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Cornerstone Church, Bridlington

I love this time of year “Spring” my garden that has been dull and cold and dead has at last sprung into life with beautiful Spring flowers, bulbs are pushing their way towards the sky from the cold dark earth, The frogs that have hidden away , are now re-populating my pond and soon it will be full of frogs eggs that change into tadpoles and then into small frogs and then no longer limited to a small pond they leap free into a big new world of light and air It seems almost impossible to believe that the creator of the universe, The Word by which almighty God spoke creation into being was born amongst us and grew up like a tender shoot to live the perfect life and die in our place So that the Holy Spirit could come and change our deadness and hardness into life and make us more like Jesus full of compassion and tenderness on earth on the way to heaven.

A Garden of Grace

“He (the Messiah–Jesus) grew up before him like “tender shoot”(young plant),and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him... He was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne “our” griefs and carried “our” sorrows...Isa. 53:1–4

You created beauty, yet you became the one with “no beauty.” You took the ugliness of our sin, that we might become pure and beautiful in you. You became the despised, non-esteemed one, that we enjoy our Father’s welcome and live as the children of his delight.

You are the fountain of pleasures, your laughter fills heaven, and your joy is now our strength. Yet, you became the man of great sorrows and inconsolable suffering... “all for us”.

In taking up your cross, you took up “our” infirmities, grief, sin, and sorrows. You bore our guilt and exhausted our judgment. Your once-and-for-all affliction has placed us in our Father’s eternal, unwavering affection.

Jesus, Oh, to esteem and love you as you deserve. By your Spirit, let it be. May your tenderness grow in our hearts, and your compassion and kindness overflow to our families, friends, and neighbours. Amen.

By Scotty Smith, shared with permission.



Cornerstone Diary for March 2022

6th March 10-45 am Morning service, Speaker:-Stuart (inc Communion)

13th March 10-45 am Morning Service Speaker - Roger Gray

20th March 10-45 am Morning Service :- Speaker Bruce Clark

27th March 10-45 am Morning Service Speaker Stuart

Refreshments will be served in the coffee room after each service.

Support Team will meet at Cornerstone - 9th march at 7-00 pm

Fun Club



Fun Club will be meeting on the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th of March

We meet at 6-30 pm for one hour of games, Bible stories, refreshments, craft activities.

The age range is from 5 to 11 although we do stretch to a little in both directions!

Do pray for this vital work, it's a real privilege to be able to teach youngsters about the love of God for each one of them.

Tots and Co

Tots and Co meet at 1-30 until 3-00 pm we are now back to normal with no restrictions on numbers and no need to book in before the event we are meeting on the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th of March

There is no charge for this event, but there is a box for donations towards the cost of refreshments.

Coffee and Chat



Our next **coffee and chat sessions** will be on **Wednesday the 30th March** at Eastfield Garden Centre, at 2-00 pm this was originally a ladies get together, but the men felt left out so we will endeavour to find a table well away from the Ladies, where we can both meet and encourage each other as we meet socially to build relationships in the church.

It's a great opportunity to invite friends who perhaps don't come to church yet and it's a great low key way of introducing them to other members of our church.

Dear Cornerstone church family,

I trust you are doing well! Thank you for your faithful support of Rachel and Sjoerd over the years. We're grateful that you stand committed beside their ministry!



Stamp Appeal

Please remember to bring your used stamps to Church ASAP
put your used stamps in the box under the notice board in the
entrance hall. Many Thanks.

**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 this is the final month of
Their three month slot.

Praying together at Cornerstone



Our next monthly Church Prayer Meeting will be on the **26th March** at
9-15 am

Please try and meet with us as we give thanks to God for the past year
and seek God's face for the future as we meet for our AGM following the
prayer meeting



Next Men's Big Breakfast 7th May

9-00 am

If you haven't put your name down on the list in the coffee room
Then please sign up along with anyone you would like to invite

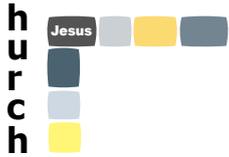
Next Ladies Lunch 14th May 12-00 noon.

Ladies please book your place on the list in the coffee room

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends to Cornerstone to enjoy a meal and get to
know some of the ladies from Cornerstone.



Cornerstone



Cornerstone AGM

We will be holding this years AGM on 26th March at 10-15 pm. At Church

This meeting has been on hold due to the pandemic so it will be good to get together to give thanks for God's goodness to us at Cornerstone. The meeting is open to all who have a heart for God's work here at Cornerstone and we are looking forward to all that God has in store for us as Church now that Government restriction have been lifted.

Change Is Possible

"Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4:24)

Christianity means change is possible. Deep, fundamental change. It is possible to become tender-hearted when once you were callous and insensitive. It is possible to stop being dominated by bitterness and anger. It is possible to become a loving person no matter what your background has been.

The Bible assumes that

"God" is the decisive factor in making us what we should be.

With wonderful bluntness, the Bible says, "Put away . . . all malice" and be "tender-hearted" (Ephesians 4:31–32). It does not say, "If you can . . ." Or, "If your parents were tender-hearted . . ." Or, "If you have not been terribly abused . . ." It says, "Be . . . tender-hearted."

This is wonderfully freeing. It frees us from the terrible fatalism that says change is impossible for me. It frees me from mechanistic views that make my background my destiny.

And God's commands always come with freeing, life-changing truth to believe. For example,

"God adopted us as his children."

We have a new Father and a new family. This breaks the fatalistic forces of our "family-of-origin." "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Matthew 23:9).

"God loves us as his children." We are "loved children" (Ephesians 5:1). The command to imitate the love of God does not hang in the air, it comes with power: "Be imitators of God, "as loved children." "Love!" is the command and "being loved" by God is the power. "God has forgiven us in Christ." Be tender-hearted and forgiving "just as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). What God did in Christ is powerful. It makes change possible. The command to be tender-hearted has more to do with what God did "for" you than what your mother or your father did "to" you. This kind of command means you can change.

"Christ loved you and gave himself up for you." "Walk in love, "as Christ loved [you]" (Ephesians 5:2). The command comes with life-changing truth. "Christ loved you." At the moment when there is a chance to love, and some voice says, "You are not a loving person," you can say, "Christ's love for me makes me a new kind of person. His command to love is just as surely possible for me as his promise of love is true for me."

Don't be a fatalist. Be a Christian. Change is possible. God is alive. Christ is risen. The promises are true.

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