# Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter December 2026




Advent leads us all to a wonderful celebration on Christmas Day. But it also points beyond Jesus' birth, offering new adventures everyday - note the play on words here: **advent**ure.
In our Sunday services as we wait for Christ to come, we'll discover that in the waiting there is a calling, and that in the calling there's an everyday adventure. We'll consider four key themes:
**Anticipation**: the adventure in waiting for good news to come.
**Investigation**: the adventure of finding our way to the truths of Jesus.
**Invitation**: the adventure of playing our part in God's plan today.
**Exploration**: the adventure of discovering more to following Jesus every day.

Our Sunday services will follow these themes as detailed in red: -
We are invited to join with other Christians in Hornsea as detailed in black: -

10.30.a.m. 29th November - Anticipation
10.30.a.m. 6th December – Investigation
6 p.m. 6th December- joint praise service at the Methodist Church
10.30.a.m. 13th December - Invitation (including Holy Communion)
6 p.m. 13th December- joint advent service at U.R.C.
6p.m. 18th December- joint carol service at Sacred Heart Church
10.30.a.m. 20th December - Nativity Service
6 p.m. 20th December- joint carol service at St. Nicholas Church
10 a.m. 25th December- Christmas Day service
4pm 27th December - Carols by Candlelight (no service at 10.30am)

You can check out details of our full Christmas Programme here - CLICK HERE

Postcard size **invitations** to all our Christmas services are now available in church- please take some for friends and neighbours.
There will also be **daily readings** available to use during December provided by LICC, following the advenTure theme throughout the run up to Christmas. If you would like to receive these emails each day in December, please let Steve Seal know ASAP.

## What else is on in December?



### 12 th December-Carol Singing

There wll be a group of Carol Singers outside Cooplands on Newbegin again this year, on
**Saturday 12th December,** at 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Singers, musicians, and those who just 'make a joyful noise' very welcome.

### 24th December- Community Carols

As last year there will be Community Carols in Memorial Gardens at 6 p.m. wrap up warm and bring a torch to read the Carol sheet!

---

## What is not on!

**Bible Book Club** will not be meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th January at 1.30 p.m. For January we will be reading John's Gospel from Chapter 11 to the end.

**Bible Journalling group** will not be meeting in December Our next session will be Wednesday January 20th. Ann B says "Everyone is welcome to come along and see what we're about".

---

## Flower rota.



As l write this l am sure you will be busy getting ready for Christmas. The Flower rota will be up in the hall, so please put your name next to a date you would like flowers in church for. You can buy and arrange your flowers if you would like to or l or one of my team will do it for you.
For those of you that don't know, we take our flowers out after our service to people having a birthday, anniversary or who are ill. We also take them to people who for whatever reason cannot come to church as often as they would like or just to say thank you.
I would like to say a big thank you to Jean, Marion and Mandy who help me by buying and arranging the flowers. A special thank you to Mandy who has done the flowers for me for the past few months while she has been home. Enjoy your time in New Zealand with your lovely family Mandy.
Any contributions towards the flowers would be very welcome or if you would like to join our small team you would be very welcome. Flowers are an important part of our church. I know it brings a smile to people's faces when they receive them.
Thank you, Ann J.,

## Christmas Cards

As usual there will be space in Church for you to display one card to all friends within the Church family if you would like to do this. This is an eco-church initiative.

# THANK YOU



You will notice in church the lovely garlands displayed around church and on the Christmas tree. These were beautifully made by **Rose**. Rose has also made 180 Angel key rings which we are going to give out to people who come into church over the Christmas period. Thank you Rose you have brought smiles to all our faces. Rose said she didn't want any publicity so sorry Rose, but you deserve a big thank you.

Also, a big thank you to **Janet** for all the baking you do on a Sunday for everyone to enjoy with their coffee. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who contributes in any way they can. We are truly blessed with our church family.
Ann J.

---

## Shoe boxes

Thank you all who prepared and packed boxes, especially the Pilots and Mandy and Friends.

We have sent 135 boxes from Hornsea URC this year.






£450 was also donated to help with transport costs.

Thank-you so much.

## Socks for the homeless

If you are able-
please buy a pair of socks and put one of the socks inside, together with a few toiletries, sweets/treats etc. as a present. (Kathy has more information if you need it). Please place in this box near the Christmas Tree. She will deliver them to the charity in Hull on Christmas Eve, so please leave them before **21st December**. Thank you.




## Lights night



## Thank you.

To all who helped on Lights Night.

Thanks Steve, John, Jackie, Claire, and Margaret for braving the rain to give away hundreds of 'smores'. Thanks to Stacey and Gill for manning the hot drinks, for Mark preparing prayer stations and Gwen for bringing her crafts, and all the porch 'welcomers,' general 'hosts', and prayer networkers.

What a wonderful evening seeing so many people in our building. All received invitation cards to our Christmas services. There are still plenty of invites left, so if you can take some to give away that would be great!

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas on behalf of the Eldership.*