

Thank you Lord
for the food you
provide, for the
farmers that grow
and harvest the
crops, and for the
sunshine and
rain that
make the
plants grow.



CORNERSTONE NEWS SEPTEMBER 2025

Come ye thankful people come
Raise the song of harvest home!

All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our needs to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home

Henry Alford



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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the October issue is Sunday 21st September

The Editor would be very grateful to receive items and messages for the next issue of our newsletter, which will bless others in the church at this time, so please send such items to

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Letter from the Elders



Dear Friends,

As I am writing this, we are in the middle of yet another heat-wave. Most of us are finding the heat a bit too much and are longing for cooler weather and rain for the garden.

By the time you read this, the crisp September mornings will be here. I have always found September such an exciting month, full of new beginnings. The start of a new academic year. As children, new uniforms, new pencil cases, new books and the excitement of learning the contents of these books.

One of the greatest gifts is being able to learn – learn more about the wonderful world our mighty God has created, learn about our own and other countries' and civilisations' histories, for some, learning a new language, learning to play an instrument, for others, learning more about maths and the sciences. We are never too old to learn. As Henry Ford said: 'anyone who stops learning is old, whether 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young'. I would happily change those figures to 0 to 100+! Mahatma Gandhi said 'Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever'.

We have an inexhaustible book, from which we can continue learning, namely the Bible. This autumn we have an exciting new course starting at Cornerstone. It is an eight week course and gives you a wonderful overview of and insight into the Bible, from the Tree of Life in Genesis to the Tree of Life in Revelation and everything in between. It runs at different times and on different days/evenings of the week on the first and third weeks of the month. (You'll find times and venues elsewhere in this newsletter). Everyone is welcome to participate whenever it is convenient for you. For some of you, you may want to stay in your usual homegroup for the entire eight weeks, for others, you can choose whichever time is most convenient for you that particular week.

You may not be part of a homegroup at all and may not be part of the church, but you are all very welcome to join us. We want everyone to have the opportunity to find out more about this exciting book and about our past and future, hidden in its pages.

(The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper. Proverbs 19 v 8).

We look forward with excitement and anticipation to this course and to welcoming you all to join us on this adventure.

May God bless you all.

Jytta James

**FAIHTALK:
EVERYDAY EVANGELISM IN THE URC**

**FaithTalk at Christmas – Thinking Ahead!
Tuesday 23rd September - 7.00 pm**

How do we make the most of wonderful opportunities to talk about our faith during Advent and Christmas, how can we talk about our faith personally at this time and how can our church talk?

Join us online for a relaxed conversation to share ideas and experiences and find out about helpful resources.

Register for the link at mission@urc.org.uk.



WORSHIP AT CORNERSTONE

Morning worship at Cornerstone starts at 10.30 am every Sunday and all are welcome.

Services are also streamed live via our YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/CornerstoneHytheURC> and the recording of the service will be available on YouTube afterwards.

Most Sundays all parts of the service will be live, but occasionally the sermon will be a recording shown on the screen. Singing is a full part of our worship with a mix of songs and hymns accompanied mostly by videos shown on the big screens or by organ and piano or occasionally by a small worship band.

After the service, **Coffee and Tea** will be served in the main hall where people enjoy fellowship together.



WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Date	Speaker	Theme:
7 th	Alan Harvey	Preachers Choice <i>Service includes Communion</i>
14 th	Revd George Gibson	Bride of Christ - Members of Christ's Body
21 th	Emma Borley	HARVEST THANKSGIVING <i>All Age Service</i>
28 th	Revd George Gibson	Bride of Christ - Be Bold

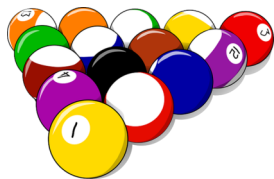


CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BAPTISM

On Sunday 20th July 2025, Liam Russell, Ben Longland and Jodie Steel were baptised in the pool at Cornerstone.

We wish them God's blessing in the years ahead.

YOUTH CLUB



For 11 to 18 Year Olds

**7.30 pm to 9.00 pm
alternate Fridays**



As well as the usual games such as snooker, pool, table tennis, football etc., we also have some other fun activities planned each week...

