

## Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter April 2023



Thank you

Our grateful thanks to Brian Massey for making and donating the beautiful cross used during our Lent and Easter celebrations.

### Worship services-

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10.30 a.m. Palm Sunday (followed by church lunch)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 6.00 a.m. Sunrise service- meet on seafront at Hub  
10.30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service (including Holy Communion)  
12 noon- join with other Christians for Easter Praise in Memorial Gardens

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 a.m. Colossians 1 Christ is supreme (followed by Annual Church Meeting)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10.30 a.m. Colossians 1 Is it worth it?

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 a.m. Colossians 2 Rooted and built up

## Colossians

Later in April we begin a new worship series looking at the book of Colossians. If you want to get ahead, here are notes about the book taken from the Bible Society website-

Colossians lays out a vision of Christian living focused around the person of Christ (as laid out in the beautiful Christ-hymn of Colossians 1.15–20). In Colossians the vision of Christ Paul outlines in the first chapter is used as the underpinning for how those in Christ should now live. If they have died and risen with the Christ who created the world and is the head of the Church, their identity has now changed and they are expected to behave accordingly. Ephesians and Colossians are often recognised to be companion books as their message is very similar- both Colossians and Ephesians are letters that offer a vision of how to live out the Christian faith. In both, the theology of the first half of the letter is applied in the second half to everyday living.

According to the website, Colossians should take 13 minutes to read!

## Regular events

Every Tuesday 2p.m. Faith and Fellowship in the Hall

Every Thursday 9.30- 1pm Coffee/warm space -note earlier finishing time.

Every Friday 6pm Pilots in term time

Every Saturday 10 am Christianity Explored group in the Hall(no meeting on 8<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup>,or 22<sup>nd</sup> this month)

## Church lunch

Our next church lunch will be after the service on **April 2nd**. All are very welcome to stay. Any offers of help would be gratefully received.

## Bible Book Club

Our Bible book club continues, always on the last Wednesday of the month, so in April it will be on **Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7pm**. We are reading the book of **Amos** for April We get together and talk about what we thought of the book, what we liked/didn't like, and what we learnt from it- just like a regular book club. You can come regularly or occasionally; it is very informal.

## The Leprosy Mission

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Leprosy Mission in 2022. We raised an amazing £1441.16!

Also thank you all of you who have saved your postage stamps over the years, unfortunately TLM are no longer collecting stamps as they are unable to make money from them.



The focus for this year is the workers in the tea gardens in Bangladesh so watch out for an afternoon tea party later in the year.  
Carol

## Annual Church Meeting

### How is the U.R.C. run?



Acknowledging Christ as the head of the Church, the URC makes its decisions corporately when its members meet formally in councils. There are three different levels of decision making in the URC. These consist of: -

- the local Church Meeting,
- the Synod, which brings together representatives of local churches in a geographical area,
- and the General Assembly, representing the whole of the Church in England, Scotland, and Wales.

Leadership and pastoral care in a church are generally shared by ministers and elders who are elected by church members. The congregations hold **Church Meetings** which are usually open to all, but at which only church members may vote. Prayer and discussion take place before important decisions are made.

**Our own Annual Church meeting will take place after the service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

The church members are responsible for electing Elders, and this time these Elders are due for re-election: Jill, Val, Ann J and Carol. The offices of Church Secretary and of Treasurer are also up for re-election.

The Church accounts are available and you may have questions to ask about those.

At this meeting we will also be hearing news of the building project and maybe getting a look at what goes on at Pilots- you may be surprised! Lots to think and pray about, so please come along and have your say, ask any questions you may have, and take part in our decision making. We need your input.

Thank you

The Elders

## A Message from Kathy

Kathy would like to thank everyone for their thought and prayers during what has been a very difficult time. Thanks especially to the Elders who have taken up the many duties she has not been able to do.

She is pleased to be back home and beginning the slow journey of recovery – there is still a long way to go but your prayers and good wishes are a real tonic and it is a joy to be feeling back in the 'real world' – well almost ...

During this time of recovery Kathy has reflected upon some of the roles and responsibilities she holds within the church – one of those being Church Secretary.

