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## Update

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### SUNDAY ROTA

## JUNE

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Communion: Jane's H.G.  
Prayer: AnneMarie  
Speaker: Pastor Alan Welsh  
Crèche: Marie  
Bible Club: Margaret & Joe  
Desk: Teri

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Speaker: Pastor Alan Welsh  
Leading: Robbie Muir  
Prayer: AnneMarie  
Crèche: Marie  
Bible Club: Tom & Robert  
Desk: David

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Speaker: Robert Taggart  
Prayer: Robbie Muir  
Crèche: Marie  
Bible Club: Tom & May  
Desk: Mary

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Speaker: Pastor Alan Welsh  
Prayer: Robert Taggart  
Crèche: Kristy McLeod &  
Elaine Quinn  
Bible Club: Tom & Paul  
Desk: Angela



*Thanks for your Generosity*

## NEPAL EARTHQUAKE HELP FUND

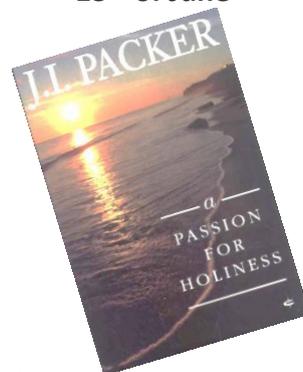
Cornerstone collected an astounding £2,601 during last week's Sunday service to support the work of International Nepal Fellowship, who does an amazing work in helping restore lives, homes and in distributing supplies in the aftermath of the recent earthquake disaster in Nepal.

We will wait a couple of weeks before sending this money to allow other folks who have indicated that they also wish to contribute to the fund raised. So it's not too late if others want to donate.

"What a wonderful group of people!" Pastor Alan commented about Cornerstone. "Our God uses the generosity of His people to display His love. God bless you all!"

On 25<sup>th</sup> of April a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal killing over 8,000 people. A second earthquake shook the country a month later. There's an estimated four million people in Nepal who have been affected by the disaster, across 22 districts.

**NEXT** on the **BOOK CLUB**  
13<sup>th</sup> of June



The Club starts off at 9:00 am with Breakfast @ Cornerstone Café on 13<sup>th</sup> of June followed by discussion. Then the next book **90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death & Life** will be distributed.



*Just log it!*

We now have a **MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS LOG BOOK** which will be made available at the Reception desk during the week and at the Admin desk on Sundays. Anyone who sees anything within Cornerstone House that requires repair just needs to log it in the book. There is no need for you to pass the information to the Pastor. Your concerns is well appreciated and will be attended to in due course.

*"If we regard a person with Agape love, it means no matter how they treat us or injures us or grieves us, we will never allow bitterness to invade our hearts."*

- William Barclay -



## LIBRARY NEWS

Cornerstone Library has continued to expand its stock, though due to space restrictions and lack of use we are not accepting further donations meantime.

We have also encountered instances of borrowed items being passed on to other folk who've expressed an interest in it. Please have items discharged, then issued to the person who wishes it. That's the only way we can track the whereabouts of the material. Thanks For your co-operation.

## CUMBERNAULD GALA DAY

is on Saturday 27th June, at the New Town Hall. The theme will be *"The community that cares"*.

This year we are trying to encourage as many churches to get involved as possible in the running of the actual day itself. This would include looking after individual activities e.g BBQ, face painting, bouncy castle.

If anyone is available to help set-up, run a stall, or would like a rental forms, please let Pastor Alan know. Cost to hire a stall is £10 for local community groups or Charities and £20 for business ventures.

## BETHLEHEM HOUSE

wishes to thank everyone who has dropped off food for the food bank these past few months with the village food bank now open on a Friday between 11am and 12.30pm in the old Parish Church. "We are going through more food parcels and these contributions are vital to us." Norma Cowan said.

Thanks also to Liam and Cumbernauld against Poverty (CAP) team who once again have donated loads of baby clothes to our clothes bank. Your support over the last couple of years has been invaluable to us and the local community.

An unsigned thank you card was dropped off from a mother of three who wished to extend her gratitude to Bethlehem and Cornerstone as the parcels she has been given has greatly helped her and her and her family during this trying times.



## Who's Sitting in Your Balcony?

Joyce Landorf wrote an inspiring book called "Balcony People" where she talks about the people who are in the "balconies" of our lives. They are the folks who are cheering us, encouraging us, energising us with warm affirmations. Do you have people like those sitting in your balcony?

I remember the story of Leslie Lemke - a blind, autistic savant who became famous for his work as a musician. Leslie was born prematurely, given up for adoption by his birth mother. The hospital contacted a nurse by the name of May Lemke saying, "We have a baby here who is dying and you were the only person we could think of to take care of him." Without hesitation, May came down to the hospital, took the baby home and cared for him as if he was her own.

For seven years Leslie made no sounds or movements and he showed no emotions. It took him a year before he could chew his own food. He was 12 when he first learned to stand. And it was 3 years later before he took his first steps. May recalled how she kept saying - Come on baby, you can do it - just one step..... You can do it! You can do it! And you know what? He did! He took his first step. One day, May heard music from her bedroom and found Leslie was soon playing all styles of music, from ragtime to classical. Now isn't that amazing! It took just one wee woman whose constant enduring, relentless love encouraged a wee boy doomed to die to make something great of himself!

There are other characters who may be sitting in your balcony. Characters like Statler and Waldorf - springs to my mind. They are a pair of Muppets created by Jim Henson of Sesame Street fame -- two disagreeable old men who heckles the rest of the cast from their balcony seat- who are funny and witty but also hurtful and damaging to one's confidence. They are the folks who tell you - "You're no good, you'll never amount to anything." Or "how stupid can you be!" Have you had characters like them in your balcony?

We may not be able to always choose who sit in the balcony of our lives but we can always choose how we relate to them. Like Thomas Edison who was fired from his job, when a chemical experiment leaked acid on to his boss' desk. Despite being almost penniless, Edison rose to be the most prolific inventor of his generation.; J.K.Rowling - became the world's best- selling children's author, despite managing on benefits as a single mother. American Jesse Owens - despite experiencing racial discrimination in his native country, became a global icon at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

At the curtain call of your life --- all you need is just one May Lemke to off- set the muppets sitting in your balcony to make it -- big time! If you've got just one positive, optimistic, encourager in your balcony -- the Statler and Waldorf there won't stand a chance to tear your confidence down.

Jesus told us, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Jesus is in your side. He is all you need. So, "Who's sitting in your balcony?"

- Maria McMahon