

June 2026



And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

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or any trusted Christian for any spiritual support and guidance at
this time.***

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July/August Newsletter

The deadline for the July issue is Sunday 21st June.

***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
E-mail: newsletter@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk***

Welcome to our June edition of Cornerstone News

This month as a church and as a newsletter we have lots going on including the arrival of our new minister, Joshua and his family.

Men's Breakfast have a very interesting talk about the air ambulances which will be enjoyed whilst eating a delicious breakfast, page xx

Don't forget that tickets are now on sale for the Marchwood Prelude Orchestra who will be performing on 4th July. details on page XX

The prayer pointers are in the middle of the newsletter and I have kept them so that they can be pulled out if you want to as I understand this was the original idea.

It is the first month that we are publishing after losing our dear friend Diana Sandy so this edition is dedicated to her memory and all that she did quietly behind the scenes. I hope that she is pleased with our effort although I know we have room for improvement.

Letter from the Elders



Get Ready...

It won't be long now when we will be welcoming Joshua into our church as our new Minister together with Sarah his wife and Elijah their son. I do not envy them for all of the sorting out and packing up that they need to be doing as they prepare to move from their current home in Essex to be with us in Hythe. Moving house can be one of the most stressful things to be doing as I'm sure many of you have experienced at some point. But there's not only the physical and administrative jobs that need to be done, there will also be the many goodbyes to the churches and good friends they will be leaving. So please hold Joshua, Sarah and Elijah in your prayers at this time.

Preparations have also been under way for when Joshua arrives. The manse has been re-decorated and made ready by the Synod and at Cornerstone Terry has been busy clearing out and tidying the minister's office to make it ready – for which we thank him. An induction programme is being prepared for Joshua to be made familiar with what goes on in our church at Cornerstone and at Immanuel church at Southbourne and preparations are also in hand for the Induction service on Saturday 11th July at 2.30pm – I hope you'll be there!

So hopefully we'll be ready to welcome Joshua into our fellowship as our new minister, but as a church and as individuals we also need to be ready to welcome and embrace changes that he will surely bring – new ways of

doing things - perhaps in worship, in prayer, in meetings, in organisation, in ways of coming closer to God and knowing what He wants us to be doing.... Just recently in my bible reading guide I've been delving into a part of Jeremiah where in chapter 29 v11 it says: "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

God certainly has a plan for us at Cornerstone and I pray that with Joshua's help we'll be able to discern and embrace that plan - which will surely include changes - in the months and years to come.

Are you ready?

With every blessing, Richard Hall



Birthdays in June

**Happy birthday
and
Congratulations to**

Joy Funnell who will be 92 on the 2nd June
Pamela Bridge who will be 82 on the 5th June
Barbara Moth who will be 87 on the 24th June

If you are over 80, or turning 80 in 2026 and are not already included on the newsletter birthday page, but would like to be, 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

Flowers at Cornerstone



It is a pleasure to organise the church flowers for another year and I hope that everyone is enjoying them.

I still have the following dates available for the 2026 Rota.



October 18th and 25th,

November 1st and 8th

December 13th

People donate the flowers for many reasons: in memory of a loved one, a birthday or anniversary, a celebration or just to give thanks.

The average cost is £25 to £30 but please do not be put off by this amount. You can always share with someone else. Just contact me and I will help you.

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

Flower rota for June



7th June Terry & Jo for Wedding Anniversary

14th June Heather Bowers for family

21st June James & Kathy Petty for Wedding Anniversary

28th June Peter & Mary York for family

Thank you and take care, Pamela Bridge

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.

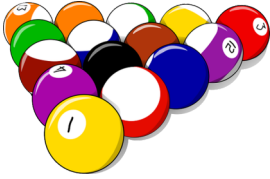


Singing is a full part of our worship with a mix of songs and hymns accompanied mostly by videos shown on the big screens or by organ and piano or occasionally by a small worship band.

After the service, there will be opportunity for private prayer in a corner of the worship area and Coffee and Tea will be served in the main hall, where people enjoy fellowship together.

Worship in June

Date	Speaker	Theme
7th June	Steve Baker	Hebrews - Our Response Service includes communion
14th June	Revd Ian McGill	Hebrews - Jesus & Melchizedek
21st June	A2 Team	God's understanding Part 2
28th June	Ric Lambert	Hebrews - The New Covenant



YOUTH CLUB

For 11 to 18 Year Olds

**7.30 pm to 9.00 pm
alternate Fridays**



For further details and programmes please contact
Dave Symmonds

Email : youthclub@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk

We will be meeting on Fridays June 12th & 26th

YOUTH BIBLE GROUP



7.00 pm to 9.00 pm - alternate Fridays

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

We will be meeting on Fridays June 5th & 19th,

For more details please contact Dave Symmonds



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Invitation

You are invited to the
Service of Induction
of

Revd Joshua Norris

to the Pastorate of
Cornerstone Hythe

&

Immanuel Southbourne

on Saturday 11th July at 2.30pm
at Cornerstone Church

This will be followed by light refreshments
in the hall.

