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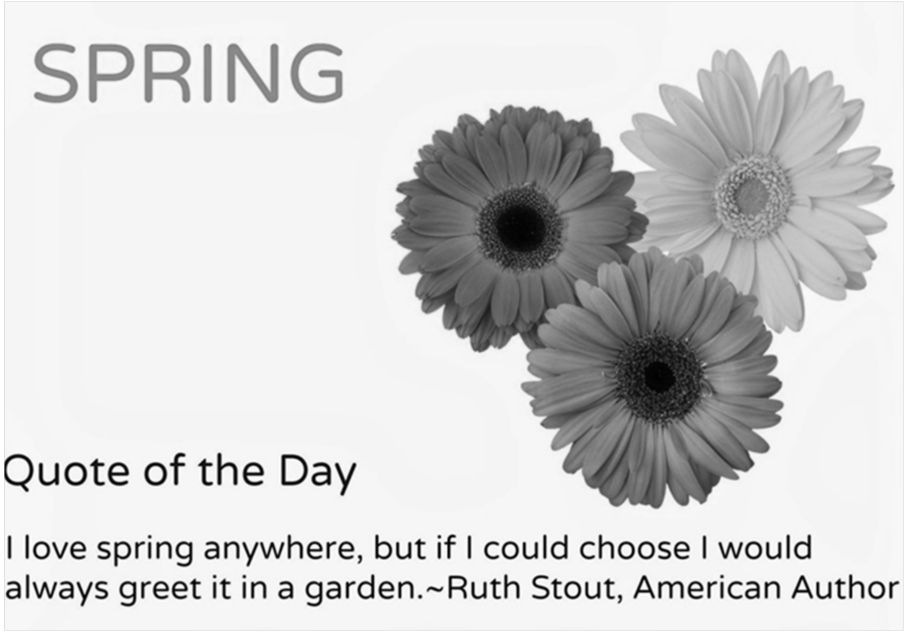
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Cornerstone Church - Torpoint

NEWSLETTER



APRIL 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	What kitchen measure equals 10 mls?	*Dessertspoonful*
2	What name is given to a ring-like coral reef?	*Atoll*
3	The character of 'Wishee Washee' appears in which pantomime?	*Aladdin*
4	Which group topped the UK singles chart in 1996 with 'Words'?	*Boyzone*
5	Which alpine mountain range is located in NE Italy?	*Dolomites*
6	What colours are on the flag of Argentina?	*Blue and white*
7	Who was the first person to win the jackpot on UK TV's 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire'?	*Judith Keppel*
8	Which religion involves the 'quest for enlightenment'?	*Buddhism*
9	What name is given to a loose Japanese robe with wide sleeves?	*Kimono*
10	The sitcom 'Goodnight Sweetheart' stars which actor?	*Nicholas Lyndhurst*
11	Haematophobia is the fear of what?	*Blood*
12	Which Canadian singer/songwriter wrote 'Both Sides Now'?	*Joni Mitchell*
13	What is the unit of depth measurement equal to six feet?	*Fathom*
14	Who won the Olympic gold medal in the men's long jump in 2012?	*Greg Rutherford*
15	The 2005 novel 'Never Let Me Go' was written by which author?	*Kazuo Ishiguro*
16	What is the national airline of Spain?	*Iberia*
17	Who won a Best Actor Oscar for this role in the 2014 film, 'The Theory of Everything'?	*Eddie Redmayne*
18	What singing voice is highest for males and lowest for females?	*Alto*
19	What is the main international airport of Cyprus?	*Larnaca*
20	Kahlua and vodka are used to make which 'black' cocktail?	*Black Russian*

Liskeard & Looe foodbank including Torpoint & Rame Peninsula

Keep Up The Good Work

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS, listed in order of urgency: (as at 25 March)



- **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

By the time you read this, you'll have made it. Easter has arrived and another Lent complete. What did you learn from your time in the desert that informs your Easter? I learnt that I will definitely give up meetings next year and I'll be in a much better place for Easter Day!

But what does this tell me about Easter this year? Firstly, Jesus spending time in the desert was a time he didn't meet anyone (well, a person). Living without meetings is not good for us; we get tested by the devil. We need each other to sustain and support each other, to challenge each other and to love one another. Jesus was further abandoned when the disciples ran away and he felt the absence of God on the cross. Whilst we may want to be free from some meetings, we need to meet to find Jesus again. We meet on Easter Day to celebrate together.

