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Cornerstone Church - Torpoint

NEWSLETTER



MAY 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 is the name of the stately home at Woodstock near Oxford?	*Blenheim Palace*
2	*Teenage Kicks* and *My Perfect Cousin* were hits for which band?	*Undertones*
3	Who was the 'Desert Fox' of WWII?	*Irwin Rommel*
4	Which Welsh county has the longest border with England	*Powys*
5	Peter Falk played which TV detective?	*Columbo*
6	What colour is the drink *Campari*?	*Red*
7	Which language is spoken in Kuwait?	*Arabic*
8	What word links a salt container with an underground room?	*Cellar*
9	What is the unit of speed at sea?	*Knots*
10	The poem *To a Skylark* was written by which English Romantic poet of the early 19th century?	*Percy Bysshe Shelley*
11	Which actress was Oscar nominated for her role in *Changeling?*	*Angelina Jolie*
12	Sir Christopher Cockerell designed which vehicle that rides on a cushion of air?	*Hovercraft*
13	Which fruit has varieties called Gala and Worcester Pearmain?	*Apple*
14	Who created the characters of Samuel Whiskers and Squirrel Nutkin?	*Beatrix Potter*
15	Morticia and Gomez appeared in which TV & film series?	*Addams Family*
16	What is the lowest ranking chess piece?	*Pawn*
17	Cerulean is a shade of which colour?	*Blue*
18	Which tree's leaf is depicted on the Canadian flag?	*Maple*
19	What is the Spanish equivalent of "mister"?	*Senor*
20	What word can mean a doughnut & a native of Germany's capital city?	*Berliner*

Liskeard & Looe foodbank including Torpoint & Rame Peninsula

Keep Up The Good Work

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS, listed in order of urgency: (as at 24 April)



- **Instant gravy granules**
- **Mayonnaise, salad cream & tomato ketchup**
- **Pasta sauces**
- **Tinned chilli, curry and meatballs**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Tinned rice pudding & custard (carton or tin)**
- **Tinned soup**
- **Tinned sweetcorn and carrots**
- **Deodorant, men/women**
- **Tea/Coffee**
- **Tinned fish**

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

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.

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

You can imagine how delighted I was to be part of the team that came second in the pub quiz in Torpoint last week, organised to raise money for the building project at Cornerstone. I don't think I've ever come as high as second in a pub quiz before. We were only three points behind the first place (and twos points ahead before the last question!) Unfortunately, there were no questions on church history or theology otherwise we might have won (might). So, I have to confess, my contribution to the answers was at times a little limited. Sport, tv watching (called entertainment), film actors etc are not my main area of expertise. In fact when it came to the questions about music and songs, I had to stand back and let the others do the work. But it was great to be involved in an exciting event where there was such a good, positive atmosphere.

Therefore, I have two conclusions. Firstly, we all work better as a team. We all bring something to the table. Paul writes in terms of being a body of Christ, each part having something to contribute and no one part being better than any other. One person might answer more questions, but my feeble attempt of answering two or three questions was enough to get us up the leader board. Or just encouraging each other when we are unsure, gives confidence to our answers. So, a good church recognises the contribution we all make to helping each other grow in Christ.

Secondly, it is only by getting out of our church building and engaging in the real world that we begin to appreciate that God is already at work. This was a group of people enjoying a night out in harmless fun, helping each other. It was an opportunity to see and be seen. It helped to show that as Christians in one sense we are no different to anyone else, but in another sense, of demonstrating grace and compassion, we are something special.

So, I encourage you all to develop opportunities to engage with the communities around you, finding God in the everyday and joining in. Who knows, there may be a question on the Bible one day……



I do pray for the wisdom of Solomon sometimes.

Blessings,
Al

Notices from Sandra:

Churches Together in Torpoint



Monday 4th May

CHRISTIAN AID CREAM TEA, £5, at 2.00pm at Cornerstone



Saturday 23rd May

Christian Aid Coffee Morning from 9.30am at Cornerstone

Please support with baked goods or raffle prizes

or buying cakes or raffle tickets.

Volunteer Help Welcome,

Please see Sandra

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Second hand sewing machine and vacuum cleaner wanted

If you have a sewing machine or vacuum cleaner that is not being used and needs a new home please let me know.

Thanks, Sandra

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

Date	Preacher	Welcomer	Vestry	Opening Prayer
3rd	Sue Bolt	Marie Luscombe	Sandra Pratt	SP
10th	Deniz Carey	Ann Dean	Chris Cross	June S
17th	Mary McNaughton	Margaret Harrison	Paulene Smith	PS
24th	UNITED SERVICE (Rev Edgar Daniel	AT STOKE & Teresa White)	-	-
31st	Rev Al Lowe—HC	Paulene Smith	Steve Martin	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 - MAY	
3rd	*Vacant*
10th	*Vacant*
17th	Brenda Noone
24th	*Vacant*
31st	



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - MAY	
3rd	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
10th	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
17th	June Stockton & Jan Hall
24th	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
31st	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*



Pentecost Sunday 24th May

NB no service at Cornerstone

United Service at Stoke Church at 10.30am

If you can offer a lift, or need a lift, please see Sandra.

Please try to support this united event.



HOUSE GROUP
13th and 27th May at 3.30pm
See Sandra for venue



Bible Study at Stoke Christian Centre:
10.30am for a 10.45 start on Thursday 14th & 28th May
led by Rev Edgar Daniel. We will be studying Romans this term.



QUIZ TIME

1 Which 1987 thriller stars Glenn Close & Michael Douglas?

2 In which city is Tiananmen Square?

3 What is the medical term for *Lockjaw*?

4 What style of canoe is used by the Inuit?

5 *Ol' Man River* is a song from which musical?

6 In which English county is the Lake District?

7 Which actor starred in the 2017 film, 'American Made'?

8 The famous Dandies, Nash and Brummel, shared which nickname?

9 Who is the lead singer with The Eurythmics?

10 What word describes a lifestyle devoted to pleasure seeking?

11 In which county is Ventnor?

12 What is the first name of legendary Russian ballerina, Miss Pavlova?

13 The TV series Ally McBeal starred which actress in the title role?

14 Which small guitar has a name that means 'jumping flea'?

15 What was the title of the 1970s sitcom about a self-sufficient couple in suburbia?

16 What is the use of a fragrant essential oil as a treatment in alternative medicine called?

17 Ancient writers Homer and Sophocles wrote in which language?

18 Which river flows through Stockport and Warrington?

19 Which Russian seaport shares its name with a heavenly being?

20 What colour are the flowers of the herb Borage?





CAFÉ ABUNDANCE

Lunch at 12.30pm in St James' Church Hall

Monday 11th May

(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 29th	£340.00	£2.60	£10.70
April 5th	£683.32		£10.79
April 12th	£183.00		£10.85
April 19th	£322.50	£8.00	£13.60
TOTAL	£1,528.82	£10.60	£45.94

OTHER FINANCE:

Currently, the Repair Fund total raised is:

£15,767.16

The Repair Fund Coffee Morning raised £129.50 and we raised £98.40 for Church Funds on Saturday 18th April.

If any more would like to have Church envelopes for your offering, then please let me know.

COFFEE MORNINGS:

Coming up there are quite a few Coffee Mornings both for church funds, and those we ourselves support. Can you help? We need more prepared to take the money at the door etc, so please add your name to the rota which is on the piano.

With many thanks *Liz*

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