 Hythe United Reformed Church
 **Cornerstone**



Thank you

Cynthia Wheeler says *Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received from the church. I was overwhelmed and delighted, especially because I could see the yellow flowers. They lifted my spirits.*



*Dear Cornerstone family and friends,
Many thanks for the lovely flowers received from you, It's such a blessing to have a kind lovely family around us. Special thanks to lovely Bev for delivering them. God bless you all and keep you happy and healthy always. Love **Shadia & Robert.***



*We would like to say a special 'thank you' to Pamela Bridge for all the time and effort she puts into the flower arrangements. Not just her time creating the beautiful displays we have each month but also all of her hard work coordinating everything behind the scenes so that each week the displays have a meaning. from **The Elders***



WE ARE
LOOKING
for you!



Could you help at Cornerstone?

We are always looking for willing volunteers to help with the life of our church. Whether you can give an hour a week or just help occasionally, there is something for everyone.

Here are just some of the ways you could get involved:

- Welcoming and serving refreshments on Sundays
 - Helping with Toddler Group or Youth Club
 - Joining the flower rota or cleaning team
 - Assisting with Table Top Sales
 - Supporting our tech and sound desk
 - Helping with Cornerstone Cuppa
- Helping with the newsletter and notice sheets

No experience needed – just a willing heart! If you would like to find out more, please speak to any of the Elders or contact the church office.

Prayers for June



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4 v6

Prayer opportunities during the week.

Sunday: Before the service in Room 1 at 10:15am; after the service there is an opportunity to receive prayer.

Monday mornings 10:00am - 11:00am. Room 1 (except bank holidays)

Wednesday mornings, 8:30am – 9:30am. Foyer

Also, at homegroups, various days and times.

All welcome to share in any or all these prayer times.



Prayer pointers

1st - 6th June

- This week Joshua and family will be moving to their new home in Hythe. Pray that the move goes smoothly.
- Pray that the whole family settle quickly and happily into their new home.
- Pray for Joshua's ministry here in Hythe and Southbourne.
- Pray for Sarah and Elijah as they get to know the area and the opportunities available.
- Pray for Cornerstone and Immanuel, that we can grow a good working relationship, that Joshua will feel comfortable working with both churches.

7th - 13th June

- Pray for all young people who are sitting exams at the present time. Pray that stress levels do not get intolerable.
- Pray that they feel confident as they open the papers that they can answer the questions, giving them a sense of peace enabling them to complete the paper.
- Pray for those who find it hard to concentrate for long periods that God gives them the strength they need to get through the exam.
- Pray for those paid to act as scribes and readers, that they can do their job sympathetically and with integrity.
- Pray that when the exams are over the young people feel a sense of achievement knowing that they have done their very best, and they can now enjoy the summer.
- Pray for those looking for summer jobs, and future employment. Pray that there may be opportunities available to them.

for June



14th - 20th June

- Pray for our government. There is division and unrest; people seem to have little faith in the government to deliver their promises, or even work together for the common good.
- Pray for wisdom and good communication for all those in Parliament.
- Pray for strength for all those elected to govern our country.
- Pray also for Christian MP's who want to do things according to God's will.
- Pray for the by-election taking place for the candidates and the integrity of those voting.

21st - 27th June

- With summer coming and more people enjoying the water, pray for their safety.
- Pray for lifeguards keeping watch on the beaches, that they may be vigilant; for those manning lifeboats, that may they be kept safe as they rescue others.
- Pray for the air ambulance crews as they help rescue the sick and injured giving a greater chance of survival.
- Pray that people may be very aware of the dangers of being in or near water.
- Pray for those so desperate to reach the UK, that they risk their lives in small dinghies to cross the channel.



Prayer pointers



28th - 30th June

Pray for Families Matter.

- Thank God for his continuing care and for all the families that have been helped over the years.

Pray for all the workers as they plan and organise all the activities:

- OTRT (On the right track)
- Hythe Huddle
- Memory Group
- SWANS (Support with additional needs)
- Anger Management courses.

They are coping with people young and old who have complex needs; this can be draining work, pray that God gives them the wisdom and strength to be able to help and nurture all those they are working with.

