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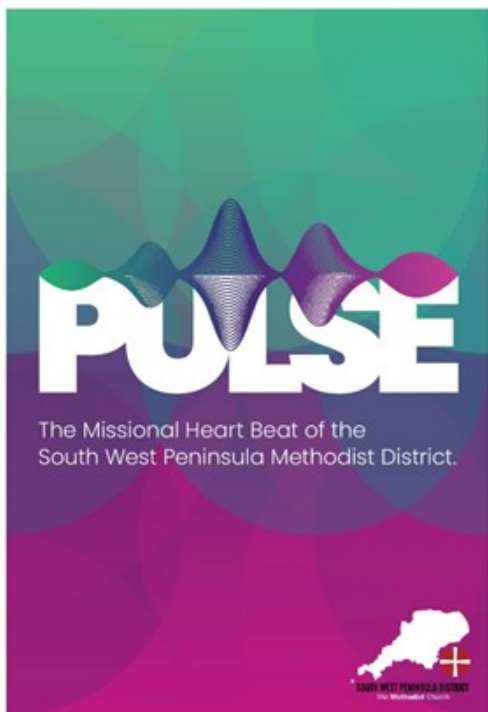
# *Cornerstone Church - Torpoint*

## *NEWSLETTER*



**FEBRUARY 2025**





Whatever our age, whatever our context—Mission is our focus! We are a Missional people—come and be energised, and be engaged in igniting the Missional heart!

We invite people from our circuits and churches to come as a group to reflect, explore and develop missional thinking, while taking a broader look at what is happening elsewhere—celebrating and inspiring one another to share the love of God, in Jesus, with our communities.

### PLYMOUTH METHODIST CENTRAL HALL

(10 am refreshments; 10.30 am start—2.30pm)  
8th February, 5th April, 7th June 2025

In addition to the face-to-face sessions, we will be holding shorter (2 hr) Zoom sessions on the following dates:

- Monday 3rd March—7pm—Session 1
- Monday 12th May—7pm—Session 2
- Monday 9th June—7pm—Session 3

### ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

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|----|--|----------------------------|
| 1  | What are Canterbury Bells?   | <i>Flowers</i>             |
| 2  | What is the everyday term for the tibia?                               | <i>Shinbone</i>            |
| 3  | According to which song title in which London Square is a              | <i>Berkeley Square</i>     |
| 4  | Who is Jack Worthington's alter ego in a famous Oscar Wilde comedy?    | <i>Ernest</i>              |
| 5  | An Australian rugby union player is given the name of which marsupial? | <i>Wallaby</i>             |
| 6  | On which continent would you find the country of Lesotho?              | <i>Africa</i>              |
| 7  | Which fairy tale character pricked her finger on a spindle?            | <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>     |
| 8  | Which is the largest of Italy's lakes?                                 | <i>Lake Garda</i>          |
| 9  | What is Latin for "and the rest"?                                      | <i>etcetera</i>            |
| 10 | Which archaeological period followed the predominance of bronze?       | <i>Iron Age</i>            |
| 11 | Who starred in the title role of the film Ghandi?                      | <i>Sir Ben Kingsley</i>    |
| 12 | What type of creature is a wrasse?                                     | <i>Fish</i>                |
| 13 | What is the title of dignity in Portugal and Brazil?                   | <i>Dom</i>                 |
| 14 | In ice hockey what shape is a puck?                                    | <i>Circular</i>            |
| 15 | Who founded the Boy Scouts?  | <i>Robert Baden-Powell</i> |
| 16 | Who had a 1984 hit with 'I Feel for You'?                              | <i>Chaka Khan</i>          |
| 17 | Of which Scottish island is the largest town Portree?                  | <i>Skye</i>                |
| 18 | What is an irrational fear of open places called?                      | <i>Agoraphobia</i>         |
| 19 | What nickname is given to the southern states of the USA?              | <i>Dixie</i>               |
| 20 | From which Biblical paradise was Adam and Eve expelled?                | <i>Garden of Eden</i>      |



**PATHFINDER PROJECT**  
**Benefit Entitlement Check**  
**Confidentiality Assured**



Benefit Entitlement Checks are available three days a week at the Foodbank distribution centre in the Old Rowing Club. A quiet area is set aside for confidential enquiries, where trained staff will help you in a discreet manner.

(Full income details will be required for all household members.)

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS: (as at 23 January)**

- DRY CAT FOOD
- HOT DOGS
- MICROWAVE RICE
- NAPPIES, SIZE 6 & 7
- WASHING POWDER
- WASHING UP LIQUID
- WOMEN'S DEODORANT
- FRUIT JUICE
- COFFEE
- TINNED CARROTS



**ALSO NEEDED (FOR COOKING PACKS): MIXED HERBS, CURRY POWDER, CHILLI POWDER, GARLIC GRANULES & PLAIN FLOUR.**

**WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF:**

- CHICKPEAS, CANNELLINI, BAKED, KIDNEY & BUTTERBEANS.
- PASTA
- TOOTHPASTE
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TENA STYLE PADS AND BARS OF SOAP

*THANK YOU*

Food is distributed from the ground floor of the Old Rowing Club. Sessions are from 09.30-12.30 on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

Anyone wishing to volunteer would be most welcome and should pop into one of the sessions for further information.

