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Cornerstone Church - Torpoint

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1	What was the nickname of Wellington who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo?	*The Iron Duke*
2	What is the collective name for plants of the heather family?	*Erica*
3	Who, in folklore, pulled a thorn from the paw of a lion?	*Androcles*
4	In which European country is the city of Bilbao?	*Spain*
5	What is the common name of nitrous oxide?	*Laughing Gas*
6	In which city can you visit HMS Victory?	*Portsmouth*
7	Which actor starred in the 1967 film, 'Half a Sixpence'?	*Tommy Steele*
8	What is the name of the *David Copperfield* character who optimistically expects that "something will turn up"?	*Mr Micawber*
9	Which town in south-east England is famed for its Ford car factory?	*Dagenham*
10	What word describes a building officially designated as historically or culturally significant?	*Listed*
11	Which Italian city is capital of the Lombardy region?	*Milan*
12	What is the study of the nature of God and religion?	*Theology*
13	What is the term for a fear of spiders?	*Arachnophobia*
14	Who sang the 1966 hit, *When a Man Loves a Woman*?	*Percy Sledge*
15	The Pilgrim Fathers sailed from which port in 1620?	*Plymouth*
16	Mayonnaise mixed with ketchup is the basis for which sauce?	*Thousand Island Dressing*
17	What term is given to a male duck?	*Drake*
18	Name the character of Trevor Eve in the TV series *Waking the Dead.*	*Peter Boyd*
19	Cabbage belongs to which plant genus?	*Brassica*
20	In which US state is the region of Death Valley?	*California*

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



- **Pasta sauces**
- **Biscuits**
- **Long life milk**
- **Tinned spaghetti**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Washing powder**
- **Washing up liquid**
- **Coffee**

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

Food is distributed from a room at the side entrance of Cornerstone Church, in Quarry Street. Sessions are from 10.30-13.30 on Wednesdays, 1.30pm-16.00pm on Thursdays and 09.30-12.30 on Fridays.

Foodbank currently need helpers and anyone wishing to volunteer would be most welcome. Please pop into a session for further information.

Thank you

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER



Hi,

Jesus was not worried about global warming - it wasn't a thing then. In fact, Jesus talks about how predictable the weather is (Matt 16:2-4). However, that does not mean that we, followers of Jesus, should not be concerned that the climate is changing, and changing it is. This summer I don't need a weather scientist to tell me there is something happening here. We've had the biggest drought in years (maybe even living memory) and there may be more to come and the consequences are clear. I travelled up to Edinburgh a couple of weeks ago and looking out of the train window I could see yellow fields, when last time I travelled, I could see green, lush fields. It was really disheartening not to see farm animals in the fields because the farmers were keeping them indoors. Even more shocking to see that, what cows and sheep were in the fields, they were grazing on dust!

Many years ago (over twenty), when I had a proper job, I remember talking to a colleague and we commented that people won't take environmental issues seriously until there is no food on their table; and then it will be too late. We are hearing from farmers that there will be a reduced harvest this year, lower yields and, in some cases, no yield at all. Food prices will go up, and that is the rub - global warming will have the biggest impact on those who have the least. The rich who travel on private jets across the world, do not pay for the impact of their emissions.

Some of us may say, "Well, so what? What can I do?" Or "I've not got long in this world, so what does it matter?" You may not leave anything in the world but your legacy and that should be whatever Christ would have you do to make the world a better place. Partly, it is about reducing our own emissions but more importantly, it is about influencing others and in particular world leaders, that saving the planet is the biggest priority for the world.

So, as we approach our harvest festivals this year please bear these questions in mind: How can I reduce my impact on the environment by reducing consumption? Which friends and neighbours can I persuade to do things differently; maybe not fly on their next holiday? Who can I write to (politicians, world leaders) to facilitate change? But, more importantly, praying, praying for changed hearts and minds that the world will be changed.



Blessings

Al

Notices from Sandra:

Lights Off & Signing Out Procedure

The person who is last to leave the building, who signs out and locks up, please just check the lights are off in the kitchen and elsewhere. We have had lights left on a couple of times last month. Thank you.

Messy Church

Thanks for the two donations helping towards covering refreshments and craft item costs. Thanks to our team of willing helpers. Each week has been a good session enjoyed by children, adults and helpers alike.

We had 9 children and 12 adults, week one

5 children and 9 adults, week two

6 children and 9 adults, week three.

10 children and 15 adults, week four.

Harvest Festival 20th September

Led by Rev Darren Middleton

All Welcome - invite your friends and family

Harvest gifts of fresh produce on the day please.

For dry/tinned goods see newsletter for items most needed by Foodbank.
Please bring the week before to add to our display, or on the day.
Thank you.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES (10.30am unless otherwise stated) AND DUTY HELPERS				
Date	Preacher	Welcomer	Vestry	Opening Prayer
6th	Helen Pengelly	Marie Luscombe	Chris Cross	June S
13th	Suzy Weston	Ann Dean	Sandra Pratt	SP
20th	Rev Darren Middleton *Harvest Festival & Holy Communion*	Margaret Harrison	Paulene Smith	PS
27th	Sue Bolt	Lorna Wilkins	Steve Martin	SM



We are holding cake sales to raise money for our Building Repair Fund.

Although these will not be available at the Street Markets at the moment, we are appealing, instead, for baked goods at our Saturday Coffee Morning on 12th September.

