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Sunday	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche. Coffee etc. served at close of Worship. Communion: 2 nd Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
	6.30	Evening Worship 1st Sunday at the Methodist Church 3rd Sunday in the URC (includes Communion)
Tuesday	9.15 to 12 noon	Open House (in term-time)
	7.00 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday	2.00 p.m.	Friendship Hour (6 th and 20 th)
Thursday	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning
Friday	6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

Hornsea URC Worship Plan

2 June	Commitment for Life	Worship Team
9 June	Pentecost	Revd. John Brown
16 June	Father's Day	Worship Team
23 June	Service including Baptism	Revd. Steven Knapton
30 June	God the Creator	Worship Team

The Lectionary Readings for June

2 June:	Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17.20-26
9 June:	Acts 2.1-21 or Genesis 11.1-9; Psalm 104.24-34,35b; Romans 8.14-17 or Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17,(25-27)
16 June:	Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15
23 June:	Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39
30 June	1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62

Prayer

The prayer life of our church has always been an important part of everyday life.

The Prayer Network meets once a month to pray for anyone or any situation in need of prayer.

The Prayer Partners, about eight of them, join with a different partner each week to pray together. We have the Prayer Book on a Sunday and anyone can ask for prayers for themselves, anyone else or any concern.

The Bible says when two of you get together Heaven goes into action!

Jesus prayed before he faced the greatest crisis of his life. The Bible says: Jesus went out, as usual, to the Mount of Olives and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he withdrew about a stones throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Jesus didn't wait until the hour of his greatest crisis before he prayed. For three and a half years during his earthly ministry, he had built a life of prayer.

Before he raised Lazarus from the dead, we read: Jesus looked up and said "Father I thank you that you have heard me, that you always hear me. (John 11: 41-42)

Jesus had such an intimate relationship with his father that in times of pressure and pain he could go to God, confident he would receive his sustained grace. Can we do that?

God wants prayer to be an easy, natural, life-giving way of communicating as you share your heart with him and allow him to share his heart with you.

Prayer is so simple; it's nothing more than talking to God and taking time to listen to what he has to say to you.

Val Pearson

The content of this Newsletter relies on members (and friends) of the congregation sending in articles they would like to publicise, raise awareness about or comment on.

When looking at the articles submitted for June it struck me that they all had one thing in common – that of Jesus command to “Love your neighbour as you love yourself”

The parable of the Good Samaritan tells us our neighbours are the ones in need and there are countless people in the congregation who offer lifts, invite people round for a coffee, do a bit of shopping, pop in to see things are OK and just keep a watchful eye – all spontaneously and without need of reward.

As a church – we are doing much the same.

Living Well

The first week in June has been designated as National Volunteers Week and it gives us all the chance to celebrate and thank everyone for all the valuable work they do for their community.



Over six years ago the *office holders of the church* identified a need in our community – that of isolation and loneliness. A team was established to see how we could meet that need and following much prayer and many meetings 'Living Well' evolved. We now have over forty volunteers on the project providing telephone support, signposting services, preparing and serving meals, transport. We also lead activity groups including crafts, cooking, and healthy lifestyle sessions. In addition we assist with administration, governance, supervision, publicity and liaison with other community groups.

If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer for anything we are involved with – or if you would like to find out more - please invite them to join us for refreshments along with an update and friendly conversation on :-



**Wednesday 5th June between
10am and 12noon in the Church Hall.**

YMCA Driving Doctor Service

The response following the church service on the 28th April – Easter Faith - when we heard about the work of the YMCA Driving Doctor Service in Sierra Leone was quite remarkable. Several members of the congregation identified with the need and spontaneously volunteered to help in some way.

For those of you who were unable to attend that day, what follows is a brief outline:-

The YMCA Driving Doctor Service began in Sierra Leone in 2006 when Susanne Schröder, a founding member from Germany, visited a rural village community in the middle of the African Bush miles from anywhere and saw the desperate needs of bare feet children with open ulcers, septic eyes and other injuries. There were pregnant women who were asking for water as there was no clean water and babies were marked by diarrhoea. With no doctor or nurse to contact, and access to basic medical care provision being many miles and many hours walking distance away, the idea of a mobile basic medical care service was born. Whilst there are over 1000 rural villages in Sierra Leone, the Driving Doctor Team currently serve a total of 72 villages which have been organised into 11 cluster village groupings.

During my first teaching visit to Sierra Leone in 2013, I wanted to see the work of the YMCA Driving Doctor Team in action. Having been a registered nurse in my 20s and 30s, I was called over to examine a little baby, and it was very obvious to me that the baby needed immediate medical attention in hospital or they would die. With the agreement of the Village Chief and young mother, the baby was transported by the Driving Doctor Team to hospital in the city many miles away and after a number of weeks of intensive medical and nursing care, the young infant was well enough to return to the village. Although feeling totally overwhelmed and completely inadequate, knowing no name at the time, I called the infant child “my little starfish.” The child is now a happy and healthy 6 year old called Francis.

