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Cornerstone Church - Torpoint

NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2026

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

ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1	Daryl Hannah played a mermaid in which 1984 film?	*Splash*
2	Which international agency aims to improve youngsters' health and education?	*UNICEF*
3	What nationality was the poet, Dylan Thomas?	*Welsh*
4	Vienna was a hit for which 1980s band?	*Ultravox*
5	Who starred as Derek Zoolander in the Zoolander films?	*Ben Stiller*
6	What term is given to the frilly collar associated with the Elizabethan and Jacobean periods?	*Ruff*
7	What flower is worn as a symbol of remembrance up to 11th November in the UK?	*Poppy*
8	Who wrote the 1867 work *Das Kapital Vol 1* ?	*Karl Marx*
9	King Charles is a variety of which breed of dog?	*Spaniel*
10	What collective name is used for large calibre guns used in land warfare?	*Artillery*
11	What is the medical name for the breastbone?	*Sternum*
12	In book-keeping what is an entry in an account of a sum owing?	*Debit*
13	The Golden Temple is in which holy city of the Punjab?	*Amritsar*
14	Which actor starred opposite Jennifer Lawrence in the film Silver Linings Playbook?	*Bradley Cooper*
15	The herb Rosemary usually has what colour flowers?	*Blue*
16	Who played Perry Mason on TV in the 1960s and 1970s?	*Raymond Burr*
17	The 1869 novel *Lorna Doone* was written by which author?	*R D Blackmore*
18	What was the nationality at birth of Olympic gymnast, Nadia Comaneci?	*Romanian*
19	Osaka is a city in which country?	*Japan*
20	What is the first name of Donald Trump's eldest daughter?	*Ivanka*

Liskeard & Looe foodbank including Torpoint & Rame Peninsula

Keep Up The Good Work

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS, listed in order of urgency: (as at 26 February)



- **Bars of soap**
- **Dog food—wet/dry**
- **Non Bio soap powder/pods**
- **Cat food—wet/dry**
- **Deodorant—men/women**
- **Tea/coffee**
- **Tinned carrots/mushrooms/potatoes**
- **Tinned fish**
- **Instant noodles**

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

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF BOTTLES OF SQUASH & TENA PADS

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

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

I don't quite know when it happened, but sometime after 2001 I started a strange practice. Twice a year, as the calendar turns, I am on the look out for a new registration plate. So, on the 1st of March, as I'm riding or driving around, I keep my eyes on car number plates and see how long in the month it will take before I notice a "26" plate. It can take up to ten days before I do, especially if I don't get out much. I never quite know where it will turn up, sometimes on the motorway (or A38 in our case), sometimes parked on the road or at traffic lights. But it's the excitement of not knowing where it will be. Does anyone else do this or is it just me? This gives me two issues, firstly, I obviously need to get a more interesting life and secondly, I probably need to pay more attention to my driving or riding before the number plate I'm studying appears on my own front bumper!

In my strange way, I am just expressing something of a deep human and spiritual need - the need to have signs that encourage us to look forward with hope and excitement. This time of year, we see so many new signs of hope and new life, daffodils emerging, new born lambs, longer days, and, dare I mention it, a little more sunshine. It keeps us going till the summer arrives.

In this respect then, Easter, and all it's related celebrations, is the sign of hope which keeps us going through Lent. As we tick the days off, "one more sleep before I can have my hot chocolate", the focus on Easter becomes more prominent. Lent is, of course, more significant than giving up trivial things, but understanding the yearning behind little things, helps us to understand the yearning for the bigger things; the desire to have our sins repaid and to meet with our risen Lord. I sometimes wonder if Jesus knew his time in the desert was going to be for forty days and nights, and whether he had a count down, or whether he was looking for signs of hope and wonder, waiting for the signs of angels to support him through when he needed it the most. One thing he wasn't looking out for was a "26" number plate. I've got much to learn.

I pray that as you continue in Lent, you will see the signs which sustain you and encourage you, to notice God in all that Lent has to offer this year.

Blessings,
Al

Notices from Sandra:

March - Grant Applications & Donations Update

1. All **donations** received are recorded in our 'Thermometer' chart, which is displayed in the church doorway. See the current total there standing at £14,500
2. In early December an application went to the Heritage Lottery Fund, disappointingly our application was not successful due to other better applications.
3. We still await a decision from the Garfield Weston Foundation.

