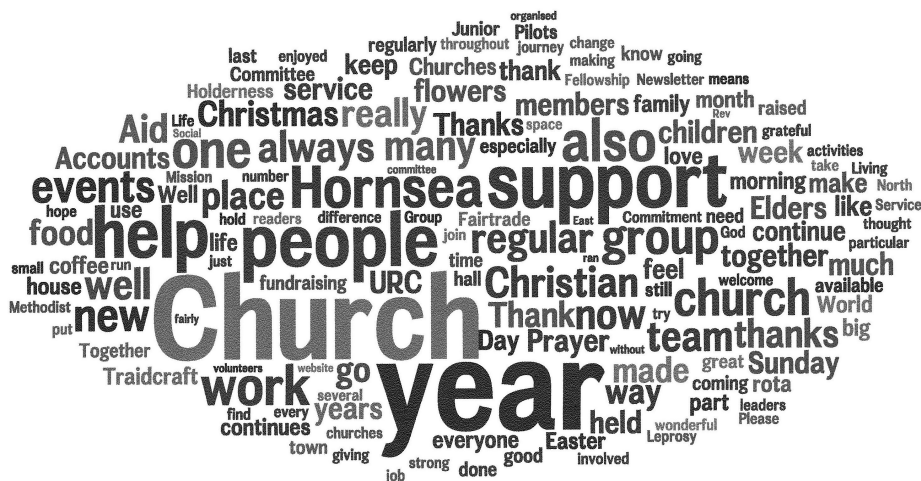


# Hornsea United Reformed Church

# Annual Reports 2018



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to the Annual General Meeting  
on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

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## **a) Wider involvements**

### **1. North Holderness Churches Together (NHCT)**

There has been a renewed vibrancy within NHCT, or more accurately within the different denominations in Hornsea. There has always been a willingness to share events and facilities but there is a greater feeling of shared Mission.

The bi-monthly meetings have purpose and all churches have taken an active part in this years events:-

- The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January
- The Easter Pilgrimage
- The AMAZING 'Pentecost Praise Party' in the Floral Hall – with puppets, sketches, worship and fun. This really was a step of faith and the rewards were great, with hundreds of people attending and confirmation of what can be achieved through prayer and trust in the Lord.
- The Carnival Service was well attended in July.
- Revd. Richard Rice-Oxley preached at the Unity Service in a packed St. Nicholas church.
- August saw several churches supporting the Christian Biker's Service.
- The NHCT funded the popular 'It's your move' booklet for all year six pupils moving to secondary school in September as well as two workshops by 'Label of Love' – one in a primary School and one in the secondary.
- Regular prayer meetings each week.

Hornsea URC send four representatives to this group who all play an active part in the planning and preparation of events and activities.

Margaret Knapton

### **2. Women's World Day of Prayer**

The Women's World Day of Prayer for 2018 was prepared by the women of Suriname and entitled "All God's Creation is Good!"

Suriname is a beautiful country with wonderful forests and mountains, great rivers and impressive rapids. It is very fertile and provides enough

food for all. In the service the women of Suriname urged us to cherish God's exquisite gift of Creation and to commit ourselves to caring for God's World so that we may pass it on, unspoilt, to future generations.

It had been many years since an evening service had been held for the WWDP but this year it was agreed to hold both a 2.00pm and 6.00pm service. Our Pilots group prepared and presented the evening service which was both a challenge and delight for them. As it was held at the URC the young people were able to spend a few weeks getting to know about the country, sample some of the food and decorate the church appropriately.

The WWDP has a name change for 2019 and will be known as World Day of Prayer – apart from that everything else remains the same. It is a women lead, global, ecumenical movement and the service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia entitled “Come – Everything is Ready!”

It is an amazing and very humbling experience to be a part of these services – we are a very small but significant part of a huge wave of prayer that sweeps round the world from sunrise to sunset. In Hornsea we will meet at the Parish Church at 2.00pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March – every church will be taking an active part in the service and if you would like more information just have a word with me.

Margaret Knapton

### **3. Christian Aid in Hornsea**

Unfortunately there is still no committee. So it falls to each Church to do their own thing.

This year the Parish Church took some envelopes for CA Week as did the Methodists £82 and the URC £322

The usual Pancake Day was held in the Parish Hall and raised £136:15.

The Methodist Church organised a Coffee Morning raising £252  
A collection day at Tesco raised £237 :10. It is also known that some people send private donations.

So in all over £1000 must have been paid into CA I but it is impossible to give an exact figure as in the days when there was a committee treasurer.

