



# Cornton Baptist Church

Demonstrating God's love in action  
in the community of Cornton



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## **April 2011 - Church Magazine**

*Welcome to the latest edition of the church magazine.*

*We hope you enjoy the updates and articles. Thanks to all who have contributed.*

*Please let us know of any articles you would like to include next time around, or any ideas of what you would like to see included.*

*The Editors*

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## Pastor's Ponderings

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

It is hard to believe that on 19 April 2011 we celebrate the third anniversary of the official opening of our renovated and extended building. It seems only like yesterday. And yet so much has happened in between times. The exciting news as you read through the magazine is that the building loan is now down to around the £50,000 figure. That may still seem a lot of money to some of us but in reality it is only a fraction of the original £350,000 (approx) cost. In the last 3 years we have paid off more than half of the loan amount. God is so good. He has blessed us in so many ways. I want to say thank you to you all for your continued faithful giving to the building fund and to your support of the various fund raising activities we have held. There are a few in the pipeline for this year so look out for them and support them as you are able. Let's keep going and clear the rest of the loan just as quickly.

In these past three years we have seen so much happen as well. The youth activities continue at pace with Ruth having now been in post for 8 months. The most exciting and thrilling part for me is that on an average week we have over 100 children and young people through the church doors. For those who were here at the beginning of the work in Cornton in 1959 that must bring back great memories. The Sunday School opened in those days with around that same number of children. The coffee morning continues to be a great witness in the community and now with new and strengthening relationships with the local nursery we have small groups from Cornton Nursery visiting the coffee morning most weeks. The coffee morning regulars love the songs

that the children sing to them and the children enjoy being part of a community.

In this past year we have rejoiced as some of have come to put their trust and faith in Jesus Christ. There is nothing more exciting than new life in Christ. Of course this is a great time for us all to remember when we came to put our trust and faith in Jesus. Easter is almost upon us and we remember the price that Jesus paid for our sins to be forgiven. We thank Him for his amazing grace and mercy that has allowed us to be reconciled to God. And we commit ourselves afresh to following Him.

I'm currently reading a book by C J Mahaney entitled 'The Cross Centred Life'. The subheading gives the reason for the title - 'keeping the gospel the main thing.' Jesus' work on our behalf must be the central motivation for your life and faith encourages Mahaney. It is so easy for us to forget the cross as we push on with life - trying to do our best and to learn more and to serve more. Thinking on the cross and living in light of the cross should always remind us that we are better off than we ever deserved. On account of our sin we were due God's wrath. On account of God's grace we are forgiven and loved by God. We are heading for heaven. And as we centre our lives on the cross we daily remember the price that Jesus' paid for our sins to be forgiven and for us to be reconciled to God our Father. Daily we ought to thank Him and praise Him. Daily we ought to want to share that good news with others.

Peter and the early believers understood the cross. They had experienced the pain and fear of losing their friend yet they had come to realise it was all part of God's rescue plan for humanity. After Jesus' ascension they received the Holy Spirit and in the power of the Spirit were able to go and fulfil Jesus' commission

for them. He had told them in Acts 1:8 'you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' These early believers lived their lives in light of the cross. And they shared the good news wherever they went. Peter it was who said in Acts 4:20 'For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.' So much so that as Peter was sent to the home of Cornelius, a Gentile god-fearer, he spoke of Jesus' death on the cross, his resurrection and the forgiveness of sins that comes through believing in Jesus (Acts 10:34-44).

We are called to live our lives in light of the cross. We daily thank God for his amazing grace, mercy and love and we take every opportunity that comes our way to share that with others too - in order that they too might come to crown Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Keep the gospel the main thing.

Blessings

Hamish

PS. A word of thanks as well to the many 'friends of Cornton Baptist Church'. We have been so grateful for your financial support during these past years as the building work took shape and was finished. We thank you for your prayer support and wish you God's richest blessing in the days to come. If you have yet to see the completed work in person why not pop by some Sunday - we would love to see you and renew fellowship with you.

## Thanks!

We are so thankful for the contributions received from our fellowship for the Birthday Scheme.

An amazing £355 was raised last year. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

*Nan Ferguson*

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I've received the following thanks on behalf of the BMS Stamp Bureau:

"Many thanks for the stamps sent from Cornton Baptist Church gratefully received. £2,000 sent to BMS from sales so far this year."

