

Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter February 2026



Sunday Worship-

- 1st Feb Changed from the inside out (followed by Church Lunch)
8th Feb Leprosy Mission Sunday (this service will include Holy Communion)
15th Feb Transfiguration.

Lent begins on 18th Feb- Ash Wednesday

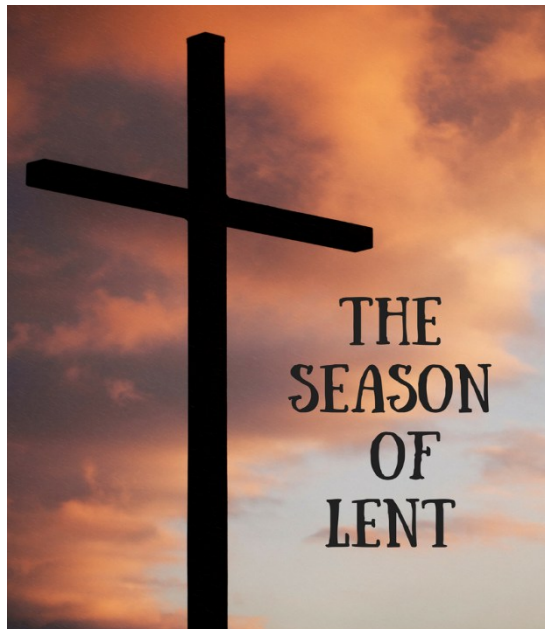
22nd Feb - 1st Sunday in Lent service

1st March- 2nd Sunday in Lent service

Other Lent Events-

- Shrove Tuesday pancakes
- Saturday Lent course
- Leprosy Mission Lent project
- Bible Book Club Lent reading

Details in this Newsletter



Our services are 'live streamed' so that you can join us from home, and 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.

Leprosy for Lent



Sunday 8th February is our service celebrating the work of the Leprosy Mission. We are looking at the effects of leprosy on children.

Lent this year starts on the 18th February and I would like to ask you to save your change for TLM this year throughout lent.

Sometimes we give something up for lent. Perhaps cake, beer or chocolate? If so could you donate the money you save by not buying these to TLM?

There will be jamjars available in church from the 8th February for you to take and 'jam' full of money!

The jamjars can be brought back to church as an offering on Easter Sunday.

Thankyou for your continued support.
Carol.



Socks for the Homeless-

More socks were discovered under the Christmas tree! Thanks again, all have been taken by Kathy and gratefully received.

If you are looking for another project, she would be grateful for any eight-inch **knitted squares**, which she sews together to make blankets. Do have a word with Kathy if you can help. Thank-you.

Looking back with gratitude

In some parts of the church Christmas lasts for forty days after the birth of Jesus. That takes us to 'Candlemas' which is on February 2nd. This is the day the church celebrates Jesus being presented in the Temple and Simeon and Anna, two elderly Jews who have been waiting for the coming of the Messiah, burst into praise and thanksgiving at what they have seen.

With that thought in mind it made me reflect on our celebrations at the coming of Jesus in our building. I want to give praise and thanksgiving for all those many people who led us through Advent into the joy of Christmas.

Not simply those who led our services but also those who took part. I hesitate to name or list but perhaps this is the opportunity for us all to think back and perhaps, like Simeon and Anna, burst into songs of praise and thanksgiving for all the ways we are being blessed in our fellowship: Or it could render me dumb like Zechariah. Whatever the response we are truly blessed and I, for one, want to say thank you everybody and thank you God.

Steven

We Are Grateful for You



Thank you so much for supporting the 2025 Operation Christmas Child Appeal. Long after Christmas Day has passed, your shoebox packing, processing, and prayers are still making a global impact as children experience joy, love, and hope through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Now, the moment many of you have been waiting for...

In 2025, the global Samaritan's Purse family packed over 12,205,900 shoebox gifts!

This includes an incredible 232,844 shoebox gifts from the UK alone!

That means over 12.2 million children experienced great joy and a heartfelt reminder that they are loved and not forgotten. And it all started with simple acts of kindness and generosity from people like you.

Each child who receives a shoebox is offered the opportunity to join [*The Greatest Journey*](#)—12 fun and interactive Bible lessons where they get the chance to discover who Jesus is, begin their journey of faith, and receive a New Testament in their own language. Please join us in praying for all the children who embark on this journey.

Once again, thank you for all your support! This transformational project would not happen without the enthusiastic partnership of people like you. So, enjoy knowing what you made possible—and all the young lives that are still being blessed because of it.

We pray that 2026 is filled with blessings, and we look forward to partnering with you again later this year.

Until then, keep packing those shoeboxes!

Your Samaritan's Purse UK Team

Lent Events-

A Hornsea Christians together event supporting Christian Aid



Tuesday 17th February

Hornsea Methodist Church

10.00 – 12.00

*Famously good pancakes
lovingly prepared for you.
cake stall +*

Please support this event by attending and eating lots of pancakes!