For further details and programmes please contact
Dave Symmonds

Email : youthclub@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk

We will be meeting on Fridays 12th and 26th September

YOUTH BIBLE GROUP

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm - alternate Fridays



We meet in the Youth Lounge for chat, Bible study and prayer. There's hot chocolate and slush puppies as well.

This is for young people 13 to 18, who want to learn more about being a Christian through studying God's word together in a relaxed and fun way.

We will be meeting on Fridays 5th and 19th September

For more details please contact Dave Symmonds



BOYS' BRIGADE

It is with sadness that from 2nd September, 1st Hythe Boys' Brigade Company will be closing.

I thank everyone who has been involved in the Company over the last 62 years.

Gill Tabenor



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday to:

Lexi Russell who will be 15 on the 7th

Congratulations to:

Graham Thatcher who will be 85 on the 26th

If any church member is approaching 80 or over and would like their name added to the Birthday List in Cornerstone News, please let Joy Funnell know. She is in church on most Sunday mornings or you can send her an e-mail:

joy@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk



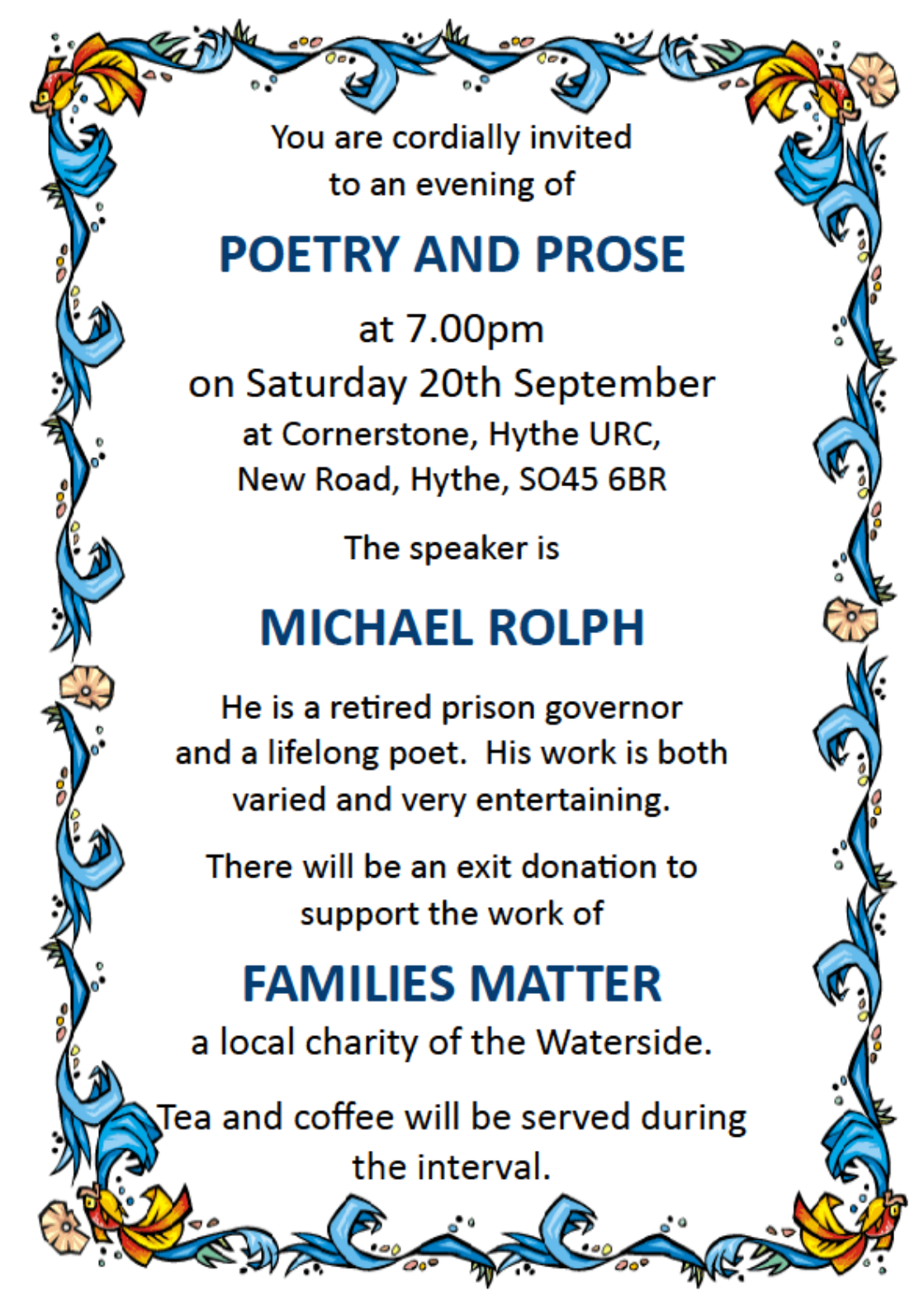
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 6th September at 8.30 am

