone joined with millions of people around the world in remembering those lost during so many, many wars.

Once again I led the worship and my main address concerned the young Wrens (Women's Royal Naval Service) of WATU. This stood for Western Approaches Tactical Unit and was set up under the direct instruction of Winston Churchill with the express, single remit to stop the U-Boat attacks on the vital convoys bring us essential war and survival equipment. The commanders of the convoy escorts had had some luck in sinking U-boats but it was not good enough.

The unit opened in 1942 and operated out of a building in Liverpool, one of the most bombed areas of the country. No suitable Navy personnel were available. Only those who were getting on a bit, set in their ways and operating on how previous wars went were offered up and were declined.

The Wren Commanding officer, Vera Laughton Mathews offered to supply suitable people and soon four Wren Officers arrived shortly followed by four ratings two of whom were only seventeen.

All were keen and eager with this important role. Round the clock working became the norm as they worked on all the available information and eventually came up with their first set of tactics which they called 'Raspberry' as in 'Blowing a Raspberry at Hitler'. Others followed and training of the naval commanders started using a war game. Over 5000 naval officers passed through the training.

Many U-boats were sunk and numerous lives were saved by the work carried out and training delivered by these young ladies. At the end of the war, they went home and said nothing having signed the Official Secrets Act.

They were not allowed to fight but they served as best they could working all-hours to save lives and ensure supplies got through.

This then was the main thrust of my Remembrance talk but it was not the most important part of the worship. Neither were my words, nor the Drum-Head set-up, nor the flags or the book of Remembrance, nor the music or the hymns, not the readings or the parading by our Scout Group. Not even the crosses handed out with the names of our war dead.

The real highlight of the worship was the poppies. Our Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts had made some wreaths and some poppies and they brought these forward. But attached to one of our lecterns was a cascade of hand-made poppies.

Some of our fellowship stepped up when asked to provide poppies for the display on Southend Pier. When the time had come to pass them all over word reached me that they would have liked to do more so I asked that, if they wanted to, we would be able to use them on Remembrance Sunday. We received a few, then a few more and a few more until on the Tuesday before the Sunday the final bag arrived. The grand total was 96.

96 handmade poppies, made with love and memories and thankfulness for those who did not return. Same graves we know and these are shown in our Book of Remembrance, others are lost in the fields of Europe and many other battlefields.

My grateful thanks go to all who helped make this a memorable Remembrance.

Thank you  
Roger

### Your greetings this Christmas.

It's back! Our very own post box. This is eco-friendly as well as saving you money! However, you might choose to give part (or all?) of your savings to church funds. Also see the centre pages for the greetings from others.



## Your Christmas Greetings



Ruth and Frank Dixon send greetings and best wishes for Christmas and 2026

Eric and Pat Garrard would like to wish all members and friends of the Cornerstone a happy and blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Stella Yates sends you her greetings and wishes for a peaceful Christmas.



Nigel and Val Mead send Christmas greetings to you all and wish you a very happy and healthy 2026



Val Hayman wishes all her Fellowship Friends a very happy and healthy Christmas and many Blessings for 2026

Paul Drage sends you his good wishes for Christmas and 2026.

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 2026.

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



Glynis Conway sends Season's Greetings to you all and warm wishes for a good 2026.

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

With love and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Mary and Clive xx

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Patricia Goodhew.

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



Janet Gooding sends to everybody at The Cornerstone, her wishes for a very happy and peaceful Christmas and the same for 2026. She continues to join us online every Sunday, and she is very grateful to read New Horizons throughout the year as it keeps her close to all her friends in Southend

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

Roger and Wendy Brett wish everyone a Christmas that is more 'Christ' than anything else and remembering the story does not end with the babe, but something much darker and at the same time, much lighter for all of us.

Alan and Carole Cornwall send you all their Christmas greetings.

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



Warmest greetings to all our friends at The Cornerstone. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year filled with happiness and hope. Love from Mike and Linda Mead

## Junior Church

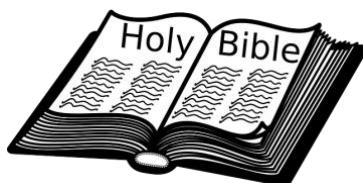
Our Junior Church and Young People would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With love from  
Derek, Mary & Ruth.

This Christmas,  
I pray that happiness  
be at your door.  
May it knock early,  
stay late, and  
leave the gifts of  
peace, love, joy and  
good health behind

## BIBLE STUDY

We are not meeting during December  
but will resume on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
of January.