PLEASE SUPPORT - Thank you / Claire & Duncan

DUTY LISTS

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

FLOWER ROTA DONATIONS—SEPTEMBER	
6th	Brenda Noone
13th	*Vacant*
20th	*HARVEST FESTIVAL*
27th	*Vacant*



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - SEPTEMBER	
6th	June Stockton & 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*

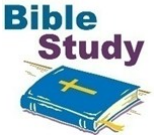


House Group

at 3.00pm, Wednesday 9th & 23rd of September

We resume on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month

This term we will be studying John's gospel - all welcome.
Ask Sandra for venue and any other information.



Bible Study at Stoke Christian Centre:

10.30am for a 10.45 start on Thursday 10th & 24th September
led by Rev Edgar Daniel.



Please note that the draft minutes of the last church meeting held on 23rd August are displayed on the noticeboard in the vestibule.



~The Beauty Of Friendship~

Friendship is a Priceless Gift,
It cannot be bought or sold;
But its value is far greater,
Than a mountain made of Gold.
For gold is cold and lifeless,
It can neither see nor hear;
And in the time of trouble,
It is powerless to cheer.
It has no ears to listen,
Nor heart to understand.
It cannot bring you comfort,
Or reach out a helping hand.
So when you ask God for a gift,
Be thankful if He sends ...
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,
But the Love of Real True Friends.

~Helen Steiner Rice~



QUIZ TIME

1 Who was the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo?

2 Which singer had a hit in 2000 with ‘On a Night Like This’?

3 Which mound-building insect is also known as the white ant?

4 What type of food is focaccia?

5 Which gas makes up about 21% of the earth’s atmosphere?

6 Which actor starred as James Stevens in the 1993 film ‘The Remains of the Day’?

7 Who wrote Lady Chatterley’s Lover?

8 On which English river is Evesham situated?

9 Which French word is applied to the design and making of clothes to customers’ requirements?

10 What name is given to a musical piece such as ‘Nessun Dorma’?

11 According to legend, which lady rode naked through the streets of Coventry?

12 Which international airport has the code MIA?

13 Which wealthy industrialist was portrayed by Leonardo Di-Caprio in the 2004 film ‘The Aviator’?

14 Which 20th Century word was coined to describe promotional copy for a book or film?

15 How many ‘Tribes’ took Frankie Goes to Hollywood to the top of the charts in 1984?

16 Which ocean lies to the east of South Africa?

17 What was the surname of Ralph Waldo, the American philosopher and poet?

18 In which county is Weston-Super-Mare?

19 Which 1970s TV series starred John Thaw & Dennis Waterman?

20 What is the common name for the tympanum?

CAFÉ ABUNDANCE

Lunch Time

CAFÉ ABUNDANCE

Lunch—Main Course + Dessert

at 12.30pm in St James' Church Hall

Monday 14th September

(PAY WHAT YOU CAN)





PRAYERS FOR OUR TOWN

Even though there is no longer a monthly street leaflet drop, please continue to remember the folk within your own street, and the people of the town in general, in your prayers.

Thank you





Finance

	OFFERTORY	BENEVOLENT FUND	TUESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES
July 26th	£391.00		21.50
August 2nd	£531.00		19.50
August 9th	£201.00		14.00
August 16th	£378.00		14.38
August 23rd	£262.00	£8.50	10.00
	£1,763.00	£8.50	£79.38

On 1st August we held the Coffee Morning for the Repair Fund and with Claire and Duncan unavailable we had a Cake Stall and raised £257.96. We need to have the Cake Stall again this month so on 12th September please come with your lovely baked goodies that Saturday.

Currently the Repair Fund total raised is now

£19,744.61

The Methodist Church supports Action for Children and we have a Coffee Morning on 5th September. The collecting boxes for those who have them are due in and donations are also welcome. Please donate if able.

We have received the Gift Aid due which amounted to £3,097.57 and now received the Gift Aid Small Donations total of £1,990.00. If you pay Income Tax we are able to claim that back on the Offering that you give. You will need an envelope for that. If you want to know more please speak to me. It is a painless way to raise church income.

Many thanks / Liz

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10 a.m. until 11 Drop In Open	**2** 10.30 a.m. to 13.30 Foodbank	**3** 1.30 - 4 Foodbank **7.30 p.m. Circuit Meeting at Woodford**	**4** 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 Foodbank	**5** 9.30 a.m. Coffee Morning in aid of Action for Children
6 10.30 a.m. Helen Pengelly	**7** Choir 7 p.m.	**8** 10 a.m. until 11 Drop In Open	**9** 10.30 - to 13.30 Foodbank **3 p.m.** **House Group**	**10** 10.45—Bible Study at Stoke. 1.30 - 4 Foodbank	**11** 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 Foodbank	**12** 9.30 a.m. Coffee Morning & Cake Stall in aid of Church Repair Fund
13 10.30 a.m. Suzy Weston	**14** 12.30—Café Abundance at St James' Hall Choir 7 p.m.	**15** 10 a.m. until 11 Drop In Open	**16** 10.30 a.m. to 13.30 Foodbank	**17** 1.30 - 4 Foodbank	**18** 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 Foodbank	**19** 9.30 a.m. Coffee Morning in aid of Torpoint Players
20 Harvest Festival 10.30 a.m. Darren Middleton +Holy Communion	**21** Choir 7 p.m. **Notices for October are required by today please**	**22** 10 a.m. until 11 Drop In Open	**23** 10.30 - 13.30 Foodbank **3 p.m.** **House Group**	**24** 10.45—Bible Study at Stoke. 1.30 - 4 Foodbank	**25** 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 Foodbank	**26** 9.30 a.m. Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds
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