Doreen Rogers

#### **4. Holderness Foodbank**

I continue to support the Foodbank in Hornsea. Several times we have been glad not to see any clients then the next week we are again in demand and giving out more bags than usual. It is the most unpredictable occupation. We are lucky in that the supplies of food have kept up with demand, thanks to people's generosity. We still supply bags of food to Withernsea each week and it is with thanks to Angie at Withernsea URC that we are able to store food there so that Withernsea people do not have to travel far to receive help. As those looking after things in Hornsea are getting older we are not sure what the future holds. Hopefully the government will get the benefit system worked out more fairly and we will no longer be needed. Watch this space.

Kathy Webb

#### **5. The Leprosy Mission (Accounts)**

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

Your support this year has meant that we were able to send an amazing £1327.00 to the Leprosy Mission. This is from money collected in your collecting boxes and £375 from the sponsored walk I did earlier in the year.

After the World Leprosy Sunday service in January some of you were moved by the plight of people in Niger and asked if we could raise money for a well for clean water to help the people of Danja village. Each well costs £800 and I have asked that our donation this year goes to help the people in Danja get clean water.

The total raised across the country by World Leprosy Sunday this year was over £180,000 for the Danja project in Niger.

Thank you to everyone who has a collecting box, it is amazing how your small change adds up over the year. Plenty more are available if you don't have one yet!

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

## **6. Traidcraft and Fairtrade (Accounts)**

Well what a year it has been for Traidcraft and all who support their stance on trading fairly!

The year started with continued positivity of reaching more producers and giving them the opportunities to trade their way out of poverty. They were also looking forward to celebrating 40 years of radical action and challenge to the way the 'free trade' economy undervalues people in the supply chain, which in turn fuel poverty across the developing world.

The 2018 Autumn/Winter catalogue had some of the best products they had carried and as we headed to the Roadshow at Haxby in September, full of enthusiasm and excitement to see the new stock, we were devastated to hear that Traidcraft plc would most probably have to cease trading at the end of December.

What followed in the next three months was not far from miraculous – 'fairtraders' and supporters across the country pulled out all the stops, wrote letters of support, held thousands of stalls and events to achieve the best sales ever. We did our bit in Hornsea too, increasing our sales by almost £2,000. The 'Stock Clearance' sale enabled us to send £700 to Traidcraft Exchange who will now be working hard to find new markets for the producers affected by this situation.

I am pleased to say that Traidcraft plc has a future – not quite as we know it now – but all will become clearer as 2019 progresses. What does that mean for us? Well, a reduced stock choice which will be mainly food and drink, chocolate, sweets and consumables. It will also mean that we have to make a conscious choice to buy, on a regular basis, from Traidcraft if they are to be able to continue to challenge unfair market practices – I am sure we are all up for the challenge! As for Fairtrade itself – all is going well. Fairly traded products are readily available in most supermarkets and it continues to increase its market share. Fairtrade Hornsea continues to flourish with regular features in the Hornsea Community News, a Fair Football Competition in May, a Fairtrade Roadshow in July and an enthusiastic Steering Group who find creative ways to celebrate and promote Fairtrade. Watch out for Fairtrade Fortnight 25<sup>th</sup> February - 10<sup>th</sup> March!

Margaret Knapton

## **7. Residential Homes Monthly Services**

Thirty three services have been held in three homes ie The Promenade, Stuart House and Summer Court Hall, over the past year .

Thanks are due to singers from the URC and the Methodist Church. Thanks also go to those who have accompanied the hymn singing: Marion Bowen, Joan Taylor and Beryl Wilson and to Rev Steven Knapton, Rev Colin Barrett, Rev John Brown, Rev Tina Stevens, Margaret Preece, Hilary Himsworth, Jill Fletcher and David Bickerton for taking turns at leading.

A request also came from Gregson Court for a Carol Service which Meg Croft organised as a one off.

Doreen Rogers

## **b) Within our Fellowship**

### **1. Friendship Hour (Accounts)**

We meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm twice a month. All our meetings start with a hymn and a prayer and we either have a speaker or a social meeting with a quiz, bingo or readings lead by our members. Our subs for next year will be £2 per meeting. We are finalising next year's programme and have many new and interesting speakers planned.

Following requests from some members we are going to continue throughout the year and not finish in October as previous years. As you read this you will have just enjoyed our New Year dinner at the Swiss Cottage and be looking forward to our first meeting on Wednesday March 6th.

