

# Celebrating Pentecost

This month we celebrate both Pentecost and the Queens Platinum Jubilee!  
After our service on June 5<sup>th</sup> we will be eating and celebrating together, do  
join us if you can.



Our current Worship series is entitled Practical Christianity. This series is an opportunity for us to explore key areas of the Christian faith and examine our approach to some of the challenges and considerations we all face. The series will enable us to learn more about ourselves, about God and about how we can bring our faith to life.

Our series will continue through June as follows:

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> June  | Practical Christianity: Spirituality                          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June | Practical Christianity: Boundaries (including Holy Communion) |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Practical Christianity: Community (Leprosy Sunday)            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>NEW SERIES:</b> Galatians week 1                           |

## **Practical Christianity Explored**

During our Practical Christianity series, we are running a new group, meeting **on Saturday mornings at 10a.m. each week**. This is an opportunity to share, discuss and explore together the message/learnings/challenges from the previous Sunday, in an informal way around tea and coffee (and possibly Cake!). Please do come along.

## **Galatians; an introduction**

One of the books I had to study when training for the ministry was Galatians. It is probably the earliest book to be written in the New Testament. Paul wrote it to the church he helped found in an area of what is now Turkey called Galatia. The letter would then be passed around to other churches in the region.

The letter is so relevant today. Many people seem to believe the Christian Faith is all about following rules. A sort of do this and do not do that and you'll be alright approach to the Christian life. Paul explains to these new believers how wrong they are in this. He had hoped when he began this little fellowship that they understood this but clearly over time, after he left them to carry on his travels, they had been led astray by others. So, in his own unique way Paul seeks to guide them to understand it is all about knowing Jesus.

So, if you, like me, sometimes find being a Christian a challenge and get stuck into thinking it is all about following a set of rules why not join us for the 6 Sunday's when we will explore a chapter a week? Or join us on the last Wednesday of the month when we will be thinking at our Bible Book Club what impact reading the book of Galatians during the month has had.

Steven

## **Bible Book Club**

In May we read the book of Hebrews and then met to chat and share what we had read and learned. We held an evening meeting of book club as well this month, so join us if you can- for June, in preparation for our upcoming worship series, we are reading the book of Galatians. Our next meetings will be on Wednesday June 29th- either at 2pm or at 7.30pm in the hall.

## **Answered Prayer**

Thank you to all who have been praying, during May, for additional and returning Eldership.

*Ann Bosworth writes "I stepped back from Eldership some years ago due to work commitments and then a very challenging time due to a sudden and unexpected bereavement.*

*I have recently found myself thinking about it quite often, and started to question whether I was being guided to return to Eldership, then when I was at church at the start of last month, I found the month's prayers were for new and returning Elders.*

*I think the Big Man upstairs was trying to tell me something."*

It is more than coincidence that when God 'disturbs' our minds with a thought there follows a confirmation. In Ann's case, the prayer cards, an approach from a church member, and several conversations with other elders enabling a prayerful decision to be made.

All that remains now is to give Ann the blessing of the church meeting as she prepares to take up her role as a serving elder once again.

I am confident that many of us will have the names of several people, who we think would make excellent elders.

Please share these names, in confidence, with an elder – *Jean Barrett, June Barton, Marion Clubley, Jill Fletcher, Ann Jordan, Margaret Knapton, Mark Parker-Randal, Val Pearson, Steve Seal, Carol Rutherford, Kathy Webb.*

It will allow prayerful conversations, by which future elders will be discerned.

Thank you.



*June Prayer*

**For Membership**

**Commitment to becoming a Member  
of Hornsea URC**



**New additions to our congregation**

### **Porch Rota**

We used to have a rota for the porch where people took turns to welcome those coming to the service on Sundays. The Elders have been doing this since we reopened. I wondered if anyone would be interested in helping us with this. If so, please have a word with me.

Many thanks. Marion Clubley

### **Telephone Support Network**

It would be wonderful if any members let me know of any church member who would appreciate a telephone call because they feel isolated, not being able to get to church for whatever reason. Our outreach is for all, not just for the community. We serve members as well as non members. Please ring or email to let us know 01964 54039/07940176756 or [jubri@uwclub.net](mailto:jubri@uwclub.net).

Many thanks, June

## **Residential Care Homes Worship**

Stuart House and Mere Hall residential homes have asked if it would be possible for some people to come and support/lead worship for them sometimes.

Tina, from the Parish Church, has brought this request to the Christians Together meeting to see if we can make it happen.

If we could get together a group of about six people, from various churches, to come along and sing hymns, that the residents could join in, with perhaps a reading and a prayer and if you have a bit more time to stay for a chat with the residents afterwards - that would be fantastic.

It is hoped to visit each home once a month – the more teams, the lighter the commitment. It is very worthwhile for all taking part and if this is something you feel called to support, please have a word with Margaret K, Val or any elder.        Many Thanks.

## **Leprosy Mission**



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Buy a Brick campaign, I am delighted to let you know that you have raised an amazing £1251.

Thank you for your continued support of the Leprosy Mission.

Carol



## Quiet Days

During Lent we held a Quiet Day at the convent on Eastgate. Lynn very kindly led this for us on the theme of ashes. It was a wonderful time, and we are grateful to Lynn and also to the Sisters for hosting us. Do chat with anyone in this photo (or Margaret who took the photo!), to find out more. Two more Quiet days will be held before the end of the year, dates to be confirmed, and they will be advertised in church and in the Newsletter.



**The Yorkshire Synod's  
BIG DAY'S OUT are  
back!**

Open to ALL the church family, friends and relatives + anyone who meets in our church or hall.

Thank you to all who have booked on already – if you are intending to take part but have not yet booked, please do so **as soon as possible** because it will be offered to other groups in the town from next week.

The entry fee is much reduced to £15 per person 3+ and the Synod is subsidising the cost of our coach – making the cost about £5 a head for travel, if we fill the coach. That makes the total £20 per person over 3.

September may seem a way off but an early commitment will mean that we can book a 53-seater coach (and apply for the subsidy) and start saving up – final payments can be taken up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Booking forms available in church or from Margaret Knapton.

**Saturday Sales** are going well, raising £1002-57 this month.

If you have any items of bric a brac you would like to donate please have a word with Val, Dale or Margaret.

Many thanks.

**Memorial Service**  
for  
**Eric Pearson**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June @ 10.30am