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Cornerstone Church - Torpoint
NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 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 MORNINGS IN AID OF:



**Action for Children
Saturday 6th September
& Torpoint Players**

Saturday 20th September

Please support these events



ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

- 1 Which aromatic spice is obtained from the shell of nutmegs? *Mace*
- 2 Where is a cummerbund worn? *Round the waist*
- 3 A marlin is what type of creature? *Fish*
- 4 Which compound is added to toothpaste? *Fluoride*
- 5 Which religion is associated with Krishna? *Hinduism*
- 6 Who sang the theme song to the TV series 'Dad's Army'? *Bud Flanagan*
- 7 Which area of Liverpool is home to the Grand National? *Aintree*
- 8 Jule Styne & Stephen Sondheim wrote which musical based on the true story of a famous striptease artist? *Gypsy*
- 9 What is the name of Porky Pig's famous cartoon duck companion? *Daffy Duck*
- 10 In the Middle Ages, what name was given to a person who studied the art and craft of turning base metal into gold? *Alchemist*
- 11 Who starred in the TV series 'Doctor Foster'? *Suranne Jones*
- 12 Which city of New York State shares its name with the American bison? *Buffalo*
- 13 What name is given to radioactive material produced by nuclear explosions? *Fallout*
- 14 The flowers of the laburnum tree are which colour? *Yellow*
- 15 Which overhead train system runs on one track? *Monorail*
- 16 How many players are there in a Volleyball team? *Six*
- 17 What word denotes a Mexican state & a small breed of dog? *Chihuahua*
- 18 What name is given to a piece of leather used for sharpening razors? *Strop*
- 19 The 1963 film 'The Great Escape' starred which actor as 'The Cooler King'? *Steve McQueen*
- 20 Which strongly flavoured blue-veined cheese is named after a Cambridgeshire village? *Stilton*

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

- BAKED BEANS & OTHER PULSES
- JAM
- PASTA SAUCE
- TINNED HAM
- TINNED STEWING STEAK OR MINCED BEEF
- SPAGHETTI HOOPS
- 1 LTR UHT LONG LIFE MILK CARTONS
- RICE PUDDING



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

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

Please note change of date from 15th:

The next lunch will be on 8th September

Bangers & Mash with onion gravy & seasonal vegetables

Plus choice of dessert—£8

(see Brenda if you wish to go)

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

Hi

Isn't it funny how we so easily see things from our own perspective and even when we get the chance to see it from another angle, we can't always change. For instance, when I'm cycling, I expect drivers to treat me with respect and give me adequate space when passing (highway code says 1.5m). I get cross when drivers cut me up. However, when I'm driving, I get frustrated when a cyclist gets in my way and is slowing me down and I might curse under my breath. When I'm in one head space I can't always see things from another angle, even when I have experienced things from that other angle.

And so, I think it might be the same with our church life. We all say things and do things at times from a position of emotional dysregulation, ie we are cross or frustrated or hurt... Such actions in themselves hurt others and we don't see it. And we need others to point it out, not again out of pain, or revenge or hurt, but with a sense of love that we all need to be and do things differently, because we all need to be more Christlike and we cannot do it on our own.

When Jesus faced the crowd that were about to stone the woman caught in adultery, (John Chapter 8) he stopped proceedings and allowed others to see the situation from another angle and then calmly wrote patterns in the sand to allow everyone space to reflect, non-judgementally. And so, this is where I think we need to be as a church, to acknowledge we have got things wrong, to see things from a different perspective and then to help each other become more Christlike. I too am sorry the times that I get things wrong and look at things in my short-sighted way, for whatever reason. We all need tp strive to see things not just from the other's perspective, but through the eyes of Jesus, and pray that we can all move towards being that little bit more Christlike each day.

Blessings

Al



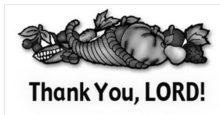
NOTICES FROM SANDRA:



Churches Together in Torpoint

We have completed another year of visiting Torpoint Nursery & Infant School each Tuesday morning to tell a Bible story from the 'Open the Book' initiative. A team of six of us from St James', Maryfield and Cornerstone find this is a great blessing to us. Please continue to hold us, the school staff and the children of the community in your prayers.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 21st September

Please bring your gifts on the day, or leave items in the Pearce Room.

(See Foodbank most needed items at the back of the Newsletter.)

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HOUSE GROUP

We are studying the Letter of James for the next 5 sessions.

In September we meet at 3pm on

Wednesdays 10th & 24th

All welcome - see Sandra if you have any questions.

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

DATE	PREACHER	WELCOMER	VESTRY	OPENING PRAYER
7th	Helen Pengelly	Margaret Harrison	Sandra Pratt	PS
14th	Rev D Middleton <u>Holy Communion</u> 2.30 St Budeaux closing service	Lynn Rundle	Chris Cross	June Stockton
21st	Harvest Festival	Ann Dean	Brenda Noone	BN
28th	Deniz Carey	Marie Luscombe	Steve Martin	SM
28th	4pm Circuit Service	at Elburton		



Reminiscing/Gift Day, 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 making displays of past photos from both Churches: if you have any, it's still not too late to lend them to us. If interested, we would be pleased if you would contact Chris and/or Claire on the following email addresses for more information:

chriscy47@gmail.com

clairewebbber@myyahoo.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 - SEPT.	
7th	Brenda Noone
14th	<i>Vacant</i>
21st	<i>Vacant</i>
28th	<i>Vacant</i>



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - SEPTEMBER	
7th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
14th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
21st	Jan Hall & Marie Luscombe
28th	Jan Hall & Lynn Rundle



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:
10.30am for a 10.45 start on Thurs 11th and 25th September

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BUILDING REPAIRS: FUNDRAISING NEWS

(keep an eye on the thermometer board in the doorway to see how local fundraising is going)

- In August we submitted an application to The National Churches' Trust and will hear back by November.
- In early September we are requesting money from the Methodist Circuit – we will know at the 4th September meeting if we are successful.
- We are preparing an application to the URC Church - answer timeframe unknown as yet.
- Please pray for each of these requests.

