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Cornerstone Church - Torpoint

NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2026



ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1	How is the domestic cavy better known?	*Guinea Pig*
2	Which British painter (b. 1922) was the grandson of Sigmund Freud?	*Lucien Freud*
3	From which fish is caviar obtained?	*Sturgeon*
4	What type of creature is a howler?	*Monkey*
5	Who were the founders of the city-state Tenochtitlan?	*Aztecs*
6	Which 1969 Ken Loach film centres around a boy and his pet bird?	*Kes*
7	Which region of France forms a peninsula between the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel?	*Brittany*
8	'Rock the Casbah' was a 1982 single by which group?	*The Clash*
9	Which famous piece of needlework shows the Norman Conquest?	*Bayeux Tapestry*
10	Which hymn begins with the words 'And did those feen in ancient time'?	*Jerusalem*
11	Who was Bailey's partner in the famous American circus?	*Barnum*
12	What was the name of Lynda Baron's character in 'Open All Hours'?	*Nurse Gladys Emmanuel*
13	Who commanded China's Long March in the 1930s?	*Mao Zedong*
14	'Cider with Rosie' is an autobiographical novel by which author?	*Laurie Lee*
15	Which US state is known as the 'Lone Star State'?	*Texas*
16	Which former US Secretary of State shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973?	*Henry Kissinger*
17	Who recorded the 1976 album 'Songs in the Key of Life'?	*Stevie Wonder*
18	Acetylsalicylic acid is the scientific name for which common painkiller?	*Aspirin*
19	Which alloy is a mixture of copper and tin?	*Bronze*
20	Which letters indicate that a reply to a letter is required?	*RSVP*

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS, listed in order of urgency: (as at 23 July)



- **Pasta Sauces**
- **Shower gel**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Deodorant, men/women**
- **Tea/Coffee**

Thank you

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 09.30-12.30 on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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



Hi

Isn't it hot, well it is at the time of writing. In the last month I've driven around the UK and across to France and the temperature outside the car has often exceeded 37 degrees C, quite unprecedented, especially as most of the summer holidays I remember as a child involved shivering on wind swept beaches. At times the heat feels too intense - too hot to do anything, and too hot to sleep. It makes daily life quite hard, especially as we are not used to it.

However, I am mindful that these temperatures are of biblical proportions. I am aware that such temperatures are normal during the hot summer period in the Middle East and at times in the desert. Stories of Abraham and Sarah walking in the desert, and Moses leading God's people away from Egypt can be appreciated all the more because we now experience a similar intensity of heat. Much of Jesus' ministry was outside: feeding the five thousand; the Sermon on the Mount. His very crucifixion was perhaps at a time when there was significant heat in the day. Jesus may have died from dehydration as much as blood loss. The events of the world around us, gives us opportunities to see the Gospel story from new perspectives - this is why it is the Living Word.

But the living Gospel is always a social gospel - it is one which challenges the way we live. For at least the last forty years (I just know because it was on the curriculum at university) concerns about the changing environment have been raised and increasingly the consequences are becoming real, and still we are not changing how we look after the environment. I remember saying thirty years ago that until there was no food on the table, folk won't change their behaviours and then it will be too late. There is still food on the table so it doesn't look like there will be any change soon, but it does feel like it is too late to reverse the crisis. I still have to confess that I drive too much, even if I can manage to cycle more locally.

So, help me: pray for a global change of heart.

Blessings

Al

Notices from Sandra:

Extract from letter from Sarah Crossland of National Churches Trust re our video and submission for their prize competition:

"I just wanted to let you know that our letters and emails to Friends regarding the Friends Award Vote have now gone out and the votes are starting to come in. There is still time for new members to join and vote.

You can see the voting page here:
https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/friendsvote2026

Please do share with anyone you know is a Friend of the National Churches Trust or might be interested in becoming a Friend in order to vote (there is a link to join on the page).

Thank you. SC"

Extract from Letter of Kathy Pope, County Ecumenical Officer of Churches Together in Cornwall:

Creation Fest—is celebrating its 25th summer festival from 6th to 9th August. *The four-day, family-friendly Christian celebration of music, faith, and community will be held at the Royal Cornwall Events Centre (Royal Cornwall Showground) in Wadebridge*. Come and say hello at the **Churches Together in Cornwall** stand.
[NB—Open for day visitors on Saturday 8th.]

Churches Together in England have recently published a report called 'Kingdom over Nation'. In the introduction Shermara Hoyte, (Principal Officer at Churches Together in England for Pentecostal, Charismatic and Multicultural Relations) describes the report as: *'a resource shaped by voices from across the ecumenical landscape including Pentecostal, Catholic, Anglican, Charismatic, and Free Church traditions, as well as theological think tanks. Contributors have come together to reflect on the rise of nationalism and Christian nationalism, drawing on local, national and international perspectives, and offering theological reflection that is both grounded and pastorally attentive'.*https://cte.org.uk/?s=kingdom+over+nation.

