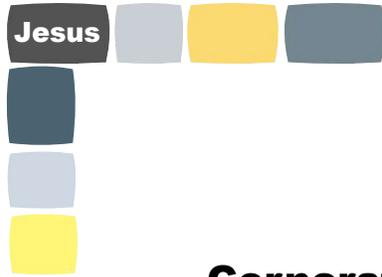


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"The Church is back in the building again !"

Happy Christmas !

The first Christmas was pretty simple. It's okay if yours is too, remember Christmas is all about Jesus, we may be restricted to five days with family this Christmas but maybe having our freedom restricted may make us appreciate what we took for granted in the past.

Christmas is not about parties and presents and eating vast amounts of food and drink, it's about reminding ourselves that God who created this world Loves us and in spite of our sin He didn't write us off but became one of us and died in our place so that we might have life and life in all it's fullness not just on earth but ultimately to live with God in His home forever.

In these days when fear has taken the place of faith and we are told to trust the science instead of trusting God and we wonder when this pandemic will ever end and when we will be able to get back to living a normal life whatever that will look like! And God seems to have been relegated to the sidelines I was challenged by a reading one morning from A.W.Tozer's devotional readings, have a read of it below.

The prophets and the psalmists of the Old Testament wrestled as we do with the problem of evil in a divine universe, but their approach to God and nature was much more direct than ours. They did not interpose between God and His world that opaque web we moderns call the "laws of nature"

They could see God in a whirlwind (or a pandemic) and hear Him in a storm, and they did not hesitate to say so! There was about their lives an immediate apprehension of the divine. Everything in heaven and on earth assured them that this is God's world and that He rules over all.

I heard a Methodist bishop tell of being called to the bedside of an elderly dying woman in his early ministry. He said he was frightened; but the old saint was radiantly happy. When he tried to express the sorrow he felt about her illness, she would not hear it.

"Why, God bless you, young man," she said cheerfully, "there is nothing to be scared about. I am just going to cross over Jordan, where my Father owns the land on both sides of the river!" She understood about the unity of all things in God's creation.

May we who know God in Christ, learn to trust Him in the everyday realities of life, our Father is the one who holds our very breath in His hand, so why should we be afraid ?





THE CHRISTIAN
INSTITUTE

Our missionary giving for December will be towards the work of Christian Ins

The Christian Institute exists for the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

The Christian Institute is a nondenominational Christian charity committed to upholding the truths of the Bible. We are supported by individuals and churches throughout the UK.

We believe that the Bible is the supreme authority for all of life and we hold to the inerrancy of Scripture. We are committed to upholding the sanctity of life from conception.

We would ask you to prayerfully consider this valuable work that we as church support there is quite a lot of information around in the coffee lounge please take some and read up on the valuable work that this organisation does on behalf of the Christian community



We will beat
leprosy together

Leprosy has been eradicated in Europe but is still a major health problem in developing countries. The stamps you save can be turned into money by selling them to stamp collectors.

Leprosy can affect people's hands, feet, face and eyelids. If treated early it can be cured, but social stigma often stops people from seeking help.

The work of LEPRO. With their trained teams of paramedics and health workers, LEPRO Health in Action seeks out and treats those affected, enabling them to care and provide for themselves. A course of pills, Multi-Drug Therapy, cures most patients in six months and the more infectious patients within one year. If treatment is started early, deformities and disabilities can be prevented, and social stigmatisation avoided. For those already disabled by Leprosy, LEPRO's staff teach how to prevent the worsening of these disabilities and reconstructive surgery is becoming more widely available. Hands that have become clawed can be straightened and a simple operation can save a person's sight.

It cost around £21 to help cure one person from Leprosy.

Christmas is coming please save your stamps and place in the box in the foyer.

Speakers for December at Cornerstone

Dec 6th Speaker Rodger Armitage
Dec 13th Speaker Stuart Howarth
Subject Light triumphs over Darkness

Dec 20th Speaker Stuart Howarth
Dec 27th Speaker Stuart Howarth

No Communion this month



This month we are having a Christmas collection towards the work of Barnabas Aid



The main ministry of Barnabas Fund is to send financial support to projects which help Christians where they suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith. The projects aim to strengthen Christian individuals, churches and their communities by providing material and spiritual support in response to needs identified by local Christian leaders.

