



Services in May

Normal Sunday worship time is 10.45am,

3rd – Rev. Mark Cowling

10th – Pastor Glen Atkinson

17th – Rev. Robert Kasema (Holy Communion)

24th – Own Arrangments

31st – Mr Alan Nuttall



Don't forget the monthly coffee morning on the 1st Saturday of the month

The next one is Saturday May 2nd

If you are not already aware, there is a calendar on the wall beside the kitchen where you can choose a Sunday on which to donate that week's flower monies for. For example, to remember a birthday or an anniversary. If you would like to do this, choose a Sunday and pass any donations to Janet.



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What's on at Cornerstone?

Cosy Corner Café – Friday 8th May 11.00am

Wednesday 13th & 27th May 12.15pm – Houghton Grove Luncheon Club – there are spaces available!

On Tuesday's 9,30am – 12,30pm we host a local sewing club.

There are 5 slimming World sessions held on Thursday's. There are 5 sessions between 7,30am – 9,30pm. Check website for more details

Cornerstone ADS meet on Monday nights and are always looking for new joiners.

On the Last Wednesday of the month we now have the George Formby Society (Westhoughton branch) practicing with us.

One Monday a month a private group of Welland Residents are meeting here too.

Reminder - Any information that folk would like including in the following months newsletter should be sent to me (Lisa) by the 19th of the month. You can email – lisa@excelphg.co.uk Telephone – 07779 299 093 or text (same number).



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We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated or prayed for Tommy Verbickas, aged only six who had been battling kidney cancer for four years of his short life.

Very sadly Tommy passed away on Friday 10th April and his funeral took place on Thursday 23rd April.

A big 'thank you' to Pam who so kindly organised for the swear box money from the Wheatsheaf pub, a total of £95.00 to be donated to Tommy's fund, it was so very gratefully received. The one positive side to come from so much sadness, is the goodness of people, so many of whom who had never met Tommy or his family gave so willingly of their time, money and prayers to try to help.

Thank you all once again
Janet + Steven Worth

Janet & Steven Worth have sent you all the attached letter, thanking all at Cornerstone for praying for and donating to Tommy Verbickas who sadly died on Friday 10th April.

Special mention to Pam who also arranged for the swear box money from the Wheatsheaf Pub (£95) to be donated.

As Janet & Steve have commented, the one positive to come from so much sadness, is seeing the goodness of people.



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I have heard of CS Lewis - through his famous series of books including 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' - The Chronicles of Narnia. I did not know that he was also an Anglican lay theologian.

When I was looking on good old Google for some inspirational quotes for the newsletter, I came across a number of his, and actually really liked them. Apologies if you have heard them before, but I thought I would share some...

Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see him.

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from himself because it is not there. There is no such thing.

Because free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having.

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.