More information in the Weekly Notice Sheets.

For details please contact Dave Symmonds -
call/text 07747698910 or e-mail:

mensbreakfast@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk



You are cordially invited
to an evening of

POETRY AND PROSE

at 7.00pm

on Saturday 20th September
at Cornerstone, Hythe URC,
New Road, Hythe, SO45 6BR

The speaker is

MICHAEL ROLPH

He is a retired prison governor
and a lifelong poet. His work is both
varied and very entertaining.

There will be an exit donation to
support the work of

FAMILIES MATTER

a local charity of the Waterside.

Tea and coffee will be served during
the interval.

HOME GROUPS

THE BIBLE COURSE

From September the Homegroups (meeting twice each month) will be following the new version of the Bible Course. It's over eight sessions and uses videos and other resources, including a course Guidebook.

Whether you are starting to explore what it means to be a Christian or you have been a follower of Christ for decades, it's a great opportunity to discover or re-discover how Bible characters, stories and themes are connected from Genesis to Revelation. See further details at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course>

All are encouraged to participate in the course, so Homegroups ready to welcome you to join them for the course are listed below – **just contact the leader of the Homegroup that's most convenient for you** to ensure that there's a space – most space is available at groups meeting at Cornerstone and only limited space at the others.

GROUP 1: Tuesdays at 2.00 pm; Venue: Cornerstone Room 1
Leader: Margaret Yapp – Tel: 07546 279109

GROUP 2: Tuesdays at 7.30 pm; Venue: 21 Atheling Road, Hythe
Leader: Nick Tustian – Tel: 023 8084 0296 (space very limited)

GROUP 3: Wednesdays at 10.30 am; Venue: Craigmere, Roman Rd
Leader: Bev Hall – Tel: 023 8084 0191

GROUP 4: Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Venue: Cornerstone lounge
Leader: Joan Shewry – Tel: 023 8084 6282

GROUP 5: Wednesdays at 7.30 pm; Venue: 26 Atheling Road, Hythe
Leader: Peter Blasby - Tel: 023 8084 3548

GROUP 6: Fridays from 9.15 am; Venue: Cornerstone
Leader: Alison Boon – Tel: 07503 151331

Most Homegroups will start the Course in the week beginning 15th September – but check with the leader. The course Guidebook is available costing £9.99 (or £9 if 5+ are ordered), and a sample copy is available to look over on the foyer bar. Please add your name to the order sheet on the foyer bar if you would like to order a copy.



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Table Top re-opens

**Tuesday September 16th
9.30am-12.00**

Future dates

**September 30th Oct 14th & 28th
November 11th & 25th December 9th**

Books on sale in the foyer every day

**Everyone welcome to come in and look around,
relax and enjoy a coffee or tea**



WOMEN'S GUILD

You will be very welcome to join us at any
of our meetings at Cornerstone on
2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons
from 2.15 pm to 3.30 pm

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME

11th South American Adventure
Jytta and Liz



25th Craft with Agnes
and our Bring and Buy table

For further information please contact
Joy Funnell on 023 8084 3404
or e-mail guild@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk



PICNIC LUNCH

Sunday 14th September

On the second Sunday of each month there is
a get-together picnic lunch in the hall, after
worship and coffee for all who would like to stay
and enjoy a time of fellowship together



FLOWERS AT CORNERSTONE

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the flowers for 2025.

Donations are welcome for the Harvest Thanksgiving flowers on 21st September

Also items of food for Waterside Foodbank (details on opposite page)

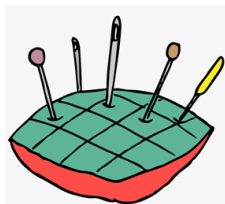
I can be contacted at church in person, by telephone on 023 8084 3249, or e-mail: pamela@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk.

