

Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter May 2023



Worship services-

Sunday May 7th 10.30 a.m. Colossians 2- Freed to obey Christ
Sunday May 14th 10.30 a.m. Colossians 3- Our new life in Christ (Holy Communion)
Sunday May 21st 10.30 a.m. Colossians 3- Defined by Christ
Sunday May 28th 10.30 a.m. Colossians 4- Fearless Evangelism (Pentecost Sunday)

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.

This month at the U.R.C: -

In May we continue our worship series looking at the book of Colossians.
We also celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, and the festival of Pentecost.
We will be hosting a visit from the Synod Moderator and members of other U.R.C. churches in Yorkshire on the 13th, and having our own Church Chat on the 20th, as well as all our usual events. Details in this newsletter.

Regular events

Every Tuesday 2.00pm 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

Bible Book Club

Our Bible book club continues, always on the last Wednesday of the month, so in May it will be on **Wed. 31st at 2pm and 7pm**. We are reading the 1 Peter and 2 Peter for May. 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 Coronation of King Charles III

There will be a civic service held on Saturday 6th May at 6p.m. in St. Nicholas Church. All are welcome. The date for our next church lunch falls on Sunday May 7th. This is also the date of the **Community Picnic Lunch** to celebrate the coronation King Charles III, which will be held in Memorial Gardens, starting at 1p.m, so we are going to join in with that this month. Bring your picnic lunch- All are very welcome to stay at church until the picnic and festivities begin. If the weather is wet, we have been asked to host some of the picnickers in our building.



Two great chances to get together and find out what church with the URC is ...



10.30am – 2.30pm

Saturday 13th May 2023

At Hornsea United Reformed Church, HU18 1PG

Saturday 10th June 2023

At Herringthorpe United Reformed Church, Rotherham, S60 4JN

Saturday 17th June 2023

At Headingley St. Columba United Reformed Church, Leeds, LS26 2DH

Saturday 24th June 2023

At Westfield United Reformed Church, Wyke, BD12 9DB

*All members and friends of the Yorkshire Synod churches are invited to join us in **bible study** and **conversation** about the life and mission of the local church, based around **1 Corinthians**. Come on the date and to the venue that is most convenient for you.*

Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee, tea and cakes or pastries provided

Jamie Kissack, the Synod Moderator writes:

In these challenging times it is more important than ever to support each other, and to do so with the bible at the heart of our conversation.

Only a few of us have the opportunity to gather in our twice-yearly Synod meetings so we are creating a new opportunity to meet for fellowship and good conversation between the churches of the Synod.

We are calling it 'Synod Forum'. We have chosen four dates and venues to make the conversation as accessible as possible. You are free to choose the date and venue that is best for you. All will run from 10.30am – 2.30pm.

The conversation will be based around Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It will be mostly in small group discussions so you get the chance to share with people from other churches. We hope that this will also be a chance for those with Synod roles to hear from the local church about your opportunities and challenges so that, together, we can find the best ways to support and encourage each other. The Synod Forum is your place to have your voice heard, and to help shape the priorities of the Synod.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with officers from the Synod; learn about what support they are able to give to churches and share our hopes and concerns about the future.

It will also be a chance to get to know the members from our sister churches, especially around the East Riding.

As hosts to this meeting – we hope to give a warm welcome to everyone – so if you would like to make a cake, biscuits etc. that would be VERY MUCH appreciated.

THANK YOU.

Church Chat

Saturday 20th May

10.00 – 12.00

ALL WELCOME

Come and enjoy a Cuppa and Cake with friends.

A chance to get to know more people; talk about church and things in general.



This is another fantastic opportunity not to be missed!

Church Chats are great fun – it is so nice to be able to meet and share time together in an informal way – there is usually laughter and fun along with some quite interesting conversations.

Many of the discussions help to shape the way our church is growing; giving challenge and insight to our prayers, worship and service.

We really hope this is something you would like to be a part of – and oh, yes – there will be cake!

Eco Church Corner

May 2023

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the eco corner; the name's changed to reflect the whole church being involved in caring for God's creation, and

we now have a "Green Team" as we start on our Eco Church journey. Any

ideas and suggestions for this part of the newsletter are very welcome, and if anyone is interested in being part of the team please just speak to an elder.



As I said at the AGM, we have now enrolled on the A Rocha Eco Church [programme](https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/) <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> and are currently working towards our bronze award and as we're new on the journey we're pleased to say that there's an Eco Church zoom workshop specifically aimed at those new to the scheme, so were hoping for lots of inspiration and ideas. It's on Thursday 4th May at 7pm, the group will be joining from church and if you'd like to come along just to find out more about it, you'd be very welcome (tea and possibly cake will be available).

When we completed the initial, baseline assessment we scored very well in the "worship and teaching" section which looked at how we regularly incorporate celebrating God's creation into our worship. The other sections will need more work, but we've already started by looking at easy, simple changes we can make, such as aiming to buy eco-friendly washing up liquid, cleaning products and paper towels and toilet roll made from recycled paper- all easy swaps we can also make at home, and with ideas from the workshop there'll be lots to think about.

One area we will need to look at is the church's "carbon footprint"- how much does the activity of the church and the things we do and use contribute to carbon emissions? How about you give this a try at home? Go to <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/> and see how **green** your lifestyle is and it will highlight how well (or not) you're doing your bit.

The church is also participating in "no mow May" when part of the church grass will be left uncut for the month of May. This allows the grass and plants (aka "weeds", which are really just plants in places we don't want them) to grow and hopefully provide plants for small insects and flowers for pollinators. Why not try this at home this month, and see what little bugs and insects visit your garden?

We'll keep you updated on our latest Eco Church journey news, and do feel free to send in your ideas and suggestions- all gratefully received.

Blessings to All,

Ann and the Green Team