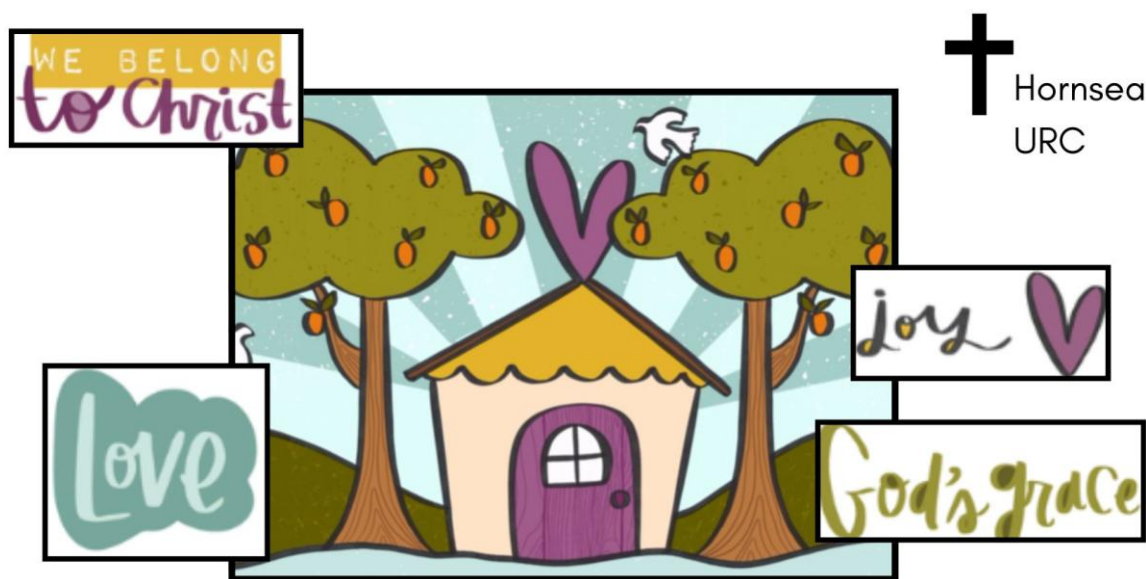


Hornsea United Reformed Church July Newsletter



Bible Month 2026 - Philippians

July sees the start of Bible Month at Hornsea URC – this year the focus is on the book of Philippians.

As is it Bible month, perhaps it is extra encouragement to bring your Bible to worship on a Sunday if you don't already do so, or you can use the pew Bibles if you wish. If you don't have a Bible, please let us know and we can give you one.

Written by the Apostle Paul from a Roman prison around A.D. 61, the Book of Philippians is a short, deeply personal letter to the church at Philippi. Its primary message is finding steady, God-given joy and peace in the midst of suffering, rooted in unity, humility, and the example of Jesus.

Chapter 1 (Joy in Suffering): Paul thanks the Philippians for their financial support and updates them on his imprisonment. Surprisingly, he shares that his chains have actually advanced the gospel. He famously declares, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain".

Chapter 2 (The Mindset of Humility): Paul urges the church to be unified and put others first. He points to the ultimate example of Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself to become a servant and die on the cross. Paul also praises loyal coworkers like Timothy and Epaphroditus.

Chapter 3 (Knowing Christ): Paul warns against false teachers and religious legalism. He shares that his past achievements are like "rubbish" compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ, urging believers to press forward toward their heavenly goal.

Chapter 4 (Peace and Contentment): Paul concludes with encouraging commands to rejoice, be anxious for nothing, and focus on whatever is pure and excellent. He affirms that God's peace will guard their hearts and reminds them of the well-known verse, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me"

This series is based on materials provided by the Methodist Bible Month 2026.

The material includes daily reading notes which are available for all for free. This free booklet lets you read the whole book a small chunk at a time, at your own pace, with daily reflections, questions and a prayer prompt. Ask one of the Elders for a copy if required

Sunday Worship

5 th July	Philippians 1	"A harvest of joy"	
12 th July	Philippians 2	"Shine humbly"	Service will include Holy Communion
19 th July	Philippians 3	"Press on"	
26 th July	Philippians 4	"Grace be with you"	

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 on in July?

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.



You are invited to a

PICNIC IN THE PARK

with Christians Together in Hornsea

WHEN? 19th July 12pm

WHERE? Hall Garth Park, near the Eastgate entrance – *look for the flag!*
In case of wet weather meet us in the URC hall

WHAT? Bring your sandwiches and enjoy plenty of good conversation

WHO? Everyone is welcome

Wednesday 29th July

Bible Book Club meets at 1.30 pm in the hall, and again at 5pm if there is a demand. In July, along with the rest of church we are reading the book of Philippians - so do join us if you can.

A Special Day for Olivia and Hornsea URC



On Sunday 21st of June, Megan Tilbrook - Yorkshire Synod's Children and Youth Practitioner, presented Olivia with the URC's Lundie Award in recognition of her contribution and service to the church. Along with this came a payment of £100 – “to be spent through your church or synod on something of your choosing to benefit children and young people in your church, synod or community”.

Olivia has chosen to run a Holiday Club in the summer holidays ‘All Aboard’ for school aged children in years 2 to 5 - much to the delight of many of our congregation who have fond memories of previous Holiday Clubs!

Olivia has put in a lot of work already, planning the programme/logistics of each session and designing the poster.

She now needs the help of our church fellowship to:

- Tell people about the event.
- Offer help in leading a craft, cooking or games session (already planned).
- To be a ‘behind the scenes’ tidier/sorter of ‘stuff’ after activities.
- Work with small groups of youngsters to help them engage with activities.

If you are able to offer help in and way, could you let Olivia, Margaret K or email urchornsea@gmail.com and let them know what day(s) and time(s) you are available. (Also, if you have a DBS could you indicate the level).

Finally, can you hold this venture in your prayers – for the youngsters who will attend, the leaders of the sessions and the sharing of God’s love.



Sunday 12th July

a Thankful Church Lunch

Bring your own savouries – desserts provided



Looking Back

Thank you to the Pilots, and others, for our Jonah display. Thank you to all who made the book come alive for us.

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, Ilana, and Jill F.

Hi, my name is Jean, what can I tell you about myself? I am a wife; married to the lovely Mike who helps on the sound desk and plays guitar. I am a mother; we have a son, Tom, daughter-in-law Carrie and two lovely grandsons. I am a twin; Carol is my twin sister, (I know we don't look alike!) I am a dog owner – Rosie is an Airedale Terrier.



We moved here about twenty years ago from Leeds. Moving from a large multi-cultural, 24hr city to somewhere they then still had half day closing was quite a shock. Mike transferred his role as a Paramedic with what was then W.Y.M.A.S to T.E.N.Y.A.S and worked at the ambulance station in Hornsea- (we felt called here, do ask him about that).

Mike and I met and married in Leeds- which is quite a story (do ask me about that!). We went to St. Georges Church a large evangelical Anglican city centre church and we had never heard of the United Reformed Church. We first came here because our son Tom was schoolfriends with David Knapton, Margaret and Steven's youngest son, and we were made very welcome. Many years later I have now taken on the role of Elder and also Church Secretary and I am still learning. My responsibilities include editing this newsletter and making sure the names written in our prayer book get sent around the prayer network.

In the past I have lived in a pub, done a parachute jump, fed 3,000 people in a day, seen the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, taught apprentices to cook, joined a Christian Community, oh and literally had pins stuck in my eye!! Not all at the same time or in that order! - do have a chat, I would love to hear about **you.**