

Hornsea United Reformed Church

Annual Reports 2017



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a) Wider involvements

North Holderness Churches Together (NHCT)

It is always a joy to meet members of other traditions. We meet alternate months to organise a programme of events. The year started with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All churches in the town were visited by members of every other church to pray together. This is always a time when we recognise how much we have in common. In the summer we have the Unity Service which is well attended and again reminds us of what we have in common.

During 2017 the churches led worship at the Spring and Autumn Sings in the Pocket Garden at the head of Willows Drive.

Again we took part in the Easter Pilgrimage which follows a route from the Catholic Church to the sea front visiting all the churches on the way. Each church told their part of the Easter story. This has become an established tradition over the past few years and is a reminder to people of the town as to what Easter is truly about.

The Carnival Service was led by Rev Robert Amos and enjoyed by all who attended.

You may have seen the group witnessing in the town alternate weekends during the Summer Months.

Please try to support events where the churches are working together. We are always looking for events that we can do together so if you have any ideas please do talk to me and I can put them to the committee.

Kathy Webb

2. Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer for 2017 was prepared by the women of the Philippines and entitled "Am I being Unfair to You?"

Preparation for a World Day of Prayer starts four years before the service is due to take place – no wonder as it has to be translated into sixty different languages and one thousand dialects – and the women

of the Philippines started work on their service just as Typhoon Haiyan hit the islands killing over 6,000 people and destroying over a million homes. The Philippines themselves are a group of over 7,000 islands – approximately 1000 of these being inhabited. Eleven of these islands make up 95% of the total land mass and the planning committee was drawn from these.

It is not hard to imagine the hardship these women faced and yet they were able to produce such a wonderfully uplifting and powerful service that I think those attending will treasure for a long time.

The service was held in the Catholic Church and, as always, everyone received a warm welcome.

Looking forward to 2018, the service has been prepared by the women of Suriname (and yes, if you are like me, you will have to look it up!) and is entitled “All God's Creation is Good!” It is a very topical service and relevant to us in Hornsea. It is a service you will enjoy but also one that will leave you with a challenge.

The service will be held in the United Reformed Church and this year we are planning to hold two services. One at the usual time of 2.00pm and one at 6.00pm which will allow those who are at school or work to attend. We are hoping to involve some of our Junior Church and Pilots in the 6.00pm service and would also ask for members of our congregation to take part, either as readers or refreshment servers. Just have a word with Margaret or Doreen if you can support in any way. Thank you.

Margaret Knapton

3. Christian Aid in Hornsea

Although Christian Aid had already been founded, 2017 saw the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of Christian Aid Week and there were celebrations all over the country. But now Christian Aid is undergoing changes. Alex, the coordinator of the Leeds office is leaving to work with another, closer to home, charity and Loretta Minghelle OBE is resigning from the Chief Executive post in London as she has been appointed by the Queen as a First Church Estates Commissioner.

Both people have done excellent work on behalf of the deprived of the World and will be sorely missed.

In Hornsea where we, like many other areas, no longer can do the House to House Collections we have had a few events.

Thanks go to St. Nicholas Parish Church for the use of their Hall for a Pancake Day Event on Shrove Tuesday. This raised just over £200.

Tesco allowed us to collect on their premises for two days and thanks go to David Radford for organising that event and for collecting £211

The Methodist Church held a Coffee Morning organised by Hilary Himsworth and raised £310 plus the money donated at their weekly Bible Study meetings.

Mrs Steph Cooper from the Leeds Office spoke at the URC Friendship Hour and members donated £109 on that occasion.

The URC had envelopes in the pews on the Sundays either side of Christian Aid Week and raised £364

It is also known that individuals regularly sent private donations into the Leeds Office.

During the year one Hornsea supporter (Doreen Rogers who wishes to remain anonymous!) received a 60 Year Service Certificate from Loretta Minghella in York, and Marion Clubley and Pricilla Deacon received Long Service Certificates from Steph Cooper in one of the URC Sunday services for organising the House to House Collections in Hornsea for nigh on 30 years.

Doreen Rogers

4. Holderness Foodbank

During 2017 we continued to support the Foodbank through collection of food at Church, though donations have been less frequent and we have not been needed so often in 2017. However we did make up 10 Christmas Hampers of food donated by Tesco's and these were gratefully received by families known to us. Each week I attend the cafe and pack bags of food to be given out or take to Withernsea Church. Our partners at Withernsea give out the bags we have packed.

