

## Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter August 2021



For our summer series this year our theme for these services will be "This is my story, this is my song" which was inspired by the song Blessed Assurance written by Fanny Crosby.

This series gives us an opportunity to share together, fellowship and perhaps try new ways to deliver worship.

We hope to be able to share favourite bible stories, hymns, testimonies, prayers, poems etc. Join us at 10.30am each Sunday morning - worship will be suitable for all so please encourage family, friends, neighbours etc to come along and join in fellowship.

### **ACTION FOR YOU:**

If you have a favourite hymn, prayer, bible passage, bible story or prayer please let us know and we will include it in one of the services. Likewise, if you would like to share a testimony, sing or take part in the service in any way please let us know. You can email us at [urchornsea@gmail.com](mailto:urchornsea@gmail.com)

If you feel brave enough to record something for us, or read something in the service explaining why your chosen hymn or story is your favourite, or how it has influenced your faith or personal journey with God, that would be great. You can email these to [urchornsea@gmail.com](mailto:urchornsea@gmail.com) or contact us if you need help with this.

It would be great to share together and hear stories from lots of you.

The church building will be **OPEN** for those who wish to worship in the building The Elders have decided that we will keep our COVID procedures in place for the time being.

**HOWEVER, we will be able to sing in the church but must keep our masks on.** We will continue to **also broadcast LIVE** via Zoom for those who wish to worship from home

## **Remembering Ken Bradley**

Ken was born in 1947 to Olive and Sydney Crawley. He lived in the street next to Jackie and played in the same park until she moved to Hornsea in 1956. He met and married Rose and they had one daughter, Andrea. He was a very proud grandfather to two granddaughters, India and Frankie.

Ken worked for Securicor for several years until in 1990 he went to Dove House hospice as operations manager. He loved the ethos of the hospice movement and helped establish the shops as a vital part of fund raising. He delighted in telling of the day Princess Diana came and he was the volunteer on duty for the whole day.

After 16 years he sought to wind down a bit and so began driving coaches for Val Pearson. It was there he met Jackie and they eventually set up home together. He moved from Pearsons to drive for national Holidays. His friendly nature ensured he was a popular driver. Many returning year after year to the same holiday just to have Ken as their driver. Together he and Jackie had some fabulous holidays away. When reaching 70 he was no longer allowed to drive the coaches so the company created the post of driving mentor. Here he could share his experience and help others. He was a natural. He always used to say that for many travellers this was their only holiday and they had saved for this all year. It was the responsibility of the driver to make it the best holiday possible for them. Ken always strove to do this.

With Jackie busy with Kidzhouse it was inevitable, when Ken was not away driving, he would be too. The after-school club for older children was a particular joy for him. He made some lasting friendships and was missed when away. Samuel and Rosie chatting every morning along with James and Jemima.

Evie, Naomi and Keira from up the road who played with his own grandchildren when they came to stay. Oliver who managed to put his tooth through Ken's top lip and left a lasting mark. The time Keri tripped over the kerb as he manoeuvred her out of the way a passing car in the school grounds. Anna and Lewis who did great drawings for Ken and a wonderful wedding card. The wonderful conversations he had with Doreen Taylor about her grandson Theo. Those amazing dances of Till, Betsy, Sydney, Frankie and Florence. All those amazing words for and with the big screen fans, Jack, Sam O'Mahony, Harry Powell, Samuel Dixon, John-Paul, James-Daniel, Harry Seal, Jamie and Lewis.

Ken became a hit with Jackie's mum, Sheila. He always had a wonderful way of making you feel you were special. In every conversation you were his interest alone. He talked cakes with Jackie's daughter, Katie, especially her lemon drizzle and with Mike, her son it was how much more he could get out of those cars of his. Yet he was always like this. When the church invested in audio visual equipment Ken was a pioneer in its use. He was so enthusiastic for the potential to enhance our worship. He saw this as another way of helping. His amazing New Year sweet quiz brought the whole church family together. This is never an easy task but with Jackie's help it was a triumph.

Ken's main aim after finding out about his illness was to move Jackie from that big house in Newbegin into a bungalow in Hornsea. They poured such love into their new home together and it shows in so many details. They were helped by some wonderful people. Tony and Denise were amazing in the garden.