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Churches Together in Torpoint

Friday 6th March at 2 pm

St James' Church

World Day of Prayer service prepared by women in Nigeria

Entitled: 'I will give you rest'

All Welcome

7th March

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

If you could donate any baked goods that would be wonderful

Please Support

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

Date	Preacher	Welcomer	Vestry	Opening Prayer
1st	Rev John Mills	Marie Luscombe	Sandra Pratt	SP
8th	Maria Mills	Ann Dean	Chris Cross	JuneS
15th	Mark Pellow	Margaret Harrison	Paulene Smith	PS
22nd	Keith Angilley	Paulene Smith	Steve Martin	SM
29th	Rev Al Lowe Holy Communion & short Church Mtg.	Sandra Pratt	Brenda Noone	BN



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

DUTY LISTS

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

FLOWER ROTA DONATIONS - MARCH	
1st	
8th	
15th	
22nd	
29th	



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - MARCH	
1st	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
8th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
15th	June Stockton & Jan Hall
22nd	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
29th	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*

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT GROUPS

25th February at Cornerstone 7pm led by Rev Annabel King
4th March at Cornerstone 7pm led by Sandra
11th March at St James 7pm led by Rev Al Lowe
18th March at 7pm (venue to be decided) led by Judith
26th March 2.30 pm at St James led by Rev Kevin Dudman from Cawsand

Maundy Thursday 2nd April - Tenebrae Service

Cornerstone Church 7.30pm

All welcome to this quiet reflective time

of lessons and hymns reflecting on Jesus' journey in Holy Week

Led by Rev Kevin Dudman

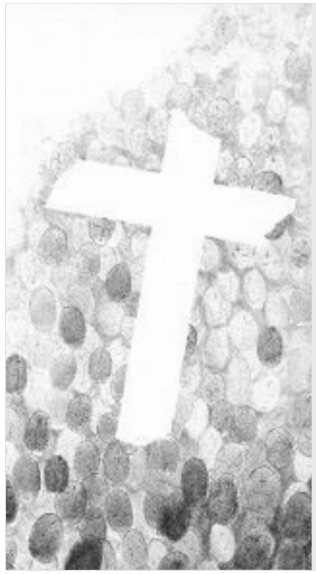


HOUSE GROUP

Meetings will begin again in April after the Lent sessions with Churches Together in Torpoint have finished.
See next month's newsletter.



Bible Study at Stoke Christian Centre:
10.30am for a 10.45 start on Thursday 5th and 19th March
led by Rev Edgar Daniel.



MWiB

Methodist Women in Britain
Lent Reflection at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church
Callington Road PL12 6LA
Tuesday 17th March 2 pm to 4 pm
Exploring the life of St Patrick -
Creativity - Food - All welcome
further details 07598319100 or
email india.alison@gmail.com



at CORNERSTONE CHURCH

SATURDAY, 28th MARCH

Following the 9.30 Coffee Morning

with Lunchtime Bacon Butties, Stalls and Easter-themed Games

PLEASE SUPPORT

QUIZ TIME

1 What kitchen measure equals 10 mls?

2 What name is given to a ring-like coral reef?

3 The character of 'Wishee Washee' appears in which pantomime?

4 Which group topped the UK singles chart in 1996 with 'Words'?

5 Which alpine mountain range is located in NE Italy?

6 What colours are on the flag of Argentina?

7 Who was the first person to win the jackpot on UK TV's 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire'?

8 Which religion involves the 'quest for enlightenment'?

9 What name is given to a loose Japanese robe with wide sleeves?

10 The sitcom 'Goodnight Sweetheart' stars which actor?

11 Haematophobia is the fear of what?

12 Which Canadian singer/songwriter wrote 'Both Sides Now'?

13 What is the unit of depth measurement equal to six feet?

14 Who won the Olympic gold medal in the men's long jump in 2012?

15 The 2005 novel 'Never Let Me Go' was written by which author?

16 What is the national airline of Spain?

17 Who won a Best Actor Oscar for this role in the 2014 film, 'The Theory of Everything'?

18 What singing voice is highest for males and lowest for females?

19 What is the main international airport of Cyprus?

20 Kahlua and vodka are used to make which 'black' cocktail?





CAFÉ ABUNDANCE

Lunch at 12.30pm in St James' Church Hall

Monday 9th March

(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
February 1st	£513.00		£15.50
February 8th	£254.00		£13.00
February 15th	£241.00		£9.50
February 22nd	£183.00	£1.00	£5.55

OTHER FINANCE:

Currently the Repair Fund total is £14,664.71. We recently had a donation all the way from Australia from Chris Rankin, so thank you for remembering us, Chris.

The Coffee Mornings this month raised:

£88.11 on 31st January,

£143.41 on 7th February (REPAIR FUND),

£92.40 on 14th February.

Many thanks *Liz*

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