A full list of dates and speakers for 2019 are available from myself or Jean Robinson. New members are always welcome so why not ask your friends if they would like to give us a try?

Thank you for continuing to support this group.

Carol Rutherford

### **2. Coffee Morning (Accounts)**

I could virtually write the same account this year as last (don't go and check)! The Coffee Morning continues to be a hub for fellowship and support with a fantastic team of volunteers offering a friendly smile, a chat and a good cup of fairly traded tea or coffee, plus all those who bake cakes, bring garden produce and the occasional 'special' biscuits.

It is so rewarding, and humbling, to see the community care that takes place on a Thursday morning. No one is left at a table on their own for long, visitors are made welcome and we are soon asked if someone has not been for a week or two. People offer transport, have lunch together afterwards; there is support for people going through difficult times and whether you want a good moan or a good laugh there is space for both!

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.

Matt 25:40

Margaret Knapton

### **3. Living Well (Accounts)**

2018 has again been a positive year for the project which has been able to consolidate and develop its role of promoting health and well being in Hornsea and the surrounding areas by combating loneliness and social isolation. It now provides a telephone support and information service to more than ninety vulnerable adults of all ages throughout the East Riding. With the support of the Smile Foundation it has been awarded a very substantial grant which enables us to continue to provide services until at least the end of 2020. This has placed us in a strong position to respond to a growing number of referrals from health trainers and link workers at GP surgeries.

We have been able to reconnect with folk experiencing long term mental health issues by providing a cooking for one programme funded from a grant gifted by the organisers of the Humber Bridge Marathon. As a result of feedback from participants we have run a healthy lifestyle programme between October and December which has been attended by more than thirty people. This offered opportunities to manage your own health in a friendly and supportive group. Activities included chair exercises, relaxation techniques, coping with anxiety and healthy eating. A further programme is planned for February and March. The social craft group on Tuesday afternoons continues to be attended by more than thirty people.

We continue to work closely with the ERYC social prescribing team and other local voluntary and community groups. The whole project depends on the commitment of volunteers who understand and appreciate the effects that loneliness and isolation can have on people's lives. Currently, we have forty volunteers helping with telephone support, cooking and serving meals, acting as table hosts, driving, providing talks and entertainment and administration. New volunteers are always welcome and if you would like to know more please speak with any member of the leadership team, June Barton,



Kathy Webb, David Radford, Sarah Darlington and Margaret Knapton- you will be made most welcome.

David Radford

#### **4. Tuesday 'Open House'**

This group continues to be a delight with a wonderful atmosphere of friendship and support.

There is a degree of 'movement' within the group as children get to Nursery age and start school but, because of the core leadership and friendships made, several adults still support the group on a regular basis.

Steph Smith lead the group for most of 2018 – she brought new ideas for activities and built a structure that all could follow. As her children have 'moved on' Steph is now renewing her career and we wish her well.

We are lucky to have Amy Smith picking up the reins and she writes - "I took over the group in November 2018. We offer group interaction for the children, they play with a range of toys and learn how to get along and share with other children. It is also good for parents, grandparents and carers to be able to socialise with others who have children of the same age".

Kathy Webb/Amy Smith

#### **5. Pilots (Accounts)**

It has been another busy and amazing year with the Pilots with several 'stand out' events.

In March the Pilots lead the Women's World Day of Prayer evening service for all the churches in Hornsea. It was fun to do and well received.

We have built several new links with the Yorkshire Synod through Megan Tillbrook and Steph Hoyle, Children and Young People Development Practitioners for Yorkshire URC, through events like the Marrick Priory and Wilderness camps, Big Day Out and Children's Party.

Beach Nights and BBQ's are always a highlight of the Summer Term but it is the Autumn Term that is the busiest with the Pilots picking fruit from the Community Orchard and then preparing it for the Harvest Festival and church meal.

We had great fun with 'odd shoes' and other activities when we learnt about the work of the Leprosy Mission followed by three weeks of learning about the story of Jonah and the ups and downs of life. The Pilots had an incredible night filling hundreds of Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child – thanks to Mandy Hood and her wonderful team of supporters who collected, sorted and wrapped most of the items.

We invited people to light a candle on All Hallows Eve and toast marshmallows on the Christmas Lights 'Switch on Night'.

The busy year concluded with the Nativity Service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December – which judging by the many positive comments – was just the right preparation for Christmas.

Pilots however is not just about doing 'things' and having fun – through this we hope to bring the Good News of Jesus into the lives of the children and young people who come along each week. We have a dedicated team of leaders who meet together to pray for, plan and deliver a programme that will achieve this. With your continued prayers and support we hope to build on the good work of 2018 and be alongside the Pilots as they explore their journey with Christ.

