Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter September 2022



September Worship: -

4th September Back to School Sunday

11th September Harvest service including Holy Communion

18th September Harvest service

25th September Celebrating the U.R.C. Jubilee

If you miss any of the services you can find them on our dedicated YouTube channel - just search Hornsea URC on YouTube to find us.

Jubilee 2022

The creation of the United Reformed Church in 1972 formally merged the Presbyterian Church of England and the Congregational Church in England and Wales. The denomination expanded when Churches of Christ joined it in 1981, followed by Scottish Congregationalists in 2000. The URC is a family of Christians who meet in local churches across England, Scotland and Wales, part of the worldwide family of Reformed Churches, a group of more than 70 million Christians. The URC has around 47,000 members in about 1,300 congregations with more than 600 ministers. More than 60,000 people worship in our churches each week, and many more take part in the weekday activities of the churches.

We are still here after 50 years. What does that say to us? And what is God saying to us?

Join us as we celebrate on 25th September

Harvest



'The Earth is the LORD's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.'

Psalm 24 verse 1.

Our Harvest service on the 11th September is an opportunity to bring produce/ gifts if you would like to. This year we plan to give these to the 'Pantry', a local initiative operating out of the Parish Hall, which helps struggling families and individuals. They have seen a 60% increase in callers in recent months. Christine tells me they would particularly appreciate items for school lunches e.g., packets of individual cakes/crisps. Also packets of pasta, bottles of cordial or jars of jam. Cash donations are helpful too so that they can buy items to 'top-up' the shelves. Thank you.





Alternative August

Thankyou to everyone who came along and tried our Alternative August worship. Here are pictures of the crafts we made alongside groups for bible study, music, and prayer. We hope you enjoyed trying something different and would love to hear your comments. There are cards in church for you to write on. If you chose not to attend we would still welcome your views. The comments will be taken back to the worship planning team .

Saturday Sales

Saturday 3rd September is the last of our Summer Sales. Grateful tanks to all the team, including Val, Ann, Dale, Pauline, Margaret and Jackie for all their hard work. Thanks too to all who donated goods and those who bought them.

The sales have been a wonderful opportunity to talk residents and visitors alike, get to know people and welcome them to Hornsea and our church.

They have also raised over £4,000 pounds (final takings still being counted as we write).



September sees the start or restart of some regular Church events: -

Bible Book Club

For August's meeting we combined the afternoon and evening groups to share together what we thought of the book of Jonah. If you have been with us from the beginning, we have now read 22 books together. So, join us if you can; you are welcome to just come and see what Bible Book Club is all about. We are now back to a daytime and an evening group-**2pm and 7.30pm**, and for September we will be reading the book of Philemon, which is very short! We always meet on the last Wednesday of the month which will be **September 28**th.

Bible Course

There will be another chance to attend the Bible course, this time during the evening. Please speak to an Elder if you are interested and we can find a time that suits people. The course runs for 8 weeks.

Christianity Explored

The Saturday morning Christianity Explored get togethers will re-start on 17th September. These are a chance to reflect back on the previous Sunday service. We meet at 10a.m. in the hall.

Prayer Partners

The Prayer Partner scheme will resume on 4th September after our summer break. Quite simply, we meet in pairs to pray together! How and when we do this is up to the two meeting together. If you wanted to be included have a word with Jean and she will pair you up (with a different 'partner' each week).

Equally, if you no longer want to be included, please have a word. Thank you

Music- something new: -

Following the popularity of singing together at Alternative August services, we are hoping to start an informal music/singing group for all ages. If you would like to join and sing or play old and new music, please let us know. Also, we would like to know if you prefer evenings or Saturdays? If you can't sing, just come and make a joyful noise. Val

Week of prayer for Christian unity

This is a week when we meet together with others Christians in the churches in Hornsea to pray together. This takes the form of a brief meeting around all the churches throughout the week and you are welcome to any or all of them. The week starts with a service at <u>3pm on Sunday 18th September in Memorial Gardens</u>. Watch out for more announcements nearer the time.

Elders News

The Elders welcomed a visit from the Moderator- Rev Jamie Kissack, and also Rev Jason McCullagh who came to chat with us and see if we needed anything. It was a very positive get together and we are very grateful for all the support Synod has given us.

We have our next Elders meeting on Wed 14^{th} September and an Elders Day on the 1^{st} October. We would value your prayers for these. Thank you.

Church Meeting

Our next Church Meeting will be after the service on October 2nd- more about that next newsletter. Thank you for all church members who returned their booklet asking for names of new Elders. These will be brought to the church meeting.

Church Lunches

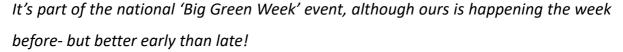
Being able to eat lunch together was one of the things we missed during lockdown. We hope to restart these soon, but will need some help please! We envisage a few small 'teams' of people so we have volunteers to organise a lunch for each month. (This does not mean that they do all the work, but make sure it is organised and people are asked to contribute food, washers-up lined up etc.!). It is important to say that meeting together and enjoying each other's company is the aim of the lunches, and food should be simple and manageable.

If you feel you can help, please speak to an Elder. Thank you

Annie's Eco Corner

Hi Everyone,

We're very excited, our Green Fair is just around the corner on Saturday 10th September.



I've heard a few folk saying things along the lines of "well I don't know what difference I can make; it's national governments and huge fuel and energy companies that need to make the changes". I agree, and at times I get very frustrated and angry that those who have the power to change things don't seem to have the will. But I just keep thinking that I can't change the world, but if everyone did their bit, it really would help, especially in or town and local environment- to coin a phrase- 'Every Little Helps'!

We have lots of speakers and businesses coming to the fair to talk about and demonstrate how they are helping to make our town 'greener' and more environmentally friendly. As well as the Town Mayor and E.R.Y.C. councillors coming to tell us about their policies, there will be organic fruit, veg, and flowers, vegan bakery buns, Fairtrade produce, and a hedgehog rescue charity; (don't think there will be any hedgehogs attending but there will definitely be home composting worms to check out and make friends with). The Waste Watchers team from the council recycling department are also coming to talk, so if you want to find out exactly what happens to your 'blue bin' waste you can ask them. There's also an up-cycling crafty corner for the children to get creative, and lunch will be available-home-made soup and locally produced bacon/egg sandwiches.

See you there!

Ann

Please support this venture by: -



- Praying for those attending, and for our working with local groups.
- Attending yourself
- Assisting- particular help is needed with technology, and with being welcoming hosts

Speaker's Programme

	Home Grown Hornsea	Introduction, Local Food and The Community Orchard
10.30	URC Green Apostle	The Church and the environment
10.40	Hedgehog Rescue	Saving our Wildlife
11.10	Christian Aid	The poor and the Planet
11.30	PATT	Tree planting and reforesting
11.50	ERYC Waste watchers	Waste reduction and recycling
12.10	Mayor of Hornsea	Hornsea Town Council's Environmental Policy
13.00	Green Growers	Organic food production
13.20	HACCS	Community composting and allotments
13.40	Home Grown Hornsea	Wildlife gardening
14.00	Co-op Community in Hornsea	Fair trade and Community Links
14.20	Trans Pennine Trail	Sustainable transport
14.40	RSPB	Caring for birds
15.00	HUG	Greening our town
15.20	ERYC - Councillors Jefferson and Whittle	Local Council policies on the environment
15.40 – 16.00 Open Discussion – What more can we do as a community?		



Coming up next month-



Tickets will be on sale at Hornsea's Green Fair and from Margaret K

You may have noticed that if you can get together a 'table of 8' you will save a bit of money Two tables already sold so don't think about it too long!