

Sunday 7th December 2025



WELCOME

A warm welcome to our service today.

**Please feel free to grab something to drink before
and after our service.**



Sunday School and Creche

**Sunday School is running today
for children of primary school
age.**

The service leader will indicate when it is time for the children to go out with the Sunday School leaders. If you are a visitor or guest today, your children are very welcome to join in.

**The creche is available today for
pre-primary aged children.**



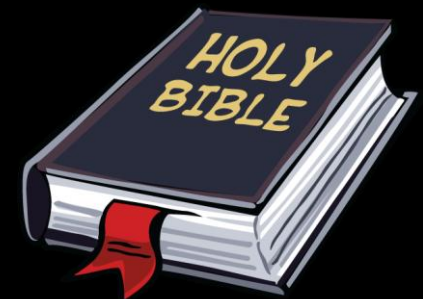
The creche is for pre-primary school aged children. All children will need to be accompanied by their adult in the creche. There is an audio link to the service in creche.



The plan for the next few weeks is:

- Sunday 7th December – Sunday School is running
- Sunday 14th December – No Sunday School (All Age Service) including a Pop Up Nativity
- Sunday 21st December – No Sunday School (Evening Carol Service)

The creche will be available during all the above services.

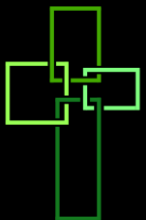


Youth group is meeting this coming Thursday



For all young people between (and including) Year 7 and Year 13.

6.30pm to 8.30pm at Mike and Amanda's home
(15 Buttell Close, Grays, RM17 6UN).



If any young people need a lift it might be possible to offer lifts. Please speak to Dawn Jessup or Mike Walton.

Bible Study groups are NOT meeting this week

They will be meeting next in the new year.



If you have not joined a Bible study group or have not been recently, we would really encourage you to get stuck into one of our mid-week Bible study groups. Belonging to God's family should be much more than just a Sunday thing and our Bible study groups are a key way that we try to help with this at Cornerstone.

The groups usually meet every fortnight. For further information please

- speak to Mike Walton or Jill Brock
- pick up a Bible Study Group booklet from the Welcome Table
- visit www.cornerstonegrays.org/bible-study-groups

The Lord's Supper is today

We welcome to the Lord's Table to receive bread and wine all who are baptized; who know and love the Lord Jesus for themselves, who are today turning away from sin and who are trusting Jesus for forgiveness. If that is not you, please don't take the bread and wine.

If it is not appropriate for you to have the bread and wine and you would appreciate being prayed for, you are welcome to come forward. Please keep your hands down so we know that is your request.



Gluten free bread is not currently available but can be made so next time. Please speak to one of the Elders.

If you can't be with us in person and are interested in sharing communion at home, please do be in touch with Mike.

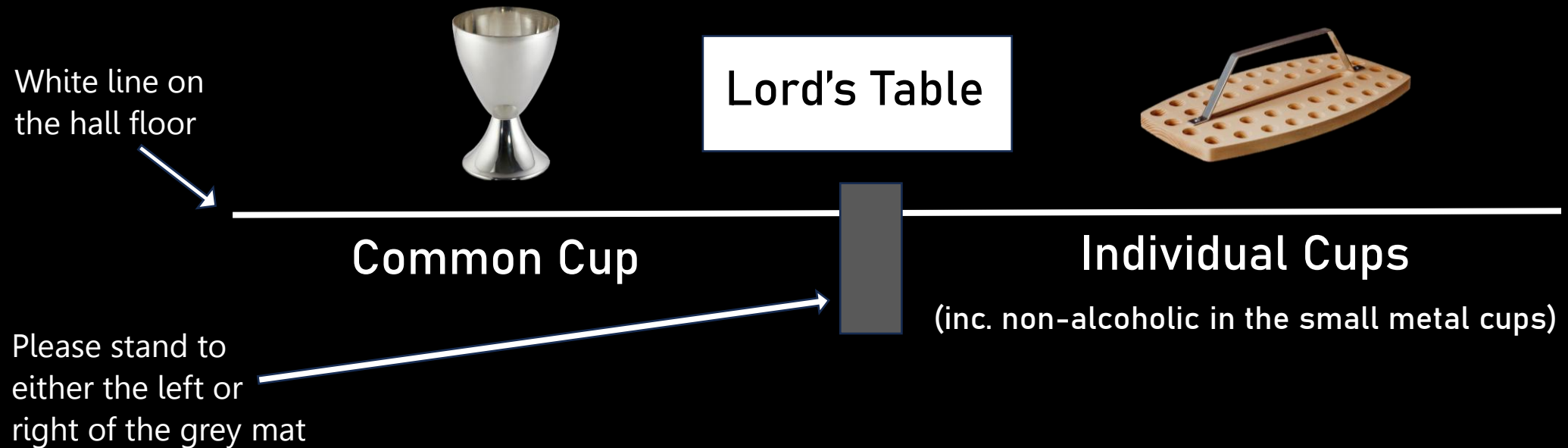
Eating together at Cornerstone

The Lord Jesus Christ knows that valuable family time is food time. So much of Jesus' ministry took place round the meal table and food had a big place in the early church.