Margaret Knapton

## **6. Junior Church**

The past 12 months for our Junior Church have continued to be quiet and it is now not often that we need to provide more than one group for the children who attend on a Sunday morning. But our older young people have found new ways to be involved by contributing technically, reading and taking part in the service and even helping to lead the service.

It should not be felt that we no longer have children in our church.

Pilots continues its mission on Friday evenings.

Toddlers fill the Church on Tuesday mornings.

The Seal family invite our church families to join them at Frontier Camp in the summer.

We are still the venue for Brownies.

At Christmas we hosted Nativity and Christmas Services for local schools.

At a recent service led by Steven Knapton he highlighted this extended mission involving children in our church throughout the week. We pray that this mission might be a way of them coming to know God.

Highlights in the year for our young people have included a trip in June to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park for the Big Church Get Together. We met friends old and new and enjoyed some great activities. It was a Grand Day Out.

Our Christmas activities this year involved the fantastic Nativity Service. We again incorporated this in the Sunday Service. We had plenty of angels as always though some of our wise men were significantly older and wiser.

Some of our young people-babies to teens-took part in the Hornsea Street Nativity, an atmospheric event which attracted many people.

We didn't forget our Christmas Party this year, and we had some amazing help in the form of Steph Hoyle a 'Synod Youth leader' who brought the party to us. She had as much energy as the children and created some great activities which the children really enjoyed. We should also say big thanks to Jean Barrett for her amazing food which was ALL eaten.

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

Julia Clifton

## **7. Church Flowers (Accounts)**

It is the time of year when I have to put my thinking cap on and write my yearly article for the Annual Reports ' booklet.

How shall I write it is my first thought, but sitting in church on Sunday after the lovely service taken by Mark and Adam, I looked around and thought how blessed we are. There were flowers on the window sills, in the vases and on the memorial table.

Flowers have always been an important part of our church. We have them in church every Sunday and I am sure most people know that they are then taken out to be enjoyed by people at home.

Marion organises this; she has a list of birthdays anniversaries etc, we also send them to people who are not well or just for you to enjoy. A big

thank you to Marion and her band of helpers who go and deliver the flowers.

We are also very grateful to everyone who contributes to the cost of the flowers because like everything else the cost keeps going up. The rota is up on the small notice board in the hall with all the dates for next year on. Please put your name next to a date of your choice.

You can buy and arrange your own flowers but if you would like someone to buy and arrange them for you please ask me it is no problem.

I would like once again to say a big big thank you to Mandy and Heather for helping me I couldn't do it without you both. If you could spare some time to join our little band you would be very welcome. I am no expert at flower arranging I have two good teachers, so come along and join us. Thank you.

Ann Jordan

## **8. Church Secretary's Report**

This year saw the start of the popular "Church Chats" which gave all members of the congregation a chance to come together, in an informal setting, to talk about the church and what was important to us. This led to almost 40 people attending the six week LYCIG (Lead Your Church Into Growth) Local Course which helped us to see the strengths and potential for growing the witness of our church in the community. From this a Worship Co-ordinators' Team and Worship Group was established, Prayer Partners have been set up, Bible Book Cubs are being explored and the Pastoral Visitors Team is being revived. You may have noticed some changes to our worship since October, with fewer visiting preachers during Advent and a programme on the Lord's Prayer being led by the Worship Team in January. Church members and even the young people have taken on new roles to help organise services. The Elders and Church Meeting will continue to monitor and evaluate the impact of these changes on our worship and we hope you will bring your prayerful thought to the AGM.

My thanks go to all who have been part of our services. My thanks go to Marion who makes sure that we have ministry each week. Also

thanks to Sarah and David who organise our Communion on the third Sunday evenings. These are shared with the Methodists and it is always good to share worship with our closest neighbours.

Sarah Darlington has retired from the Eldership after many years loyal service. She is still active within the church taking on pastoral responsibilities and helping to coordinate evening worship – as well continued involvement in the Living Well Project. Ann Bosworth has also retired, and is directing her energies into children and young people's work. We thank them both for all they have done, and value all they continue to do for our fellowship in His name.

In their place we welcome Jean Barrett and Mark Parker- Randall , who bring very special talents of their own to the Eldership in very different ways. May God bless them in their service amongst us.