Please join us in person or online at 7.00pm. Why not just sit and listen, no obligation to speak. Just have a word with Michael for details

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*12<sup>th</sup> Southend Scout Group  
invite you to our Christmas  
Carol Service*



*Thursday 11 December  
2025 @ 6:15pm,  
Cornerstone Church*



*All welcome, please stay for  
a drink and mince pie after  
the service*

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## Exploring the 'Twases' of Christmas

Most of us will have heard the wonderful poem by Clement Clarke Moore entitled 'A visit from St. Nicholas' with the first line beginning 'Twas the Night before Christmas'. Youngsters are in bed and Mother and Father have just settled down. Snow has fallen just like it should, the moon is shining and St. Nicholas appears along with his sleigh pulled by reindeer to deliver the presents. Down the chimney he climbs, with a bundle of toys, fills the stockings, heads back up the chimney and wishes everyone 'Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!'

But that is not the only 'Twas' of Christmas. After all, if St. Nicholas appears at Christmas then all sorts of things have to happen first to make Christmas happen.

'Twas the time God spoke and everything was created, Twas the time we went wrong and needed a Saviour, 'Twas the time God had the prophets tell us about the coming of the Saviour, 'Twas the time Mary had a visit and then Joseph had a visit, and a baby was born. And the shepherds came visiting after their own visit from the angels.

These are the 'Twases of Christmas', about which we will read and sing at The Cornerstone during our morning Lessons and Carols time of worship on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. Come along, listen and sing lots of wonderful carols to proclaim the earth-shattering event that we will celebrate on the 25<sup>th</sup> just a few days later.



The 'Twases of Christmas has been expanded from an original idea by Mitch Townley and the Ministry of Children

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# Christmas



AN ALL-AGE FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

on



**Friday, 5th December, at 4 pm**



A fun filled afternoon of  
CRAFTS : GAMES : WORSHIP  
and much more

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



Creche for babies and toddlers



**The afternoon is FREE**

All children **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult



## The Moon by any other name - Alison Shannon

We use the name moon as a singular term because until Galileo discovered other objects circling other planets it was thought to be on its own. In 1610 he found the first of now many, many other moons orbiting the other planets, notably first Europa and IO orbiting Jupiter.

There are now, at the last count I could find, 95 of which 56 have been given names. Mercury and Venus are the only ones without moons.

Did you know that the moon can mess with your emotions? That is a supposed fact about the Full Moon. It was in the Middle Ages that scientists believed that seizures, fevers and rheumatism were all caused by the effect of the full moon. The word Lunatic directly comes from the moon root Luna and means literally Moonsick. Does the Full Moon keep you awake? Moon researcher Marie Dumat suggests that the effect of more light in the evenings could account for the research recorded elsewhere that less melatonin is produced and it takes longer to fall asleep at full moon time. Perhaps those who sleep with a blackout normally could try it and let me know!

Alongside GMT and all the other time zones we have, there is LST which is Lunar Standard Time. One Lunar year with twelve Lunar Days when each “day” is equivalent to an earth month, each “day” divided into cycles and each cycle then divides into lunar hours, minutes and seconds. Each day is named after one of the twelve astronauts who have walked on the moon’s surface. For example, Neil Armstrong stepped onto the surface on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1969 at 2.56.15. Universal time, starting Lunar year one/ day one/cycle one in LST. Lost? Never mind, let us look at some much easier names to understand.

Looking for other names for the various stages of the moon like New, Crescent and Full, you find that each of our months has a moon name associated with it. Some of these are self-explanatory like Snow Moon in February and Cold Moon in December. Others though have gained their names from countryside life and traditions. In January the wolves of earlier times found it hard to find food, howled with hunger and the name Wolf Moon found a home. Some come from the Native American Indian stories from the nature they saw around them

at certain times of the year. The colours of the plants and flowers give us Pink Moon in April and Flower Moon in May. Then June is Strawberry Moon.

Beaver Moon in November, when they settle into their lodges for winter and hunting for their pelts stops, follows the October Hunter's Moon when they would stock their winter larders with deer and fox meat to see them through the winter months. Animal habits too give the Buck Moon when it is the rutting season and the Sturgeon Moon when the fish are abundant in August.