**LETTER FROM THE MINISTER**



Hi

Have you heard the good news; the daffodils are out!!! Or very nearly. From a northerner's point of view that is amazing; they are not usually out for another six weeks where I hail from. Good news, because I am looking for signs that spring is on its way. Similarly, I can see the days getting longer and the intensity of the sun is getting brighter (when we can see the sun that is). Signs that things are changing.

When the Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign, (Matt 16:1-4) they were testing him. Is he really the person he said he was? Prove it by giving us a sign. Despite telling us that we look for signs around us, the only sign that Jesus gives is the sign of Jonah, or put simply, Jonah's tree days in the fish's belly proclaimed the future death and resurrection of Christ, and Jesus will show who he is by fulfilling this prophecy.

However, for me, it's not so much the sign of who Jesus is but what Jesus wants us to do. How do we respond to the knowledge of who Jesus is? And those are the signs I'm looking out for. Where do I see the signs of the death and resurrection in church and the wider world and how do I join in? Some things we do have little life left in them, both in church and outside of church. Other things seem to develop a life of their own, and they don't take a lot of resources to gain much fruit. Our task is to look for the signs where God is working and joining in and letting go of the bits which are not working for the Kingdom. The real challenge is working out the difference and that is why we need each other. We need to challenge each other to look harder or stop doing some things that we may do that don't work anymore. It takes us all to look out for the signs Jesus is giving.

Stay vigilant.

Blessings

Al



**NOTICES FROM SANDRA:**



**House Group**

**Wednesday 3.00pm**

**29th January, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**See Sandra for venue**



**Bible Study at Stoke Methodist Church continues:**

*open to all*

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> & 20th February**

**from 10.30 – 11.45**

**Starting with tea/coffee and chat**

**Led by the Rev Edgar Daniel**

**IMPORTANT CHURCH MEETING  
DURING THE SERVICE ON  
9TH FEBRUARY  
PLEASE ENDEAVOUR TO ATTEND**



**FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES (10.30am unless otherwise stated)  
AND DUTY HELPERS**

DATE	PREACHER	WELCOMER	VESTRY	OPENING PRAYER
2nd	Sue Bolt	Margaret Harrison	Sandra Pratt	SP
9th	Rev Al Lowe Holy Communion & IMPORTANT MTG	Lynn Rundle	Eve Oates	EO
16th	Keith Angilley	Ann Dean	Chris Cross	June Stockton
23rd	Brian Hart	Marie Luscombe	Steve Martin	SM



All the submitted quiz forms were high scoring but there was one outright winner with a mark of 50/50, and that was Enid May. Many congratulations, Enid—and well done everyone! Thanks again to Peter Edwards for compiling and marking the quiz.

**HOUSE GROUP**



Wednesday at 3.00pm on: 29th January, 12th & 26th February.  
All are welcome to our informal gathering.  
(Please see Sandra for venue.)

And at Stoke Christian Centre, 10.30am on  
6th and 20th February.  
(we are currently studying the Book of Exodus with Rev Edgar Daniel)

## DUTY LISTS

As with all the duty rosters, if any date is inconvenient please arrange your own swap. Thank you / BN

<b>FLOWER ROTA - FEBRUARY</b>	
2nd	<i>All vacant</i>
9th	
16th	
23rd	



**PLEASE see Marie if you would like to make a donation towards the flowers displayed in church.**

<b>SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - FEBRUARY</b>	
2nd	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
9th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
16th	June Stockton & Jan Hall
23rd	June Stockton & Paulene Smith



Assistance is always required to make things easier for our few helpers, so please speak to June Stockton if you can help with teas/coffees/washing up. Even the odd occasion will be much appreciated *by June, Jan & Paulene.*  
*Thank you*



St BUDEAUX METHODIST CHURCH

Unfortunately, the church will be closing this year and they are having an Open Day on Saturday 1st February, 10.00-12.00 noon in order to view items which need to be disposed of.

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St James's Church will be holding an ALPHA COURSE on the following Mondays from 6.30-8.30pm: 3rd, 10th & 17th February; 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st March & 7th & 14th April.

COME ALONG, AND ENJOY A MEAL at the beginning.

## Who Is The Real Saint Valentine?

Believe it or not, Valentine's Day is not just about flowers and chocolate. While those sentiments for our loved ones are certainly sweet, the history of Valentine's Day is what makes it so special. This day of love is actually named after a real and holy saint. *San Valentino* (St. Valentine) was a Third Century Roman priest and martyr during the reign of Claudius II, known as *Claudius the Goth*. He was arrested for helping Christians who were being persecuted by Claudius in Rome and for performing marriage ceremonies between young Christian couples in love. While imprisoned and under threat, Saint Valentine would not sway from answering questions of the Emperor regarding his beliefs.