We had two baptisms last year - Serana Baines on 27th May (Abby Cooper & Josh Baines's daughter) and we were delighted to welcome Jill Fletcher's grand daughter, Lexi Rose with her Mum and Dad, Sophie and Robert Bemrose into our church family on 7th October.

We were so sad at the death of four of our members: Paul Banbury, Eddie Berwick, Beryl Ball and Ken Hopkins, all of whom had contributed much to our Church family life in their own individual ways. Our Church membership roll now stands at 73 – our church 'family' is round 116 and some may be drawn to consider Membership in 2019.

As a church we are working more closely with the Methodists, joining them in worship and ventures like the Pentecost celebration, Walking Nativity and Shoe Boxes. Who knows what we will get up to together in 2019?

We continue to support events held by Churches Together in Hornsea joining together for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Easter Pilgrimage and Pentecost celebration in the Floral Hall.

As a church we are involved with the Synod, and wider church fellowship, sending reports and being represented at Mission and Care and Synod meetings. I continue in the role of a Synod Pastoral Elder and represent the Synod locally at other United Reformed churches, Jill is the Synod Worship Development Officer and Steven the acting Convener of the Children's Committee. We are still finding our feet and

have much to learn about these new roles and how other churches deal with the lack of a minister.

The main thing is we are still thriving. 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.

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 us, thank you for staying with us. Thank you too for the support the Elders have given me through this difficult year.

God Bless you all.

Kathy Webb

## **9. Worship Co-ordinator**

This team was set up in response to feedback received in the church chats and LYCIG sessions that ran during 2018.

The Worship Co- Ordination Team met twice in 2018, initially to define the purpose and remit of the group. The following was agreed:

- The need to agree our approach to worship - worship being initially focussed on what we deliver on a Sunday morning
- To maintain oversight of consistency of worship in ways which are relevant, inclusive, challenging and helpful for Spiritual growth and conversion
- Plan the annual calendar for our Sunday Worship including taking ownership of booking and co-ordinating weekly speakers

Our second meeting in August 2018 was to formulate a plan for Sunday morning worship up until April 2019. This was to include themes, identify the co-ordinator or external speaker for each week, and to include any other supporting events such as church lunches, Bible studies and other special events such as All Hallows Eve and Lights Night.

The team have the responsibility of oversight of all of the above and the annual calendar formulated was presented back to the Elders for approval and implementation. The calendar has been in place since the end of September and continues to run.

The team are meeting again in January to review progress to date on our delivery of Worship on Sunday mornings – looking to identify what has gone well and where we can make improvements. We will also be extending the calendar plan for 2019.

We value your prayers at this time but have been encouraged with progress to date. Please chat to any of us should you have any queries.

Team members : Steve Seal, Mark Parker-Randall, Steven Knapton, Jill Fletcher, Kathy Webb, Marion Clubley and Steph Selby

Steve Seal

## **10. Faith and Fellowship**

We meet every Tuesday evening in the church hall at 7.00 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.

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

Carol Rutherford

## **11. Prayer Network**

Prayer Network 2018

We daily pray for those mentioned in the prayer book and you can add a name any time, not just in a service. The book is kept on the prayer table in church. It is useful, but not compulsory to know who has given us the names so that we can keep up to date with how situations are developing.

We also try to offer suggestions for prayers through the news letter and service sheets.

Following the death of one of our members, Paul Banbury, the group continued to pray individually but failed to meet for a few months. We now meet each month again and have a few new members. The group consists of Eileen Ashmead, Jean Barrett, Pam Griffiths, Margaret Knapton, Val Pearson, and me, Kathy Webb. Please feel free to speak to any of us if you wish to add a name to the list.

Kathy Webb

## **12. Fund Raising and Social Committee**

Our Fundraising events just seem to happen like clockwork but behind the scenes there are four little elves busy planning and organising to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Our best events that raised the most money are the two Table Top sales, Gardeners Fair, Carnival and Christmas Fayre plus an extremely generous donation from Mandy's fantastic sale.

To the providers of cakes and sandwich fillings we give a hearty "thank you" for we could not manage without you. We really appreciate the regular donors of all things edible. We also appreciate the volunteers who, when asked, usually say yes and give their time willingly.

Although down on previous years the total raised is £4,269.98 and is gratefully received.

June Barton

## **13. Property Committee**

We end the year at Hornsea URC bright, cosy and safe but to achieve this we have gone a little over budget!