Or by making a cake, or donating a 'milk carton' full of batter- see Margaret or Jean for information.

Be Still

Explore the simple, transformative practice of a daily quiet time with God

Lent Course 2026



A series of five Lenten gatherings will be held in The Upper Room at the United Reformed Church on Saturday mornings from 10am.

This course offers videos and discussion guides based on

'Be Still: A Simple Guide to Quiet Times'

a book written by Brian Heasley. The sessions are designed to help you develop a regular rhythm and deeper daily relationship with God.

Organised by Christians Together in Hornsea

21st February—Encounter

Explore the importance of encountering God in the quiet time.

28th February—Scripture

Unpack the significance of the Bible and how we can use, learn and memorise the word of God in our quiet time.

7th March—Wonder

Explore how practising wonder and using our imagination in our quiet time can help us to discover more of God's presence.

14th March—Hiddenness

Tackle the challenges of persevering and hiddenness in our daily time with God, and how they can help us to grow in faith.

21st March—Mission

Think about how our quiet time can prepare us to share our faith in Jesus with the world.

Junior Church and Scrapbook stories by Hornsea URC

I don't know if you have ever wondered what we do at Junior Church each week, but in the month of January our theme has been families.

We use the Faith Adventures for Children Together material produced by the United Reformed Church (you can catch up with it on [Faith Adventures for Children Together and Youth Resource - United Reformed Church](#)).

In the fourth week we explored how important 'Intergenerational Sharing' was and is. There is always a helpful introduction to the theme for the leaders - this is an extract from the planning page:

Today's a passage that beautifully reminds us of the importance of passing on the stories of God's faithfulness from one generation to the next. Children inherit many things from their families – genes that shape their appearance, habits that influence their daily routines and, most meaningfully, traditions that form their values and beliefs. These traditions can be biological, passed down through family lines, or spiritual, shared within the wider faith community.

Yet traditions can change and be adapted, we don't have to continue in the same way we always have, the world is constantly changing. Can we empower people to adapt traditions and/or create new ones?

Psalm 78 calls us to be intentional about what we pass on. It's not just about telling stories – it's about building a legacy of faith. Today's session will help young people begin to understand that they are part of something bigger: a spiritual family that stretches across generations. We all have a part to play in sharing our faith, not just with those younger than us, but across the ages.

Don't think of a straight line between generations but more like a spider's web, all sharing with each other. By sharing our experiences, modelling faith, and creating space to ask questions and explore, we help everyone grow roots in God's truth.

Let's encourage everyone today to listen, wonder, and begin to tell their own stories of faith. And let's remember: the seeds we plant now will grow into the faith of the future.

One of the activities suggested for the session was to start a scrapbook – which we have

Firstly, by considering what is our favourite Bible story.



Every one of us is part of this interconnection and the Junior Church would like this Scrapbook to have something from all our Hornsea URC family included in it.

- It may be your favourite Bible story ...
- A character that has impressed you ...
- Some of the teachings of Jesus ...
- A specific passage that has spoken to, or influences, you ...
- You may wish to write something, compose a poem, or draw ...
- The options are endless ...

If you would like to bring your contribution to church one Sunday, you can be assured the Junior Church will make sure it is stuck into the Scrapbook.

Thankyou.

Bible Book Club

For February, the book club are reading the Old Testament book of Micah. We meet again on Wednesday 25th February at 1.30 p.m. -please do come along.

(We would like to make this group accessible to as many as possible and are currently looking at holding a second group around tea-time (5p.m-ish). If this would be of interest, please speak to Lauren or Jean.)

Something new- printed invitations are available if you know anyone who would be interested in this-



Come and See

For all ages

a relaxed time of songs and a bible story

With activities and refreshments

Starting Sunday February 15th

in the Hornsea Parish Hall 3 - 4pm

Coming Up –

The **World Day of Prayer** will be on **Friday 6th March** and it will be held in our building this year at 2 p.m. More details in the March Newsletter. Please be thinking about whether you would like to help with the service.

There will be a planning meeting on **Monday 9th February** at 3 pm in our upper room if you are interested.

We are also hoping to have a Palm Sunday procession on the sea front- details next time- and news also of a visit from the Moderator!!!

Next Newsletter

If you have anything at all that you would like to include in the next Newsletter, please see Jean or email to the church- urchornsea@gmail.com. Here is a poem from Gill-

Wintry Days

The New Year blew in with a covering of snow,
More than we'd seen for quite a few years.
The snow was so deep, it dressed all our gardens,
Children built snowmen, made everyone smile.
Young ones enjoyed their trips to the park
Where everyone laughed as they sledged down
the slopes.

Now it's all gone, cold days, long dark nights
Leave us feeling dreary as we trudge to the shops.
But hang on a minute, today brings us hope
As I walk along the old railway track,
There I see brightness amid all the dead leaves
Snowdrops shine brightly, meaning only one thing
We can now be certain

SPRING IS ON THE WAY



Gill, January 2026