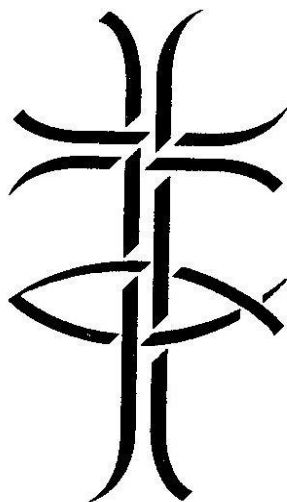


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## February 2016

# The Week at a Glance From Church Records,

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SUNDAY 10.30 Morning Worship (see February Diary)  
Praise & Praise will recommence for 2016 at 6.30 p.m on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.30 'Open House' (in term-time)  
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

Friday 6.30 & 8 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

Special thanks to our friends at the Methodist Church  
who have invited us to share Sunday morning worship  
during the redecoration of our Church.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

9 December: Gordon Padgett

## FUNERALS

6 November: Joan Wright

17 December: Margaret Taylor

29 December: Sheila Robinson

### February Dates for Singing In the Residential Homes are

2.30pm	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	The Promenade
3. p.m.	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Stuart House
2 p.m.	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Summercourt Hall

**Christmas 2016****Jackie Bradley**

Many thanks to all the people who helped get all the cards delivered to their rightful homes! I think they all reached their destination without a problem! It was really helpful that so many people came forward with offers of help to deliver them again. Hopefully I will have the same people to call on next year! This year we also had a new postbox, kindly made by Peter Sallis, and this was placed at The Beach Hut Cafe in Market Place which provides the food each month for the Living Well Project.

Together we sorted and delivered 581 cards and raised £164-55 for church funds (£140-00 last year) The service still seems to be popular with our local residents as most of the cards were from the outside postboxes.

Hopefully we will be able to continue next year and I will be calling on everyone in October for their help! (unless someone else has a yearning to be postmistress next year!)

Thank you once again.

**And Thank You .....**

To everyone else who contributed in making Hornsea URC Christmas 2015 -

The Advent Shed celebrated its second year in the town -

Our Nativity attracted much interest and provided a fitting start to a special Christmas -

Our Christmas Day Lunch for folk who would otherwise have been alone was the source of welcome warmth and companionship -

For all that we shared at Christmas 2015

**From us all**

## The Minister writes...

Dear Friends,

I start with a quick glance at my diary for the month to come.

This month sees the beginning of Lent, with Ash Wednesday on 10<sup>th</sup> February. This seems terribly early – though not the earliest. Looking at my almanac of ‘Movable Dates’, Ash Wednesday fell on 6<sup>th</sup> February in 2008! Whereas it was on 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH in 2011. The reason for the wide variation is the long-established Christian practice of setting the date of Easter in relation to the lunar calendar which has 13 months a year instead of the 12 we use for our ordinary calendar.

The Archbishop of Canterbury announced recently that leaders of the world’s Christian churches are in discussion about agreeing a fixed date for Easter – thereby overcoming 1000 years of disagreement about exactly how the date of Easter is calculated. He hopes that an agreed date could be just 5-10 years away.

I am in two minds as to whether a fixed date for Easter would be helpful or not for us in our own locality. I rejoice in the fact that every year takes a slightly different shape, and I don’t tend to lose too much sleep over the fact that Easter will be celebrated at different moments in different places. Variety is the spice of life!

On the other hand - my reading of the New Testament is that, in general, the call to unity in Christ is one of the strongest calls of all. So if we were ever to take such a bold step it would be hugely symbolic of our deep desire to work together and worship together as Christians.

Early or late, or at a fixed and practical moment, the Easter season with its Lenten preparation stands at the heart of our Christian year and gives the whole Christian calendar its shape and character. I trust that, as we make our journey through this early-timed season individually

and together, the stories we hear and the worship we share will shape us and give us a sense of our place with Christ in God's eternal purposes.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Kruach". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

### Christian Aid

Further to the article in the previous newsletter, it is with much regret we have decided that we can no longer sustain a Hornsea and District Christian Aid committee. After many decades of faithful service, this particular aspect of the Hornsea Churches' mission to the world will be coming to a close.

The main impact of this is that, without a committee, it will not be possible to carry out a Christian Aid Week house to house collection. So now is the time to say a massive thank you to those from our church who have helped to keep this going over the years. Hornsea has probably kept this going longer than have many communities – so well done!