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Regular Weekly Prayer Time—Sundays at 10:15

Something which we can all do is pray for guidance and right decision making in the life of our church, both as regards the future of our church building and our service to our community.

We will keep up a time of prayer before worship at 10:15. Please try and join in once a month or as often as you can. We will gather at the back left-hand corner of the worship area.

Thank you/ S

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Closing Service for St Budeaux Methodist Church

Please note that this service being held by our friends at St Budeaux is on Sunday afternoon, 2.30pm, 14th September. We wish them every blessing on their future path.

Sandra



DISPOSAL OF OUR CHAIRS

If you would like to have one of our blue chairs as a keepsake you are most welcome. These will be available until 14th September after which we take delivery of the chairs from St Budeaux. Only the chairs without arms are available at present as we must keep a supply of armchairs

Chris Cross, Church Secretary

CORNWALL HOSPICE CARE

Community Services

A poster from Cornwall Hospice Care is on the noticeboard in the coffee lounge regarding a wide range of services they have on offer, including:



Bereavement Support by telephone and/or groups.

www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk/our-community-services/bereavement-support/

Palliative Support and Advice; Self Help Resources

Volunteering for Community Services

www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk/volunteer/volunteer-roles/

All of their services are FREE for everyone to access, no previous connection with Cornwall Hospice Care is required. Call 01726 829874 for more information, or visit the website

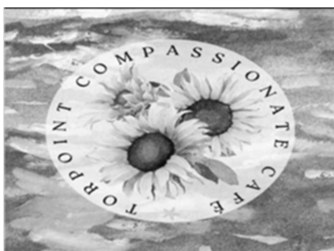
<https://www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk/our-care/how-we-support-you/>



- 1 Which English dynasty began with Henry VII and ended with Elizabeth I?
- 2 Lowestoft is in which county?
- 3 Which saint is celebrated on 14 February?
- 4 'Coz I Luv You' was the first UK no1 for which band?
- 5 What time of day does the adjective 'crepuscular' refer to?
- 6 Name the river crossed by ferryman Charon in Greek mythology.
- 7 Name the fleshy hanging part at the back of the soft palate.
- 8 'Cuthbert, Dibble and Grubb' are firemen in which fictitious town?
- 9 What is conscription called in the USA?
- 10 What is the national language of Pakistan?
- 11 Who took over John Nettles as Midsomer's Inspector Barnaby?
- 12 Which parasitic plant is associated with kissing at Xmas?
- 13 A macchiato is what type of drink?
- 14 What was the name of the central family in 'The Godfather'?
- 15 What term is given to a touchdown in rugby?
- 16 What is a proviso or part of a sentence?
- 17 What was the 'Black Bottom', popular in the US in the 1920s?
- 18 Mount Ararat is in which country?
- 19 Which wedding anniversary is celebrated with china?
- 20 What is the main ingredient of guacamole?

The Torpoint Compassionate café

offers a friendly space for people to gain support who are bereaved/living with loss or who are caring for someone with a terminal or life limiting illness or long-term health condition



MEETS EVERY 1st and 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH
AT THE TORPOINT MOSQUITO SAILING CLUB
between 12.30-14.00

(No need to be a member or to book)
Email: TorpointCompassionatecafé@gmail.com;
[facebook@Torpointcompassionate café](https://www.facebook.com/Torpointcompassionatecafé)

FREE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



STREET PRAYERS

September's streets for our leaflet drop and prayers are:
Buller Close, Buller Road and Carbeile Road.

Please remember the people there in your prayers.

Thank you / Chris & Lynn



Finance

	OFFERTORY	BENEVOLENT FUND	TUESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES
July 27th	£217.00		£7.38
August 3rd	£548.00		£16.50
August 10th	£182.00		£8.10
August 17th	£202.00		£10.60
August 24th	£218.05		£8.30

REPAIR DONATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER: The biggest sums raised were £163.35 at the Lions Fayre and £207.26 at the Street Market. We also received a donation of £150.00 and the coffee morning total was £142.50. The rest came from the boxes and small amounts of spare cash; mainly 5ps & bronze + £51.56 taken by the Square Card Reader.

Total raised up to 24th August—£3,550.92

GIFT DAY: Nobody likes a treasurer to mention money but at times it is necessary and Gift Day is fast approaching. You can of course donate anytime. The biggest donor to date has paid sums monthly and that donation has now amounted to £450.00. Please be as generous as you can. Each one of us has to decide the amount for ourselves, and we are all aware that finance is different for each of us. Hopefully the sum raised will show those we are applying to for grants exactly what our church means to us.

If you Gift Aid you must have paid enough tax for us to claim money back from the Tax Office. If you have a query about that then please speak to me. Only write the address on the Gift Aid envelope if you are a tax payer. If you donate one hundred pounds you must have paid £25 in income tax during the year; two hundred is £50 in tax, etc. If you haven't paid enough Income Tax then the Tax Office will ask you to repay that sum of money.

Just do your best.

Many thanks *Liz*

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