I am always surprised at the number of bags we have to give out. We should not need to do this, but will do so as long as it is needed.

Thank you to all who help with collections or donate food. We are often thanked for the help we give, and on many occasions recipients have donated food when their circumstances have improved. Thank you to all who have helped in any way during the year.

Kathy Webb

5. Commitment for Life

Last year we elected to support the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

The political situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories continues to be fractious and impacts the socio-economic development of the region in a myriad of ways. June 2017 marked the 50th year of Israeli occupation in Palestine following the 1967 war, as well as the 10th year of the blockade of Gaza. These ‘anniversaries’ only increase the bitterness and violence entrenched between Israelis and Palestinians, and there is currently no peace process to encourage hope.

In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, Israel continues to create ‘facts on the ground’ in violation of international law, including UN Security Council Resolution 2334 passed in December 2016 which recognised that ‘the establishment by Israel of settlements in Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity, constituting a flagrant violation under international law’. However, despite this, demolition, displacement and illegal Israeli construction are the main feature of life in the OPT and are accelerating in an unprecedented manner.

With an abundance of natural resources for agriculture, Dead Sea minerals, stone mining and quarrying, construction, and tourism, this area is critical for any real Palestinian economic development. However, Israel continues to refuse virtually all construction and development permit requests by Palestinians in Area C, and has declared large parts of it as military zones or state land, preventing Palestinians both from building there and from accessing their land for farming.

All this continues to make life difficult for those living there. There have been talks but agreements are soon forgotten. Please pray for the people living in these hard conditions and that one day governments will see a better way to support their people.

Kathy Webb

6. The Leprosy Mission (Accounts)

Thank you once again for all your support of the Leprosy Mission.

Your support this year has meant we were able to send a cheque to TLM for an amazing £865.50.

Thank you to everyone who has a collecting box, it is amazing how your small change adds up over the year.

Our continued support is needed as someone is diagnosed with leprosy every two minutes, that is over 200,000 every year. The more work TLM can do to raise awareness and remove the stigma of leprosy means people will come forward for treatment when it can still be cured and before they have suffered irreversible disabilities.

As you know I am the Regional Speaker for The Leprosy Mission covering the area from Scarborough down to Hull so if you know any group who would welcome a talk about the work of The Leprosy Mission please let me know.

Thank you all.

Carol Rutherford

7. Traidcraft and Fairtrade (Accounts)

If anyone asked me, how has the year been for Hornsea URC Traidcraft, I would have said 'busy and rewarding'. Thanks to Doreen Taylor, there has been a Fairtrade stall at every Thursday coffee morning throughout the year; three schools have run a stall each term; there have been ten stalls at WI's and social groups, along with talks, and ten Market stalls – all giving a wonderful opportunity, not only to

sell fairly traded products but to talk about the difference it makes to people's quality of life.

Over £6,000 worth of sales have been made with £240 being sent to Traidcraft Exchange to support their development work and £220 given to local groups who are supporting Fairtrade activities.

From an accounting point of view there has been a financial loss of £126.95 mostly due to stock passing its 'best before' date or breakages/wear and tear – as you can imagine a lot of the stock is well travelled and in and out of my car several times!

But as regular readers know it is not the financial profit margin that is the focus but the amount of goods that can be sold – each sale means one family has received a fair wage and an opportunity to spend the Fairtrade premium for the benefit of their whole community.

With over £4,000 worth of stock and a recent purchase of over £600 of sale items you can tell – thanks to you wonderful supporters there is still as much drive and desire to keep making a difference – together we are helping change the world for the better. THANK YOU

Margaret Knapton

8. Residential Homes Monthly Services

Members from the Methodist Church and from the United Reformed Church have conducted services in The Promenade, Stuart House and Summer Court Hall once a month during 2017 apart from August when we had a holiday. So there have been 33 services during the year.

Thanks go to Beryl Wilson and Marion Bowen for accompanying the hymn singing and to Rev. Steven Knapton, Rev. and Mrs John Brown, Mrs Hilary Himsworth, Mrs Margaret Preece and Jill Fletcher. for leading the worship. Unfortunately John and Sue Brown are not able to lead next year so I am seeking some new leaders.

