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Cornerstone Church - Torpoint

NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2026

Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own,
but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing,
put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for you
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you
or brought low for you.
Let me be full,
let me be empty.
Let me have all things,
let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all
things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

JOHN WESLEY

ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1	The spicy soup Mulligatawny originated in which country?	*India*
2	From whom do all Jews trace their ancestry?	*Abraham*
3	Which clergyman created Thomas the Tank Engine?	*Rev W Audry*
4	Which date in Spring is traditionally seen as the day to play pranks?	*April 1st*
5	In which fairground game are wooden balls thrown at a dummy?	*Aunt Sally*
6	Who was the comic strip hero Dan Dare's arch enemy?	*The Mekon*
7	What name is given to a narrow strip of land connecting two areas?	*Isthmus*
8	Which UK Prime Minister was in office on Black Wednesday?	*Sir John Major*
9	Which Tolkien heroine did Liv Tyler play in Lord of the Rings?	*Arwen*
10	What is one circuit of a track in a race called?	*Lap*
11	What term is given to a column made from a single stone?	*Monolith*
12	Who wrote the 1969 autobiography 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings'?	*Maya Angelou*
13	In the adage, what sort of hands does the devil find work for?	*Idle*
14	What is the first name of Woody Guthrie's folk singer son?	*Arlo*
15	English singer Alphie Boe (b 1973) is from which county?	*Lancashire*
16	What type of food is a bloomer?i	*Bread*
17	Indicating an anonymous party in a US court case, what is the surname of John?	*Doe*
18	Which dessert has a French name meaning froth?	*Mousse*
19	What word can mean a Turkish commander or a brand of cooker?	*Aga*
20	Which Christmas song features 'one horse open sleigh'?	*Jingle Bells*

Liskeard & Looe foodbank including Torpoint & Rame Peninsula

Keep Up The Good Work

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS, listed in order of urgency: (as at 18 December)



- **1 ltr UHT Milk**
- **Deodorant**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Tea or coffee**
- **Tinned Veg**

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF BOTTLES OF SQUASH, BAKED BEANS & TENA PADS

Thank you

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

From January, food is distributed from a room at the side entrance of **Cornerstone Church**, Quarry Street. Sessions are from 09.30-12.30 on Wednesdays.

Anyone wishing to volunteer would be most welcome and should pop into one of the sessions for further information.

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER



Hi

Happy New Year!

I say "New" not because the number of my calendar changes, but new in terms of a different world, one that goes beyond happy, to words such as fulfilled, just or transformed.

Coming to the end of 2025, I look at the world and wonder is it any different to the end of 2024. We still have wars, we still have terror related attacks, we still have anger on our streets and roads. There is still a shortage of houses and its impact on vulnerable people such as the homeless or those living in high cost, low value accommodation. Social media and now AI still has a significant negative impact on what people seem able to say. You only have to look at the weather to see that some things seem to change for the negative.

And yet locally, I see things moving. Churches reaching out to their communities in new ways. Churches selling buildings which are too difficult to manage and others working together to raise money for difficult building projects. I see folk stepping up to take on other responsibilities like Lay Pastor roles. I see new faces in church.

But from a Christian perspective, a new year starts with us as individuals. Christ, who came down at Christmas, came to change hearts and minds and the more we are transformed, the more the world around us is transformed. The more we have concern for others, and indeed those who we most struggle with, the more we will influence 2026 in a positive way. We may not transform the whole world in 2026, but we can start with those around us.

Have a blessed 2026.

Al



NOTICES FROM SANDRA:



HOUSE GROUP

In January we meet at 3.30pm on

Wednesdays 14th & 28th

All welcome - see Sandra if you have any questions.

