

Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter May 2026

Sunday Worship: -

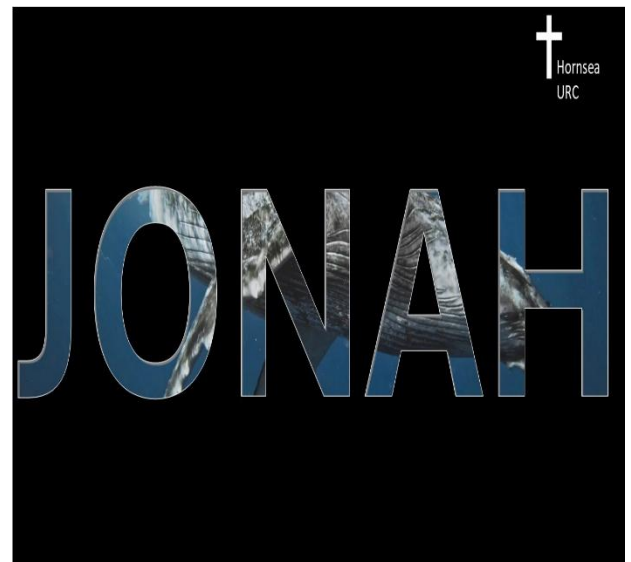
3rd May - Jesus Comforts his disciples.

10th May- Christian Aid Sunday - including Holy Communion

17th May- Ascension Sunday

24th May - Pentecost Sunday- followed by a Picnic in eco-garden.

31st May - Jonah - Man on the run- followed by Church Meeting



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.

What's happening in May? - Quite a lot!

Book your place on The Big Day Out

To the Yorkshire Sculpture Park – on Saturday 16th May

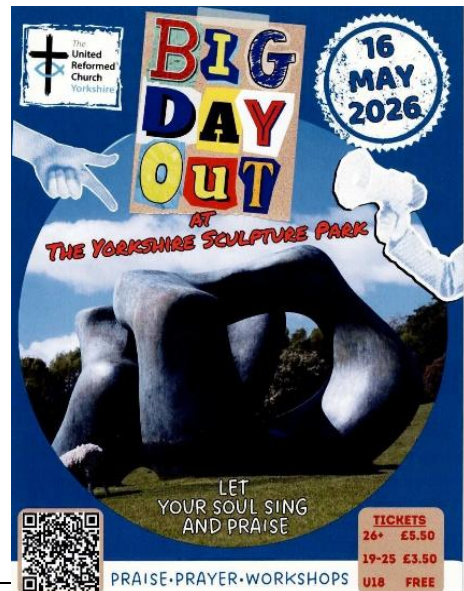
We will be travelling by Acklam Coaches

Leaving from Hornsea URC 8.30am

Returning to Hornsea URC 6.00pm

Cost – see the Booking Form.

Ask Margaret if you have any questions



Booking Form					
Yorkshire Sculpture Park – 16th May 2026					
Name	Contact Details	Adults	Child	Paid	
Please indicate if you have any special requirement we need to be aware of.					
To book a place: - Please complete this form and email to urchornsea@gmail.com Or return to Hornsea URC @ Thursday Coffee morning or Sunday morning. <p style="text-align: center;">BEFORE FRIDAY 10th MAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACS payments to Hornsea United Reformed Church 53 50 57 58666451 Ref BDO (+your surname)</p>					
ALL Children – FREE ENTRY and FREE TRAVEL 19 – 25’s £3.50 + £10 travel (£13.50) ADULTS £5.50 + £10 travel (£15.50)					



Church Chat

Saturday May 23rd 10.30 a.m. – 12

Informal chat about what matters to you.

Church Meeting

Sunday May 31st After worship

ALL welcome

**Sunday 24th May at 12:30
in the Eco Garden
(next to St Nicholas' Parish Hall)**

Pentecost Praise Picnic

**Bring along your picnic and celebrate
Pentecost with Christians from all the
Churches of Hornsea.**

**Tea and coffee
will be provided.**

**Hymn music by the
Christians Together
Band.**



Organised by Christians Together in Hornsea

Please bring your picnic to church on the 24th May and join us as we go down to the garden behind the Parish Hall, after our service, to join with our friends from other Hornsea churches. There are benches to sit at in the garden and we will be inside the hall if very wet.

Cleaning Crew needed!