Apart from leading worship for many who really miss their regular attendance at Church we try to take a bit of the outside world to cheer some who have been recently described as the "forgotten people".

We try to remind them that our Lord has not forgotten them. There are about 20 people who are involved in this mission and outreach of the

Church, but there is always room for more as all are not always available.

Please join us occasionally if you can.

Doreen Rogers.

b) Within our Fellowship

1. The Friendship Hour (Accounts)

The Friendship Hour enjoyed another well attended year which started with a New Year Lunch in the Hall. Thanks go to the Beach Hut for supplying the food and to Jean Barrett and friends for cooking and serving.

During the year we have thought of various countries abroad. First the Philippines when Margaret Knapton told us of the women there who had produced the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer.

We then thought of Palestine where Derek Thompson told us his work in a Christian hospital in a Muslim city in a Jewish state. We later thought of Germany where Rev. Colin and Mrs Barratt told us of their work in the Church there, and of many countries when Steph Cooper reminded us of the work of Christian Aid.

We learned how not to be defrauded by a member of the ERYC and decided we would try to keep out of prison as we heard of the work of the Prison Chaplaincy team. Charities of which we heard and to which we contributed were, Canine Partners, the RNLI, Marie Curie and the new mosque in York. Our look at other religions this year brought Michael Westerman telling us of the Jewish Year. Subsequently he had some trees planted in Palestine with the fee we gave him. On All Saints Day Rev Robert Amos told us in a very humorous way of the Saints in the Wesley home in Epworth

Pure enjoyment came when Heather Raw again delighted us with her flower arrangements, Margaret Preece told us of the Star of Bethlehem from the point of view of an amateur astronomer. We heard of the amazing life of Sue Woodcock a writer, and were entertained by Ruby Seager on two occasions.

Rev. Alison Micklem told us how she completed her father's book recording his life of a minister, hymn writer and composer.

Some of us left Hornsea for the Yorkshire Assembly in Scarborough, for the last of the Mission and Care Rallies at Cottingham (plus a wonderful tea) and for a very interesting visit to the Mosque in York, where we were made most welcome.

Thanks go to Margaret and Steven Knapton, and Jill Fletcher for their help in many ways, and to the committee members, Jean Robinson, Dee Malcolm, Allan and Margot Hipwood and Sharlah Cantwell, to Beryl Wilson our pianist and to Joan Taylor for playing when Beryl was ill.

We lost three members during the year. Karen Rogers moved to Hull for family reasons. Marion Betts a committee member died after a painful illness and Leslie Jackson died after being in Summer Court Hall for a while. We thank God for the service they gave and for their lives of dedication. We are privileged to have known them.

Doreen Rogers.

2. Coffee Morning (Accounts)

I could virtually write the same account this year as last! The Coffee Morning continues to be a hub for fellowship and support with the fantastic team of volunteers offering a friendly smile, a chat and a good cup of tea or coffee, plus all those who bake cakes and scones which provide, 'a nice bit of something sweet for tea'.

One encouraging development is the way in which recipients of the TSN phone calls, having talked about the Thursday Coffee morning, are now becoming 'regulars' and very much at home in the relaxed and friendly environment.

It is a good place to meet and chat for all walks of society plus, bag a bargain or support the Leprosy and Traidcraft charities.

All this seems to happen seamlessly but behind it all is a FANTASTIC team of volunteers who give their time willingly, virtually every week, to serve and support all who come through our doors – quite a witness to their faith! Thank you.

Margaret Knapton

3. Living Well (Accounts)

This continues to be a success story. There have been a number of new referrals and a new craft group meeting on a Friday afternoon brings the number of off-shoot groups to three. Recently we have started providing 'Cooking for One' courses on a Monday afternoon. These are proving to be a popular way of encouraging people, not only to cook, but also to find new friendships and confidence in what they can do. Over the Summer months we hope to develop this for parents and children learning to cook together. We are trying to get more funding so that the Project can continue. We have seen many changes in the people the Project has touched be they telephoners, clients we phone, or just helpers. Thanks to all who are involved in the Living Well Project it is truly making a difference to so many people's lives.

