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Cornerstone Church – Torpoint
NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2026



ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S QUIZ		
1	"Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof", are lyrics from which 2013 song?	*Happy (Pharrell Williams)*
2	What is the name of the former county in West Wales, abolished in 1996, with Carmarthen as chief town?	*Dyfed*
3	Who directed the 1972 film, Cabaret?	*Bob Fosse*
4	Of the four chambers of the human heart, what are the two larger, lower chambers called?	*Ventricles (left and right)*
5	In which temperature scale does water boil at 212º?	*Fahrenheit*
6	Which religion is presided over by the Pope?	*Roman Catholicism*
7	Danny DeVito played dispatcher Louie in which US comedy series?	*Taxi*
8	What is the most famous feature of St Mary & All Saints Parish Church in Chesterfield?	*Crooked spire*
9	What colour is carmine?	*Red*
10	What mixture of sand, gravel and pitch is used for roads and roofs?	*Asphalt*
11	The TV series Desperate Housewives was set in which fictional road?	*Wisteria Lane*
12	Who was the Wimbledon women's singles champion in 1977?	*Virginia Wade*
13	What is the surname of the Sheridan character known for her word blunders?	*Malaprop*
14	What kind of establishment is "Bart's" in London?	*Hospital*
15	The Famous Five series was written by which author?	*Enid Blyton*
16	In terms of business, what do the initials CBI stand for?	*Confederation of British Industry*
17	What is the name of the main body of the church where the congregation sit?	*Nave*
18	Traditionally, Bearnaise sauce is served with what main dish?	*Steak*
19	What name is given to the young of an elephant?	*Calf*
20	Who was the lead singer of The Boomtown rats?	*Bob Geldof*

foodbank

Keep Up The Good Work

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD & OTHER ITEMS, listed in order of urgency: (as at 21 October}

- **2 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Tinned Potatoes**
- **Tinned Tomatoes**
- **Toilet Rolls**
- **Wet Wipes**
- **Biscuits**
- **Long life milk**
- **Tinned spaghetti**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Coffee**



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 10.30-13.30 on Wednesdays, 1.30pm-16.00pm on Thursdays and 09.30-12.30 on Fridays.
Anyone wishing to volunteer would be most welcome. Please pop into a session for further information.

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER



Hi

It seems like Christmas has come early for me this year. I don't mean in terms of seeing the shops selling Christmas items in October or putting up Christmas decorations in November but how I feel excited about a certain up and coming event in November.

In the past, I've always found November a bit of a down month (sorry to those who have a birthday in November). It's not only noticing that the days draw in and the clocks change but it seems to be a month of looking back. All Saints Day and All Souls Day are the first couple of days in November, a time when we remember close friends and relatives who have died. Bonfire night "remember, remember the 5th November" is when we remember the horrors of sectarian violence between Catholics and Protestants and finally Remembrance Sunday when we remember those brave personnel who gave so much in past wars and conflicts.

What I find this year is that I am looking forward to November because something delightful is happening in my life. The feeling of anticipation and excitement feels more like Advent or Christmas than remembering the past. But as I open a new chapter in my life when I get married again, I reflect that this new chapter is only possible because of what has happened in the past. The past influences my present and my future. It's not that I experience love in this new chapter that wasn't in the previous chapters, but love in the past chapters informs the love in my new chapter. Holding the old and the new in tension is an important part of our faith. "To do this in remembrance of me" is part of our communion service which celebrates what Jesus has done for us but shows us what Jesus is still doing for us today.

I pray, that you will find November as moving and joyful this year as I do.

Blessings,

Al

Notices from Sandra:-



Churches Together in Torpoint

Advent Bible study sessions all starting at 7 pm:

- Weds 25th Nov at St James' – Rev Steve Guffick *of St James' Church*
- Thurs 3rd Dec at Cornerstone – Rev Kevin Dudman *of Cawsand Congregational Church*
- Weds 9th at St James' – Rev Steve to lead
- Weds 16th at St James' – Rev Steve to lead

Our House Group will be suspended from mid-November as we will join in the Churches Together Advent sessions.

URC GA Moderator to lead worship at Cornerstone - 15 Nov

We are fortunate to have the General Assembly Moderator, leader for this year of the URC Church, to lead worship on 15th November. Please come along and give the Reverend Neil Thorogood & his wife Jenny, a warm Cornerstone welcome. Sandra.

