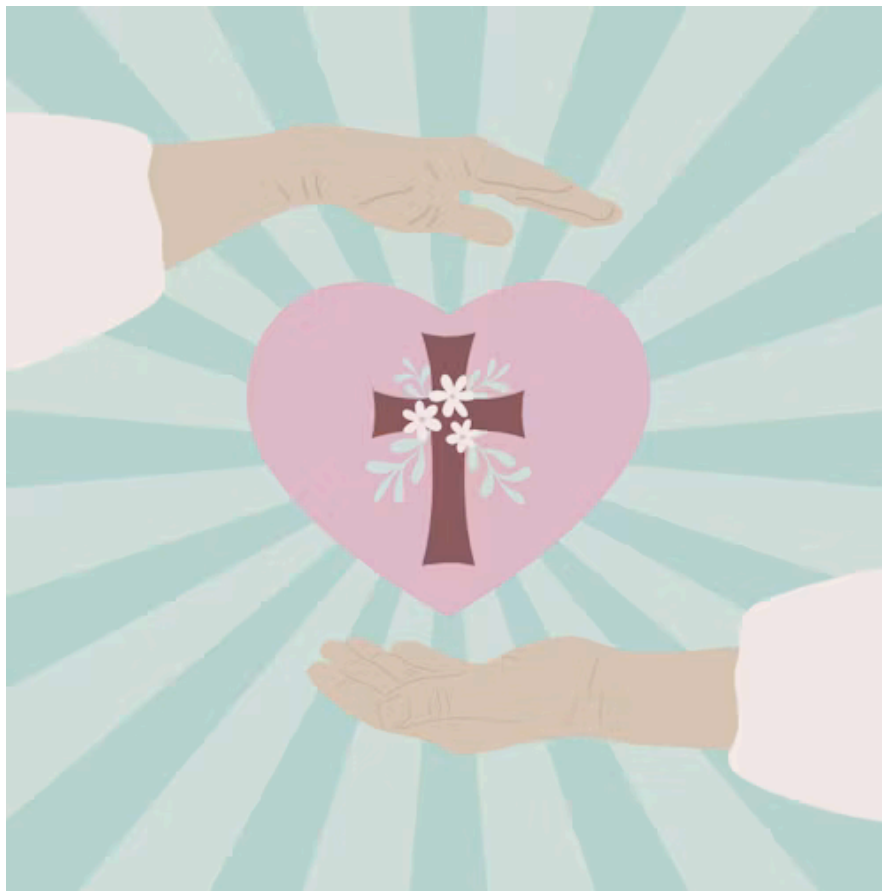


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Cornerstone News
Summer 2026



***Whoever does not love does not know
God, because God is love.***

1 John 4:8

Our monthly newsletter to help keep you up to date with everything that is going on in and around our church.

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September Newsletter

The deadline for the September issue is Sunday 23rd August.

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:

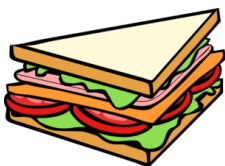
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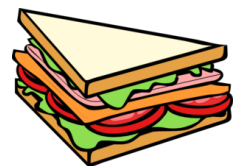
The wait is finally over! Our new minister, Revd Joshua Norris has arrived! I hope you will join us in welcoming Joshua, Sarah, Elijah and “bump” into our Cornerstone family. Please join us on 11th July as we formally welcome Joshua, with his induction service at 2.30pm. He has very kindly written a letter to you all which you will find on page 6.

Prayer is an important part of our Christian life so we hope you find some inspiration for your conversations with God in these pages. As well as our usual pull out prayers in the middle, we also have a beautiful reflection on Psalm 119 written by Margaret which you will find on page 18. Following a suggestion made by Carol, we have included the lyrics of one of our recent worship songs which you may enjoy contemplating on. You may also have noticed that we have moved our Worship Program to the back page so it is now there for everyone to see.

Take care, God bless and enjoy reading!



**Picnic lunch
Sunday 12th July**



**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.

Minister's letter



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Starting somewhere new is always challenging. This is especially true when you throw into the mix unforeseen circumstances that obstruct one's ability to settle. For we as the Norris family, this unforeseen circumstance took the shape of a burst water main which left us an inch from building an ark. But every cloud has a silver lining! For not only were we afforded the opportunity to get to know our neighbours in a truly unorthodox fashion, we were presented with an opportunity for God to speak to us.