Kathy Webb

4. Tuesday 'Open House' (Accounts)

I would like to say thank you to the Church for the use of the hall for the Toddler Group on Tuesdays. It is enjoyed by the young and the old as we keep to the tradition of tea and toast. We do not only do this but we have many events like the Christmas Party (for the children), making decorations/crafts for Mothers' Day, Fathers Day, Pancake Day, Easter, the list goes on.....

Most of all it is enjoyed for the children to socialise and the adults to have a friendly chat and sometimes just to have somebody to share their feelings with.

Sometimes we are very busy, and other times very quiet. We have promoted the Group through posters, leaflets and a flag we use! The Group has been going for well over twenty years and last week I made a hard decision. From the summer of 2017 I had made it clear to the Group that my time had finished as I want to move on to other things. Nobody came forward and I have managed to carry on until now. It was with regret that I spoke to Margaret to say 16 January 2018 would be the last session.

To my surprise the Parents and Carers didn't want to see it close so Stephanie Smith (Steph) has come forward to take over. Steph has

always been a big part of the Group and takes on helping when I'm not there. She is always a 'hands on' person. I could not have managed without her help.

With this in mind I hope the Group will carry on for many more years and I offer everyone involved my best wishes.

Debbie Smith

5. Pilots (Accounts)

Have you ever had the feeling when things seem to be just right? Well Pilots has seemed a bit like that this year. We have gained seven new Adventurers through the year and one new Voyager – all beautiful children in every sense of the word.

The leadership is enthusiastic and bounce ideas around each other to keep the sessions Christ centred and fun. But all that 'feel good' factor does not mean that there is complacency. We know we are doing the Lord's work and pray that we will do it well and faithfully. We pray for the young people, that they may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and find his peace in their, sometimes damaged, lives. We rejoice in the appointments of Megan and Steph to the Yorkshire Synod as Youth and Children's workers – they are already opening up opportunities for our young people.

Several of the Pilots have helped to lead a Sunday service and Nativity service and we hope to develop this in 2018.

Pilots is like 'Church on Fridays' – but perhaps not as you would recognise it – and we appreciate your prayers for the whole of our fellowship.

Margaret Knapton

6. Junior Church

We have had a relatively quiet 12 months in our Junior Church but we continue to have a small but regular number of children. Most Sundays we average around 4-6, but our numbers can be boosted by children visiting family or coming for special events.

Highlights have included the well-received service led by the young people in October. This involved us leading the congregation in a service showing how we are all part of God's creation and how we can all share in his glory, borne out by the young people involving everyone in the service.

The continued theme of Church family was felt during our Christmas Nativity Service which this year coincided with our Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve, instead of our usual time of the Saturday afternoon before Christmas. Some of the congregation had not enjoyed our Nativity before, but they played a full part as Angels, Shepherds and Kings, finding their place in the Christmas story.

In the summer the Seal family and other children from our Church attended Frontier Camp, a residential week under canvas. Ask the Seal family if you want to find out more.

Since we almost forgot our Christmas Party last year, we decided to have our party in the New Year at the same time as the Church Party. Christmas was still on our mind and anytime is a good time to share food and play games. We were tempted to invite some of our older friends from the main Church Party but I'm not sure how much they would have enjoyed the chocolate game and pass the parcel.

God Bless and Thanks to all who continue to keep our work with young children alive.

Julia Clifton

7. Church Flowers (Accounts)

Haven't we had some wonderful flowers displayed in Church this year, especially at the Flower Festival?

This only happens thanks to Ann and her flower arrangers and the people who very kindly donate money to the Flower Fund. Some people arrange their own flowers too.

There is a Flower Rota in the Church hall. This is so people can pick dates that may be special to them or they just like to see flowers in Church. Ann Jordan takes care of this Rota and the Flower agenda. Do speak to her if you want more information.

On Mondays the flowers are taken out to members and friends for whatever reason: birthdays, anniversary or just to let them know we are thinking of them. Again there is a rota for this, and I'm very grateful to Chris, Eileen, Margot, Allan, Debbie and Carol for all their hard work. Also to Val, Margaret and Sarah, who step in when needed. Again, if you think you'd like to join this Rota, please speak to me. It is a pleasurable task, and what could be better than cheering someone up with flowers?

As always, many, many thanks to everyone who is involved in any way with the flowers.

Marion Clubley

8. Church Secretary's Report

It has been another eventful year, full of changes and new ideas about how we do things. My thanks go to all who have been part of our services and especially to the many visiting ministers who challenge us week by week.