The wedding was planned for August but Ken's illness had a different time scale. So, the wedding took place at Dove House with the two of them and their three children and Steven who brought in his mind all the church members and friends who would have been there if allowed. It turned out to be just the wedding they both had wanted. They also knew Jackie's close friends Jenny and Phil from Whitehaven were praying for them as were Sue and Steve Arnott.

After this Ken relaxed and sadly died peacefully four days later.

We often speak of lovely people and in Ken's case this is so true. All his life he was so loving and thoughtful. At times, like us all, he had his moments but he found such joy and delight living in Hornsea. He followed Jackie into our fellowship and the love of God that lies within us all was released in loving others. He found that God loves us and so his love was enhanced by such love. His kindness to so many will be greatly missed. His genuine concern for others challenges us all to do the same. We know he is safe with his Saviour, Jesus.

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### **Bible Book Club**

In July we tackled the first seven chapters of Revelation and met to chat about it. It is great to hear other people's ideas and thoughts about what we read; none of us are 'experts' but we all have something to offer. During August we will be reading a Bible book of our own choice and we will meet on Wednesday August 25th at 2p.m. in the church hall to share our choices. Join us if you can! If there is a demand, we will hold another book club that evening- do let us know if you would be interested.

### **Church meeting**

It seemed right to the Elders to postpone the church meeting planned for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July till after the summer holidays. We will let you know the re-arranged date.

### **A Prayer**

You may like to use this prayer, known as the LyCIG prayer, during August-

God of Mission,  
who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## **Picnic**



We are hoping that for the last August worship service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August we will be able to celebrate and picnic together in Memorial Gardens. Watch out for an e mail /announcement nearer the date to confirm the details!

## **Who's Story?**

Here are 11 'stories' - facts about themselves told to me by the Elders, all true!

Did you match the correct story to the person? Ask them all about it.

**Answers** to last month's quiz-

***I have been presented with an award at Buckingham Palace.***

Here is **Margaret Knapton** at the palace: -



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***In the past month I have looked after 8 babies.***

Here is one of the babies **Kathy Webb** looked after!



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***I love reading, especially novels by Val Woods***

**Marion Clubley** is an avid reader.

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***I once tried a culotte dress on, putting both legs down one leg hole, and wondered what the material flapping about waist was!***

It was **Ann Jordan** causing a stir in the changing rooms

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***I once stayed in the personal residence of the Sultan of Brunei***

**Mark Parker-Randall** writes: -

Kate and I stayed for a week midway through our 2-week honeymoon in the Sultans Rainforest Lodge in Danum Valley, Borneo, Summer 2006. An absolutely amazing place in the heart of the rainforest. The Sultan had his own helipad - we had a very bumpy 4-hour drive in the back of a jeep on mainly unmade road for the greater part of the journey but it was well worth it.



***My favourite food is jam sandwiches.***

**Carol Rutherford** always brings jam sandwiches to Elders days.

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***I once attended Merlin parachute club and jumped out of a plane.***

**Jean Barrett** did this when younger and braver!

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***I am one of six children and at one time I worked for a mechanic in Withernwick.***

**Val Pearson** didn't mend cars but worked in the office for the mechanic.

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***I once met Jimmy Cricket in Bridlington***

**Steve Seal** met Jimmy Cricket outside the Spa.

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***I once spent a penny in the casino at Monte Carlo***

**June Barton** was in the casino- who knew!

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***I am pretty handy with the hedge clippers.***

If you have seen **Jill Fletcher** at work in the church garden you may have guessed this

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## **Saturday Sales**

Mandy has been doing an excellent job of organising the Saturday Sales - which are averaging about £300 a week.

We are short on helpers for the 14th August and I was wondering if anyone could lend a hand (or ask someone they know who might).

We have a 'lifter and shifter' team who help set up at 8.15am and pack away at 12.30pm and about 3 or 4 to serve on the stalls between 9.00am and 12.30pm.

They are very enjoyable as we do a lot of talking/contacting - which is very important for many of our regular visitors.

Many thanks for your thoughts and prayers for this,

Margaret.