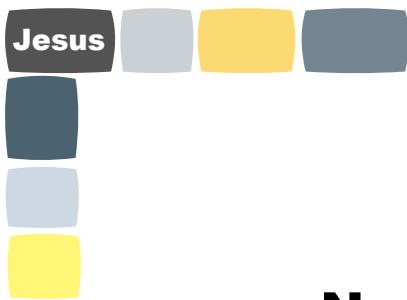


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Newsletter March 2021

Spring is on it's way!

At last we are coming out of the darkness of winter ! And hopefully the oppressive restrictions imposed upon us by our government in their attempts to control the virus that has turned our lives upside down.

Boris has his road map for the future , the snowdrops are out in my garden and the second plague of Egypt is well underway in my pond!

All signs that the future is bright, life goes on

Every day is a new opportunity to share the Love that we have found in Jesus with so many people who's lives have been overtaken by fear in this past year, I have a quote printed out and stuck on my year planner that I like to read and remind myself of each day it's by Charles Swindoll

"Today is unique! It has never occurred before and it will never be repeated. At midnight it will end, quietly, suddenly, totally. Forever. But the hours between now and then are opportunities with eternal possibilities."

I wonder what you are looking forward to when at last we come out of all the restrictions that Covid-19 has landed us with? A coffee and cake with friends, shaking hands with a friend or giving them a hug, going out for a meal in a restaurant, being able to sing again in church, throwing away the face masks and for me as a preacher being able to see peoples faces as you preach! All simple things that we took for granted. But what are you really looking forward to? For the people of faith in Hebrews chapter Eleven it was a city who's maker is God.

"He has prepared for them a city." (Hebrews 11:16)

No pollution, no graffiti, no rubbish, no peeling paint no dead grass or broken bottles, no bad language, no in-your-face confrontations, no domestic strife or violence, no dangers in the night, no arson or lying or stealing or killing, no vandalism, and no ugliness.

The city of God will be perfect because God will be in it. He will walk in it and talk in it and manifest himself in every part of it. All that is good and beautiful and holy and peaceful and true and happy will be there, because God will be there.

Perfect justice will be there and recompense a thousandfold for every pain suffered in obedience to Christ in this world. And it will never deteriorate. In fact, it will shine brighter and brighter as eternity stretches out into unending ages of increasing joy.

It's not pie in the sky, it's reality and it's what I am looking forward to, how about you?



Cornerstone Diary for March

7th March Geff Taylor will be speaking from a distance ! Virtually

14 March service lead by Stuart with a guest speaker Billy Graham virtually he's enjoying heaven!

20th March Speaker Stuart Howarth part one of our look at Psalm Sunday.

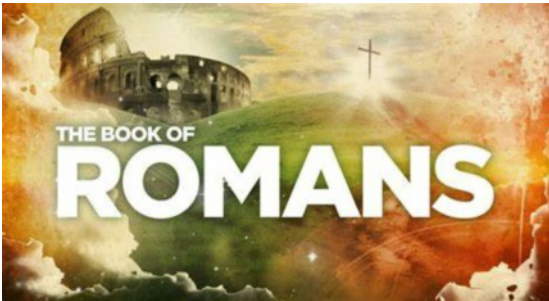
28th March Speaker Stuart Howarth part two of our look at Psalm Sunday.

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

4th April Easter Sunday Morning Service Speaker Stuart Howarth

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

Sorry that I missed this from the last Newsletter. Over Christmas we collected for the work of the Barnabas Fund

And here is a thank you email that we received in January.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus.

We do appreciate the most generous gift of £162.50 from Cornerstone Church to the Barnabas Fund to help Christians who are suffering for their faith. We are so glad that you share our concern for these needy brothers and sisters. Gifts made through the Barnabas Fund make a real difference to people who often have nobody else to help them.

The season of Christmas and New Year is seen by some extremists as a good time to attack vulnerable Christian minorities. For example, Boko Haram terrorists in Nigeria attacked a mainly Christian village on Christmas Eve, killing at least eleven people and setting fire to ten homes and the church building. Please pray for the survivors of that attack and for protection for all our brothers and sisters in such situations, especially at this time of increased risk continues into the early days of the new year.

Thank you for your support for the Barnabas Fund.

Yours sincerely in His service,

Kelly Zeslawski

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Missionary Offering for this Month will go to support :-



Missionary Aviation Fellowship

Please remember the work of MAF still goes on
And they need your prayers and any monetary gifts can
Be placed in the missionary box when your next in church

Don't be afraid, for
I am with you.
Don't be
discouraged, for I
am your God.
I will strengthen
you and help you.
I will hold you up
with my victorious
right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



I was challenged by a quote I read from Spurgeon . This past year has scared lots of people, nobody want to get ill I get that, and when it comes to dying I'm ok with that so long as it doesn't hurt! But is that good enough for a Christian?

“Depend upon it, your dying hour will be the best hour you have ever known! Your last moment will be your richest moment, better than the day of your birth will be the day of your death. It shall be the beginning of heaven, the rising of a sun that shall go no more down forever!” – C.H. Spurgeon



Praying together at Cornerstone

The church building is now open again and we are able to meet for prayer on the first Saturday of next month, 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.

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.

The Main Purpose of Ministry

By John Piper

We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.
(Hebrews 10:39)

Don't look at the temporary cost of love, and shrink back from confidence in God's infinitely superior promises. If you shrink back, not only will you lose out on the promises; you will be destroyed. Hell is at stake in whether we shrink back or persevere. It's not just the loss of a few extra rewards that hangs in the balance. Hebrews 10:39 says, "We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed." That is eternal judgment.

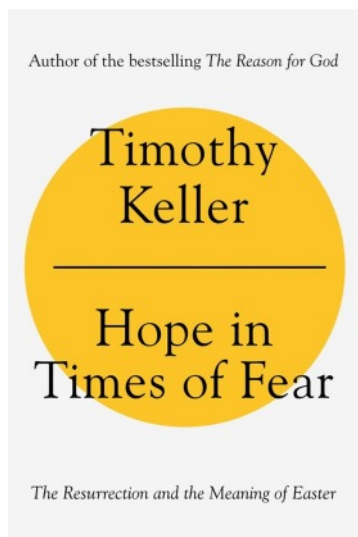
So, we warn each other: Don't drift away. Don't love the world. Don't start thinking nothing huge is at stake. Fear the terrible prospect of not cherishing the promises of God above the promises of sin. As Hebrews 3:13–14 says, "*Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*"

But mainly we must focus on the preciousness of the promises and help each other value above all things how great the reward is that Christ has purchased for us. We must say to each other what Hebrews 10:35 says: "Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward." And then we must help each other see the greatness of the reward.

That is the main task of preaching, and the main purpose of small groups and all the ministries of the church: helping people see the greatness of what Christ has purchased for everyone who will value it above the world. Helping people see it and savour it, so that God's superior worth shines in their satisfaction and in the sacrifices that come from such a heart.

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March book recommendation



Hope in Times of Fear

Timothy Keller

Hope in the Time of Fear is a book that unlocks the meaning of Jesus's resurrection for readers. Easter is considered the most solemn and important holiday for Christians. It is a time of spiritual rebirth and a time of celebrating the physical rebirth of Jesus after three days in the tomb.

£ 11.99 from 10offthose

Living by faith means we're not weighed down with things we aren't meant to hold onto.