There is good news, however. Even if we can't keep a committee going, I think there is plenty of interest in continuing to support Christian Aid in different ways. To begin with, we will be holding the Christian Aid Pancake Coffee Morning on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Our regional co-ordinator Steph Cooper will hopefully be there, and it will be a good chance to talk about the future of Christian Aid in Hornsea.

In addition, I have agreed to host a Christian Aid social evening at our church, **7pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be a very informal evening when we will look at some Christian Aid material and enjoy fellowship together. Please invite anyone you think might be interested.

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## News from the FRSC

### June Barton

Lights Night, which seems a long time ago, saw our church festooned with Christmas decorations and festive lights while the ever popular Ukulele Group entertained and hot chocolate and mince pies were being consumed. The evening was well attended and enjoyed whilst earning us £169.11.

The Christmas Fayre was the following day with plenty of stalls laden with gift ideas as well as a tombola and raffle. Our ever popular lunches went down well and after a busy and exhausting time we managed to raise £486.00 plus a further £12.10 from sales of decorations at Thursday Coffee Morning making the final total £498.10.

Carol Singing in Newbegin on Saturday 12 December saw us literally singing in the rain, yet despite the wind and rain we amassed over £116 and just over the same amount the following Saturday when we sang outside the Methodist Church with Churches Together. The total raise was £278.88 which includes the money placed into the League of Friends collect box in church.

Wearing my League of Friends hat I would like to thank you for the support and the money raised which will go towards equipment for the Palliative Day Care which is planned to start in April at the Cottage Hospital.

2016 started with the New Year Party which was exceptionally well attended with quizzes to stimulate the "little grey cells" and entertainment provided by firstly, the Clifton family, followed by Allan and the Ukulele Group, who had a new recruit by the name of Emma. The next item was stand up comedy, which is new to our proceedings, provided by David Radford who gave a wonderful performance in the style of Max Boyce. The Grand Finale was a repeat performance of the Mere Dance (the URC version of the River Dance) which was well worth seeing again. Many thanks to the team who made it all happen; to all our entertainers and to you who supported the event. I think it is safe to say "a good time was had by all".

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### Sunday 7th February: Luke 9.28-36,(37-43)

The idea of a mountain as a special place, a place to meet with God, is common to the Old and New Testaments and to many other religions. Perhaps it is the quietness of a lonely place outside community life, or the height of a peak that gives a new sense of proportion, or that reaching a mountain-top takes commitment of time and effort. Perhaps for all these reasons, a mountain-top seems a natural place to pray, and Jesus takes Peter, James and John there. Both Moses and Elijah, during their lifetimes, went high into the hills to pray and to meet God, and to find direction for the future.

On this day there is an extraordinary breakthrough of the divine into time and space. It is not just that the veil between earth and heaven seems very thin; it is actually drawn aside, so that Moses and Elijah are seen to stand beside Jesus, even though they went into the presence of God many hundreds of years before. Moses stands as representative of the Law, and Elijah of the Prophets. In this way, the Law and the Prophets testify as to who Jesus is, as he stands transfigured, with a shining face and dazzling clothes. Glory is being revealed, but the future is also coming into the present in this strange moment, somehow outside ordinary time. The three figures in glory discuss the 'departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem'. This could mean his death, resurrection and ascension viewed as one event. The word for 'departure' is, more literally, 'exodus', which creates a link with this touchstone narrative for the rescue and deliverance of God's people.

Peter's spiritual style is to do something in response to an experience. He immediately offers a mini-version of the Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles or Booths), suggesting that they make three shelters. However, his endeavours are overtaken by the cloud of God's presence, and, just like the cloud on the mountain when Moses receives the Law, it is terrifying to enter the limitless yet immanent presence of God. When the disciples hear the voice from the cloud affirming Jesus' identity, and telling them to listen to him, these words

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combine with the extraordinary events to create the pattern of a precious memory that they hold in store until after the resurrection.

When they come down the mountain, just like Moses, the disciples encounter a measure of chaos and darkness. For Moses it was the people worshipping the golden calf; here it is the suffering of a boy whom the disciples are powerless to help. Jesus heals him, and glory overflows into victory and release.