*Geoff Hobson*

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A big thank-you to everyone who has sponsored me as I represent Diabetes UK as part of a charity football match at Falkirk Stadium at the end of May.

Together with family, friends and work colleagues, more than £600 has now been raised for the charity!

A few folks have pledged double if I take out the ex-Celtic players....

*Stuart McFarlane*

## Youth Worker's Yarn

So another few months in the job since the last church magazine, what have I actually been doing?

Well, the kids club and youth café are still going well and in fact after Christmas we had to divide the youth café into 2 groups due to the large number of young people coming along. The split has been great, behaviour has improved, more time is available to develop relationships and the older group appear to be showing a lot more interest in the talks. For the past few months we have been looking at the character of God and even ventured into talking about the Trinity - will maybe be a while until we do that one again...

We have been planning another weekend away, which has already generated lots of interest and so be prepared for some fundraising in the next couple of months!

We have recently been blessed with donations from different groups and this has gone a long way to update and increase the number of facilities available at youth café. We are very grateful for this and pray that it draws more young people in so that we can share the gospel.

Every week it gets mentioned, so I thought I should share about 'Forth Voice' our funky, rock, gospel choir for primary 5 - 2nd year. It's been an interesting couple of months and it really has stretched my musical knowledge and ability far beyond the maximum (especially when both my pianists are unable to make it).

So far we've had 11 different girls along and get on average about 8 now. This is a good number for the first couple of months but

I'm hoping that this does go up to roughly 15. I think more children in Cornton are interested in singing in a choir than are currently attending. Probably due to it's perceived 'uncoolness' but we will be doing a concert for the community in June and hopefully this will squash all misconceptions.

One of the most exciting points about the youth activities, is that recently we calculated the total number of different young people that we see on a weekly basis and it is over 100. This is like the old, exciting days when they were seeing about 100 young people at Sunday school each week.

To avoid any confusion there has been a name change to the CY club (Christianity Explored) which is now called Distinctive. This is running well although it would be great to have more young people along. Please pray for more of the teenagers from Youth Café to venture in and learn a bit more about what means to be a Christian.

All your prayers and words of encouragement are greatly appreciated, so thank you!

*Ruth*





This chapter is all about curtains. The final 3 verses detail the curtains for the Most Holy Place. They are to be blue, scarlet and purple. Significant colours. Blue is the colour of the sky and it reminds us of the Heavenly origin of the Lord Jesus. He is the Son of God. Scarlet is the colour of blood and it speaks of Jesus as the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice for the sins of man. Purple is the colour of royalty and it reminds us that Jesus Christ is the King of Kings. Purple is made by blending equal amounts of red and blue. Jesus Christ is a perfect blend of God and man. He is 100% both at the same time.

Pure, white linen was the cloth that was to be used. This speaks of the purity of the Lord Jesus. It reminds us that He was sinless. Notice that this cloth was to be 'finely twisted'. This tells us that the cloth used was to be of a special weave. It would be different from any other cloth. So it is with Jesus! There has never been another man like Him! In His person, He was the perfect blend of Deity and humanity. He is the God-Man! He is unique for He is God in the flesh.

**Pray:** thanking God for his instructions for living throughout the Bible and ask for help to keep following them.

**Reflect:** on the fine detail of the curtains for the Most Holy Place and praise God for all the signs that point to Jesus.

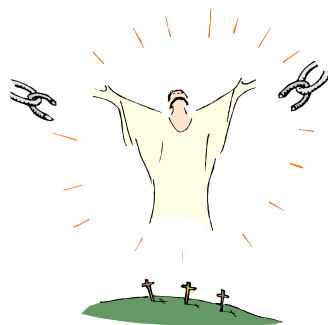
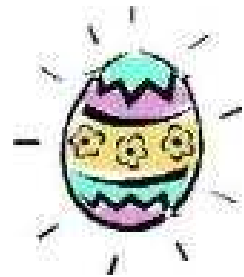
# Easter Eggstravaganza Family Fun Day