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

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

DATE	PREACHER	WELCOMER	VESTRY	OPENING PRAYER
1st	Mike Cade	Ann Dean	Sandra Pratt	SP
8th	REMEMBRANCE * 10am - Local Arr'nt	Marie Luscombe	Chris Cross	June S
15th	Rev Neil Thorogood, URC Moderator	Margaret Harrison	Paulene Smith	PS
22nd	Rev John Mills Holy Communion	Lorna Wilkins	Steve Martin	SM
29th	Teresa White	Sandra Pratt	Brenda Noone	BN

St Luke's
Hospice Plymouth

The Coffee Morning on 3rd October in aid of St Luke's Hospice, raised £215
Many thanks to all for your kind support

Jenny

DUTY LISTS

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

FLOWER ROTA DONATIONS - NOVEMBER	
1st	*Vacant*
8th	*Vacant*
15th	*Vacant*
22nd	Betty Begbie
29th	*Vacant*



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

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - NOVEMBER	
1st	June Stockton & Lorna Wilkins
8th	None - Remembrance Sunday
15th	June Stockton & Paulene Smith
22nd	June Stockton & Jan Hall
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*

I am passing on this request below which came to me last month / Sandra

Volunteer from Cornerstone Sought:

Down's Syndrome pioneer Anniversary Event to celebrate a famous son of Torpoint you may not have heard of.

So, a hello from me, David Greet, of whom you'll never have heard, as I write to you about someone known the world over, but of whom, virtually nobody ever knew, was a Torpoint man and of his and his family's active Christian Faith.
If you already did, you're one in a million!
My hopes and prayers are that by an appropriate preparation by and for, his bicentenary (18.11.28) there will blossom a fitting tribute, to this (yet another) Cornish unsung hero and visionary.
Your assistance in this, as you see fit, will most definitely add to its worth.
I'm very happy to be actively available to assist, as you feel appropriate.
I hope you'll find interesting these attachments and copies.
As we travel together, I hope we'll all be able to humbly share in, the wealth created by this man's profound legacy.

My Kindest Regards,
Sincerely in Christ,
David Greet
Contact details available from Sandra

(There are copies of John Langdon Haydon Down's life story available on the table in the entrance foyer. *BN*)



QUIZ TIME

1 Tiger Feet was a hit in 1974 for which group?

2 Which Central Asian sea has been shrinking since the 1960s?

3 What imperial measurement unit is equal to 0.9144 metres?

4 Which gas has the chemical symbol H?

5 Which is Africa's largest venomous snake?

6 Which brass instrument shares its name with a wild flower and a plastic bead?

7 Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly starred in which classic 1952 western film?

8 How many points win championship darts games?

9 Which tennis player won the tournament at Queen's in 2018?

10 Tinseltown refers to which part of Los Angeles?

11 Which language is spoken in Prague?

12 Which former county of NW London was abolished in 1965?

13 Which car manufacturer produced the Silver Ghost?

14 Which river flows through Manchester?

15 Which adjective refers to the nose?

16 What French term denotes a thing done, or a decision already made?

17 In the songwriting duo Burt Bacharach and Hal David, who wrote the lyrics?

18 From which language did the Romance languages derive?

19 Which fruit has a morello variety?

20 In which county is High Wycombe?

Café Abundance
Lunch—Main Course + Dessert
at 12.30pm in St James' Church Hall
Monday 9th November
(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

	OFFERTORY	BENEVOLENT FUND	TUESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES
27th September	£226.50		£9.00
4th October	£445.00		£14.10
11th October	£495.05		£9.10
18th October	£410.00		£25.80
	£1,628.00	£11.00	£57.67

The total raised for the Repair Fund now stands at

£20,503.44

The Quiz held at the Comrades Club on October 3rd raised £146.45. The Coffee Morning for Church funds raised £98.00, but it was a quiet one with many other events taking place in the town.

The Coffee Morning for the Repair Fund raised a grand total of £164.61 so many thanks to all who came and supported in any way.

We are always in need of more helpers so please sign up to give our regulars a break.

Thank you to all who have donated raffle prizes in the past, but we could still do with more please. We have the table top sale and the Christmas Lights switch on coming up at the end of November so we will be in need of more raffle prizes please.

Many thanks Liz

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10.30am Mike Cade	**2** 7pm Choir	**3** 10am – 11.00 Drop In open 5.30pm Boxing Club	**4**	**5** 10.45 – Bible Study at Stoke 1.30pm – 4pm Foodbank	**6** 9.30 – 12.30 Foodbank 5.30pm Boxing Club	**7** 9.30am Coffee Morning in aid Church Funds
8 Remembrance  **10.00am** Local arrangement (30 min service)	**9** 12.30 Café Abundance at St James 7pm Choir	**10** 10am – 11.00 Drop In open 5.30pm Boxing Club	**11** 10.30 – 13.30 Foodbank 3.00pm House Group	**12** 1.30pm – 4pm Foodbank	**13** 9.30 – 12.30 Foodbank 5.30pm Boxing Club	**14** 9.30 Coffee Morning in aid of Building Repair Fund.
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22 10.30am Rev John Mills  H C	**23** 7pm Choir **Notices for December are required by today please**	**24** 10am – 11.00 Drop In open 5.30pm Boxing Club	**25** 10.30-13.30 Foodbank 7pm Advent session at St James Rev Steve Guffick	**26** 1.30pm – 4pm Foodbank	**27** 9.30 – 12.30 Foodbank 5.30pm Boxing Club	**28** 9.30 Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds 2.00pm Christmas Market
29 10.30am Teresa White	**30** 7pm Choir					