We are delighted to be hosting a wedding on May 24th! To prepare for the wedding guests, could you offer a hand to clean and tidy church the day before?



This would be on **Saturday 23rd May.**

from 8.30 am onwards for the early risers- then join Church Chat for tea and cake at 10.30

- and those who start the day a bit later could continue after the chat.

Come when you can, do what you can- all offerings of time and energy gratefully received.

Wednesday 27th May

Bible Book Club 1.30 p.m. and 5 pm

Here is a picture of last month's 1.30pm group, wrestling with Joshua!

Do join us in May- for this month we are reading the book of **Jonah**. We will get together at the end of the month- Wed. 27th to chat about what we made of Jonah. All welcome!



A note from Carol-



Thankyou Thankyou Thankyou

You are all amazing!

By 'jamming' your cash into jamjars this lent you raised nearly £600 and together with money I had already received from people with collecting boxes we were able to send a cheque for **£728** to The Leprosy Mission!

This amount could provide vocational training for a young person for a year.

Or

Provide the medication to cure 30 people of leprosy.

Or

Provide reconstructive surgery for a young person

Or

Provide a prosthetic limb for someone with leprosy.

Who knows how our money will be used, but you can be sure it will make a big difference to someone with leprosy.

Thankyou.

The Church – here for good ...

I have just come back from a wonderful day out having been on a tour, organised by the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, of three old and impressive churches – All Saints, Driffield; St Michael and All Angels, Garton on the Wolds, and St Mary's, Kirkburn.

What struck me, as much as the history, was how well maintained all three of them were – considering they have been around from medieval times, all be it with periods of extension and restoration!

Many generations will have had a hand in maintaining, changing, and restoring these churches – just as they have today. In the past congregations relied on wealthy, generous benefactors to provide funds - and willing congregations to look after the upkeep.

Little has changed. Today, we are less likely to have a generous benefactor, but we do have bodies like the YHCT and the National Churches Trust who receive funds from benefactors for the purpose of maintaining historic churches and buildings.

We, at HURC, are most grateful to both of these bodies for grant support towards the recent improvements to our church building – it certainly would not have been possible without them (and the support of the Yorkshire Synod and URC and more) – our generous benefactors.

As for the upkeep of the building, it is an ever-evolving task every 5 years we have a Quinquennial Inspection, carried out by an independent professional, which highlights any concerns about the fabric of the building (*If you would like to have a look at this year's report – just ask Jean or Margaret and they will be pleased to show you a copy*) and regular checks and certification to be kept. We too have a willing congregation, but situations change and we need to look again at what we are asking our willing volunteers and cover. Below are 3 areas we would like you to consider offering help with: -

Due to the loss of the rental income from the manse* the elders think it would be prudent to re-establish a small '**Financial Management**' team, to work with the treasures, who would meet quarterly to keep an oversight of the trend of the income and expenditure - reporting back to the Elders any concerns or highlights.

The Property Committee. We are in the process of building a larger team with members taking responsibility for just one job or area e.g. Jean and Lauren do the weekly and monthly checks; Ilena and Ann test the fire alarms etc. Whatever your talents – there is something in or around the building that will be just right for you! Just have a word with Margaret if you would like to find out more ...

There is more to a church than the building and finance. It is a place for people. Not just for worship on a Sunday morning – but also for those who may be experiencing troubled times or just in need of a quiet space where they can find peace.

At the April Elders meeting we discussed the possibility of regular **church building openings** for quiet prayer as we had done during Lent.

Thursdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. was suggested as a possible time. We would need volunteers from the church family to help with this ...

Is this something you think the church should be doing?

Is this something you may like to be involved with?

Please come along to the **Church Chat on the 23rd of May @ 10.00am** to let us know what you think.



The Manse As most of you may know by now the Manse, on St Nicholas Drive has been sold and the exchange completed.

The new owners no strangers to Hornsea and I am more than happy to see one of our wonderful Pilots returning to Hornsea with his family! They are busy giving the house a much-needed face lift and will be taking up residence when completed.

The sale does mean that the church, along with the Yorkshire Congregational Union trust, has to make decisions about where and how the funds will be invested. This decision rests with the Church Meeting and no one else. Discussions will take place at the **Church Chat on the 23rd May @ 10.30am** and a vote taken at the **Church Meeting on the 31st** - please attend if you can as your thoughts are very important.



Congratulations to Nigel and Lynn on their recent marriage. Blessings from all the church family.