Activities free, small  
charge for tea/coffee  
and cakes



Saturday 23 April  
2011

12noon until 3pm



Cornton Baptist  
Church

Achray Drive,  
Cornton

Tea & Coffee

Video Games

Bouncy Castles

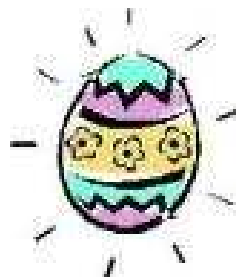
Toddler Area

Home Baking

Face Painting

Easter Crafts

Football Shoot-in





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Explorers	Distinctive	Forth Voice	CBC Kids Club	Youth Cafe
Explorers meet on a Sunday morning, 11-12.20, together they go on great journey through stories in the Bible and sing songs.	Distinctive meets on a Sunday evening, 7.45-9pm for a Bible study, discussion and chill out.	A great new rock gospel choir for P5 – S2. They meet on Tuesday, 4.30-6pm. Everyone is welcome no matter the ability.	Kids Club meets on Wednesdays from 6-7pm for P1 – P4 and 7-8pm for P5-7. There is lots of fun with games, songs, Bible stories and arts and crafts.	On a Friday night P7 – S1 meet from 7-8pm and S2 – S4 meet from 8.15-9.30pm. A great place to hang out and relax with your friends.
Starts 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Starts 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Starts 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Starts 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Starts 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan



Youth  
Ministry



Cornton Baptist  
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Learning to Walk

## **Churches Vote Launched in Scotland**

A broad coalition of organisations and denominations have come together to develop an online website to help and equip Christians for the Scottish Parliament Election on 5 May.

Churches Vote is an initiative developed by the Evangelical Alliance in partnership with Action Together of Churches in Scotland, CARE, the Catholic Parliamentary Office, Christians Count and the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office. This landmark initiative is one of the first to be supported by nearly every denomination across Scotland and demonstrates a new desire among Christian leaders and organisations to work together for God's Kingdom.

The main aim of the initiative is to encourage even greater involvement by Scottish Christians in social action and public affairs and demonstrate to politicians that the Church is actively and positively engaged with public life in Scotland. It is hoped that Christians from all backgrounds and denominations will use this resource to be more informed and better equipped to vote on 5 May.

The website provides information on practical aspects of the election, guides to political party policy on topical issues and an interactive map to help people find out if a hustings (all-party meeting for candidates) is taking place in their area. Hustings provide all-party opportunities for authentic political debate on neutral territory. The majority of hustings are organised by churches and represent a great example of the Church engaging with its community and building relationships with their future elected representatives.

Significantly, the website also includes video clips of all of the main party leaders answering key questions that relate to the churches engagement with politics and wider society. Each of the five party leaders were filmed by the Churches Vote team responding to questions such as: what is the role of the Church in modern Scotland and what are the biggest challenges facing Scotland today?

The website was officially launched on 22 March in Edinburgh alongside a joint statement which was signed by the leaders of each supporting denomination including the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Salvation Army and many others. The statement calls on Christians to respond to the needs of their community and use their vote as an opportunity to serve and express the needs of others. In the statement they said: "An awareness of human failings should not tempt us to abandon the political system. Dissatisfaction with politics should prompt Christians to be more involved in shaping political life so that it better serves the whole of society."

To access the website and read the joint leaders statement, go to: [www.churchesvote.org](http://www.churchesvote.org)

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## **Prayer Diary**

Cornton Baptist Church Prayer Diaries are available from the notice boards. Make sure you pick up a copy and take the opportunity to pray each day for those within the fellowship.

## **The Coffee Morning**

Every Thursday at ten fifteen,  
Cornton Baptist Church is the place to be seen.  
Come inside and look around,  
The Bric-a-Brac's where most are found.

Do you need a coat, hat or a dress?  
Or just a book or jigsaw for 50p or less.  
We can kit you all out,  
Be you tall, thin or stout.

Then there's the Coffee, Tea and Cake.  
There's very little we cannot make.  
Jams, Jellies, Scones and Muffins,  
You can have a Take-away in one of our cake tins.

The friendship and chat goes on forever,  
If you miss a Thursday --- Oh! Never!  
Because when you reappear, We'll need  
A note of your absence for all to read.

We have such fun, but there's a serious side,  
The money we make is for those denied  
Of a Decent life, Education and Health.  
We give them all a little, but to them it's a Wealth.