If you would like to give towards Barnabasaid Christmas appeal then please place your gift in an envelope marked Barnabas aid and place it in the missionary box in church.

Or you could do a bank transfer, please use sort code 20-26-53 Account Number 50133299. Your Bank ref :-

Please quote your post code and house number. If you prefer not to receive an acknowledgement please add the letters DNA to the reference.

You can also make a donation by Direct debit, Credit or debit cards by phoning 0800 587 4006

Or by visiting the Barnabas web site www.barnabasfund.org/donate



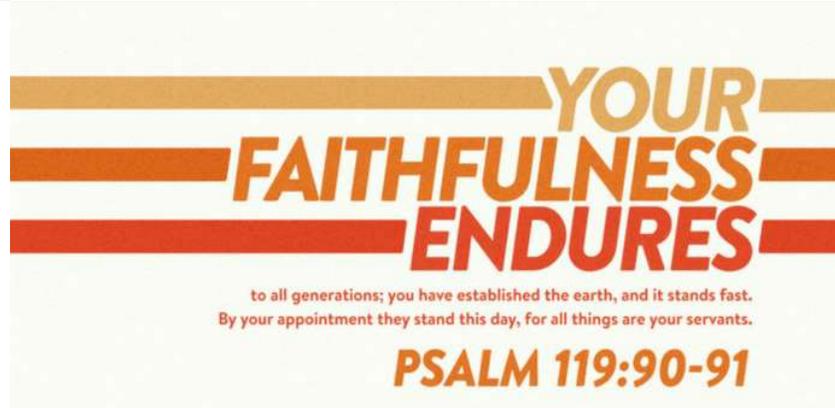
Praying together at Cornerstone



Our Saturday morning Prayer meetings will be re-starting on December 5th starting at 9.15 a.m. And then on the first Saturday of each month

We will meet until around 10.00 am for around 45 minutes. If ever there was a need for God's people to get together to plead for our Nation and the wider world it is now

God is looking for people who want to be serious about their faith and their commitment to seeing people young and old saved and brought into His family in these desperate days



We can't sing Christmas carols in Church this year nor can we have our usual "Carols by candlelight" but below is a Christmas carol quiz just to keep you brain in tune !

Christmas Carol Quiz Questions

- What is the opening line to 'Let it Snow'?
- Which Christmas carol was originally written in Latin as 'Adeste Fideles'?
- What type of pudding do the carolers sing about in 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'?
- Which carol includes the lyrics, 'Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis'?
- How many types of birds are mentioned in the Twelve Day of Christmas song?
- In the words of the famous carol 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', to whom is glory proclaimed?
- Which Christmas carol is commonly known by the title 'Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire'?
- Which famous Xmas song sends 'tidings of comfort and joy'?
- Which Christmas carol was composed by Rector Phillip Brooks following a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where he had felt mesmerized by the town in which Jesus was born?
- Which song repeats the catchy lyrics, 'pa rum pum pum pum'?
- Which famous Christmas carol was written as a poem by C. F. Alexander, the same inspirational poet credited with having composed the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'?
- The famous song 'White Christmas' originally featured in which 1942 musical film starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astair and Virginia Dale?
- Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics, 'They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night'?
- Christina Rossetti wrote a poem that was to become the basis of which famous Christmas Carol?
- What is the final line of the famous 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' song?
- Which carol was originally composed by James Pierpoint in 1857 for Thanksgiving?
- In the words of 'Away in a Manger', what was the Lord Jesus asleep on?
- Which Christmas carol begins with the lyrics, 'Sleigh bells ring are you listening'?
- What type of tree is mentioned in the Twelve Days of Christmas song?
- Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics, 'From now on, our troubles will be out of sight'?

Answers to :- stuart.howarth22@gmail.com the answers will be in next months newsletter. We might even stretch to a prize for the first correct set of answers !