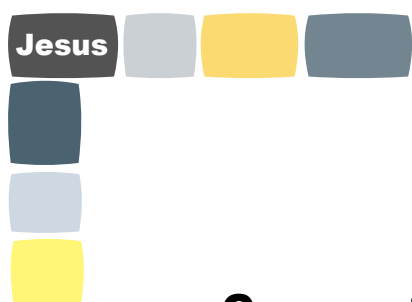


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"The Church is back in the building" well almost!!

Speakers for August at Cornerstone,

August 2nd speaker Rodger Armitage

August 9th speaker Rodger Armitage

August 16th speaker Stuart Howarth Subject Psalm 84
inescapable Blessedness.

August 23rd speaker Rodger Armitage

August 30th speaker Brian Elwick



It's so good to be back in the church building again and although it's not quite back to normal yet there is the warmth of fellowship and a real sense of the presence of God meeting with us.

During the last three months I have enjoyed looking at the subject of CHRISTIAN HOPE in these dark days when we have been told to trust the science and follow the instructions of our government and you can't help but feeling it's like a blind man looking for a black cat in a dark room! But they are doing their best.

I'm so glad that our God holds the future in His hand, and nothing takes Him by surprise. That's why we can rest in His care , trust His finished work and rest in HOPE.

Psalm 48 in particular helps us fix our eyes on our future, and the coming of the Lord Jesus when there will be a new heaven and a new earth, where those who have trusted Christ will live forever!

The danger for the Christian of living in this world of time and material stuff is that we shelve the reality of our future as something to think about later.

In my quiet time a few weeks ago I was challenged by the thought from A.W.Tozer that "we are too comfortable" here's what he wrote:-

Churches cannot deny they are too comfortable, too rich, too contented! We hold the faith of our fathers, but it does not hold us. God is trying to interest us in a glorious tomorrow, and we are settling for an inglorious today. God has set eternity in our hearts; and we have chosen time instead. We are bogged down with local interests and have lost sight of eternal purposes. It was the knowledge that they were part of God's eternal plan that imparted unquenchable enthusiasm to the early Christians.

They burned with holy zeal for Christ and felt they were part of an army which the Lord was leading to ultimate conquest over the powers of darkness!



The Mission for this quarter is **Caring for Life**. I have spoken to them and they thank you and all their supporters for standing with them and value your prayers greatly. They confirm that by phoning 0113 230 3600 you could either arrange a standing order, make a card payment, or send a cheque to: Crag House Farm, Otley Old Road, LEEDS LS16 7NH.

We are now back in the building and any gifts towards the work of Caring for Life can be placed in the missionary box

For your prayers

Rachel saw her rare lung disease consultant on the 22nd July, she had a CT scan the day before. The professor said he doesn't think there is anything to worry about and they are just waiting for the CT report and a lung function test.

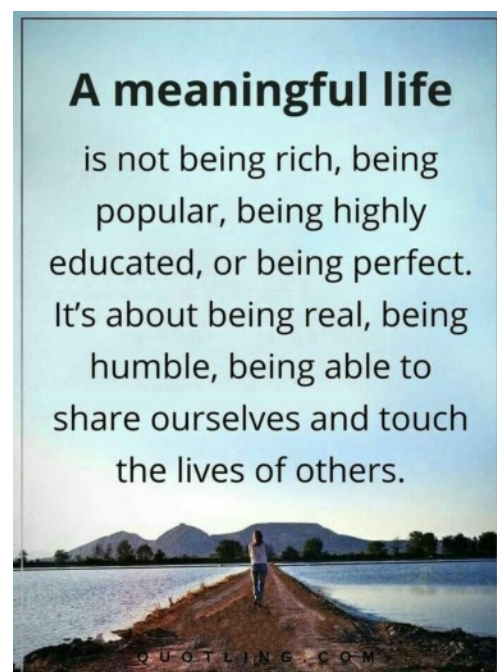
Please continue to pray for wisdom as they consider their future ministry in the light of Rachel's health and when they should return to Africa.

Please continue pray for Ron and Reni both struggling with ill health at the moment. Pray for peace for Reni as she awaits the results of her tests done at Scarborough hospital

Thank God that we have been able to re-open the Church building. Pray that the numbers will grow as people come out of shielding and feel able to come back into fellowship.

Pray for wisdom as the leadership considers the future especially the children's work that was put on hold at the start of the pandemic

Also the re-introduction of communion and refreshments before and after the service.



If you need any help during the social isolation then please contact either Sara on 07736 972683 or Stuart on 07467 024552

Keep in touch let us know how you are getting on either on the Cornerstone Facebook page or our email address on page 1

Forthcoming events for your diary



Venue :- Cornerstone Church, St Johns Walk,
Bridlington YO16 4GJ

Friday and Saturday 4th & 5th
September 2020

10.00am to 4.00pm with 1 hour
lunch break Cost per person £ 20.00
(payable on booking to Cornerstone Church)

For further information and booking please
contact :- 10262851647 or 01262679808

After the success of last years coffee morning we are again hosting another fundraising coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer support.

So please book the date in your diary

**Friday 25th September 10.00 am
until 12-30**

we'll be dreaming up the socially distanced games and arranging challenges to stretch your mind You can probably almost smell the freshly baked brownies and cakes already!

If you can help by baking a cake or doing a tray bake please drop me an email and let me know at stuart.howarth@gmail.com or text me on 07467024552.

It will be the perfect excuse to catch up, see each other's faces and have a much-needed giggle. Goodness knows we all need it!



Men's Big Breakfast

10th October 9-00 am

We are hoping that we will be able to re-commence our men's breakfast in October subject to no further Government restrictions.

Men are notorious for not booking but there will be no exceptions no booking no breakfast!

Booking details in next months newsletter



We have bought a variety of Christian tracks from 10ofthose for use by the church it's always a good idea to have some tracks on you when you are out and about.

If you would like a selection please email or text me or you could ask in person from a distance! (Sounds like a song) And I will get them to you.

There's lots of interesting titles many written by Roger Carswell so you know you can trust what is inside them.

Don't let Coronavirus split the church!

Way back in Week 13 of the church lock down, I wrote an article following the announcement from the Government that churches would be able to open up in July.

I said it would not be as simple as it may first appear! And I was right. The trustees have jumped through all the hoops in order to make the building as Covid proof as possible including doing a comprehensive risk assessment that you can read on the church web site.



But inevitably people have divided into two or more camps so I'm re-printing part of the article from week 13 for you to read again, and hopefully we will not pass judgment on each other or become a stumbling block that will hinder God's work in Cornerstone.

Some will be eager to meet in person and impatient to wait much longer to get back to normal. Others will insist it's unwise to meet at all until there's a vaccine and plenty will fall somewhere in between.

Have you noticed how remarkably confident so many of us are in our views right now? Unfounded certainty - on the part of lay people, leaders, modellers, and so called experts alike - is a contagion at least as viral as COVID-19 itself.

Even if we think these precautions are a needless overreaction, can you not sacrifice your ideal for others who believe the precautions are necessary, likewise, those who think the lock downs should continue should not pass judgment on those who question the wisdom of the government's restrictions.

We as church should strive to honour people on both sides of the spectrum Romans 14 : 13 *Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.*

Or 1 Corinthians 8:9 :- *Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.*

May our church be a beacon of humility and seek to uphold each other and honour God in all that we do.

Stuart.