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Cornerstone Church - Torpoint *NEWSLETTER*



JULY 2025





***We are holding cake sales to raise money for
our Building Repair Fund
outside Cornerstone at the Street Market on the
last Sunday of each month.***

***It would be wonderful if you could bake and
donate cakes for us to sell. If not, please come
along and buy one!***

PLEASE SUPPORT. Thank you—Claire & Duncan



**COFFEE MORNING
IN AID OF FOODBANK**

Saturday 26th July

Please support

ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

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| 1 | Which New York department store features in the 1934 film 'Miracle on 34th Street'? | <i>Macy's</i> |
| 2 | What, in tennis, is a service obstructed by the net? | <i>Let</i> |
| 3 | The lychee is a fruit from which country? | <i>China</i> |
| 4 | Which child star sang 'On the Good Ship Lollipop' in the 1934 film 'Bright Eyes'? | <i>Shirley Temple</i> |
| 5 | What were the initials of the former Soviet Secret Service? | <i>KGB</i> |
| 6 | What are the leisure shorts worn with braces popular with men and boys in Bavaria called? | <i>Lederhosen</i> |
| 7 | Which mid-Kent town has an international station? | <i>Ashford</i> |
| 8 | In UK road signs what does a red circle with a white horizontal bar forbid? | <i>Entry</i> |
| 9 | Who played Ronni Mitchell in East Enders? | <i>Samantha Womack</i> |
| 10 | Geronimo was a member of which Native American Tribe? | <i>Apache</i> |
| 11 | In which body of water are The Maldives? | <i>Indian Ocean</i> |
| 12 | Which small musical instrument did Larry Adler play? | <i>Harmonica</i> |
| 13 | What type of rock is associated with Blaenau Ffestiniog in North Wales? | <i>Slate</i> |
| 14 | Adam's Ale is a term for which liquid? | <i>Water</i> |
| 15 | Who was the original host of the series 'Room 101'? | <i>Nick Hancock</i> |
| 16 | Which district of South London is famous for its Common and Junction? | <i>Clapham</i> |
| 17 | In which county is Shepton Mallett? | <i>Somerset</i> |
| 18 | Who was Dudley Moore's 1960s comedy partner? | <i>Peter Cook</i> |
| 19 | Proverbially, what does 'a stitch in time' save? | <i>Nine</i> |
| 20 | In which country is Penang? | <i>Malaysia</i> |

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS, listed in order of urgency:
(as at 27 June)

- NOODLES
- TINNED CARROTS
- TINNED MUSHROOMS
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED SWEETCORN



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

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF:

- CHICKPEAS, CANNELLINI, KIDNEY, BAKED & 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.

LUNCH AT ST JAMES' CHURCH

MONDAY 14TH JULY

12.30pm

Two courses for £8

(See Brenda to book place)

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

Hi

At the latest Circuit Meeting held at Pennycross Methodist Church, Helen Pearce the District Social Justice Co-ordinator, gave a presentation about the biblical importance of social justice. Many of the biblical stories involve concern for the downtrodden, the poor, the ostracised, the weak, the marginalised. We discussed Ruth gleaning in the field of wheat, the woman caught in adultery, Jesus healing the leper and legion and many more. We engage with social justice because Jesus engages in social justice.



It struck me, however, that although we may see some issues of social justice in church, in reality our churches remain a safe comfortable place. Certainly, church as a sanctuary, a place of safety is important, and due regard needs to be given to make sure church remains a safe place. However, the more time we spend in our sanctuary, the less worldly issues we observe.

I watch and read the news, and I appreciate that for so many the world is a difficult place; wars and famine, and suppression. Although the global picture is more sensational, it is also more distant. It seems to me that we can have an interest in the global concerns, but most of Jesus' concern was with the immediate, the immediate in our local neighbourhood. The churches which are moving forward are those which are engaging with the issues on their doorsteps, or just over the threshold. I say just over the threshold because still for many the church threshold is too much for them to cross. Engaging with local social justice issues do not necessarily mean dealing with the bigger issues of homelessness or deprivation in our city, but in the smaller issues for our neighbours; not being able to get to the shops or feeling lonely or isolated.