My thanks go to Marion who makes sure that we have ministry each week. Also thanks to Sarah and David who organise our Worship alternate Sunday evenings.

Our Elders, church members and even the young people have taken on new roles to help organised services and Quiet Days at the Convent as well.

The main thing is we are still here. I think many of us have taken on board that there may not be a minister leading us just yet but we are still hopeful and we are working to have a church to welcome him or her to in the future.

As a church we are becoming more involved with the Synod, and wider church fellowship. I have taken on the role of a Synod Pastoral Elder and Jill is now a Synod Worship Development Officer. We are both still finding our feet and have much to learn about these new roles.

We have welcomed four new members, Ken Bradley, Jean Barrett, Mark Parker-Randall and Ann Thompson. Sadly we have to remember the loss of two members, Marion Betts and Les Jackson. Also some people no longer worship with us for various reasons such as Jamie and family who have now transferred their membership to a church in Sheffield. This means our membership now stands at 80.

We were delighted to have five baptisms in 2017, two babies and three adults.

As a church we are working more closely with the Methodists, joining them in worship and ventures like the Pentecost celebration, Walking Nativity, the labyrinths at Easter and Christmas and Shoe Boxes. Who knows what we will get up to, together, in 2018?

We continue to support events held by Churches Together in Hornsea joining them for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Easter Pilgrimage and Carol Singing.

Lastly I must thank all who attend the services and support the Elders. I know you may not always wholeheartedly agree with the things we do but you are always there to comment and encourage, thank you for making Hornsea URC a place where God can be faithfully worshipped. God Bless you all.

Kathy Webb

9. Worship Co-ordinator

Well, we've made it through another year! And what a busy year, fantastic services, wonderful preachers etc.

It's been wonderful. Everyone has got involved, the children, all age worship, the Easter Communion led by our Elders and young people.

Filling the diary is a daunting task but I made it thanks to all the lovely people who want to come and preach and help us.

As I've said before, this job is a team effort. Val is in charge of readers and is always looking for new volunteers.

This year 'Gloria' came into her own. I am most grateful to Jackie and Ken, who have adopted Gloria; Joan and Pauline have also done their bit. It's lovely to have Joan playing again after her back operation.

Also, thanks to Steve S, Jackie and Ken for the technology we use on Sundays. They work so hard.

Thanks to Jill and Mike for taking care of the sound system.

Lastly, my big thanks to all the Elders for their continued support to me, and to all of you.

Marion Clubley

10. Faith and Fellowship

We meet every Tuesday in the church hall at 7.00 o'clock and finishing about 8.15. The first 20 minutes or so are set aside for tea and biscuits and catching up with each other.

We are a mixed group of about 14, drawing some from our own congregation, some from other churches and others who don't attend a church.

We are all still learning and all at different stages of our Christian journey. We would hope it's a place where people can come and feel comfortable asking questions and expressing their opinions.

Our discussions are varied, sometimes they take the form of bible study, sometimes we watch a film and some discussions come from books people have read. We usually follow Advent and Lent courses, the rest of the time it can be anything the group want to look at.

All are welcome so why not come along one Tuesday and see if it is something you would enjoy.

Carol Rutherford

11. Prayer Network

As you know, our Prayer Network Group runs a 7 days a week Prayer Book which, as well as being incorporated into their Prayer scheme, is available each Sunday for the congregation to share in praying for any person or project they have particular concern for. Names can be put in the Book at any time during the week and the Book is kept on the Memorial Table in the North transept. Names can be added on a Sunday, before worship, or as part of the Family Time, though it is very helpful if most names are added before worship begins. Please feel free to use the book at any time. Those in the network pray regularly for all the names in the book.

It is always helpful to be given an update as to how the people we pray for are getting on. We also provide a list of concerns to be prayed for in the News Letter each month and ask you to join us in our prayers for these.

Kathy Webb

12. Fund Raising and Social Committee

The report for 2016 ended with a challenge for outside fundraisers and we were not disappointed but extremely grateful for the donations received from Leven Lites, Brenda's Open House, Kathy's Open House, Mandy's Sale and the 50/60's Musical Quiz as without them we could not have surpassed our target. By far the largest fundraiser was the Harvest of Life which was long in the planning with many hours of dedication which amassed £1,040.00 whilst all the events of the year totalled £5,478.05.