As we prayed that God would spare our new home from flood waters that rose precariously to the top of the damp proof course, people prayed and listened to God on our behalf. And so it was that in the midst of disaster God chose to independently remind two individuals of Isaiah 43 who, through varying avenues, shared two connected verses with us.

One of these individuals highlighted Isaiah 43:2a;

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.”

To our family, who at one moment watched the food bin float by the patio window, these were tremendous words of encouragement. Yet, this was doubly the case when we paused to reflect on our new beginning. A fresh start brings with it a mixture of hopefulness and uncertainty about what the exact future may hold. Yet, despite this uncertain pathway yet to be trod, we are assured that whatever the future holds God's presence with us is resolutely faithful, and we will forever remain secure in Him. For this we can only give God thanks and praise.

To the second individual God gave these words from Isaiah 43:19; “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Again overlooking the obvious irony in these words, they speak to us a slightly different message. They speak of a future yet to be actualised, but nonetheless firmly within God’s intentions. When they were originally uttered they were offered to a people in exile looking towards a future redemption where they would see the fullness of God’s promises being realised among the people of Israel. With the hindsight of a modern believer we know this prophecy is fulfilled in two ways. Firstly, the people are taken out of exile and back to the Promised Land. Secondly, we later see the coming of Jesus the Messiah who took away the sin of the world through His death on the cross and subsequent resurrection. However, as modern readers of this verse who gather at the beginning of their own new season of ministry and mission together, God causes us to not reflect on exile or human salvation only, but rather on our own yet to be fully-realised future with Him. So far we (the Norris family and the churches) have each spent time discerning God’s call together and mutually concurred that God’s will is for me to become minister of Cornerstone in Hythe and Immanuel in Southbourne. God has shown us that we have each been called to this moment that He has ordained according to His will. We have had some fruitful conversations about the road ahead, and we have begun to envision what the journey may look like. However, it is now time for us to set off on our journey toward what God has for us. And as such we are confronted by a future yet to be realised. It will not always be a smooth journey, and there will likely be unforeseen circumstances that catch us off guard. Yet our objective on this journey is clear – we must always remain faithful to God and obedient to His ongoing call upon our lives as

individuals and as His Church. For if we forever walk closely in relationship with Him, the rivers of life that He clearly has intended will spring up in our lives and in the lives of the people of Hythe and Southbourne. We will see the good work that God has begun in us come to completion. Those who abide in Christ will see His fruitfulness come to bear (John 15).

*Your brother in Christ,
Reverend Joshua Norris*

(Minister – Cornerstone, Hythe URC & Immanuel, Southbourne URC)



Many happy returns and congratulations to

Jean Mills who will be 96 on the 3rd July

Val Blasby who will be 89 on the 8th July

Peter York who will be 83 on the 10th July

Dora Gouldie who will be 94 on the 24th July

Merle Wills who will be 81 on the 29th July

Eira McCaughey who will be 91 on the 21st August

Barry Ventris who will be 90 on the 26th August

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 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, on 023 8084 3249 or pamela@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk

Flower rota for July and August



July

- 5th Pamela Bridge for Family Birthdays
- 12th Pat and Peter Dudley for Family Birthdays
- 19th Elizabeth Dennis in memory of her husband, John
- 26th Helen Roissetter in memory of her husband, Ernie

August

- 2nd Marion Richiardi for Family
- 9th Pamela Bridge for Parents
- 16th Sue Ruddock for her Mother's Anniversary
- 23rd Jane Wood for her Mother
- 30th Mike and Polly Garside for their Wedding Anniversary



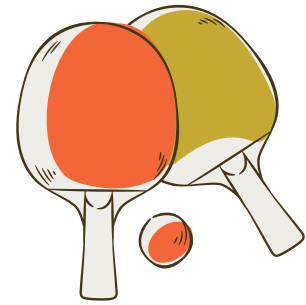
*Thank you and take care,
Pamela Bridge*



Youth Club

For 11 to 18 Year Olds

**7.30 pm to 9.00 pm
alternate Fridays**



We will be meeting on Friday 10th July.