FLOWER ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

- 7th - Bev and Richard Hall for Birthdays
- 14th - Ann Graves in memory of her husband, Tony
- 21th - Harvest Donations
- 28th - Pat and Peter Dudley for their Wedding Anniversary

Thank you and take care,

Pamela Bridge



PINS AND NEEDLES

10.00 am to 12 noon

Every Friday morning in the Foyer

We are a friendly group who meet for two hours on a Friday morning in the Foyer as we knit, sew and crochet. Tea, coffee and pleasant conversation are always available. Further information can be obtained from Agnes Macintosh.

PRAYER POINTERS FOR SEPTEMBER



We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

Psalm 33 v 20-22

During the week there are opportunities to pray with others

Before the service on Sunday
in Room 1 at 10.15 am

After the service on Sundays
an opportunity to receive prayer

On Monday mornings in Meeting Room 1
from 10.00 am to 11.00 am

On Wednesday mornings
in the Foyer from
8.30 am to 9.30 am

At Homegroup meetings fortnightly



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

1st to 6th September

- ♦ Pray for children starting school this week. - those moving from junior to senior school and those adapting to 6th form college. - that they all settle easily into their new routine.
- ♦ Pray that they make new friends.
- ♦ Pray for those children with special educational needs, that they find a setting that is suitable for their individual needs.
- ♦ Pray that each child/young person will reach their full potential over the coming year and receive all the help, care and attention they need.
- ♦ Pray for teachers and teaching assistants, that they are refreshed after the summer break and ready to inspire a new class of children - that they have the wisdom and strength to deal with any problems that arise over the coming weeks.

7th to 13th September

- ♦ Pray for young people preparing to go to university - that they cope with being away from home and making decisions for themselves - that they are sensible with money, make good friends and fit into university life quickly.
- ♦ Pray for all those engaged in lecturing and nurturing the students that they may be aware of any students not coping and provide the necessary help.
- ♦ Pray for all young people starting a new job, that they are willing to learn from others, that they feel accepted in the working environment and have a feeling of fulfilment in their new setting.

14th to 20th September

- ♦ Pray for those who are retiring after years of working - may they enjoy the freedom and find things to do that will be fulfilling and worthwhile - that money may not be a worry and that they can do things that were not possible when working.
- ♦ Pray for those who have medical conditions that stop them from doing all the things they would like to.
- ♦ Pray that there is enough help available to allow each person to achieve worthwhile tasks and to make them feel an important member of society, not just a drain on the system.
- ♦ Pray for carers, that each one has the patience, wisdom and support they need to cope with the many clients they have to help. May they make everyone they deal with feel special and important.

21st to 30th September

- ♦ Pray for all those you know who are unwell at the present time.
- ♦ Pray for doctors and nurses and all those who work in medical centres and hospitals - that they are good listeners, that they have the necessary skills to provide a good and accurate diagnosis and that every patient feels valued.
- ♦ Thank God for the skills given to all those in the caring professions. May they use those skills for the good of all.
- ♦ Pray for all those doing research into cancer, Alzheimer's, heart and lung ailments and other diseases. May they work tirelessly to come up with cures and new ways of treating various illnesses. Thank God for their commitment.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
James 5 v 16



THE GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER 1st - 7th SEPTEMBER 2025

This September from 1st to 7th is the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer and the vision

is simple but powerful: to see non-stop prayer in every nation on earth, lifting up the name of Jesus and asking God to move across the world. Many churches and groups across the nations have already signed up, which is amazing. The Waterside House of Prayer will be providing a space and resources to enable us to gather and pray from churches across the Waterside, this will be based at Lighthouse Community Church in Hardley. Full details of times can be found below. Local churches and intercessors are being invited to participate.

Why one week?

Prayer is happening all the time, all over the world: so why this invitation to a Global Week of Prayer? In short, this is a moment of profound unity as the global Church stands together. When we pray, we discover God's heart for transformation in our towns, in our cities, in our nations. What could happen if there was a week of non-stop prayer in every nation on earth? How might God encounter us? How might his greatness be seen? How might we see transformation?