The team, as usual, worked extremely hard to plan and organise these events but it really helps tremendously if others can hold a fundraiser no matter how small.

Thank you to all those who helped with either donations of food; fillings for sandwiches, the endless time baking or giving of their time to help serve; it is wonderful to know we have such willing and generous volunteers.

The only drawback is the lack of committee members, for this we realise means commitment but without it there would be no fundraising. Please hold the Fundraising team in your prayers and should the Holy Spirit urge you to join us – please answer the call!

June Barton

13. Property Committee

Last year's property report ended with these two paragraphs:-

I have been privileged to be a part of this [Property Committee] team and will be forever humbled by the generosity, energy and time that people have been willing to give to help Hornsea URC be a place where God can be glorified and praised for generations to come.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this time on the Property Committee but feel it is now time to move on to other challenges and will be stepping down at the AGM. The Property Committee are a wonderful team and if anyone is being prompted to take up a role in the church then this post is one well worth thinking and praying about.

Having 'stepped down' however does not mean that the Church and Manse cease to require maintenance so this year – in the absence of a Property Convener – only essential work has been carried out. All safety checks have been completed except servicing of the gas heaters. This is mainly due to Chris, our gas engineer, being diagnosed with cancer. The last time I spoke to him he was quite ill but hoping to have better news by March/April 2018. I would appreciate it if you could hold him, and his family, in your prayers.

Little money has been spent on the Church this year but on the whole, the church and hall are still safe, warm, welcoming and clean – thanks to the efforts of a wonderful team of volunteers who look after this building as if it was their home. It does not unfortunately prevent areas becoming shabby and worn and a programme of maintenance will need to be put in place for 2018 – nothing major – but the appearance of our building says a lot about us and the welcome we give.

The Manse has had three tenants this year and is let until May 2018.

I have been indebted, yet again, to a team of amazing volunteers who have turned out to give it a 'once over', often at short notice, between tenants.

The post of Property Convener is still vacant, it is a rewarding post and can be as big or small as you wish to make it. There is a wonderful support team within the family and extended family of the Church and I would ask you all to keep this post in your prayers.

Margaret Knapton

14. Church Cleaning

This involves vacuuming and polishing the church and porch area each week ready for Sunday worship.

Thank you to those who have already joined me on this rota – Dawn & Sharlah Cantwell, Marion Clubley, Margaret Knapton, Jill Fletcher, Heather Raw and Suzanne Richardson.

We each clean about once every 5 weeks and it takes a couple of hours. If you feel you could help out by joining this rota please speak to one of us.

Carol Rutherford

c) Communications

1) Newsletter and Church Website

As an 'old-fashioned' person, I carry on editing the Church Newsletter, which has, for more years than I know, provided a piece of paper in hand to inform everyone of what is going on.

But social media is now part of our lives and the printed Newsletter has become a shrinking part of our publicity about Church life. Consequently it can be found at the heart of our Church Website, to inform and comment.

More people are reading it online. If you are one of those, and you no longer need a printed copy, please let me or Marion know, so we can save a bit more paper!

Our Church Website (<https://hornseaurc.org.uk>) and Facebook link are blossoming, do visit them when you can, and we must thank Steph Selby and Margaret Knapton for their constant vigilance updating our happenings.

Contributions to the Newsletter or the Website are welcome. Please contact me or Margaret K, and do keep on reading.

Special thanks this year to Julie Wight who has, for many years, printed our Newsletter so efficiently at Skirlough Church Cottage, and has now taken a well-earned retirement.

Thanks too to Marion and John Clubley who make sure it all happens.
Jane Martin

2. Seaside Sermons

Our Seaside Sermons board facing onto New Road was created many years ago by our dear friend Frank Hobson, and now carefully updated each week by Tony Greenway. In 2017 he has given it a major facelift so each message speaks out even more clearly from outside our Church walls to the town. His plans for it are not yet complete – look out for further developments in 2018! Thank you, Tony.

Jane Martin

3. Reform and Bible Reading Aids

Our URC national monthly magazine is lively, colourful, up to date and available printed or online. Do join the regular readers we already have. Ask me for further information.

There are many daily/weekly bible reading aids available, again both printed and online from many sources such as the URC and the Bible Society. If you want ideas, do ask any Elder, as they explore many.

Jane Martin

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