So, I was encouraged to look at issues of social justice on my threshold and I encourage you also to see what is going on in the world around you. Get involved in issues of social justice, because Jesus did it first.

Blessings

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NOTICES FROM SANDRA:



Churches Together in Torpoint

Money raised for Christian Aid:

Coffee Morning on 24th May—£161

Cream Tea on 26th May—£312

A heartfelt thank you to all who baked, served, helped in any way;
and to all who came to support the event.

A good time was had by all!

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House Group Meetings—2nd and 9th July at 3.00pm

Usual venue

(Ask Sandra if you are not sure about attending)

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

DATE	PREACHER	WELCOMER	VESTRY	OPENING PRAYER
6th	Rev Edgar Daniel	Margaret Harrison	Eve Oates	EO
13th	John Ware	Lynn Rundle	Sandra Pratt	SP
20th	Paul Whitell	Ann Dean	Chris Cross	June Stockton
27th	Brian Hart	Marie Luscombe	Steve Martin	SM



ADVANCE NOTICE: Reminiscing Day, 20th September.

This is early notice of a Reminiscing and Gift Day we are organising for 20th September.

Did you go to Sunday School, Youth Club, or were part of the Football Team at the Congregational/URC Church in Rowe Street or the Methodist Church in Fore Street (now combined as Cornerstone Church)? Maybe you were married or baptised in these Churches?

We are hoping to make displays of past photos from both Churches: if you have any, please can we borrow them? If so, we would be pleased if you would contact Chris and/or Claire on the following email addresses for more information

chriscy47@gmail.com
clairebriggs@ymail.com

Thank you.

Chris Cross

DUTY LISTS

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

FLOWER ROTA DONATIONS - JULY	
6th	Brenda Noone
13th	Peter Verschoyle
20th	<i>Vacant</i>
27th	<i>Vacant</i>



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

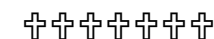
SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - JULY	
6th	Paulene Smith & Lorna Wilkins
13th	June Stockton & Jan Hall
20th	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
27th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins



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



Bible Study at Stoke Christian Centre:
open to all
Thursday 3rd & 10th July
from 10.30 - 11.45
Starting with tea/coffee and informal chat
Led by the Rev Edgar Daniel



BUILDING REPAIRS: FUNDRAISING NEWS

We have been awarded a Grant from Cornwall Historic Churches Trust of £9,000:

- Half when works start
- Half on completion
- To be claimed within 5 years.

Torpoint Town Council - Support

The Mayor has made Cornerstone Church one of the mayor's choice of charities for the year, which is wonderful news.

Liz and I continue to apply to trusts and foundations which award grants. I am approaching the Heritage Fund of the National Lottery among others. We cannot expect grants from everyone we apply to, but we will let you know in the newsletter as awards are promised.

Monthly donations from supporters inside and outside the church family are helping to push up our own fundraising. Thank you also to St James' Church who've kindly made donations to us in spite of their need to raise money for their own building repairs – many thanks. Cake sales and other fundraising events continue. Thank you for your baking and other support.
Keep up the good work.

Sandra

WHAT IS A GIFT DAY?

The Mission Group are planning a Reminiscing Day for September, and part of what will happen that day is that we will hold a Gift Day. We haven't held a Gift Day in many years, so what is a 'Gift Day'?

We need to raise a very large sum of money: over a hundred thousand pounds, and are actively making grant applications. A Gift Day is when we ask for public donations towards that amount which are usually far more substantial than the normal offering. The level of giving will show just how much your church means to you, and will help us raise more grants when it is realised just how committed we are to our Church.

First of all, we will be receiving donations via a card reader for the first time, so I need to update my knowledge Gift Aid-wise and am signed up for a course via Zoom in July.

Secondly, we need to get special Gift Day envelopes printed with the church name on, including a Gift Aid declaration, so we are waiting to ascertain the cost for that. You can also write your name and address on them if able to Gift Aid. For every hundred pounds donated, we get an extra twenty-five pounds back from Inland Revenue. **BUT**, and it is a big **BUT**, you have to have paid enough tax to do that. It will depend on how much tax you pay. If you Gift Aid and did not pay enough tax then the Tax Office will want you to pay back the shortfall. You can speak to Brenda or myself if you are not sure about this.