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 Friday 3rd and 17th July

For further details and programmes for both clubs,

please contact Dave Symmonds

youthclub@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk



Summer Holidays

Our youth club leaders are taking a break so there will be no clubs during the summer holidays. They will return, refreshed in September.



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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. RSVP by adding your name to the list in the
foyer or emailing:

secretary@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk



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Barbara Moth says *I should like to offer my sincere thanks to all my friends at Cornerstone for the love and concern shown to me during the recent illness and subsequent death of my grandson Richard. You really sustained me during this difficult time and I feel so fortunate and thankful to be a part of such a caring congregation.*

Jeanette Allen says *it is always nice to be given flowers, and especially so for my Birthday. Thank you Audrey for bringing them and staying to chat.*

*We would like to say a special 'thank you' to everyone involved with Cornerstone Cuppa. They always serve people with a smile and kind word as well as a cup of tea or coffee. We appreciate all their hard work behind the scenes as well for ensuring our doors are open to so many **The Elders***



Lyrics of the hymn, "I cannot tell" for your contemplation

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.

But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come



I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

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.

DBS checks may be needed for some roles.

On-going financial support and giving to



Cornerstone



We are very grateful to you for your continued financial support to our church and its life and mission and here is a reminder of possible ways of giving: For those of you who use online banking the Church's General Fund bank details are as follows:

Account Name: Hythe United Reformed Church

Sort Code: 40 52 40 Account No: 00016303

If you wish to give to the Outreach Fund the bank details are as follows:

Account Name: Hythe United Reformed Church

Sort Code: 40 52 40 Account No: 00021634

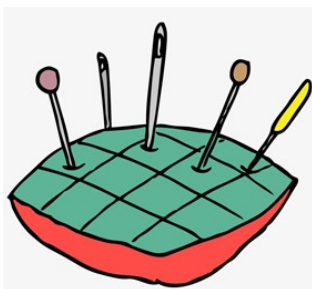
Please make all cheques payable to

Hythe United Reformed Church

Nick Tustian, our treasurer is happy to accept cheques for the General Fund which can be sent to 21 Atheling Rd, Hythe, SO45 6BS.

Richard Hall is happy to accept cheques for the Outreach Fund which can be sent to his address 'Craigmore', Roman Road, Dibden Purlieu, SO45 4QJ.

If you're not sure what to do please email Nick at treasurer@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk or give Nick a call on 07554 443 254.



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 a pleasant conversation are always available.

Prayers for July and August



This is a new season for our Church and we want to cover it in prayer. Please join us in our prayers either in person or by following our prayer pointers in this pull out section.

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 with our prayer ministry team.

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 or¹⁴all these prayer times.

Prayer Pointers

1st to 5th July

We give thanks for our new minister Joshua and we pray that he and Sarah will quickly feel at home herein particularly for them as they settle into the manse. We are sorry that they have experienced problems caused by a burst water main in their garden and we pray that this can be resolved both quickly and completely. We pray that they will not be overwhelmed by meeting so many new people and trying to learn names. We know that this process will also be repeated at Immanuel Church, so we pray grace for them as they get to know their new congregations. Lord we ask that You would let Your peace rest upon them. May they take time to assess the way forward and may we as a Church not pressurise them with our expectations.



6th to 12th July

We pray for the induction service on July 11. We pray for all the arrangements being made, for the service itself, the music and the speakers. Please let Your Holy Spirit fill the day with joy and gladness. We thank you that musicians from Immanuel will be coming to support us here and we pray that this will mark the start of a fruitful relationship with Immanuel. We pray for all who will be attending the service, that we will be one in spirit and that there will be a good time of fellowship. We pray for all those who will be busy with catering.

13th to 19th July

We thank you that there is good fellowship between the Churches on the Waterside and we pray that Joshua will readily feel part of the ecumenical community and enable us to build even closer relationships with local Churches. Similarly we pray for our relationship with Immanuel Church. We look forward to opportunities to support and encourage one another. We pray for Joshua as he works out what his working week will look like and we pray for safe travelling for him between our two churches.

20th to 26th July

Lord we pray for the Government in the UK. We pray that you will give wisdom to those in leadership who make decisions about how we

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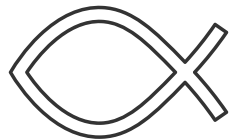
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should spend our resources. Please help them to make wise choices, particularly when they have to balance so many competing needs. We know that defence and welfare are both vital but require so much money, please show them creative ways to meet the needs. As social services and health authorities find new and more efficient ways of doing things may their experiences be shared across other authorities.