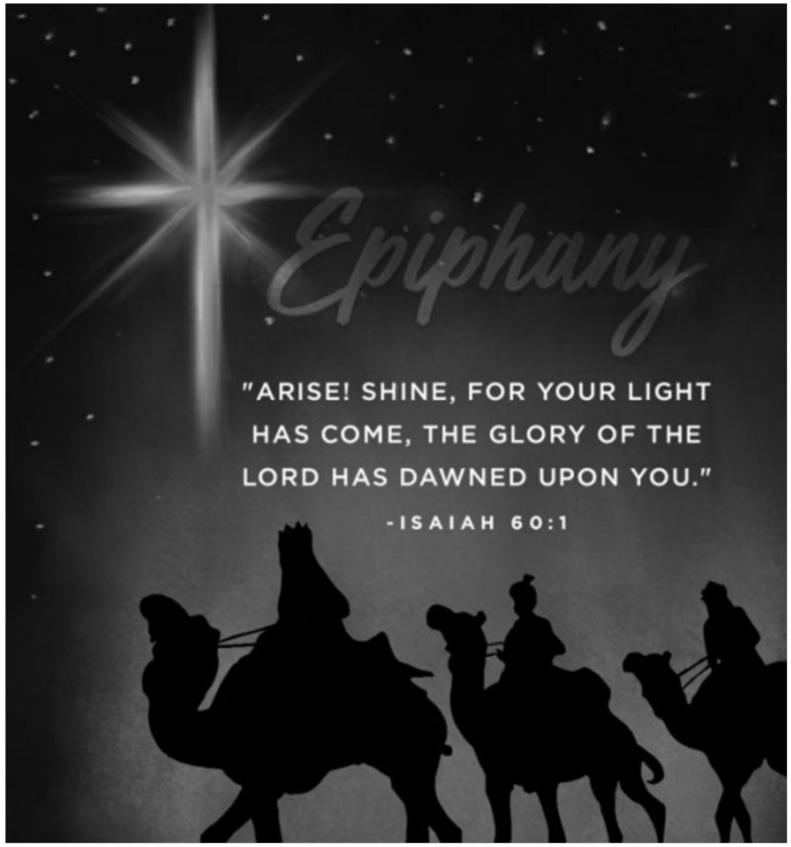
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Bible Study at Stoke Christian Centre:
10.30am for a 10.45 start on Thurs 8th and 22nd January
led by Rev Edgar Daniel .

Sandra

JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES (10.30am unless otherwise stated) AND DUTY HELPERS				
DATE	PREACHER	WELCOMER	VESTRY	OPENING PRAYER
4th	John Ware	Marie Luscombe	Sandra Pratt	SP
11th	Suzy Weston URC	Lynn Rundle	Chris Cross	June Stockton
18th	**Churches**	**at St James'**		
25th	Rev Al Lowe (Covenant Service)	Margaret Harrison	Brenda Noone	BN



DUTY LISTS

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

FLOWER ROTA DONATIONS - JANUARY	
4th	*Vacant*
11th	*Vacant*
18th	*Vacant*
25th	*Vacant*



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - JANUARY	
4th	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
11th	Lorna Wilkins & June Stockton
18th	Jan Hall & June Stockton
25th	Paulene Smith & June Stockton



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*

The Torpoint Compassionate café

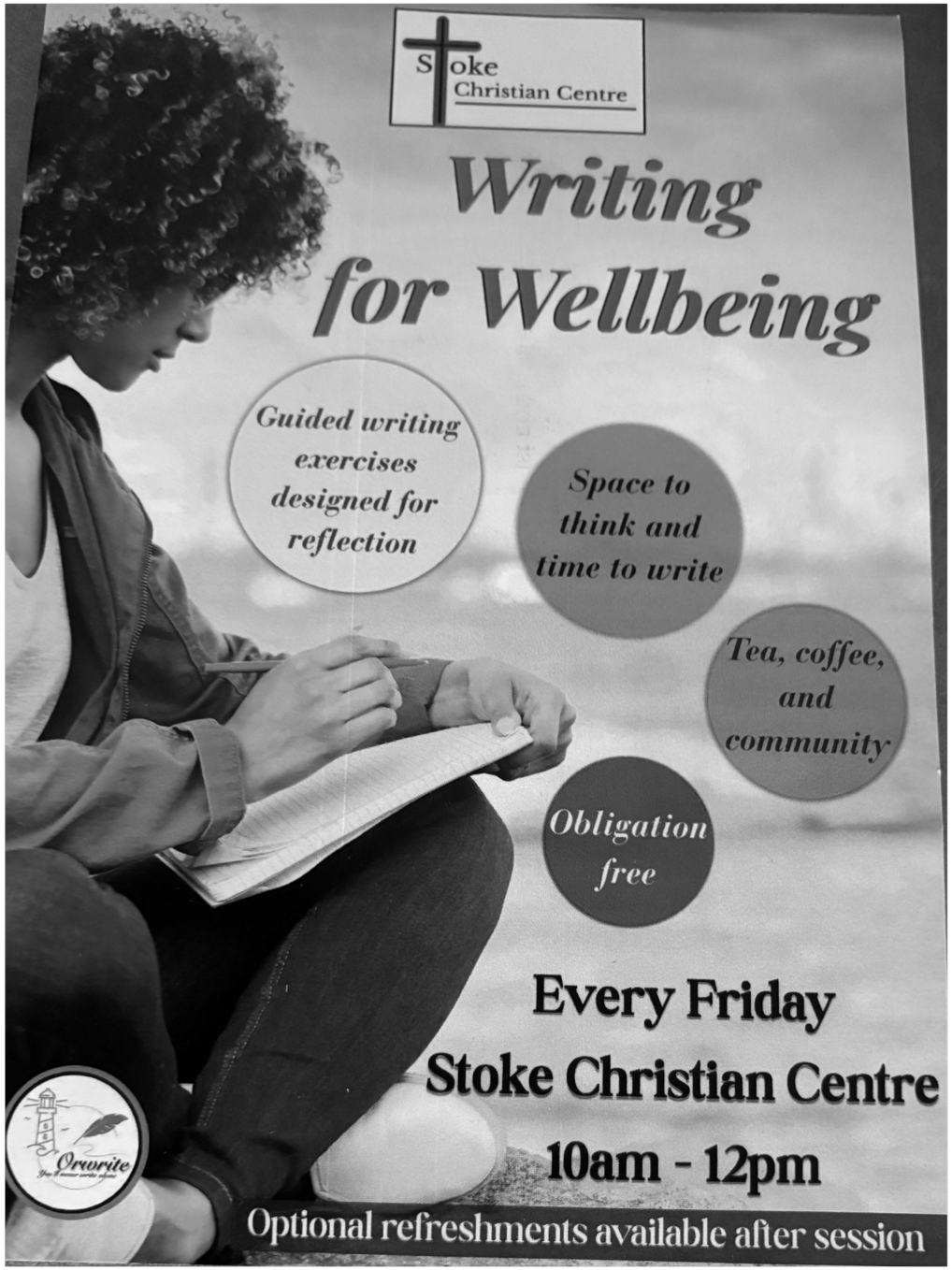
offers a friendly space for people to gain support who are bereaved/living with loss or who are caring for someone with a terminal or life limiting illness or long-term health condition



