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MONTHLY NOTICES (& weekly when required)

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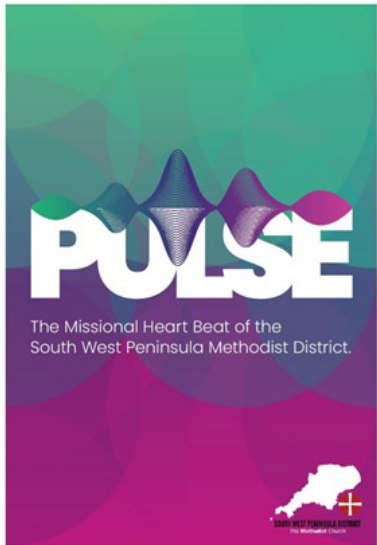


Cornerstone Church - Torpoint
NEWSLETTER



MAY 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)
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 12th May—7pm—Session 2

Monday 9th June—7pm—Session 3

To book your place please contact the District Admin Office
admin@swpmethodist.org.uk

ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

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| 1 | A dingo is a wild dog from which country? | <i>Australia</i> |
| 2 | What was the name of the Titan in Greek mythology who held the world on his shoulders? | <i>Atlas</i> |
| 3 | Which dance style was spelled out by an Ottawa hit of 1980? | <i>Disco</i> |
| 4 | What name is given to a Viking ship? | <i>Longboat</i> |
| 5 | <i>Per Ardua Ad Astra</i> is the motto of which of the Services? | <i>Royal Air Force</i> |
| 6 | Which Devon town is famous for its carpets? | <i>Axminster</i> |
| 7 | The King of Beasts describes which animal native to Africa? | <i>Lion</i> |
| 8 | Which Scottish football club shares its name with a playing card suit? | <i>Hearts of Midlothian</i> |
| 9 | What is the name of the saxophone-playing member of the TV Simpson family? | <i>Lisa</i> |
| 10 | What word precedes 'Kush' to denote an Asian mountain range? | <i>Hindu</i> |
| 11 | Ludlow Castle is an example of what type of architecture? | <i>Norman</i> |
| 12 | Which 1982 Roxy Music album shares a name with an island in Arthurian legend? | <i>Avalon</i> |
| 13 | In which county is the town of Blandford Forum? | <i>Dorset</i> |
| 14 | Who wrote the 1953 play 'Waiting for Godot'? | <i>Samuel Beckett</i> |
| 15 | A crocodile is the logo of which sports clothes company? | <i>Lacoste</i> |
| 16 | The invasion of which country began the First Gulf War in 1991? | <i>Kuwait</i> |
| 17 | What city in Colorado sounds like a large rock? | <i>Boulder</i> |
| 18 | In the 1999 rom com Notting Hill, who played Hugh Grant's scruffy flatmate? | <i>Rhys Ifans</i> |
| 19 | What is the capital city of Chile? | <i>Santiago</i> |
| 20 | What was Brotherhood of Man's winning Eurovision entry in 1976? | <i>Kisses for Me</i> |



COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MERCY SHIPS

Saturday 31st May

If you can help out or provide cake/raffle prize, please see Ann Dean



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS, listed in order of urgency: (as at 24 April)

- CUSTARD
- PASTA
- PASTA SAUCE
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED HOTDOGS
- TINNED PEAS
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED TOMATOES
- BISCUITS



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.
- TOOTHPASTE
- TENA STYLE PADS AND BARS OF SOAP

THANK YOU

Food is distributed from CHATLINK in The Old School House, Macey Street. Sessions are from 09.30-12.30 on 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

Rev Verity Phillips has kindly written this month's letter again on Al's behalf—thanks Verity.

Dear friends,

By the time you read this, I will be starting to pack, though I don't yet know where I'm going, or when from June to August I need to go there, or whether that means two moves or one, only that I'll be welcomed to Kidderminster on 7th September. I find such uncertainties difficult: I prefer a Plan: A, ... and B, and C, ... Ministers are rarely given permission to live anywhere other than the manse provided, so I'm dependent on the service and decisions of others.