27th July to 2nd August

We pray for the problem of widespread unemployment in the 18-24 age group (currently one million plus not in education, employment or training). We pray that schemes can be devised that would enable these young people to join the work force. We pray for creative and fulfilling jobs which will lead to permanent jobs or careers.

We pray for the mental health and well being of the young people mentioned above. We pray that they will not feel hopeless and helpless. We are encouraged that some are looking to the Lord and Christianity. We pray for our Church and others as they welcome in people (particularly the young) looking for hope and answers to life's problems.



3rd to 9th August

We bring to You Lord the forces of division in our country that speak and act to separate us : the nationalistic tendencies and the anti-immigration lobby. Help us, particularly the Christian Church, to speak out when we see these harsh and extremist views that would destroy our society. We pray for Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done in our towns and cities.

We see that the Assisted Dying Bill may come back on the Parliamentary agenda, Lord we acknowledge that You are the one who gives life and we are sorry that people want to take life and death into their own hands. We pray that this attempt to reintroduce this bill will not be successful. We also pray again that adequate funding will be available for palliative care and for hospices. We thank you that the Government has at last decided to take action to limit young peoples' access to social media. We pray that there will be enough consultation between all interested and informed groups to produce an effective and workable bill.

Prayer Pointers August 2026

10th to 16th August

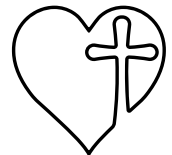
We pray for the world situation. Our prayer is that wars would cease and that the world would be at peace. We pray for all the areas of conflict: Iran, Lebanon, Israel, parts of Africa, Asia, South America and Europe including Ukraine and Russia.

Lord we pray for those who have lost loved ones, their homes, livelihoods and way of life. Lord we know that even if the fighting stops, the difficulties do not end. We pray for the resources to rebuild homes and infrastructure and the support needed to get traumatised populations back on their feet.

We pray for the Christians in these situations. We pray that they will be light in their communities. We pray that you would give them the strength and hope they need to bring Your love to their suffering situations. In many places Christians are persecuted so we pray for their safety and well being.

17th to 23rd August

We pray for the women of Afghanistan who are experiencing, under the Taliban, the removal of all the rights that they once enjoyed. We pray that the Taliban would soften their harsh rule and allow women to be educated and to move outside their homes. We pray for those who are Christian but unable to share with others and have to keep their bible hidden (if they have one). Lord please send Your Holy Spirit to encourage them in their isolation.



24th to 31st August

The unrest in the world has led to pressure on all economies. We know that the increase in oil prices has led to increase in many commodities. We pray for the pressure on agriculture worldwide. The shortage of fertilizers is leading to shortages of food and in some areas to famine. We pray that methods of sustainable farming will be developed and shared particularly in the more underdeveloped countries.

Global warming is still an urgent issue and yet we see a move away from the targets that were originally set to counteract this. We pray that countries would not lose their focus on these targets in the light of current difficulties. Please help us all to do our small bit (recycling etc) as a contribution to solving this problem.

Psalm 119 Prayers

By Margaret Yapp

I have recently been reading Psalm 119 in my daily readings. I decided to use some of the scriptures from Psalm 119 as a basis for prayer. As you read them I pray that the Holy Spirit will prompt you with a prayer. Many of these prayers are for ourselves but you may be prompted differently. There are many more scriptures in Psalm 119 and much of the emphasis is on the Word and the law of the Lord. Even just reading the scriptures out aloud can bless us so I pray that you will be blessed.

v1 Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. v2 Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.

As we move into a new season for our Church may we be those who follow the Lord with all our hearts and earnestly seek His ways.

v4 You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. v5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

Lord we pray that we will be obedient to your ways and not make compromises in either our thoughts or deeds.

v7 I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.
May we be a praising Church always ready to give glory to You.

v11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Lord we pray that in all circumstances we will know what the right thing is to do. May Your Holy Spirit guide us and help us at all times.

v15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. v16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word

We pray that we will daily spend time in Your word. We know that our minds can be renewed by reading Your word.

v18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Thank you that the Holy Spirit is able to guide us into all truth.