During my third visit to Sierra Leone during the Easter season, I again went to see the work of the Driving Doctor Team, and I asked the Port Loko Paramount Chief what their greatest need was. Gathering under

the canopy of the mango trees, the Chief said the greatest need was for a Dispensary Service Shelter to be built so that the mothers and their children aged 0-5 years can have shelter for basic medical care during the wet season which is from May to September. Resources needed are: timber, 1, 2 and 3 inch nails, zinc corrugated sheeting. Total cost is 232 million Leones, which is approximately £232.

Speaking as one Paramount Chief to another, I gave my word that the materials would be provided, and a shelter would be built. Two of the 11 cluster villages have shelters, which means 9 do not. Having shared this need with our church on my return, I have been overwhelmed with the response of so many wanting to 'make a difference' practically and financially. Within just a couple of weeks, generous giving means that 5 shelters can be built leaving just 4 cluster villages without a Dispensary Service Shelter.

Individually, we can each make a difference as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in today's world to those in greatest need spiritually and practically. When we join together, there is much that can be achieved in mission and ministry as we unite to become the body of Christ, the Church. I feel blessed to belong to a 'church in action' not just 'doing church' but 'being Church' locally, nationally and internationally.

Mark PR.

Coffee Morning

for

Sierra Leone

at

Hornsea URC

Saturday 15th June

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

Commitment for Life

Commitment for Life has been supported by our church for many years with several members supporting it both in prayer and financially. It is so easy to take familiar things for granted and assume 'everyone' knows about them and as our congregation has grown we have not kept everyone informed – so here is a 'potted history'.



Commitment for Life (CforL) is the United Reformed Church's main programme through which the Church carries forward its work for justice throughout the world.

1972 – the URC was formed from English Presbyterians and English and Welsh Congregationalists. In April 2000, 50 Scottish Congregational churches became the Scottish Synod of the United Reformed Church.

1973 – General Assembly adopted a resolution on a World Development Programme incorporating the 1% Appeal or 'a penny in the pound of disposable income – this was readily supported by our church.

Today . *Commitment for Life* is a powerful means by which local congregations are enabled to participate in actions for justice around the world. Congregations sign up to become *Commitment for Life* congregations. They choose a region in the world. Now they are encouraged to pray, learn, advocate, take action for justice and give generously.

Our partners are *Christian Aid* and *Global Justice Now*. Our four partner regions are Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and Central America (Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala).

Hornsea URC is a Commitment for Life congregation and our region, at the moment, is Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The service on Sunday 2nd of June will tell you more about this and if you have access to the internet you can visit:-

<https://urc.org.uk/our-work/commitment-for-life.html>

These three articles represent only a few of the charities/concerns supported by our church (hope to include some more in the next Newsletter – so send in your comments please) and with them the the ongoing commitment to our call of discipleship.

As the hymn based on John 13: 34 – 35 says:-

A new commandment
I give unto you
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you.
By this shall all men
Know you are My disciples
If you have love one to another

Mission

You will be reading this in the light of discussions from the Church Meeting on the 26th May about how best to use the £3,000 gift from the Yorkshire Synod to enhance our mission in Hornsea.

As the Newsletter goes to press before that meeting I can only trust that we have a multitude of suggestions, enthusiasm and excitement as to how we can reach out to people and share the hope and promise that knowing Jesus brings.

To help us discern what our mission should be we have set aside a time for prayer – when the church will be open - **on Saturday 22nd**

June between 10.00a.m. - 12 noon (tea and coffee available).

We will follow this a week later with a **Church Chat – on Saturday 29th**

June between 10.00a.m. - 12.30p.m.

We hope as many people as possible will come to talk about their feelings and thought and hopefully set out what we would like to achieve and explore ways of carrying it out – there will be tea, coffee and cake!

News from FRSC

The fine weather must surely be encouraging all those seedlings and cuttings to be ready for the Gardeners Fair on Saturday 25 May, 10.0am - 2.00pm, so why would you wish to go anywhere else to replenish your own garden or even a window box?

Along with a wonderful selection of plants we will be holding a garden related raffle with some excellent prizes as well as serving refreshments and light lunches. Any donations of sandwich fillings and cakes will be gratefully received. Helpers are always required so if you would like to spend a few hours in convivial company please let any of the fundraising team know.

On Saturday 1 June at 7.00pm in our church we will be having a **Musical Soiree** with Fairtrade wine and nibbles. Admission is £6.00 including a glass of wine, extra wine at £1.00 per glass. Music will be provided by Mike Raine who plays popular songs in an impromptu relaxed style. Some of you may remember a gentleman who sometimes pops in and helps himself to the piano in the hall, happily playing away until we tell him we want to go home and lock the door.

The evening promises to be extremely enjoyable as Mike who can not only play well but has a wonderful sense of humour. Tell your friends and neighbours this will be far better than anything on TV that night.