Secondly, it is not good to crash into Holy events, when we get so busy with preparing that we nearly miss the event we are preparing for. Someone once said that theology travels at three miles per hour, the walking pace of Jesus. I didn't give my bike up for Lent, but I did try to walk more. The bike is quite good at allowing me space but walking more allows me to process what's going on in a different way. I don't have to think about the traffic. Maybe my best sermon was written in my head as I was walking. You may have missed it, because it was difficult to spot!

Thirdly, by the time I get to Easter I am ready for it. Not only can I go for a hot chocolate now, but after weeks of thinking and contemplating the suffering and persecution of Christ, I am now ready for the resurrection. But I feel for those people of the world who are also desperate for the sense of new life, but they have to still survive the torture of bombs and missiles and war. Please God, if nothing else comes out of Lent this year, can you please make the killing stop?!

Whatever your plans for Easter Day, may you be ready for them when Easter finally arrives.

Blessings,
Al



Notices from Sandra:

April - Grant Applications & Donations Update

1. All **donations** received are recorded in our 'Thermometer' chart, which is displayed in the church doorway. The current total stands at £14,779.
2. We continue in our local fundraising.
3. We currently have promised, or in the bank, £118,000 (including the fundraising total) we still need £53,000 approximately to do ALL the works. But, as with any household, we should think of doing the most needed repairs with what we have.
4. We are still awaiting a decision from the Garfield Weston Foundation.
5. We have made good progress in the last 12 months. I have completed 10 months of grant applications and am not able or willing to make more grant applications due to other responsibilities. But anyone who would apply for grants would have my full support. This will be my last grant report.

Sandra

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Churches Together in Torpoint

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service

April 2nd

Cornerstone Church 7.30pm

All welcome to this quiet reflective time

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

Led by Rev Kevin Dudman & Rev Al Lowe

APRIL SUNDAY SERVICES (10.30am unless otherwise stated) AND DUTY HELPERS				
Date	Preacher	Welcomer	Vestry	Opening Prayer
5th	Nigel Norris	Marie Luscombe	Sandra Pratt	SP
12th	Marion Wilkinson	Ann Dean	Chris Cross	June S
19th	Rev Darren Middleton (Holy Communion)	Margaret Harrison	Steve Martin	PS
26th	Helen Pengelly	Paulene Smith	Brenda Noone	SM



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 - APRIL	
5th	Brenda Noone
12th	*Vacant*
19th	Sandra Pratt
26th	*Vacant*



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - APRIL	
5th	June Stockton & Jan Hall
12th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
19th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
26th	Jan Hall & Marie Luscombe



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*

Good Friday 3rd April

10.30 service starting at Cornerstone and processing to St James

Easter Day 5th April

Please bring a flower to decorate the cross
Flower or small posy only

The CTT Christian Aid Coffee morning in March made £254.20. Many thanks to all who baked, helped out and attended that morning.