Lord,

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We know You see their very real needs, and we ask that You would meet them where they are with provision and protection. Please cover them with Your presence and Your peace. And if there's anything we can do to support those we love, please show us. In Jesus' name, amen



Hello dear friends,

Welcome to the summer. I am a little at a loss for words at the moment which those of you that know me well, may find it quite strange. The reason for this is because of

the loss of dear friend Diana Sandy. So this month I'm not going to apologise the focusing on her in my article because she has been a huge contributing factor not just to the newsletter but also to the A² services. Diana was very good at giving us feedback on our service which she watched at home. It felt very personal whenever I was greeting everyone watching online because I always had Diana in my heart knowing that she would maybe not at that moment but at some point, be watching us.

It felt very difficult with our last A² service as I knew Diana wasn't there watching us. So I do apologise to anyone watching online if you didn't feel that we did as much as we normally do to include you, sorry. I do know however that Diana was watching us from above and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The service has been a huge leap of faith for me. I was preoccupied with getting on top of the notice sheet so was delighted that our A² team stepped up and delivered. Naomi led the service and it's wonderful watching her step up to the challenge. I am sure that her Grandma and Grandad would have been very proud that she is continuing with the work they started. Bobby had been very clear that he didn't want to deliver a message however he ended up doing just that. So we had a double message, one from Bobby and one from Ray. The whole service was based on a tiktok video which Grace had used for a Bible study which was so intense that we have decided we needed two services to cover it all so it will continue to our June service. You may notice a big change for me as I am learning to genuinely trust my team and let them crack on with their contributions

without my micro managing in the background. Check this out, Bobby has already started working on this message for the service without me even asking!

I say I've done nothing however that's not strictly true as I have been working on the notice sheet and more importantly right now working on the newsletter which you're reading. It is very much a learning curve! Hopefully you have noticed that the notice sheet is slowly improving although I am still getting my head around the newsletter. On a positive note being the temporary 'editor' means I now do not have to submit my article by the deadline so I'm writing this about a week late. After all there always must be a silver lining. For those of you who weren't aware, Diana worked hard behind the scenes. She was responsible for the notice sheet and the newsletter among other things and had recently taken on another commitment with distributing the newsletter. I am really pleased that I was able to chat with Diana before she left us because I know that her vision was that the newsletter would be changed as she felt it needed a revamp. We had however agreed to wait until Joshua had joined us so watch this space. What I do know for sure is that any changes to the newsletter will be inspired by Diana and led by God.

The last couple of months have been quite challenging for me on lots of different levels and one of the things I am really learning to do is to lean back and trust in God. This is something that I talk about all the time. The talking is quite easy to do however when it comes down to real life is so much harder. How do you find the fine balance between putting the action in whilst also letting go and trust Him? After all Faith without works is dead? Answers on a postcard please as I am stumped. With the A² services, I've learnt to let go and trust my team.

Writing this I've noticed I've referred to it as my team, does this mean that I feel that the A² team belongs to me or that I am responsible for it or maybe that they are responsible to me? A saying I used to use at work was that there is no "I" in team. Maybe I need to truly let go and trust our team and not be the controlling manager which is my default setting. In order to do this I need to 100% trust God not just say that I trust God but feel it in my heart. It's all very well to understand The Bible and the context of all of Jesus' messages but if they stay in our head and don't move into our heart, have we really heard His message?

This point I would usually delve into a Bible reading however I am not today. One reason for that is I am dictating this into my phone as I walk Woody in the forest so as much as I would like to pick up my Bible and find the right reference I don't think it's going to happen. It would be rather cumbersome carrying one all this way. Instead I will connect with nature because often that's the way I connect with God. Our walks in the forest give me the opportunity to be still. Not necessarily with my feet but definitely in my head as I connect with nature, the wonderful creations that God bless us with. It takes away the barriers of everyday life which I put up to obstruct my connection with Him. Maybe I need to stop writing this now and connect with God because without that connection I have no message to carry.

Can my dear friends relax and enjoy the summer knowing that we are all in God's flock under His watchful eye.

Take care and God bless, Emma



Marchwood Music Society

Marchwood Prelude Orchestra

“Favourites” concert

Saturday
4th July 7pm

Prelude plays some of our favourite tunes:
chosen by our players.....performed for you.

Tickets £10 adults, £5 under 18s

available from
Cornerstone Hythe URC, New Road, Hythe, SO45 6BR
also

The Herald Office, 2 High Street, Hythe, SO45 6AH



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Marchwood Prelude Orchestra

Marchwood Prelude is a community orchestra that was formed in 2009 and has grown to include more than 30 amateur musicians of all ages. Their motto is “sharing the joy of music” and judging by the applause and smiles at Prelude concerts, this spirit is being effectively embraced by both audience and musicians! A broad range of popular music as well as some classical tunes are in their repertoire.

The orchestra’s next concert is at Cornerstone on Saturday 4th July at 7pm, when they will be giving a delightful “Favourites Concert”. The Prelude will play some of their favourite tunes – chosen by the playersperformed for you! A delightful concert not to be missed!!