June Barton

Prayers for Concern in June

Discerning the Mission of Hornsea URC

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

For all pupils and students taking exam's

The work of Label of Love and Christian groups working in the
community

The poster features the words "PENTECOST" and "PRAISE" in large, bold, white-outlined capital letters. The text is set against a background of stylized, white, flame-like patterns on a black field. Below this graphic, the event details are listed in bold black text on a light gray background.

**PENTECOST
PRAISE**

**At the Floral Hall
on Sunday 2nd June
WORSHIP
from 7pm**

**FUN and FELLOWSHIP
from 8pm to 9pm**

Free Admission
Refreshments Available at the Bar

Everyone Welcome!

Led by Christians Together in Hornsea

Hornsea Music Society

Fundraising Concert

Sunday 2nd June

at the URC

2.30pm

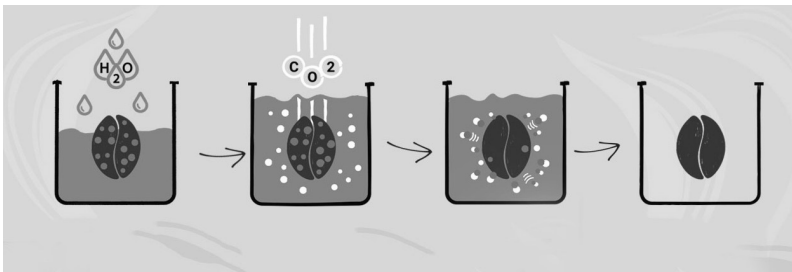
Hornsea URC - the home of Hornsea Music Society

Traidcraft - How is Caffeine Removed from our Coffee?

We get a lot of questions about how our decaf coffee is decaffeinated, as customers seeking decaf coffee are often worried that the process may be harsh, harmful or full of chemicals.

Decaffeination has come a long way since Ludwig Roselius first discovered how to extract caffeine from beans in 1903. His decaffeination process used benzene, a solvent now known to be a carcinogen, which might explain why the process has a worrying reputation preceding it. Even some modern methods involve washing beans in solvents which slowly removes caffeine, but not us.

The method which we implement for our coffee beans is an organic process; a simple, organic, solvent-free extraction using CO_2 and water.



First, the beans are soaked in water.

Then, under very high pressure, CO_2 is added (in a supercritical state between a liquid and a gas).

The CO_2 acts like a magnet and pulls only the caffeine out of the saturated bean.

Finally you have your decaffeinated coffee beans.

There are no residues or toxic by-products in our decaffeination method. CO_2 is an organic substance of great purity, and in its supercritical state (between a liquid and a gas), it's a gentle replacement for toxic solvents which are known historically to be used during decaffeination. The CO_2 spares the aromatic and flavourful proteins and carbohydrates within the beans, and only extracts the caffeine, leaving you with the same delicious coffee, simply without the caffeine!

Margaret Knapton

Worship

Sunday	2	10.30 a.m	Worship Team
		6.30 p.m.	Joint at the Methodist Church
	9	10.30 a.m.	Rev. John Brown: (Communion)
	16	10.30 a.m.	Worship Team
		6.30 p.m.	Rev. John Brown Joint Communion at URC
	23	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Steven Knapton
	30	10.30 a.m.	Worship Team

Events

Saturday	1	7.00 p.m.	Musical Soiree
Sunday	2	11.45 a.m.	Church Lunch
		7.00 p.m.	Pentecost Praise – Floral Hall
Wednesday	5	10.00 a.m.	Living Well Volunteers Morning
Saturday	8	6.30 p.m..	Carol and Brian Kyle's Celebration
Sunday	9	2.00 p.m.	Band Concert in Memorial Gardens
Wednesday	12	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Saturday	15	10.00 a.m	Sierra Leone Coffee Morning
Wednesday	19	2.00 p.m.	Friendship Hour: Sue Woodcock
Saturday	22	10.00 a.m.	Church Open for Prayer
Saturday	29	10.00 am	Church Chat
		9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.	Local Market - Cinema Street

July Newsletter .If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak to Margaret or Jane or email s.knapton749@btinternet.com) so space can be reserved. Last date **Thursday 13th June**. Issue available Sunday 30th June or maybe earlier online.

On Sunday 29th August 1971 a young family: father, mother and two young daughters, attended the service at Hornsea Congregational Church. By the time the service had ended they knew this was to be their spiritual home. There have been joys, frustrations, sadnesses and surprises through the years but now the time has come for the last member of this family to leave this church.

There has been much joy in sharing spiritual life here but now it is time for me to say goodbye to Hornsea URC and to Hornsea. It is with sadness and deep love that I write this today as I get ready to start a new chapter in Sheffield.

God bless you all and your continuing loving witness and fellowship in Hornsea.

Jane Martin

How lucky I am
to have something
that makes saying
goodbye so hard.

-Winnie the Pooh