So to the humble little cake.  
What a difference it can make.

*Roni Fleming*

## **Recipe**

Recipe featured in the Cornton Church Cookbook "Food for the Hungry Soul".

### **Salmon and Mandarin**

Smoked Salmon

Parsley

Orange Juice

Cottage Cheese

Mandarin Oranges

Cornflour

1. Mix the mandarin oranges with the cottage cheese and add parsley.
2. Roll the smoked salmon strips round a spoonful or two of this mixture. Place two on each plate.
3. Pour orange juice into a pot, mix up some cornflour with a few drops of orange juice in a cup. Then add to a pot and bring it to the boil until it thickens. Let it cool then pour over the salmon rolls.
4. Serve with a fruity salad: lettuce, cucumber, slices of orange, apple or melon. Sprinkle with parsley and pepper.



## **Promises of Who We Are**

I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ  
Hebrews 4:14-16

I may approach God with freedom and confidence  
Ephesians 3:12

I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing his inheritance with Him  
Romans 8:17

I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm  
Ephesians 2:6

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit  
John 15:16

I am the salt of the earth  
Matthew 5:13

I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me  
1 John 5:18

I have been established, anointed and sealed by God  
2 Corinthians 1:21-22

I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling  
Hebrews 3:1

As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ  
John 15:15

I am a child of God and I will resemble Christ when he returns  
John 3:12

I am God's workmanship  
Ephesians 2:10

## **Bible versus Mobile Phone**

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go.... hmm... where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities?'. And no dropped calls!

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!

## **Repent and Sin No More**

Once there was a painter who was very poor.

When his parish church needed repainting, the members of the congregation and the church elders got together and when bids were considered for the job, offered him the job because while his bid was not the lowest it was close and he was of their congregation.

So the painter bought paint for the job and set to work.

When he got about three-quarters of the job finished it became apparent that he wouldn't have enough paint.

Well his bid was about as low as he could go and so he decided to thin his paint some so that it would spread farther.

Well he got about half of the remainder done and concluded that he would have to thin what he had left just a little and his paint would stretch to cover the whole church.

Unfortunately, that night a terrible storm came to the town and when the painter was awakened by the crash of thunder he realized the thinned paint wouldn't stick to walls of the church and would be washed away.

Well then the painter is panicked and he realizes that he has betrayed the trust put in him by his neighbors and that he will be shamed in front of everyone.

As soon as the next day has dawned, he rushed out of the house to the church and sees all of the thinned paint covering the lawn in front of the church.

Faced with humiliation and possible ruin of his business, he does what is only natural and falls down on his knees and prays.

"God," he says, "please forgive me and help me to see the error of my ways."

Just then the heavens open above him and he is bathed in a pearly radiance from above. A voice can be heard in the sudden stillness of the morning that rings as if it comes from Heaven itself.

God speaks to the painter and says:

"Repaint and thin no more!"

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## **Seeking Employment**

Mayra has found herself with some free time, so is looking for suitable employment.

If you can help Mayra, please speak to her directly.

Thanks!



## Tea Rotas

### Morning

17th April Audrey Hamilton  
 24th April Netta Denison  
 1st May Mayra  
 8th May Catherine Hanlon  
 15th May Ruth Smith  
 22nd May Nan Thomson  
 29th May Liz McQueen  
 5th June Roni Fleming  
 12th June Carol Smith  
 19th June Audrey Hamilton  
 26th June Netta Denison

### Evening

17th April Catherine Hanlon  
 24th April Kath Arton  
 1st May Morag Wishart  
 8th May Roni Fleming  
 15th May Elaine Hay  
 22nd May Nan Thomson  
 29th May Mags McKee  
 5th June Catherine Hanlon  
 12th June Kath Arton  
 19th June Morag Wishart  
 26th June Roni Fleming

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### Easter Services

#### Good Friday

11.00am Walk of Witness (starting at Holy Trinity Church)  
 7.30pm Good Friday Service in the church

Saturday 12.00noon Easter Fun Day

#### Sunday

7.30am Sunrise Service on Castle Esplanade  
 10.00am Easter Morning Communion Service  
 11.00am Easter Morning Family Service  
 6.30pm Joint Easter Praise Service  
 Bruce Memorial Church, Cambusbarron

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