The emperor tried to no avail to convert Saint Valentine. Regardless of what was asked, however, Valentine would not renounce his faith so Claudius had him sent away to prison. The guard where Valentine was imprisoned listened as he preached day in and day out. As the legend goes, the guard, Asterius, had a daughter who was blind. He asked Valentine to hear her confession in which he did. Afterwards, Valentine put his hands over the girl's eyes and chanted: "*Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten your handmaid, because You are God, the True Light.*" Immediately the little girl regained her eyesight. Because of this miracle, the guard and many of his family members converted to Christianity and were baptized. Upon hearing of the conversions, Emperor Claudius condemned all of them to death.

The night before his execution, Valentine wrote the young girl a note and signed it, "*From your Valentine*". Valentine was then beaten with clubs, stoned and finally beheaded on February 14th, around the year 269. He was buried on the Flaminian Way where a chapel was later built over his remains. On the same day, another Valentine, bishop of Terni, was imprisoned and beheaded by Placidus, prefect of Terni, about sixty miles outside of Rome. Many believe mysteriously that the two are one and the same priest — the same Valentine who was earlier brought to Rome for execution and buried on the Flaminian Way.

### REAL LOVE PRAYER

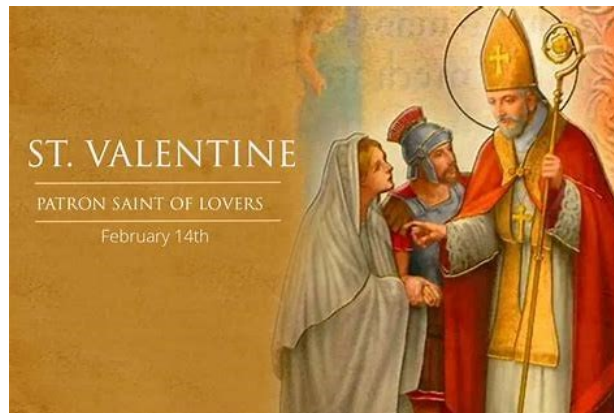
*Love is patient and kind,  
It doesn't envy or boast  
and it's never proud.*

*Love is not rude or selfish,  
It doesn't get angry easily,  
or keep track of wrongs.*

*Love doesn't delight in bad  
things but it rejoices in the  
truth. Love always protects,  
trusts, hopes and perseveres.*

*Love never fails.*

—[St. Paul to the Corinthians](#)



- 1 How many players are there in a netball team?
- 2 What is the capital of Northern Ireland?
- 3 Which French word is used for a large, creamy layered cake?
- 4 The Space Needle is a landmark of which US city?
- 5 How many pockets does a snooker table have?
- 6 What is the leader of a cub pack called?
- 7 In the Avenger series of films, who plays Tony Stark?
- 8 Which type of sweet is a rose-flavoured jelly coated with icing sugar?
- 9 What word is used to describe an inactive volcano?
- 10 In a military context, what does the A of SAS stand for?
- 11 What is the name of the New York Stock Exchange?
- 12 Which islands off Cornwall include St Mary's & St Martin's?
- 13 Private Life and Slave to the Rhythm were hit songs for which actress?
- 14 What is the second book of the Old Testament?
- 15 What is the North American term for a saloon car?
- 16 The Bantu language is spoken on which continent?
- 17 Who dueted with Meatloaf on the single 'Dead Ringer for Love'?
- 18 Which word meaning 'to strike noisily' is also the location of Ireland's west airport?
- 19 Which word follows Titus in the title of a Shakespeare play set in Rome?
- 20 Inhabitants of Manchester are known by which name?



**COFFEE MORNINGS  
9.30—11.30**

**SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY  
IN AID OF THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY**

**and for Churches Together in Torpoint  
on 1st March**

**PLEASE SUPPORT. Thank you**



**STREET PRAYERS**

February's streets for our leaflet drop and prayers are:  
Chestnut Close and Gravesend Gardens

Please remember the people there in your prayers.

*Thank you / Chris & Lynn*



**Finance**

	OFFERTORY	BENEVOLENT FUND	TUESDAY & SUNDAY
December 22nd	£300.70	£13.00	£7.50
December 29th	At Stoke		
January 5th	£449.50		£8.00
January 12th	£246.40	£4.60	£7.35
January 19th	£230.00		£17.20

**OTHER FINANCE**

The coffee mornings since the last newsletter raised:

- £150.00 on 21st December
- £50.56 on 28th December
- £104.00 on 4th January
- £86.35 on 11th January
- £121.00 on 18th January

The coffee morning on 28th December was by donation only as just one helper was available for the first hour. Fortunately, Ralph later arrived to help, followed by Paulene—many thanks to them.

You can see by the above figures that the totals vary according to how busy we are, sometimes due to what other events are happening in the town then. I did a quick count on the 18th which proved quite difficult due to numbers present and people talking and moving about, but there were about 55 people there at around 11 am, with some usual folk missing, plus those who had been and gone. But it is good to know approximately how many regulars we do have each Saturday.

Please keep an eye on the rota and sign up if you are able to help.

*Many thanks, Liz*

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