Therefore we try to eat together regularly. This is a place where the chit chat of church family life takes place, from questions arising from the sermon, to sharing encouragement and/or discouragements from the last week, sharing prayer requests, having a laugh ... sharing life with Jesus at the middle of it all. See www.cornerstone.org/calendar for future dates.

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When coming forward to receive Communion, depending on how you would like to receive the wine, please stand in the appropriate space.

For your attention...

Possible new Bible Study Group

We are thinking about starting a new Bible Study group that meets in person during the evening. If you might be interested in joining this group please speak to Mike.

The Wednesday Zoom evening bible study group and the ladies Tuesday bible study group will continue.



Christmas Services

Nativity Service – 10.30am Sunday 14th December

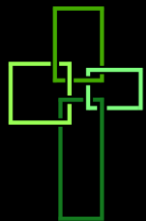
Pop-Up Nativity to include all children who would like to join in

Candlelight Carol Service – 6.30pm Sunday 21st Dec

Activity bags available for younger children

Christmas Morning Service

10.30am Thursday 25th December



Details can also be found at www.cornerstonegrays.org

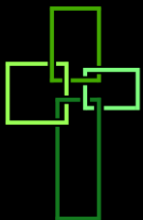


Delivering Christmas Invitations

Each Christmas we try to deliver an invitation to our Christmas services to a number of homes in our community. If you have ½ to 1 hour spare in the next week or so to deliver some invitations please pick up a packet (or more!) from near the Welcome Desk.

All the packets have detailed instructions on where to deliver etc.

Thank you



Christmas Invitations for you to use



When inviting friends and family to Christmas Services it is sometimes helpful to hand them an invitation.

If you would find this helpful, please pick up as many invitations as you need from the pile of invitations on the Welcome Desk.



Giving at a Service

We have a 'retiring' collection here at Cornerstone Church, which some individuals in our church family use to give either before or immediately after the service. Many in our church family give by standing orders or other methods and therefore don't use the retiring collection at a service. If you would like to give at a service, there is a collection bag (with envelopes) that you can discreetly use either before the service or in the 10 minutes immediately following the end of a service.

If you are a guest or visitor with us today, please do not feel any pressure or expectation that you should financially support the ministry here.



Safeguarding: A legal & moral responsibility

As a UK charity we are required to have a Safeguarding Policy that we follow. Even more importantly, as God's people who aim to care for each other and our neighbour, part of that is to try and keep each other safe, and particularly our children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is one aspect of our life together but one that we do take seriously.



For more details see
www.cornerstonegrays.org/safeguarding

And just a reminder ...

We love to have children and babies with us at Cornerstone

We are comfortable with the inevitable bits of noise that babies and younger children make during a service. If you are a parent of a baby or young child, please don't feel you have to rush out when your child makes a noise. We ask everyone in our church family to be patient with kiddy noise. We also ask parents of young children to be aware of continuous disruption that children can sometimes cause and in those circumstances, to take their children out to creche.

Please note that sometimes there are other groups using other parts of Woodside Academy on a Sunday morning.

The importance of Safeguarding at Cornerstone

At Cornerstone we take Safeguarding seriously. Two important documents that set out our Safeguarding commitments and procedures are available on the Welcome Desk.

- Protection of Children and Adults Policy Statement
- Safeguarding Policy

If you have any questions or comments about Safeguarding please speak to our Safeguarding Coordinator, Mike Walton, or our Trustee with responsibility for Safeguarding, Jill Brock.

People authorised to help in Sunday School

All our Sunday School leaders and helpers wear an ID badge on the Sunday mornings they are serving in Sunday School.



And just a reminder ...



Please familiarise yourself with the nearest emergency exit

If there is an emergency during the service:

- Go to the car park
- If you have children in Sunday School, they will be evacuated to the car park by the Sunday School leaders.
- If you are in Creche, please exit the building from there and walk round the outside of the building to the car park.
- Please proceed quietly and calmly in order to hear any additional instructions.

Church notices are also available via our weekly church email

If you do not currently receive the weekly church email and would like to, please pick up a Contact Details leaflet from the Welcome Desk, complete and return to Mike Walton.



Please turn off or put your mobile phone into silent mode during the service

Thank you

Toilets are through the double doors leading from the hall into the rest of the school.

Baby change facilities are available in the Accessible Toilet.