Like your weekly offering some can only afford £5 per week, thankfully half the congregation give between £10 and £20 each. What you are able to donate for the Gift Day is simply up to you. Our personal financial situations are vastly different, so you need to decide that for yourselves. On that morning Alistair Lowe will be in the Vestry to receive your gifts. He is bound by the same confidentiality as I am.

I will be ordering more Gift Day envelopes than we need for ourselves, so can you all ask your friends and neighbours if they are able to donate a small sum to help us swell that total? Please pray about this and do your best.

Many Thanks / Liz



- 1 Who was 'educated' in a 1950s radio series?
- 2 What is the unit of currency in Turkey?
- 3 Which small domestic fowl is also the name of a weight in boxing?
- 4 Which French term describes a pervasive feeling of boredom and languor?
- 5 Who played the title role in the 2006 film 'Marie Antoinette'?
- 6 November 2nd marks which Christian festival?
- 7 What four-letter term can describe both a bathing beach and an outdoor swimming pool?
- 8 Who sang the 1972 song 'Walk on the Wild Side'?
- 9 The TV series 'Downton Abbey' was created by which screenwriter?
- 10 What gymnastic apparatus has two rails, at different heights?
- 11 What name is given to a person who scavenges at low tide?
- 12 In the novel 'Moby Dick' who is the captain of the *Pequod*?
- 13 In which US state do the Amish mainly live?
- 14 What name is given to the checkerboard diamond pattern often used on socks?
- 15 In the TV series 'Last of the Summer Wine', what was Nora's surname?
- 16 Who is Roald Dahl's fictional champion of the world?
- 17 Which Irish town gives its name to a famous illuminated book of Latin Gospels?
- 18 Which fruit shares its name with the official form of the Chinese language?
- 19 What is the stiff bristle on an ear of barley called?
- 20 Emmental cheese originates from which country?

Summer Joys

I watched the brilliant sunrise
Kiss the deep blue sea,
As I walked in surf so pleasing,
Just my Lord and me.
I watched the children laughing,
Building castles in the sand,
As young couples smiled sweetly
Walking hand-in-hand.
Beach umbrellas lined up,
As far as I could see.
The sailboats and the freighters,
Sail so majestically.
A million broken seashells
Dot the sandy beach.
Horseshoe crabs – abundant,
Starfish within my reach.
This lovely summer morning
Makes me want to stay;
As I drink in Your creation,
God, I thank You for this day.

Mary Ann Jameson



STREET PRAYERS

July's streets for our leaflet drop and prayers are:
Adam's Close, Adam's Crescent & Clarence Road.

Please remember the people there in your prayers.

Thank you / Chris & Lynn



Finance

	OFFERTORY	BENEVOLENT FUND	TUESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES
May 25th	£176.00		£6.70
June 1st	£502.00		£13.95
June 8th	£326.80	£2.65	£7.69
June 15th	£242.60		£10.77
June 22nd	£197.00		£8.60

OTHER FINANCE

We raised £175.30 for Mercy Ships at the coffee morning on 31st May and £110.00 on 7th June in aid of Cornwall Historic Churches Trust. With the special event at Thanckes Park on the afternoon of 14th June the coffee morning was a very quiet one but Tommy Carp still raised £77.00.

We need more people prepared to help as we have now lost two valuable helpers, so please sign the rota. Plus can you kindly donate more Raffle Prizes; financial donations accepted as well.

The Cake Stall at the Street Market on the 25th May raised £170.75. Sincere thanks to everyone who is donating cakes to help raise funds. We have repair boxes stationed around, and every week people pop money in, so here are the totals raised from those boxes: on 25th May £34.10, 1st June £83.62, 8th June £38.50, 15th June £47.50 and on 22nd June £37.00.

We have now received our annual Gift Aid from the Tax Office so, thanks to all you lovely Gift-Aiders, we have received £3,383.88. Next year, after we receive your Gift Day amounts, we hope to raise even more. If you are a new taxpayer (as our pensions are now being taxed) then please speak to me and sign up. You do not give any more yourself but the amount of tax you paid on your contribution will come back to us.

Many thanks *Liz*

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