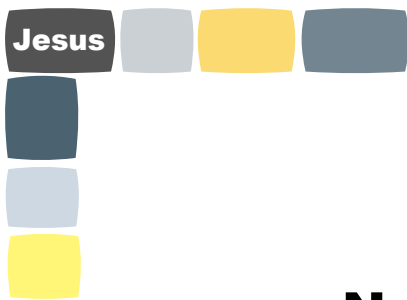


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Newsletter April 2021

This is going to be a strange Easter weekend at the end of a strange 12 months of Lock down and restriction placed on us in an effort to control the spread of Covid -19

Who could imagine an Easter Day in Church without the congregation raising the roof singing songs like "Alive , Alive my Saviour is alive, or up from the grave He arose !

I imagine there will be a little quiet humming going on under some peoples face coverings !

In spite of the restrictions I do hope that you will be with us this Easter to celebrate the wonder of God's love for us in Jesus,.

Fear has become an overwhelming emotion in the lives of so many people in these strange days and even when you hear our church leaders reflecting on this past year, it seems to me that God doesn't come into their thinking, He is a God who fits the ritual of our church services but has little place in the every day problems of life and trusting the science and the experts and following their rules will keep us safe!

Anxiety is one of the biggest problems that blights peoples lives today and Christians are not immune from it ! Yet Jesus saw God's hand involved in the everyday things of life, He said consider the birds because God feeds them and consider the lilies because God clothes them Jesus's aim was to free people from anxiety. He really considered it a valid argument that if our heavenly Father feeds the birds and clothes the lilies, how much more surely will He feed and clothe His children.

Jesus was not playing with words, He really believed that God's hand is at work in the smallest details of natural processes , it's even clearer in Matt 10: 29-31. God does not just feed the birds and clothe the lilies He decides when every bird (countless millions every year) dies and falls to the ground . His point is the same as Matt 6 "He is your Father. You are more precious to Him than birds. Therefore, you don't need to be afraid." He can take care of you. So seek the kingdom first, with radical abandon, and don't be anxious (Matt 6:33)

seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.



Cornerstone Diary for April

2nd April **Good Friday** 10-45 am Communion Service led by Stuart

4th April **Easter Sunday** Morning Service Speaker Stuart , subject From Doubt to Belief

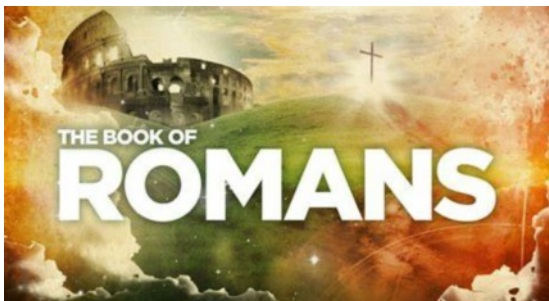
11th April starting our studies in Romans 12 Speaker Stuart

18th April continuing our look at Romans 12 Speaker Stuart

25th April visiting speaker :- Brian Elwick

All our Services start at 10-45

A New Series for a New Year



We managed to get the first part of Chapter 12 verse 1 done before the Church building closed.

Now that we have been able to re-open we will pick up our studies in Romans after Easter on the 11th April with a quick re-cap on verse 1

Mid week Bible Studies

After the long Pandemic lock down we will be re-starting our midweek Bibles studies in June with a video series from keswick.

The speaker is Simon Manchester a church minister from Australia.

This may be a new name to you but after listened to the series , I found Simon to be an excellent Bible teacher and an easy to listen to speaker.

We are going to advertise the series around our local

churches as we have done in the past, as I write there is still some uncertainty about how far all the restrictions will be lifted in June so to be on the safe side please book a place by ringing or text me on 07467024552. To be sure of a place.

Cornerstone Bible studies, Cornerstone Church St Johns Walk off Brett Street

GOING THE DISTANCE

Wednesday 10-00am five sessions weekly beginning 2nd June until 30th June

Recorded Talks from
Keswick 2019 with Simon
Manchester Rector of St
Thomas, North Sydney,

On the big screen , looking
at John 14-17 2nd June
crucial Answers

9th June New Confidence

16th June New Fruitfulness

All are welcome but due to the
Covid restrictions places are limited.
to make sure of Your seat please book by text or phone call
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Missionary Offering for the next three Months will go to support :- Sjoerd and Rachel van Veen



The Leprosy Mission
England and Wales

Stamp Appeal

Please remember to save your used stamps and bring them to Church

put your used stamps in the box under the notice board in the entrance hall. Many Thanks.



Praying together at Cornerstone

The church building is now open again and we are able to meet for prayer on the first Saturday in April, so please make a note of the date 3rd April at 9-15 am



Church will not be fully back to normal there are still lots of restrictions but we need to pray that as we come together to celebrate Easter there will be a real sense of God's presence with us, and that fear will not keep people away from fellowship with one another.

If you are able it would be great to see you at this first prayer meeting after the lock down as we pray for wisdom and grace to see God's work grow and expand here at Cornerstone.

Good Friday Communion service



We are going to have our second communion service since the Lock down on Good Friday, we have purchased some pre-filled communion cups with a double foil cover, under the first cover is a small wafer and then when you remove the second foil cover you can drink the fruit juice.

It's not the same as we are used to with a common loaf and small glass cups but it's as safe as we can make it and it's better to share around the Lord's table than not have communion at all.

When the Potter Is for Us

“Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles?’” (Isaiah 45:9)

The majesty of God is magnified when we see him through the lens of creation out of nothing. He commands nothingness, and it obeys and becomes something. Out of nothing he makes the clay, and out of the clay he makes us — the pottery of the Lord (Isaiah 45:9) — his possession, destined for his glory, in total dependence on him.



“Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and *we are his*; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” (Psalm 100:3). It is a humbling thing to be a sheep and a pot that belong to somebody else.

There is another amazing statement about God’s majesty, which, when you put it together with God’s absolute power and rights as Creator, explodes with good news for us.

Isaiah 33:21! It says, “The Lord in majesty will be for us!”

For us! For us! The Creator is

“for us” and not against us. With all the power in the universe and with absolute right to do as he pleases with what he made — he is - “for us!”

“No eye has seen a God besides you, who acts

“for” those who wait for him” (Isaiah 64:4). “If God is

“for” us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31).

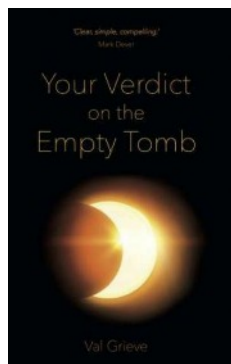
Can you think of anything (I mean anything) that is more comforting and assuring and delighting than that the Lord in his majesty is

“for” you?

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April book recommendation

Your verdict on the empty tomb



A clear and wonderful case for the resurrection that will challenge even the most sceptical of readers. Check it out for yourself and see that the risen Jesus is a reality & not a fabrication of someone’s imagination

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