Proceeds from the concert will go to the Cornerstone Outreach Fund supporting mission and outreach in Uganda, Ukraine and Sierra Leone.

Tickets at £10 (under 18 £5), including programme and interval refreshments, are available from the Cornerstone Church Office (10am – 12noon) Tel: 023 8084 5005, info@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk , the Herald Office in Hythe or on the door.



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**

June Programme

11th June

Board Games

25th June

American Adventure Part 2 with Jytta and Liz

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



HYTHE ACTIVE EXERCISE GROUP

We meet on Thursdays at 10.00am 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.



Hythe Huddle

Drop in support group for people living with dementia and their carers who meet the first Wednesday of each month at 2 – 4 pm on



3rd June 2026



1st July 2026



For more information contact us:

023 8020 7623

Office@families-matter.org.uk

Table Top Sales

Tuesdays 9.30am – 12 noon

Don't miss this month's Table Top sales are on

Tuesday **9th** and **23rd June**,

There'll be a great selection of:

- Electrical items,
- Jewellery
- Collectables
- Kitchenware
- Tableware
- Glassware
- Bags
- Toys
- Jig-saw puzzles – great variety and sizes
- Paperback Books – extensive library!
- CDs and DVDs



New goods are arriving all the time, so it's a great opportunity to get a good bargain! Of course, it's also a great time for fellowship with coffee, tea and biscuits always available in the Foyer! All proceeds go to the Cornerstone Building Repairs Fund. So don't miss it!

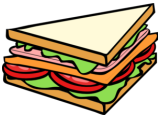


Men's Breakfast

Saturday 13th June at 8.30 am

**The Speaker is Dr Rob Summerhayes
and his subject is
The Air Ambulance**

For details please contact Dave Symmonds
call/text 07747698910 or e-mail:
mensbreakfast@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk



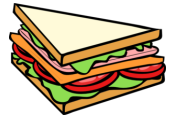
Picnic lunch

Sunday 14 th June

Bring your own food and stay on after coffee

**It is a really good opportunity to have a good natter
get to know people better.**

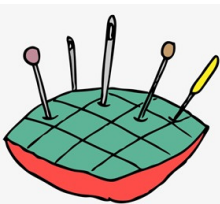
Come along with your picnic and join us.



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.

June 2026 Calendar

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

Home Group Week

Mon 1st 10am Daytime prayers
Wed 3rd 8.30am Early morning prayers
10am Toddler group : 2pm Hythe Huddle
Thu 4th 10am HytheActive Exercise group
Fri 5th 10am Pins and Needles : 7pm Youth Bible group
Sun 7th 10.30am Morning Worship

Mon 8th 10am Daytime prayers
Tue 9th 9.30am Table top sale
Wed 10th 8.30am Early morning prayers : 10am Toddler group
Thu 11th 10am HytheActive : 2.15pm Women's Guild
Fri 12th 10am Pins and Needles : 7.30pm Youth Club
Sat 13th 8.30am Men's Breakfast
Sun 14th 10.30am Morning Worship + Picnic lunch

Home Group Week

Mon 15th 10am Daytime prayers
Wed 17th 8.30am Early morning prayers : 10am Toddler group
Thu 18th 10am HytheActive Exercise group
Fri 19th 10am Pins and Needles : 7pm Youth Bible group
Sun 21st 10.30am Morning Worship

Mon 22nd 10am Daytime prayers
Tue 23rd 9.30am Table top sale
Wed 24th 8.30am Early morning prayers : 10am Toddler group
7.30pm Elders meeting
Thu 25th 10am HytheActive : 2.15pm Women's Guild
Fri 26th 10am Pins and Needles : 7.30pm Youth Club
Sun 28th 10.30am Morning Worship

Mon 29th **Home Group Week** - 10am Daytime prayers

Regular Church Activities

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

Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship with Light Years (4-11yrs)
and Grid (11-18yrs)
Holy Communion (1st Sunday - see notice)

Monday

10.00-11.00am Prayer Time at Cornerstone

Tuesday

9.30am-12noon Table Top Sale (alternate weeks as advertised)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

10.00am-12noon Pins & Needles Group
7.00-9.00pm Youth Bible Group** (alternate weeks, 13-18yrs)
7.30-9.00pm Youth Club** (alternate weeks, 11-18yrs)

Saturday

8.30-10.30am Men's Breakfast (as announced)

Home groups meet twice a month on various days,
at various times and venues.

** Except School Holidays & Bank Holidays



In loving memory of our dear friend
and sister in Christ,

Diana Sandy

Newsletter Editor for many years

7th February 1948 - 3rd May 2026

May you rest in peace knowing
that you will always live on in our hearts..