What are the Waterside House of Prayer (WHOP) doing?

Monday to Saturday there will be a number of prayer stations set up for individuals or small groups to use to encourage prayer for particular areas of need. These will be available as drop-in sessions during the following times daily:

8.00am to 10.00am; 1.00pm to 3.00pm; 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Members of the Waterside House of Prayer will be available during these times to provide assistance and guidance if needed.

On Sunday, each church is encouraged to pray for the nations during their services and Sunday evening to attend St. Andrews 'Refuelled' service at 6.30pm for a time of corporate prayer and worship.

This Global week of Prayer is a great opportunity to collaborate and partner with other churches in the Waterside area to cry out for the healing of our nations.

Who is 24/7 Prayer?

24-7 Prayer is an international, interdenominational prayer movement with a vision to revive the church and rewire the culture through non-stop night and day prayer.

They started in 1999, when a simple student-led prayer vigil went viral and groups all over the world joined in to pray. Now, over two decades later, thousands of communities have taken part in 24-7 Prayer in churches, communities and cities in over half the countries on earth.

Further details and resources for the Global Week of Prayer can be found at the following web address;
www.24-7prayer.com/_weekofprayer/

Who is the Waterside House of Prayer?

WHOP have been meeting regularly now for over three years, primarily to pray for our Waterside area. They are interdenominational with a leadership team from three local churches and regular attendance by members from six local churches. They are based at The Chapel at St. Andrews Church with an adjoining prayer garden.

Global Week of Prayer Events will be at

Lighthouse Community Church, Long Lane, Hardley, S045 3NZ
(Daily, September 1st to 6th)

St. Andrews Church, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu S045 4PT
(Sunday September 7th)





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New Forest Brass

Concert at Cornerstone



Saturday 4th October
7.00pm

*Complimentary programme and
Interval refreshments*

Tickets £10 (under 18 £5)

from the Church Office 023 8084 5005

or the Herald office in Hythe

*Proceeds for Cornerstone Outreach Fund
& New Forest Brass*

Cornerstone, Hythe URC, New Road, Hythe, SO45 6BR

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A MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

from: Michael Hopkins,
Wessex Synod Moderator

Dear friends, September has always felt more like the true beginning of the year to me than January ever does. In church life we walk our way through the life of Jesus from Advent to Pentecost, and now we begin the cycle again by turning to creation. Scripture begins with God's delight in creation: *"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good"* (Genesis 1:31). The earth is not ours to use up, but God's gift in which we share, entrusted to our care as part of creation. When the land suffers, as it has this summer, we are reminded of Paul's words: *"The whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now"* (Romans 8:22). This Season of Creation is a time for us to join our prayers with creation's groaning, and to renew our calling, as fellow creatures, to *"serve and keep"* the earth (Genesis 2:15), caring for the web of life of which we are a part.

September is also the beginning of the academic year. When we learn, teach, and seek understanding we are honouring God. Jesus himself was called *"Teacher"*, and now is a good time to give thanks for all who teach, guide, and encourage the young. Even if your church has no young people, this is still a good time to pray for students and staff.

This year, in particular, we are living through a time of heightened tension about immigration. Again and again, Scripture calls God's people to remember their own history: *"You shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt"* (Deuteronomy 10:19). *"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God"* (Leviticus 19:33–34). Abraham and Sarah set out in faith towards a new home (Genesis 12:1), Israel knew exile and return, and Jesus himself was once a refugee in Egypt (Matthew 2:14–15). The church is most truly the church when it embodies this welcome. I especially want to reassure all Ministers, Elders, and members who have come to the UK from around the world that you are not only welcome among us, but that we treasure the insights and experiences you bring to enrich us.

In all these things we hold fast to the unshakable promise: *"Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:39). With my thanks for all that you do for God's work through the United Reformed Church, and with prayers for every local church and minister.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER



All age Worship at 10.30am
Led by Emma Borley and Drama Llamas

Harvest Monetary Offerings for:

Families Matter

Donations of packets and tins for:

Waterside Food Bank

Followed by:

Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm

Baked potato and salad

Apple Pie and Custard

Please sign list on Foyer Counter if you would like
to Come.