By far the most noticeable improvement has been the exterior painting work with 4 windows, 3 sets of double doors, safety barrier and bicycle rack all receiving a much needed coat (or three) of paint. **Huge thanks to ALL who helped with this mammoth task.**

In addition to this a hand rail has been fitted to both sides of the front steps and after years of trying to make the hall skylight watertight we succumbed and slated it over. This has eliminated the leaks but unfortunately the light too which illuminated the three stained glass windows in the church. Four LED lights were fitted in the roof space to improve this but as most will agree it is still a work in progress ... 2018 has seen repairs to two gas heaters in the church, replacement of the gas multipoint water heater in the kitchen with electric, 10 new LED light bulbs in the church and these along with the annual safety and maintenance checks have made 2018 a little more expensive than expected.

Following the vacation of the last tenant at the Manse the property team agreed that work on the bathroom should be carried out to eliminate a recurring leak around the bath and excessive condensation. As I write this work is out to tender with the hope that once agreed work can be completed ready for lease again in February.

Turning the house round between tenants can be quite a task and I am indebted 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.

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 me.

Carol Rutherford

## **c) Communications**

### **1) Newsletter and Church Website**

The Newsletter has now been in existence in some form or other for more years than we care to count, but the arrival of modern technology means it now exists alongside our Church Website and Facebook page. Each complements the other, and provides different ways of informing us, and a much wider public, of some of the things we are involved in both inside and outside our Church walls.

We are grateful to all who help this happen – Steph for the almost daily reports and photographs that appear on Facebook and Events pages, all who contribute to the Newsletter, especially the Elders and Marion and Margaret who make sure the Newsletter appears on time!

The strength of the Newsletter is the variety of articles each month – if you have anything that may be of interest please feel free to come forward and make your contribution to the life of our Church through either the Newsletter or website/Facebook – Thank you.

Jane Martin

### **2. Seaside Sermons**

Our exclusive 'Window looking out into the World' our Seaside Sermon board, looks over New Road and the bus stop, and was devised by Frank Hobson, who was a member of this Church from the age of 15 until he died age 97.

It has been loved and admired by many Hornsea folk and visitors, locals often anxiously waiting for the next 'instalment' to appear.

Some years ago, Tony Greenway took on the responsibility of caring lovingly for Frank's sermons, and we are most grateful to him for his mindful diligence in tending the board.

The Board now bears a small plaque thoughtfully remembering Frank, and we are prayerfully grateful to Tony for all he does.

Jane Martin

## **Minutes of Hornsea URC Annual General Meeting held Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Present:** 48 members

**Apologies:** 6 apologies given.

**Pastoral Matters:** No more added from the prayer book.

**Minutes of AGM 2017:** were accepted

**Matters Arising:** none

**Vision:** Margaret Knapton thanked everyone for their enthusiastic support and the willingness to be involved with how to take the church forward with the prospect of limited ministry in the future. With this in mind a series of Church Chats has been organised starting on 10<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00am and 12.00 noon – all are welcome.

**Election of Elders::** None were brought to this meeting as we are still in the process of selection.

**Membership:** no names were brought forward for membership but the congregation was encouraged to think and pray about if membership was something they should consider.

**Church Officers:** The list of officers was read and amended.

### **Reports:**

**WWDP** – this year there will be two services – one at 2.00pm and one at 6.00pm This will be a service lead by the young people.

**Leprosy Mission** – Carol gave a big THANK YOU for all the money this church had managed to raise for a well.

**Friendship Hour:** Doreen Rogers was thanked for her amazing work and dedication to the Friendship Hour - building them up into a thriving and vibrant group - but with some reluctance she feels it is now time to hand over the reins to younger leadership.

**Fundraising:** Ann, Heather, Margaret and June were asked to stand so that we know who are members of the fundraising committee – they are few in number and an appeal was made for new members to attend the next committee meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Property:** still need a new convener – only essential maintenance and safety checks have been carried out this year.

**Newsletter:** is now being printed at Hornsea School and Language College. These and remaining Reports were accepted as written.

**Financial Report:** these were presented to the church with the following observations – our annual offering was down by £2,000 but with reduced M of M we have £3,000 excess income over expenditure.

In the light of both bank closures in Hornsea an appeal was made for as many people who could to make their weekly offering by direct debit – to reduce the amount of cash handled by the church.

Chris Ashmead proposed that the accounts be accepted and this was seconded by Jill Fletcher – passed unanimously.

**AOB:** Ann Jordan made an appeal for donations to the Flower Fund.

Steven Knapton reported that he visits many churches in the East Riding and in comparison to many, Hornsea is a vibrant, positive church. He thanked the Elders for all their hard work.

**Date of Next Meeting - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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