



On 31st May, we start a new worship series looking at the book of Jonah.

God commanded Jonah to go to **Nineveh**, the capital of Assyria, to call the people to repentance because of their wickedness. Jonah, however, **fled in the opposite direction** to Tarshish, boarding a ship to escape God's command. A violent storm arose, threatening the ship, and the sailors cast lots to identify the cause, which fell on Jonah. He instructed them to throw him overboard, and the storm ceased. Jonah was then **swallowed by a great fish**, where he spent **three days and three nights**, praying and repenting. God commanded the fish to release him, giving Jonah a second chance to fulfill his mission. Jonah then went to Nineveh and **preached God's message**, leading the people to repent. God showed mercy and spared the city, which frustrated Jonah, revealing his struggle with God's compassion toward his enemies.

Have you ever felt God calling you, but not wanted to respond, or actively run in the other direction? How do we know what God is asking us to do? How should we respond? We will be considering this over 5 weeks, as follows:

- 31st May Jonah - Man on the Run (followed by Church Quarterly meeting)
- 7th June Jonah - Learning how to love the hard way.
- 14th June Jonah - The surprising grace of God (including Holy Communion)
- 21st June Jonah - The sad case of self-righteousness (followed by Church Lunch)
- 28th June Jonah - A greater Jonah has come.

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.

Margaret writes-

I have been following the CAC Daily Meditations, as part of my quiet time, for a little while now.

There is quite often a 'Story from Our Community' and this morning's contribution (28th May) helped me to appreciate the Holy Spirit in a different way

Father Richard's reference to the Holy Spirit as "[filling the gaps](#)" in our lives reminded me of a prayer for Pentecost I had written about a year ago:

Come Holy Spirit, ever renewing,

God beyond the one we thought we knew.

Flowing like water, free as the wind, found in the margins, not in the text, hidden in corners, seen when not looking, present in absence, but found in Jesus....

Come, Holy Spirit, break down the walls of the words we know.

Teach us to speak God's love in new tongues ... to everyone, everywhere....

Come, Holy Spirit, let us know we are not weighed down by all our yesterdays, but may soar with you, wind, fire, can, will, live now in the freedom of resurrection given us through Jesus, our Lord.

—Francis G.

This 'Story from Our Community' is another which brings me much reassurance

It was a fear of hell that led me to be born again in a Pentecostal church, but being told I had to go out and "save" other people never sat right with me. If people's salvation depended on me, the world is in a very sorry state. After reading many of Richard Rohr's books, the Daily Meditations, and now The Universal Christ, I KNOW I don't have to save people. I just have to love them! I am very grateful for the transformation within.

—Mandy.

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Amen

What's happening in June?

Every Thursday-Church open for quiet and prayer 12-2p.m.

Tuesday 2nd June

Christians Together in Hornsea, meet in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. All welcome

Wednesday 10th June

Elders meeting- please pray for the Elders as they meet.

Sunday 21st June-

Church Lunch

We celebrate with Olivia as she receives her Lundie Award from Megan Tillbrook, who is the Children and Youth work Development Practitioner for the URC Yorkshire Synod. Please stay if you are able.



Wednesday 24th June

Bible Book Club meets at 1.30 pm in the hall, and again at 5pm if there is a demand. In June we are reading the book of Jude- which is very short! - so do join us if you can. The Bible Society website has this to say about **the book of Jude-**

Strongly worded advice on the dangers of selfish, critical leaders. Jude is a very short book, only 24 verses long, written to an early Christian community about the dangers that selfish, immoral, false leaders posed to them as a community. Using examples from Israel's history, Jude urges the community to beware of these kinds of leaders and to rest in confidence in the faithfulness and love of God.

Saturday 27th June

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The last Saturday of each month

10.00am @ Hornsea URC, New Road, HU18 1PG

An informal gathering to

'TALK and TASTE'

Why not come along and find out more?

You will be made most welcome.

For the very organised!

Dates for the rest of the year are-

July 25th

Aug 29th

Sept 26th

Oct 31st and

Nov 28th

Who are your Elders?

A new feature to help everyone in the Church family to get to know the Elders. Not all Elders lead worship on Sundays, and not all worship leaders are Elders, so we can be difficult to spot!

Elders are elected by the church members and have to stand for re-election every 3 years. There are at present 12 serving Elders- Carol, Marion, Ann J, Ann B, Kathy, Val, Mark, Steve S, Margaret K, Jean, Ilena, and Jill F.

We start with Carol and Marion (more to follow next month).

CAROL



I am Carol Rutherford.

Born in the West Riding I lived for many years in Leicester before moving to Hornsea about 20 years ago. I am married to Brian and we have a dog called Gunnar.

When we first moved, we lived with Jean and Mike for six months and came along to church with them.

Just after we came to Hornsea I was asked to be

the church rep for The Leprosy Mission which I still am today and those of you who know me will know it's a cause close to my heart. The picture is me going barefoot for leprosy for 24 hours in 2015.

I hadn't been at the URC for very long when Andrew the Treasurer wanted to stand down and as I had worked as a bookkeeper for many years I was asked if I would take it on. A role I still do and enjoy today.

I became an Elder in 2009 and I am part of the worship team.

I learned to sign BSL when I was working in the reception of the Radiology department at Glenfield hospital. My friend Kaj and I thought it would be useful when deaf patients attended for an Xray. We wouldn't be able to interpret for them, as we only have level 1, but at least we could welcome them and ask their names. I am enjoying signing in our services and it's helping me remember what I learned all those years ago!



I enjoy being part of our church family and I enjoy the variety of worship we are able to enjoy on a Sunday. You never know what you are going to get!!

MARION



I started coming to this church in 1982 when we moved to Hornsea.

A neighbour asked if my two children aged 10 and 8 would like to go to pilots at the church and we were made so welcome that this led us to worship here. In 1984 I had my youngest daughter who was baptised here and later married here in 2010.

I became a member in 1984 and an elder in 1988. My 'claim' to fame is that I've been a serving elder the longest up to now....

I've had various roles in the church, assistant secretary, flower delivery organiser, gift aid secretary and pulpit supply secretary. Now I'm just flower delivery organiser and gift aid secretary.

After Jamie left my role of filling the pulpit slowly came to an end thanks to the great team of worship leaders

we have here and to whom I am most grateful.

There have been many ups and downs in my life since moving to Hornsea but the love and prayers and support that we as a family have had, and still continue to receive, is just such a blessing, and of course all the lovely people who make up our church family.

Marion Clubley.

Pentecost Praise Picnic-Thank you to the musicians and all who helped to make our picnic a relaxed afternoon spent with friends from all the churches in Hornsea.



AT LAST!



At last we believe the Winter has gone,
With no more cold winds spoiling each day.
Fingers crossed, the warmth's here to stay,
So we can relax as we shed winter coats.

Everywhere now we see green again
As Nature is waking and birds sing with delight.
Gardeners are busy, they might stop for a chat
As we, passing by, admire their plots.

The joy that we feel as we wake up to sunshine,
Our hearts feel much lighter when walking the dog,
All those that we meet are smiling at last,
Relaxing once more in these warm, sunny days.

Gill B. May 2026

This is a 'buddy bench' and we are looking at putting one in our newly created outside space for everyone to enjoy.

More details about this and much more at our **Church Meeting this Sunday (31st May)**. Hope you can join us!