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

Date	Preacher	Welcomer	Vestry	Opening Prayer
2nd	Nigel Norris	Marie Luscombe	Sandra Pratt	SP
9th	Keith Angilley	Ann Dean	Chris Cross	June S
16th	Bev Smerdon	Margaret Harrison	Paulene Smith	PS
23rd	Rev Al Lowe Holy Communion & short church mtg.	Sandra Pratt	Steve Martin	SM
30th	Rev Colin Phipps	Paulene Smith	Brenda Noone	BN



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 end of July and August, we are appealing, instead, for baked goods at our Saturday Coffee Morning on 1st August.

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—AUGUST	
2nd	*Vacant*
9th	*Vacant*
16th	*Betty Begbie*
23rd	*Vacant*
30th	*Vacant*



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - AUGUST	
2nd	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
9th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
16th	Jan Hall & Marie Luscombe
23rd	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
30th	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*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TORPOINT

Volunteers are needed for the 'Open the Book' team, reading Bible stories to children in school. DBS check and a half-day training session are required.

Churches Together in Torpoint Committee need new members. Annabel is moving on in September and she has been our rock for several years.
See Sandra if you want to learn more.

Sandra



Messy Church—every Wednesday during August:

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

From 2.00-4.00pm

(see poster on page 2)

OUR HOUSE GROUP
+ BIBLE STUDY AT STOKE CHRISTIAN CENTRE:

Both meetings are having a summer break and will return in September.







QUIZ TIME

1 What was the nickname of Wellington who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo?

2 What is the collective name for plants of the heather family?

3 Who, in folklore, pulled a thorn from the paw of a lion?

4 In which European country is the city of Bilbao?

5 What is the common name of nitrous oxide?

6 In which city can you visit HMS Victory?

7 Which actor starred in the 1967 film, ‘Half a Sixpence’?

8 What is the name of the *David Copperfield* character who optimistically expects that “something will turn up”?

9 Which town in south-east England is famed for its Ford car factory?

10 What word describes a building officially designated as historically or culturally significant?

11 Which Italian city is capital of the Lombardy region?

12 What is the study of the nature of God and religion?

13 What is the term for a fear of spiders?

14 Who sang the 1966 hit, *When a Man Loves a Woman*?

15 The Pilgrim Fathers sailed from which port in 1620?

16 Mayonnaise mixed with ketchup is the basis for which sauce?

17 What term is given to a male duck?

18 Name the character of Trevor Eve in the TV series *Waking the Dead.*

19 Cabbage belongs to which plant genus?

20 In which US state is the region of Death Valley?

CAFÉ ABUNDANCE

Lunch Time

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Lunch at 12.30pm in St James' Church Hall

Monday 10th August

(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
June 28th	£286.00		£18.80
July 5th	£492.00	£2.00	£12.10
July 12th	£250.00		£10.00
July 19th	£363.00		£13.67
	£1,391.00	£2.00	£54.57

Last month's Street Market raised £115.69 and the Repair Fund Coffee Morning raised £131.50. The Tombola stall at the Lions' Fayre raised £120.96. The rest of this month's income came from the various repair boxes dotted around.

Currently, the Repair Fund total raised is:

£19,283.15

Our Church Coffee Mornings raised:
£146.47 on 27th June. We were really busy that day as there were just three of us.

On July 4th we raised £116.50; again just three of us.

And on July 18th £114.10; four of us that week.

Again, can you please offer help? Having a dishwasher from around 10 a.m. would be of great assistance. We also need raffle prizes so if you could provide one or two this would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, Liz

✝ AUGUST 2026 ✝

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	27 Lady Singers 7 p.m.	**28** 10 a.m. until 11 Drop In Open. 2 p.m. Funeral Please come and support the family	**29**	**30**	**31** **WEDS & FRI** **9.30 am** **FoodBank open.**	**1** 9.30 a.m. Coffee Morning in aid of the Church Repair Fund
2 10.30 a.m. Nigel Norris	**3**	**4** 10 a.m. until 11 Drop In Open	**5** **2 pm to 4 pm** **MESSY CHURCH**	**6**	**7** **WEDS & FRI** **9.30 a.m.** **FoodBank open.**	**8** 9.30 a.m. Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds
9 10.30 a.m. Keith Angilley	**10**	**11** 10 a.m. until 11 Drop In Open	**12** **2 pm to 4 pm** **MESSY CHURCH**	**13**	**14** **WEDS & FRI** **9.30 a.m.** **FoodBank open.**	**15** 9.30 a.m. Coffee Morning in aid of St James'
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23 10.30 a.m. Rev Alistair Lowe Holy Communion & Short Church Meeting	**24** Lady Singers 7 p.m. **Notices for September are required by today please**	**25** 10 a.m. until 11 Drop In Open	**26** **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** **MESSY CHURCH**	**27**	**28** **WEDS & FRI** **9.30 a.m.** **FoodBank open.**	**29** 9.30 a.m. Coffee Morning in aid of the Twinning Association
30 10.30 a.m. Rev Colin Phipps	**31**					