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: Torpoint Compassionatecafé@gmail.com;
facebook@Torpointcompassionate café

FREE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



QUIZ TIME

1 What is the name of the Scottish national park region NE of Loch Lomond?

2 Who composed the 19th Century piece, ‘Air on a G String’?

3 What was the surname of the US newspaper tycoon, William Randolph, born in 1863?

4 What is the term given to a pocket watch chain?

5 What is a dotterel?

6 What is the firing mechanism in a car engine called?

7 Porgy and Bess is a1935 opera by which composer?

8 Which is the national book town (NBT) of Wales?

9 What is a native of England, Wales or Scotland called?

10 From which country does the Fandango dance originate?

11 Which island-based TV series stars Matthew Fox as a plane crash survivor?

12 What name links an Israeli port with an orange?

13 Julia Roberts co-starred with which actor in the 1990 film, Pretty Woman?

14 Which Lewis Carroll character gave a tea party?

15 What was the name of Michael Crawford’s character in ‘Some Mothers do ‘Ave ‘Em’?

16 What is the main ingredient of Paella?

17 Which independent country once part of the British Raj is fomally known as the Union of Myanmar?

18 On which river does Dusseldorf stand?

19 Which town on Romney Marsh is the site of London Ashford Airport?

20 Who wrote The Day of the Jackal (1971)?



The Magi

by Malcolm Guite

It might have been just someone
else's story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him
They came from otherwhere but still they found;
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.





STREET PRAYERS

Now that the monthly street leaflet drop has ceased, as all of Torpoint has been covered by Chris & Lynn,
please remember the people of the town in general in your prayers.

With thanks to Chris and Lynn for their work which has taken about 3 years! A real labour of love.





Finance

	OFFERTORY	BENEVOLENT FUND	TUESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES
November 30th	£225.00		£8.05
December 7th	£277.00		£7.00
December 14th	£302.00	£3.00	£9.55

Every month during our financial year from September 2024 to August 2025 we spent £1,600 on Assessments to the Circuit and for Utilities (Insurance, Water, Gas & Electric). That is a little over £11.00 for each one of us. That is the level of giving we should all be meeting. I fully realise that not all can donate that much, but if possible could you do your best to reach that total? With money being raised for the repair fund, our Church fund-raising has diminished so please do your best.

We received £500 from the Mayor's Fundraisng at the Civic Carol Service, so sincere thanks to Julie Martin for all her help. The photos on Facebook showed all the talented children who took part as well. It was good to see all who came and joined us.

Thanks also to Betty Begbie for her latest Fundraising efforts: Armada Electrics fixed Betty's organ and waived the fee so the £25.00 was donated to the repair Fund, together with other donations and the sale of clothes and records, Betty raised £85.50. *(Well done, Betty! Ed.)*

Thanks also to the Torpoint Lady Singers who ran their usual Coffee Morning and are donating the amount raised at their Concert this coming Friday. The Repair Fund will have reached £14,000 by this coming weekend. The support we are receiving is really appreciated, so thank you all for your efforts.

Many thanks *Liz*

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