Drawing to a conclusion, here is one of my favourite expressions associated with the word Moon, and which I just had to find out a bit more about. Sorry, there are facts and figures again but how often have you heard the expression "Once in a Blue Moon" and if so, have you ever thought of where it came from? Definition of a Blue Moon is that it is the second Full Moon in any calendar month. February 2018 did not have a full moon but both January and March had two full moons, so by definition both had a Blue Moon. Just an extra aside,



one of those two was also a Lunar Eclipse. Blue Moons are relatively sparse in the grand scheme of things but as with all this creation wonderment, the scientists are calculating when they will be.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 there will be the second full moon, so a Blue Moon, then on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2027 another and yet another on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2028. The next time we get two Blue Moons they tell us will be in 2037, when my great grandson will be 37, his mother 55 and his grandmother nearly as old as I am now!!

So much for all that about the moon, and no doubt you are all saying just as well there aren't too many Blue Moons!! Just remember what started all this - CREATION. What a wonderful God we have, all made by Him, set in the heavens as a source of light and the wonder of it has kept the scientists busy ever since Galileo and humankind, animal and plant life under its control ever since time began.

## **Do you believe it?**

- I got my wife to help me put some posts in the ground for our new fence. I gave her the hammer and said, “When I nod my head, you hit it.” I don’t remember much after that!
- Headline in newspaper - Pile of Toilet Rolls collapse in Supermarket trapping customers underneath. Ambulance crew said “It looks like they’ve suffered from soft tissue damage”
- A hacker called me and said he had all my passwords, I got a pen and paper and said, “Thank goodness for that, what are they?”
- I bought a vinyl record yesterday called “Sound Wasps make”. When I got home and played it, I said to myself, “This doesn’t sound anything like wasps.” Then I realised, I was playing the bee side!!

### **The next Issue of New Horizons will be for February 2026**



Publication will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February and we ask for your contributions by 9.00am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January please.

We will welcome your reports and stories of your Christmas, whether in church, home or with your family.

Thank you all for contributing during 2025 and we ask for God’s Blessing upon us all as we celebrate the birth of His son.

Finally, we wish you good health over Christmas, making new discoveries about your faith and, more importantly, strength, energy, passion and enthusiasm as we share our faith and blessings with others.

**Thank you.  
Anne and Michael**

## DIARY OF WORSHIP AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AT THE CORNERSTONE

### December

Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Messy Church for Christmas with Pag-Asa	
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship	John Amos
Thu	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	12 <sup>th</sup> Southchurch Scout Carol Service	
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Family Service / Church Parade for all ages	
				<b>Young People &amp; Leaders</b>
				Gift Tree. Your cash gifts are invited for the Shoebury Ark
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	The 'Twases' of Christmas. Family Service of Lessons & Carols	Roger Brett
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Christmas Day Celebration	Roger Brett
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Post Christmas Service (HC).	Ruth Dixon

### 2026

### January

Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Roger Brett
Thu	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Elders/M&M meeting	
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Ian Miller
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Bible Study	
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Vic Crowhurst
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship (HC) & Elders Induction	
				Rev Celia Whitman
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Bible Study	

### February

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship	TBA
Thu	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Elders/Property group meeting	
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship, Parade.	Ruth Dixon

### 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.

### **Sometimes a light surprises!**

When we celebrated communion in November, I noticed that the tray contained many more glasses than we were likely to need. My immediate thought was “what a waste doing too many”.

But a voice said to me,  
**“Those are for the people who are waiting outside”.**

### **Church Flowers**

The Flower List is on the noticeboard in the Foyer and if you would like to supply flowers for any Sunday in the future, please place your name on the list or contact Val.



She will be very happy to buy the flowers on your behalf and arrange them or alternatively, you are very welcome to do your own arrangement.

Dec	21 <sup>st</sup>	Stella and John Duboux
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth and Frank Dixon
Jan	10 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Harvey

## Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

Dec	7 <sup>th</sup>	Melanie Diji
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Melanie Diji
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Russ



### 2026

Jan	4 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Russ
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Melanie Diji

Feb	1 <sup>st</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Clarke and Val Mead

If you can help anytime, please have a word with Michael.

## Tuesday mornings “Drop in”

Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stella Duboux
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Brett and Val Mead
	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>See below</b>
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Smith and Pat Pates
	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>See below</b>

### 2026

Jan	6 <sup>th</sup>	Stella Duboux
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Brett and Val Mead
	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>See below</b>
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Smith and Pat Pates



Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stella Duboux
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Brett and Val Mead

On the Tuesdays 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.

## WHO TO CONTACT

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