In our society we strive for and respect *in*-dependence. Next generations even find it difficult to know how to interact with other people face to face. Increasingly, like-minded people gather together in forums like social media, where they inevitably re-inforce one another's views instead of encountering all the amazing diversity with which God filled the world.

Christianity is counter cultural, and unavoidably social. The Bible offers guidance, from "Don't worry", and "Be not afraid", to "Be wise as serpents, innocent as doves". There's advice about food, clothing, shelter, relationships, health, and politics, though it's not a manual for any of these, but for how to be the community of God's grace.

In the midst of uncertainty, I yearn for human contact. More can be communicated, with less scope for misunderstanding – more for putting things right quickly and relatively painlessly. There is also a connection which goes beyond mere words; which binds us together even where we disagree.

Are you drawn by the independence of a society which acts on impulse, in the moment, or by the Jesus who gave people time, and listened first, acting second? How might we best interact in ways that channel God's grace and hope, binding people together?

For God so loved the world ... that he came, in person.

God bless,

Verity.



NOTICES FROM SANDRA:



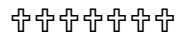
Songs of Praise

Please tell me of your favourite hymns for a future Songs of Praise service.

Each quarter we seem to have a preacher cancel due to accident or illness or sadly, bereavements. You know yourselves that many of our preachers are elderly.

So, in readiness for such events, I'd like to have a songs of praise service prepared. Please pass me your choice of hymn, don't be shy.

Many thanks, Sandra



House Group Meetings 14th & 21st May at 3.00pm

Usual venue

(Ask Sandra if you are not sure about attending)

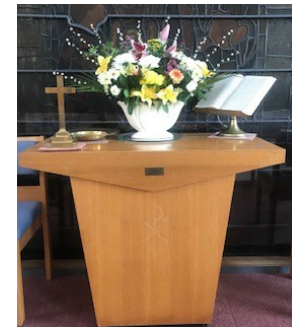
MAY SUNDAY SERVICES (10.30am unless otherwise stated) AND DUTY HELPERS

DATE	PREACHER	WELCOMER	VESTRY	OPENING PRAYER
4th	Nigel Norris	Margaret Harrison	Sandra Pratt	SP
11th	Rev Darren Middleton (Holy Com-	Lynn Rundle	Eve Oates	EO
18th	Sue Bolt	Ann Dean	Brenda Noone	BN
25th	Keith Angilley	Paulene Smith	Steve Martin	SM

SOME PICTURES FROM OUR WONDERFUL EASTER SERVICE Thanks to everyone who took part and contributed in any way.



Our beautifully decorated Easter Cross



The lovely Easter flower display by Marie



The simnel cake made by John which we enjoyed after the service

DUTY LISTS

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

FLOWER ROTA DONATIONS - MAY	
4th	Brenda Noone
11th	<i>Vacant</i>
18th	Margaret Haydock
25th	<i>Vacant</i>



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - MAY	
4th	June Stockton & Jan Hall
11th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
18th	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
25th	June Stockton & Jan Hall



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 the team.
Thank you



Team needed for Sunday 29th June - Lunch

Rev Jane Willcock, from Trispen near Truro, is coming to lead worship again at Cornerstone with her husband John. It was such a blessing last time they came but by the time I offered Jane lunch she had made other arrangements with friends. So, this time when I invited her to preach, we agreed a lunch at church after worship.

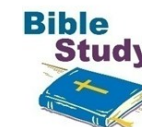
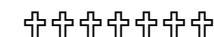
I'd very much like a small team to help me organise this – I want to keep it as simple as possible for all the volunteers.

Please let me know if you will help.

Being in June, it could be a cold lunch we provide.

Thank you in anticipation,

Sandra



Bible Study at Stoke Christian Centre:

open to all

Thursday 8th & 22nd May

from 10.30 – 11.45

Starting with tea/coffee and chat

Led by the Rev Edgar Daniel

**South East Cornwall Circuit invites you to the Spring District Day
on Wednesday 14th May 2025, 10.00am– 3.00pm, Saltash Wesley
Church, Callington Road, Saltash PL12 6LA.**

Speaker: Kathy Pope
Co-ordinator, Churches Together in Cornwall

(There is limited parking at the Church. Further parking is in nearby car parks around the town of Saltash but these of course, incur parking charges.)