Please give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we seek You.

v28 My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

For ourselves and others as we go through hard times please let us see that You walk with us. Please give us Your peace, comfort and strength. We particularly think of those who are sick or bereaved.

v32 I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.

We thank you for the freedom that comes with our salvation. We pray for those who have yet to come into Your kingdom. We pray particularly for our family members, our communities and the wider world. Thank you that it is Your desire that none should perish and that if we pray according to Your will You answer our prayers.

v36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

v37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

We pray for ourselves and others that we would not be seduced by the temptations of the world. We pray for discernment, particularly for young people, when using the internet and social media. We pray that safeguards can be put in place to protect our young people.

v46 I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame,

May we be good ambassadors for You Lord. In this divided world and even in our local communities it can be hard to speak of our faith. May we be always ready to give an account of the hope that is within us.

v49 Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. v50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.

We pray for those who lack hope: the homeless, the unemployed, those in pain, those going through family break ups. Lord we pray that Your Holy Spirit would come into what appears to be hopeless situations and show a way forward

v53 Indignation grips me because of the wicked, who have forsaken your law

Lord we pray for our communities where there is crime, rioting and strife. We pray for Your peace to be restored. We pray for the police and the emergency services who are called to such situations.

v63 I'm a friend to everyone who has respect for you. I'm a friend to everyone who follows your rules. v64 LORD, the earth is filled with your love.

Lord help us to be kind and compassionate to all. We are called to love our neighbour. We pray for the immigration problems that beset our country and ask that You would give wisdom to our Government.

v66 Increase my knowledge and give me good sense, because I believe in your commands. v67 Before I went through suffering, I went down the wrong path. But now I obey your word.

We pray for good sense for all of us and particularly for young people. Help us to make wise choices concerning our friends and how we spend our time and money.

v69 Proud people have spread lies about me and have taken away my good name. But I follow your rules with all my heart. v70 Their hearts are hard and stubborn. They don't feel anything. But I take delight in your law.

We pray concerning the fake news, false information and lies that are commonplace in the media and on the internet. Please give us

wisdom and discernment. We pray for those with hardened hearts that You would soften their hearts and draw them to Yourself.

v73 You made me and formed me with your own hands. Give me understanding so that I can learn your commands.

Lord we thank You that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and that God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. We again pray for our unsaved family members and the prodigals who have walked away, please draw them to Yourself.

v79 May those who have respect for you come to me. Then I can teach them your covenant laws.

You tell us to make disciples of all the world. May we be good witnesses within our families, workplaces and communities. We can all share an encouraging word particularly to the younger generation.

v89 LORD, your word lasts forever. It stands firm in the heavens.

v90 You will be faithful for all time to come. You made the earth, and it continues to exist.

We pray for the natural world. We are sorry we have been poor stewards and have caused many problems such as pollution and global warming. We pray that You will help us to restore the environment particularly when there is a conflict concerning the resources and how they should be managed.

v103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! v104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. v105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Lord we thank You that Your word can guide us at all times in all situations. Please help us to cast all our anxieties and burdens on You.

Amen



Hello dear Cornerstone friends

I hope you are enjoying your summer so far. I am writing this the day after the latest A² service as I am rather tired. I think I need a holiday which is a good thing really because we don't have another newsletter until September. Before I talk about other things I will first concentrate on Drama Llamas. After all that is what this article is supposed to be about. You have probably noticed that since the A² services, Drama Llamas has taken a backseat. I am hoping in the not too distant future we will be able to get back on track with regular Drama Llama Productions. It is something I have really missed. The biggest thing I miss about it, is the rehearsal time where I get the chance to catch up with my Drama Llama friends. I am aware this sounds selfish as surely we should be focused on the overall production rather than socialising. When I think back to when it was started, a big part of Drama Llamas was the social interaction as we were coming out of the pandemic. We would meet regularly on a Saturday morning making sure we had time to catch up. Even if you don't know me that well, you will know I like a good natter.