To everyone at ***Hythe United Reformed Church***
Thank You! for supporting Waterside Foodbank
Your donations for the year ending April 2025 totalled **82kg**
This is equivalent to providing 254 meals

The Food bank currently is in need of the following:

- ◆ 400g Potatoes (tinned)
- ◆ 400g Rice Pudding
- ◆ 100g Coffee
- ◆ 40's Tea bags
- ◆ 300g Carrots (tinned)
- ◆ Ginger Cake
- ◆ Sponge Puddings
- ◆ Fruit (tinned)
- ◆ UHT Milk (1 litre and 500ml packs)
- ◆ Toiletries (Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes etc.)

Please leave your donations in the box just inside the church front door.

DRAMA LLAMAS



Hello everyone, I hope you have all enjoyed your summer and are making the most of the glorious weather. I have been enjoying it immensely especially now we have Woody, our dog, as he gives me the incentive to go exploring every day. On our expeditions it has

been really interesting seeing how plants grow, adapting to their surroundings and of course the weather. My apple tree is the perfect example. We planted it a good few years ago and as expected, the first year it bore no fruit. The next year we had a couple of apples and last year I think it had half a dozen rather small yet still delicious apples. This year, we have had a bumper crop with literally bags of them which I think is very similar to what has been happening with Drama Llamas.



I am writing this the day after our latest production which was part of our All Age service and think it is fair to say that it was a great success. I am delighted to take very little credit for the drama as it was written and directed by Naomi with Ray working alongside her. I literally only needed to supervise the final rehearsal as we had to ensure there were two adults present. Ray has been helping Bobby and Grace with their voice projection and also encouraging them to learn their lines which they both did perfectly. They both really brought their characters to life,



portraying Joseph and the angel really well. A very different performance to our first Drama Llama sketch where we were all reading from our scripts and not really getting into character at all. For quite a long time I would base the characters on ourselves to make it that much easier, so quite often I would be the mum! I do think that Grace is a little angel so her role was perfect for her.

Now usually I would explain to you how the drama came about as I would have written it, but as this is not the case this time, I will explain a little more about the current series of topics we are using for our All Age services instead. When I wrote my last article, I had no idea what would be happening with the All Age services other than I had volunteered to lead a couple more, the first of which was our baptism service in July. I truly hope that those of you who were able to join us enjoyed it as much

as I did. How lucky we were to have witnessed not one, not two but three people put their faith in Christ. Even writing this brings tears to my eyes as it was such a magical time. It was a delight hearing each one of them share their story in their own individual way. I think it will remain in my heart as one of my most memorable experiences. On a slightly different note, having the baptisms made it easier for me to lead the service as they quite rightly took up most of the time. It also gave me the inspiration for our current series which we have entitled 'Jesus Christ: The Prequel' as John the Baptist was a key player in Jesus' journey. I would love to have heard him preach as I can't imagine how powerful his words would have been. People were seeking him out to hear his message and don't forget, that was in the days before internet and social media so people would only have heard about him by word of mouth.



Our August service focused on Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. I found it quite hard to research Joseph as there is very little information about him in the Bible. I was delighted that as well as Naomi bringing his story to life with our drama, her Dad, Kevin was able to share his understanding of Joseph's role. Joseph could almost be seen as having a 'bit-part' in Jesus' life, yet without him, things may have been very

different for both Mary and Jesus. What he did, which was to marry Mary knowing she was pregnant and not carrying his child, and then acknowledge Jesus as his own child, was a huge demonstration of his faith. It has helped me to truly trust God on a much deeper level. Leading the All Age services is a perfect example of this.

As you know, I live with health issues which at times can leave me really tired to the point in which I can hardly string a sentence together. I had planned the service meticulously and had written a script which I read from for most of the time so that I did not need to worry about finding the right words. My only concern was that I was not able to write up the final summary as we were having an 'Open Mic' section where we encouraged everyone to share their thoughts and inspirations from the service. This was not something that I could script or plan in advance as I did not know what would be said. I had also been very careful with the timings to ensure that we had enough content without going on for too long so as to ensure that



the really young people didn't get bored. I did check my watch at one point and thought that we were going through everything a little quicker than planned and the service may have ended too early. However God had His own plan. The 'Open Mic' section worked perfectly finishing at exactly the right time and also completely negated the need for me to do any more than a very brief summary.

