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*Cornerstone Church - Torpoint*  
*NEWSLETTER*



**AUGUST 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  
Church Mission Society  
(the Grace & Festus project)**

**Saturday 16th August**

**& Torpoint Town Twinning Association**

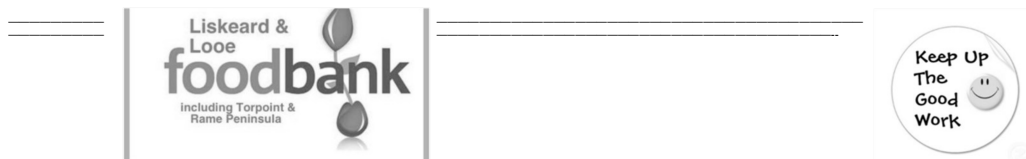
**Saturday 30th August**

**Please support these events**



## ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

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



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

- **BAKED BEANS**
- **JAM**
- **PASTA SAUCE**
- **TINNED MEAT**
- **SPAGHETTI HOOPS**



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

**WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF:**

- **CHICKPEAS, CANNELLINI, 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.

**LUNCH AT ST JAMES' CHURCH**

**Thanks to everyone who was at the lunch on 14th July and enjoyed the lovely lasagna & desserts!**

**The next lunch will be on 15th September**

**More details next month.**

**LETTER FROM THE MINISTER**

One last offering from Rev Verity Phillips as she moves to the West Midlands

Dear Friends

Already this is my final letter. Where did those few months go? In delight and joy and wonder ...

As I look to taking up a new station in September, I find myself reflecting deeply on what it means to be a Christian leader. We look to leaders to guide us, and perhaps to put things in place which make it possible for us to do what we want. It can be tempting to raise them high above the ground, making it hard for them to function for fear of falling. At other times it's tempting to expect them to do everything for us, so we can relax. Neither extreme is ideal. Human leaders are human.

The kind of leadership Jesus showed was thoughtful, slow to speak, and unafraid. But it was always kind and inclusive, lifting the vulnerable, welcoming the unexpected, washing tired feet. The challenges were reserved mainly for the powerful and those who thought they knew best.

Every single person is a leader some of the time. They may be the leader at work, or in the family, or at an interest group, or among a group of friends. They may be a leader without knowing it to those who notice how they treat other people. It may not be until our obituary that the full picture of how our life has led others will emerge. How we lead says a lot about who we really are.

What kind of leader do we hope for? The servant who encourages others to shine, or the Mediaeval king, divinely appointed to the throne? The indulgently gracious and forgiving welcomer, or s/he who must be obeyed? The one I follow was a wounded healer, who entered our brokenness and changed everything within for the better. Who do you follow? How then will you lead?

With every blessing

Verity x



## 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 seven 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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We are not meeting in August: we will resume twice monthly meetings in September.

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

DATE	PREACHER	WELCOMER	VESTRY	OPENING PRAYER
3rd	'Songs of Praise'	Margaret Harrison	Paulene Smith	PS
10th	Nigel Norris	Lynn Rundle	Eve Oates	EO
17th	Rev John Mills	Ann Dean	Chris Cross	June Stockton
24th	Teresa White	Marie Luscombe	Steve Martin	SM
31st	Rev Al Lowe (Holy Communion)	Paulene Smith	Brenda Noone	BN



### **ADVANCE NOTICE: Reminiscing Day, 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

This is early notice of a Reminiscing and Gift Day we are organising for 20<sup>th</sup> 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

[chris47@gmail.com](mailto:chris47@gmail.com)  
[clairebriggs@ymail.com](mailto: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

<b>FLOWER ROTA DONATIONS - AUGUST</b>	
3rd	<i>Vacant</i>
10th	Claire Briggs
17th	Betty Begbie
24th	<i>Vacant</i>
31st	<i>Vacant</i>



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

<b>SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - AUGUST</b>	
3rd	Paulene Smith & Jan Hall
10th	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
17th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
24th	June Stockton & Jan Hall
31st	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 the team.  
*Thank you*



### **Bible Study at Stoke Christian Centre:**

*As with our own house group, these will have an August recess too.*

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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)*

A couple more grant applications have been made. But the advice from two of the grant issuing bodies has been to wait until we have raised a larger percentage of the funds needed. We are doing very well in fundraising locally and building relationships with the Town Council which helps a great deal when we apply for grants.

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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,

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.

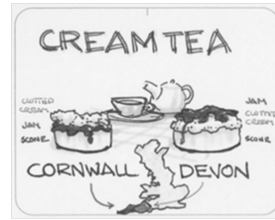
Like your weekly offering some can only afford £5 per week, thankfully half the congregation give between £10 and £20 each. What you are able to donate for the Gift Day is simply up to you. Our personal financial situations are vastly different, so you need to decide that for yourselves. On that morning 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 Which aromatic spice is obtained from the shell of nutmegs?
- 2 Where is a cummerbund worn?
- 3 A marlin is what type of creature?
- 4 Which compound is added to toothpaste?
- 5 Which religion is associated with Krishna?
- 6 Who sang the theme song to the TV series 'Dad's Army'?
- 7 Which area of Liverpool is home to the Grand National?
- 8 Jule Styne & Stephen Sondheim wrote which musical based on the true story of a famous striptease artist?
- 9 What is the name of Porky Pig's famous cartoon duck companion?
- 10 In the Middle Ages, what name was given to a person who studied the art and craft of turning base metal into gold?
- 11 Who starred in the TV series 'Doctor Foster'?
- 12 Which city of New York State shares its name with the American bison?
- 13 What name is given to radioactive material produced by nuclear explosions?
- 14 The flowers of the laburnum tree are which colour?
- 15 Which overhead train system runs on one track?
- 16 How many players are there in a Volleyball team?
- 17 What word denotes a Mexican stage & a small breed of dog?
- 18 What name is given to a piece of leather used for sharpening razors?
- 19 The 1963 film 'The Great Escape' starred which actor as 'The Cooler King'?
- 20 Which strongly flavoured blue-veined cheese is named after a Cambridgeshire village?



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
A CREAM TEA AFTERNOON WITH  
METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN, SE CORNWALL,  
AT BEALBURY METHODIST CHURCH  
NR ST MELLION

2.00-4.00PM  
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST

*ALL WELCOME*

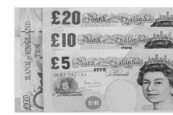


### STREET PRAYERS

August's streets for our leaflet drop and prayers are:  
Carew Terrace, Carew Wharf and Chapeldown Road.

Please remember the people there in your prayers.

*Thank you / Chris & Lynn*



## Finance

	OFFERTORY	BENEVOLENT FUND	TUESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES
June 29th	£199.00		£14.70
July 6th	£384.50	£8.50	£8.20
July 13th	£217.00		£14.40
July 20th	£207.00		£15.10

### OTHER FINANCE:

### REPAIR DONATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:-

Donation £100.00

Repair Boxes £79.26

Street Market £183.30

Square Card Reader £11.78

Repair Boxes £73.00

Repair Boxes £34.40

Coffee Morning £114.50

Repair Boxes £42.00

**Total on 20th July £2,570.98**

The Coffee Morning for Church Funds on 28th June raised £93.80 and on July 19th we raised £94.90. Please keep an eye on the rota and volunteer. We are seeing more and more new folk coming in.

Many thanks *Liz*

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