I have nothing to report specifically about Drama Llamas other than I am confident we will be having our regular performances and chats again. A big contributing factor will hopefully be Joshua joining our Cornerstone family. It has been a long time since we've had a minister. I came to Cornerstone in 2019 and as you probably know Eddie left in 2020 so for the majority of my time here we have been fending for ourselves. This is a big albeit positive change for me. There is a theoretical model around changes within teams which describes the process as "forming, storming, norming" which I used to notice within my team at work. I've definitely been going through this process in my head with Joshua. I've been feeling worried about what's going to happen, hoping he will make lots of changes and then hoping he won't change anything. I think it is fair to say for all of us, this is an exciting new chapter and there are likely to be some ups and downs. After all we are all human beings and we do not know what the future holds for us. That is God's job, not ours.

Which takes us nicely on to our latest A² service which as I'm writing

took place yesterday. What stood out for me most about our service was how everybody has grown in confidence. I thought it would be really chaotic and all over the place because I didn't feel that I had been doing enough. I am also aware that in my last article I talked about my need to control. I think its fair to say that yesterday I let go and 100% trusted God. Which in essence is what our service was all about. This particular topic is massive. I am literally blown away that we were able to cover it in just two services especially as we were looking at five different Bible readings. Ironically our Message was to trust God regardless of what we think we know as He knows way more than we do. Needless to say, everyone stepped up and did far more than expected. For me there were some spine tingling moments where I realised the Holy Spirit was working within us. For example due to time restraints, I had picked the songs myself without running them past the team. I was worried that I had picked the wrong ones as the musical worship is an integral part of our services, My fears, doubts and insecurities crept in. When we were singing the second song, Grace turned to me and said she thought it was absolutely beautiful. Throughout the service I could see that most of us were connecting with the music. Even if it wasn't exactly what I thought it would be, it seemed to work. I was a little bit concerned about the final song because it didn't flow the way I thought it was going to. Afterwards Wendy Axton said how much she enjoyed singing it. Maybe when I was working on the songs and handing it over to God, I actually allowed Him to work through me. God knows way more than I do. He also knows what I need to do and not do. My job is to start listening to Him. I am aware that this is a common theme for me which hopefully it will start to sink in soon.

What really blew me away about our latest service was the strength of the Messages carried by Bobby and Grace. It's interesting that they both work very differently yet I feel they both were able to carry God's message. Bobby meticulously plans in advance, researches copious amounts before writing out what he's going to say. He then rehearses numerous times before the day. He is very methodical with his Bible readings which I think is a real asset. I loved how he makes reference

to numerous passages in the Bible throughout his Message.

Grace however wrote her Message the night before taking an informal relaxed approach which again I think worked exceptionally well. Grace did an awful lot of work in the background ensuring her and Bobby's Messages worked coherently together. It reminded me of the passage in 1 Corinthians 12 where Paul explains how a body needs many different parts to function. There is no way any one of us could have delivered yesterday's service, we needed each of us to contribute in our own unique way. However big or small that may seem, it is a vital part of our worship.

I've been having conversations with Nick and the agreement has been that going forward he is going to take responsibility for organising A² services with me which will hopefully ease my workload slightly. It's a wonderful opportunity for our team to grow and expand especially as we now have Joshua to work alongside us. As we head into this time of change and growth, I pray that we can all trust and let God continue to work through us. Then amazing things will happen just as they did yesterday with our A² service.

Take care of my dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Emma



Men's Breakfast

Saturday 18th July at 8.30 am

***The Speaker is Jonathan Russell who
will be talking about Fawley Oil
Refinery***

**We will not be meeting in August so our
next breakfast will be 5th Sept**

For details please contact Dave Symmonds
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mensbreakfast@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk



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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



Summer Programme

23rd July Solent Dolphin Charity.

All are welcome (men included!) to join us this afternoon to hear about the work of the Solent Dolphin Charity and the Alison MacGregor.

20th August Summer Tea Party

Enjoy an informal summer get together for Guild members.

For further information please contact Joy Funnell

on 023 8084 3404

or guild@cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk



HYTHE ACTIVE EXERCISE GROUP

We usually meet on Thursdays at 10.00am in the hall at Cornerstone for exercise and fellowship however we will be having a summer break.

The last class is on July 23 and we start again on September 10.

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.