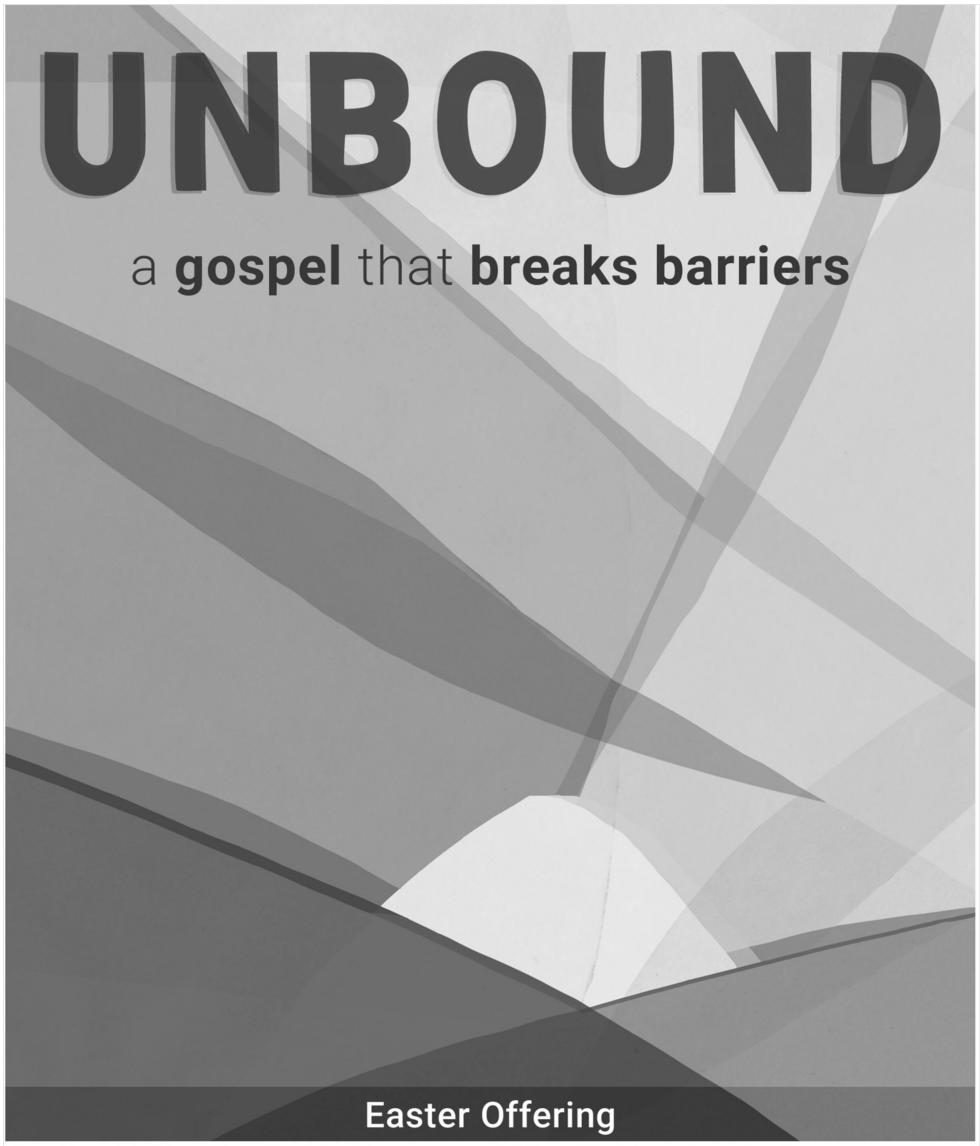
HOUSE GROUP

15th and 29th April at 3.30pm

See Sandra for venue



Bible Study at Stoke Christian Centre:
10.30am for a 10.45 start on Thursday 2nd, 16th & 30th April
led by Rev Edgar Daniel.



The service will be held at:

Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

on Sunday 26 April 2026

starting at 7 pm

Methodist Women in Britain

for women, for justice, for Christ

The Methodist Church

QUIZ TIME

1 What is the name of the stately home at Woodstock near Oxford?

2 *Teenage Kicks* and *My Perfect Cousin* were hits for which band?

3 Who was the ‘Desert Fox’ of WWII?

4 Which Welsh county has the longest border with England?

5 Peter Falk played which TV detective?

6 What colour is the drink *Campari*?

7 Which language is spoken in Kuwait?

8 What word links a salt container with an underground room?

9 What is the unit of speed at sea?

10 The poem *To a Skylark* was written by which English Romantic poet of the early 19th century?

11 Which actress was Oscar nominated for her role in *Changeling?*

12 Sir Christopher Cockerell designed which vehicle that rides on a cushion of air?

13 Which fruit has varieties called Gala & Worcester Pearmain?

14 Who created the characters of Samuel Whiskers and Squirrel Nutkin?

15 Morticia and Gomez appeared in which TV and film series?

16 What is the lowest ranking chess piece?

17 Cerulean is a shade of which colour?

18 Which tree’s leaf is depicted on the Canadian flag?

19 What is the Spanish equivalent of “mister”?

20 What word can mean a doughnut and a native of Germany’s capital city?





CAFÉ ABUNDANCE

Lunch at 12.30pm in St James' Church Hall

Monday 13th April

(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
March 1st	£777.00		£20.00
March 8th	£231.00		£8.50
March 15th	£239.00		£6.10
March 22nd	£178.00		£12.40
TOTAL	£1,425.00		

OTHER FINANCE:

Currently, the Repair Fund total stands at £14,779.00

The Coffee Mornings this month raised:

£ 87.30 on February 28th

£101.90 on 14th March

OFFERING Most of us will receive a Pension Increase shortly so we hope some will review their level of giving. The Bible encourages us to give a tenth back to God and we do have a good number now donating **£20.00** each week, some even more. Without those folk we would be very cold during the Winter. Not everyone can give that much and we understand that, but please try to give as much as you possibly can. Let me quote some figures:

Every month we pay the Circuit Assessment of £1,056, and £78 URC Maintenance of Ministry. In addition, we currently pay around £500 for gas and £200 for electricity each month. Then we have repairs and maintenance costs, so you can see from the above that there is a monthly shortfall.

Please carefully consider your level of Offering.

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