## **Sunday 14th February: Luke 4:1-13**

Following his baptism, the Holy Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness. What is about to take place happens because God wants it to; this is not a scene of the devil ambushing Jesus unexpectedly. The forty days Jesus spends in the wilderness are an echo of the forty years Israel spent wandering after crossing the Red Sea. Israel was God's Son, whom he led into the wilderness. But he (Israel) rebelled and failed to live up to the calling to be a light to the Gentiles. Now God's Son is here: will he also fail? Or will he succeed in being the means by which God fulfils his original promise to Abraham?

Jesus was hungry so the devil dares him to use his power to satisfy his hunger. In each of the temptations, the devil subtly challenges Jesus' identity: 'if you are the Son of God...' – the implication being that the fact he is hungry means that Jesus can't really be God's son after all. The test is to use his power to serve his own ends rather than God's. If Jesus does his own thing, there can be no salvation. He will turn out to be a son like Israel was – wayward and rebellious. But Jesus reminds the devil that we are nourished by more than bread; we are sustained by God's word (Deuteronomy 8.3).

So the devil shifts the focus of attack. Luke has stressed that the world is ruled by Rome. Here we see that behind Rome lurks the demonic (cf. Revelation 13; 2 Corinthians 4.4; Ephesians 2.1-3). The devil, parodying God's words to Jesus from the coronation psalm (Psalm 2.7), offers Jesus all the world's kingdoms now (vv.5-6). But what he is offering doesn't belong to him. Jesus rebukes him with words from



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Deuteronomy (6.13), stressing that he is going to be faithful to the true God and Lord of this world: his Father (v.8).

Finally the scene shifts to Jerusalem. Parodying the Passion, the devil invites Jesus to test out his sonship by putting God to the test – a reversal of what’s happening here. Again Jesus uses words from Deuteronomy to keep his mind focused on God’s plan for him. In doing so he is stressing that divine rescue can only come through suffering and death, and not just from it. To be the ‘Son of God’ means to walk the path laid out for him, and to do the will of his Father whatever it might cost.

### **Sunday 21st February: Luke 13.31-35**

Jesus is still in Galilee, Herod’s territory. And Herod has had previous encounters with God’s prophets, as we know from his treatment of John the Baptist. So, some Pharisees come with a warning for Jesus (v.31). This shows us that, though relations between Jesus and the religious elite are tense, they have not yet broken down altogether. Herod wants to kill Jesus (v.31); the Pharisees tell Jesus to flee.

Jesus treats the messengers as people who have Herod’s ear – indicating that he doesn’t fully trust them. He will continue his ministry – ‘exorcism and healing’ being shorthand for all that he does – according to the timetable he has set himself (v.32 – that’s the force of ‘today, tomorrow’). He has to do this because no prophet can die outside Jerusalem; and Jerusalem is where he’s headed.

Suddenly the thought of his fate, and the related fate of that great city, overwhelms him. He laments the coming events. Jerusalem is the scene of the killing of God’s messengers in the past. It will be where he meets his death. But how sad it makes him – not for himself but for the city. He longs for its people to repent and come into the kingdom, to sit down at the great banquet he’s just been talking about (13.26, 28f). In a wonderfully tender image, Jesus likens himself to a mother hen gathering her chicks about her.

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But because she (Jerusalem) would not be gathered, she will be scattered. She will be overwhelmed and destroyed (v.35; cf. 19.41-44; Jeremiah 12.1-7; 22.5). There is a sadness in the quotation from Psalm 118 that ends the section: Jerusalem could have welcomed Jesus with open arms as the Lord's anointed. But in rejecting him, they will pronounce him 'blessed' through gritted teeth when he comes in judgement.

## **Sunday 28th February: Luke 13.1-9**

Jesus is in the middle of a conversation with the crowd (the biggest in Luke, see 12.1) about what we live for, how we will receive God's blessing on our lives, and what Jesus has to do with all this. He has been talking about the need to see the situation we are in with clarity and honesty. And then he is interrupted by people who want to tell him an atrocity story. Surely, they argue, the Romans who did this awful thing are much more deserving of God's judgement than any half-hearted God-follower in Jesus' audience?