Families Matter AGM

at Hythe URC

Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.00 pm
at Cornerstone

All are welcome to attend. Please come along and find out more of what we do. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

For more information contact us on 023 8020 7523 or
office.fm.hurc@gmail.com

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



**1st July 2026
5th August 2026**



For more information contact us:

023 8020 7623

Office@families-matter.org.uk





Table Top Sales

The next Table Top sales are on

Tuesday 7th July

Grand Clearance Sale on Tuesday 21st July

9.30am – 12 noon.

Table Top is then closed over August and starts again on Tuesday 15th September.

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 Outreach Fund. So don't miss it!

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Cornerstone Cuppa is open Mon-Sat 10-12 except bank holidays

July

Home group week		
Wed	1 st	8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers 10am - 12pm Toddler Group 2pm - 4pm Hythe Huddle Drop
Thurs	2 nd	10am - 11am Hythe Senior Active
Fri	3 rd	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles 7pm - 8:30pm Youth Bible Study
Sat	4 th	7pm Marchwood Prelude Concert
Sun	5th	10:30am Morning Worship
Mon	6 th	10am Daytime prayers
Tues	7 th	9.30am Table Top sale
Weds	8 th	8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers 10am - 12pm Toddler Group 7pm Church meeting inc Families Matter AGM
Thurs	9 th	10am - 11am Hythe Senior Active 2pm Kay Mellor's funeral Note: Women's Guild has been cancelled
Fri	10 th	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles 7.30pm - 9pm Youth Club
Sat	11 th	2.30pm Induction of Revd Joshua Norris
Sun	12th	10:30am Morning Worship Bring and share lunch after church service
Mon	13 th	Home Group week 10am Daytime prayers
Weds	15 th	8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers 10am - 12pm Toddler Group
Thurs	16 th	10am - 11am Hythe Senior Active

July

Fri	17 th	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles 7pm - 8:30pm Youth Bible Study
Sat	18 th	8.30am Men's Breakfast: Jonathan Russell "Fawley Oil Refinery"
Sun	19th	10:30am Morning Worship
Mon	20 th	10am Daytime prayers
Tues	21 st	9.30am Table Top Sale
		8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers
Weds	22 nd	10am - 12pm Toddler Group 7.30pm Elders meeting
		10am - 11am Hythe Senior Active
Thurs	23 rd	2.15pm Women's Guild - Solent Dolphin Charity
Fri	24 th	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles
Sun	26th	10:30am Morning Worship
Mon	27 th	10am Daytime prayers
Wed	29 th	8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers
Fri	31 st	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles

August

Sun	2nd	10:30am Morning Worship
Mon	3 rd	10am Daytime prayers
Wed	5 th	8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers 2pm - 4pm Hythe Huddle Drop
Fri	7 th	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles
Sat	8 th	12 noon BBQ at Craigmores
Sun	9th	10:30am Morning Worship followed by Bring your own lunch in the hall

August

Mon	10 th	10am Daytime prayers
Wed	12 th	8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers
Fri	14 th	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles
Sun	16th	10:30am Morning Worship
Mon	17 th	Newsletter Deadline 10am Daytime prayers
Wed	19 th	8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers
Thurs	20 th	2.15pm Women's Guild - Summer Tea Party
Fri	21 st	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles
Sun	23rd	10:30am Morning Worship
Mon	24 th	10am Daytime prayers
Wed	26 th	8:30am - 9am Early Morning Prayers
Fri	28 th	10am - 12pm Pins & Needles
Sun	30th	10:30am Morning Worship
Mon	31 st	10am Daytime prayers

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10.00 am to 12.00 noon except Bank holidays



Worship at Cornerstone

<i>5th July</i>	Revd Doug Barnett Service includes Communion	Hebrews – Once for All
<i>12th July</i>	Revd Doug Barnett	Hebrews – Stay True
<i>19th July</i>	A2 Team	Hebrews – Great People of Faith
<i>26th July</i>	Revd Eric Parker	Hope
<i>2nd August</i>	Revd Joshua Norris Service includes Communion	Wrestling with God
<i>9th August</i>	Revd Joshua Norris	Listening for God
<i>16th August</i>	A2 Team	Team's choice
<i>23rd August</i>	Revd Eric Parker	Preacher's choice
<i>30th August</i>	Nick Tustian Healing service	Habakkuk

Morning worship at Cornerstone starts at
10.30 am every Sunday and streamed live
via our YouTube channel

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