This is a role Kathy has held for almost 28 years. During that time Kathy has faithfully represented Hornsea URC at Synod; been the Pastoral Elder to the East Yorkshire churches; a member of the Ministerial Accompanied Self Appraisal team and an active member of the District Council, before it was disbanded, in addition to the day to day responsibilities of record keeping, overview of safeguarding, and most aspects of church life and ecumenical involvement across the town.

The Church Secretary works alongside a Minister in supporting the work of the church, its mission and pastoral care. In the absence of a minister so much falls on the secretary, along with the Elders, to provide this mission and ministry to both the congregation and the community.

After careful consideration and much prayer, Kathy has decided to step back from this role, feeling she cannot give it the time and energy that it requires at the moment.

Her aim is to be able to take up her duties as an Elder as soon as possible and offer as much help, support and service to the church in whatever ways she can.

Kathy's role will be a hard one to fill and we are most thankful for all that she has given to the church over this time. There are many of us reading this who will also be personally grateful for the times she has come along side us to give us love and support in difficult times.

The elders are now tasked with assessing the role of Church Secretary, especially in the absence of paid ministry, and through prayerful discernment, finding others to fulfil this role – we would appreciate the prayers of the whole church in this and for Kathy's continued recovery.


Thank you.

Still time to book a place on this fantastic event.

Or just turn up!

Tell your friends, family, neighbours about it ...

We don't want anyone to be saying:  
'Oh I wish I knew about it - it sounded great fun!'

The poster features the title 'EASTER ESCAPE ROOM' in large, stylized, multi-colored letters. The word 'EASTER' is at the top, 'ESCAPE' is in the middle, and 'ROOM' is at the bottom. A keyhole is integrated into the letter 'A' in 'ESCAPE'. The background is a light blue with a faint maze pattern. A speech bubble on the right contains contact information.

For more information or to register a place email [urc\\_hornsea@gmail.com](mailto:urc_hornsea@gmail.com) ring 01964 533576

**Great Fun for All the Family**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Start at Hornsea URC**  
**from 10.am - 12.20pm**



## Hornsea URC

### Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	Church	57519.17
	Living Well	17333.38
Excess of income over expenditure	Church	46808.09
	Living Well	-3350.39
Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	Church	104327.26
	Living Well	13982.99
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		<b><u>118310.25</u></b>

#### **Represented by:**

Cash at bank	Current account	22457.54
	Charities deposit account	96609.95
	Natwest Account-Living Well	13982.99
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		133050.48
Less creditors	Pilots Current Account	-221.15
	Money held in trust	14519.08
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		<b><u>118310.25</u></b>

## Hornsea URC Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### Income:

Offerings	Gift Aid and S/O	18094.36	
	Envelopes	1182.95	
	Other	988.88	
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			20266.19
Weddings & Funerals		5804.55	
Donations & Gifts		44967.04	
Fund Raising	Thursday coffee	965.81	
	Other events	4957.15	
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			56694.55
Rental income		4134.00	
Bank interest		257.29	
Manse Rent		8116.40	
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			12507.69
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Church Income for year			<b>89468.43</b>
Living Well income for year			<b>0.00</b>
	<b>MHIT/Pilots</b>	13640.97	
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			103109.40
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### Expenditure:

Mission & Ministry	16968.00
Manse insurance	417.89
Synod Levy	650.00
Caretaking and cleaning	6377.53
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	24413.42

Repairs & Renewals	Electrical	400.00	
	Organ	3950.00	
	Other	3376.20	
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			7726.20
Church electric		1122.74	
Church gas		2075.35	
Church water		249.28	
Stationery		436.75	
Secretarial		14.00	
Course fees and travel exp		111.99	
Subs and copyright		513.88	
Insurance		3573.49	
Gifts and donations		1620.00	
Sundry		534.75	
Mission fund		1062.01	
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			11314.24
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<b>Church expenditure for the year</b>			<b>43453.86</b>
<b>Living Well expenditure for year</b>			<b>3350.39</b>
	Coif	44000.00	
	MHIT	190.00	
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			90994.25
Coif interest			793.52
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<b>Excess of income over expenditure (not inc MHIT)</b>			<b>43457.70</b>