At the time of writing this, all I know about our next Drama Llama sketch is that it will be performed in October. We may continue our "Jesus Christ: The Prequel" as this would be perfect timing for Christmas. For the time being I am focusing on our next All Age service which will be Harvest Festival so a wonderful opportunity to look at how we can 'harvest' nowadays when very few of us actually grow crops. I am laying down a challenge for you to all think if there is someone or a team within our church that you would like to thank for all they do, especially those behind the scenes who often are overlooked.

So on that note, I will leave you with your homework and in God's hands.

Take care and God bless,

Emma



HYTHE ACTIVE EXERCISE GROUP

We meet on Thursdays at 10.00 am in the Hall at Cornerstone for exercise and fellowship.

Why not come along and try? You can do as much or as little of the exercises as you choose, and some attendees remain seated. It's an enjoyable time, and there is good evidence that strength and balance exercises reduce the risk of

falls in older age.

NEWS from “BRINGING GOOD NEWS”

Ian Thomson, who preached at Cornerstone in February and jointly runs the charity 'Bringing Good News' has sent the update below. A donation of £500 was sent from the Outreach Fund in July.

How to study the Bible -A meaningful and effective guide

I am amazed at the generosity of God and at the generosity of those of you who support the work. Under the hand of God, you have together helped so many people. Let me explain what you have achieved in Nepal alone.

With your generosity we have either fully or partially funded the building of 27 small churches. We are now on the third two-year training programme for rural pastors and leaders making 74 students who will have been trained and received a small set of books. In addition, we have supported several three-day pastors' training sessions in regions few foreigners visit.

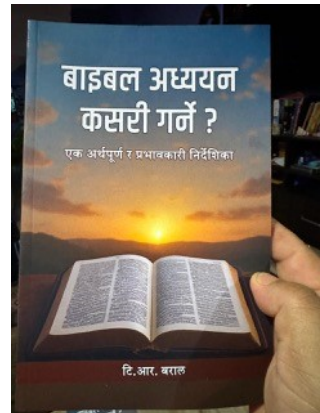
We have funded the building of a number of simple houses for the very poor. We have funded the medical expenses of several, from a child who fell off a roof needing hospital treatment to adults like pastor Sagar knocked off his motor bike and needing an operation to amputate his leg, and a young lady called Leela Mukhiya needing a heart operation.

Many, many families have received bags of rice when hungry or blankets when cold. We have funded water projects in isolated villages, bought goats for a poor family and a cow for another.

But most importantly you have enabled thousands in Nepal to hear the gospel.

Just this week I have received a photo of the book that you enabled us to fund to be written and printed. The full title of the book: “How to study the Bible - a meaningful and effective guide”, was written by Tika Ram Baral for rural pastors. We have printed 1,000 copies. The next book Tika is planning to write for the pastors is “What does the Bible actually teach”

I thank all of you for your amazing support.





Diana Sandy would like to thank all her friends at Cornerstone for the beautiful flowers she received. Thanks also to Sue for delivering them, putting them in a vase of water and staying for a chat.

Kay Mellor says: "Thank you all so very much for my lovely flowers; they are so very beautiful. I was so surprised to receive them. Thank you once again, with love."

Gill and Lawrence Tabenor say thank you for the Church flowers they received. Thanks also to Steph for delivering them and staying for a chat.

Valerie Blasby writes: "Thank you for the lovely flowers from church for my birthday. I was out when they were delivered but they made such a splash of colour on the doorstep to come home to."

James and Kathy Petty would like to thank everyone who helped with our Wedding. The help was very much appreciated in preparation for and on the day itself. Also, thank you for the beautiful flowers we received in celebration of our marriage.

Sue Ruddock writes: "Many thanks for the beautiful flowers delivered by Bev Hall. They were very much appreciated and had pride of place in my lounge where I could enjoy looking at them while resting my sprained ankle. Love and God Bless."

Diane Fry writes: "Thank you for the lovely flowers left on my doormat celebrating the engagement of George and I."

Merle Wills would like to thank her friends at Cornerstone for the beautiful flowers that were sent for her birthday. She loved them.

Georgina & Peter Hollingsworth write: "Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers delivered recently. We do appreciate being remembered as we can't get to church very often so we watch the service on-line. It was good to have a chat with the lady who brought them. It is such a lovely way to keep in touch with people. Greetings to you all."