We would appreciate hearing from you with likely numbers who would like to attend to enable us to provide a lovely cream tea before we depart homeward at the ending of our day together. Please bring your own lunch.

It is noted that gentlemen are welcome to attend the Spring District Day too and will be very welcome.

For our friends from the Plymouth and Devonport Circuit, it would be lovely if you would cross the wide, wide ocean (there's a song from Sunday School in my time) between your dear selves and us and join us at this District Day. We are, after all and goodness knows how many meetings, one VERY LARGE DISTRICT now.

I also know that a lot of us have bus passes – how brilliant is that? The bus from Plymouth will drop you off at the top of Fore Street – just a few steps to Saltash Wesley.

For those from our new South East Cornwall Circuit, I believe that the bus service from Callington is quite good. My sincere apologies, I am quite new to this area and am unsure about bus travel from Gunnislake, Looe and Liskeard. It's not as easy for our friends at Torpoint and Millbrook, two buses I believe. I know that some of you will car share, that's great, thank you.

I really am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on this, the first of many I hope, District days celebrated together.

Blessings,
Rev Alison Richardson (Ali to everyone who knows me.)
email: india.alison@gmail.com



- 1 Which fictional otter did Henry Williamson write?
- 2 Which Californian grape variety is used to make pinkish wine?
- 3 Which Imperial weight measure approximates to 28 grams?
- 4 Which Jamaican-American singer had hits in 2000 with 'It Wasn't Me' and 'Angel'?
- 5 What is the chemical symbol for Phosphorus?
- 6 In which county is the Wrekin Hill?
- 7 What term is given to early 1980s groups such as Duran Duran and Spandau Ballet?
- 8 Epping is on which London Underground line?
- 9 What was the first name of Jane Leeves' character in Frasier?
- 10 What is the term for the Asian dot of forehead colour?
- 11 LaGuardia Airport serves which city?
- 12 Which style of music with a syncopated rhythm is associated with composer Scott Joplin?
- 13 In which country is the Lada car made?
- 14 Which actor won an Oscar for his starring role in the 2008 film 'Milk'?
- 15 Which TV choirmaster formed The Military Wives Choir?
- 16 A Chinese boat & unsolicited mail are linked by which word?
- 17 In which town in South Wales is the Parc Y Scarlets' rugby stadium?
- 18 Which popular girls' comic featured The Four Marys?
- 19 What was the stage name of Ian Kilmister of Motorhead?
- 20 Which UK Prime Minister said "a week is a long time in politics"?



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TORPOINT EVENTS for Christian Aid:



COFFEE MORNING
9.30—11.30, SATURDAY 24th MAY

CREAM TEA—£5
2.00pm, MONDAY 26th MAY

PLEASE SUPPORT. Thank you



STREET PRAYERS

May's streets for our leaflet drop and prayers are:
Borough Court, Borough Farm, Borough Park, & Cremyll Road.

Please remember the people there in your prayers.

Thank you / Chris & Lynn



Finance

	OFFERTORY	BENEVOLENT FUND	TUESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES
March 30th	£311.50		£8.16
April 6th	£366.62		£8.92
April 13th	££226.00	£10.80	£5.50
April 20th	£373.00		£14.75

OTHER FINANCE:

REPAIR FUND

The Cake Stall at the March Street Market raised £189.41 so sincere thanks for the contributions. Each week now there is a Collection Box to enable you to contribute donations weekly. In the past we had an extra envelope for donations but it would be easier if you are able to put a small donation weekly in the Repair Donation Container.

The total raised to date is now:

£746.31

The Easter Offering Envelopes raised a total of £105.00.

Coffee Mornings raised:

29th March £125.60,
Tommy Carp 12th April £ 92.15,
19th April - £123.81.

Many thanks, Liz

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