THANK YOU

Helen Roissetter says: "Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers I received. I was feeling rather low at the time and they really cheered me up, so they came at just the right time. Thank you to Stephanie for delivering them and for our chat, I very much appreciated it."

Peter Blasby writes: "Thank you for the lovely flowers that Sue delivered, they were beautiful. Thank you for your kind concerns."

Jan Sherlock writes: "Thank you for the gift of beautiful flowers received when I was unwell recently, a lovely bright splash of colour which cheered me up - and thanks to Sue for delivering them."

A SMILE

A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. No one is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and no one is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give a smile. Give them one of yours, as no one needs a smile as much as he who has none to give.

Taken from "Bless This Home"
Published by Golden House Publishing Co, Inc.

SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Cornerstone Cuppa is open Monday to Saturday - 10.00 am - 12 noon

Monday	1	10.00am Daytime Prayers
Tuesday	2	
Wednesday	3	8.30am Early Morning Prayer : 10.00am Toddler Group : 2.00pm Hythe Huddle
Thursday	4	10.00am HytheActive Exercise Group
Friday	5	10.00am Pins and Needles : 7.00pm Youth Bible Group
Saturday	6	8.30am Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY	7	10.30am Morning Worship with Communion
Monday	8	10.00am Daytime Prayers
Tuesday	9	
Wednesday	10	8.30am Early Morning Prayer : 10.00am Toddler Group
Thursday	11	10.00am HytheActive Exercise Group : 2.15pm Women's Guild
Friday	12	10.00am Pins and Needles : 7.30pm Youth Club
Saturday	13	
SUNDAY	14	10.30am Morning Worship followed by Picnic Lunch
Monday	15	HOMEGROUP WEEK 10.00am Daytime Prayers
Tuesday	16	9.30am Table Top
Wednesday	17	8.30am Early Morning Prayer : 10.00am Toddler Group
Thursday	18	10.00am HytheActive Exercise Group
Friday	19	10.00am Pins and Needles : 7.00pm Youth Bible Group
Saturday	20	7.00pm An Evening of Poetry and Prose - Michael Rolph
SUNDAY	21	HARVEST THANKSGIVING 10.30am Morning Worship : 12.30pm Lunch
Monday	22	10.00am Daytime Prayers
Tuesday	23	
Wednesday	24	8.30am Early Morning Prayer : 10.00am Toddler Group
Thursday	25	10.00am HytheActive Exercise Group : 2.15pm Women's Guild
Friday	26	10.00am Pins and Needles : 7.30pm Youth Club
Saturday	27	
SUNDAY	28	10.30am Morning Worship
Monday	29	HOMEGROUP WEEK 10.00am Daytime Prayers
Tuesday	30	9.30am Table Top

REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Cornerstone Cuppa is open Monday to Saturday
from 10.00am-12.00 noon except Bank Holidays**

SUNDAY

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship with Light Years (4-11 years) |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion:
(1 st Sunday usually - see Worship notice) |

MONDAY

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| 10.00-11.00am | Prayer Time at Cornerstone |
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TUESDAY

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| 9.30am-12noon | Table Top Sale (Alternate weeks as advertised) |
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WEDNESDAY

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| 8.30-9.30am | Early Morning Prayer |
| 10.00-11.30am | Toddler Group** |
| 7.30pm | Church Meeting (2 nd or 4 th Wednesday quarterly) |

THURSDAY

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| 10.00am-12noon | Hythe Active Exercise Group |
| 2.15-3.30pm | Women's Guild (2 nd and 4 th Thursdays) |

FRIDAY

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| 10.00am-12noon | Pins & Needles Group |
| 7.00-9.00pm | Youth Bible Group** (Alternate weeks) (13-18 years) |
| 7.30-9.00pm | Youth Club** (Alternate weeks) (11-18 years) |

SATURDAY

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| 08.30-10.30am | Men's Breakfast (as announced) |
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HOMEGROUPS meet twice a month on various days, at various times, and various venues.

** Except School Holidays & Bank Holidays

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 21st September

**But let us think of others
who are not as fortunate
as we are, as we bring our
contributions of items
for the food bank.**