But Jesus will have none of this. There is no pecking order here. Bad things happen, and what counts is how we respond to them. Each of us is ultimately accountable for what we do, how we live in response to God's call. So, Jesus tells a counter-story, one about an accident on a building site, and invites his audience to judge whether this calamity is judgement or misfortune. And he focuses on how each hearer is responding to God's call on their life in what is almost a refrain in verses 3 and 5, a refrain that reminds us of our need to repent.

Jesus follows it up with a pithy parable that draws on the rich tradition in the prophets of likening Israel to a fig tree or a vineyard (see Psalm 80 and Isaiah 5). The focus of the story is that God is patient, giving people time to repent; that is, to see things his way and change their lives accordingly. Of course, this state of affairs cannot last for ever; eventually, the harvest comes and what has not borne any fruit, season after season, will be cut down and discarded.

**As Usual (see page 5)**

**Pancakes and Coffee on Shrove Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**Eat yours with us at the Parish all 10 a.m. to noon**  
*Proceeds will go to Christian Aid*

### **Beruda – February Coffee Mornings**

**Sarah Darlington**

You are invited to attend a drop in Coffee Morning to be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February AND Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at 14 Willows Drive, Hornsea, any time between 9am to 12noon. There will be a small charge for entrance/refreshments.

For the ladies there will be an opportunity to come “shopping” and hopefully find a bargain amongst the items that will be up for sale! For the gentlemen there will be a biscuit and or cake to have with your coffee and a chance to chat.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given BERUDA over the past couple of years. I do hope you will be able to join me in helping to make 2016 a year to remember raising funds for this worthwhile project. Every penny or pound raised is used carefully and wisely and goes straight to the grass roots.

Looking forward to seeing you on 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> February or on both occasions! Everyone is most welcome.

**Hornsea Music Society**

**The Duruflé Trio**

**(flute, violin and piano)**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 p.m.**

*Live Music in Hornsea URC, the home of Hornsea Music Society*

### Don't Forget the Soup! ... and More –

#### June Barton

A reminder that **Winter Lunches** are being served on **Saturday 27 February and Saturday 26 March from 12.00 – 1.30pm** at the very reasonable price of £3.50 for hot homemade soup and a roll.

The major events for 2016 have now been arranged and a full list of these can be found on the FRSC notice board in the hall but extra will be printed for those wishing to take a copy home.

However, there is one event which is still undecided which is Saturday 24 September, when it has been suggested to hold a harvest supper where people can bring their own food but this needs some other attraction to bring people in. This does not have to be a fundraiser so can be a purely social occasion; any ideas or suggestions will be most welcome, as long as they are not left to the last minute please.

**Advanced Notice:** - Saturday 12 March 2.00 – 6.00pm – Games Afternoon with a pie and pea supper.

#### Friendship Hour 2016

The Friendship Hour's close season is almost at an end, and having enjoyed a special annual Winter Meal in January, everyone is fortified and ready for the first meeting of 2016, which will be held on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Church hall**. Programmes for the season will soon be available from Doreen Rogers, or just turn up and see what is going on.

### Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in February

Pilots

Hornsea Care Homes, Residents and Carers  
Fairtrade Fortnight

## Show You Care with Traidcraft

### Margaret Knapton

The Traidcraft report this month is good news *bad* news.

First the good..

We have done it!

Yes, thanks to your tremendous support, £6,201 worth of goods have been purchased from Traidcraft this year.



Underpinning all this is the commitment shown by the members and friends of Hornsea United Reformed Church who continue to purchase products on a regular basis as well as trying to make their gifts to others fairly traded if possible.

So a very big THANK YOU to all who have supported Fairtrade this year with special thanks to Doreen Taylor who runs the stall each Thursday and to the 'Market Team' for all their lifting and shifting and helping to make more fairly traded products available on the High Street.

Then the not so good...

The FairBreak wafer is one of Traidcraft's favourite products but it could be under threat – why? Because like many other grocery lines, they have to order a certain amount of product from the manufacturer to meet their minimum order quantities. They have been advised that they need to increase their volume of sales by 25% each month or else it will have to be discontinued. This would not be in anyone's interest as it is a really good product with 50% of the ingredients being fairly traded; it has about 100 calories per bar and costs 17p a bar when buying a pack of nine; it is the best seller on the Pilots tuck shop too!

So here is the challenge... would you be able to buy one pack a month to 'Save the FairBreak bar'?

Packs will be available for purchase after Sunday services (when we are back in our building) at the Thursday Coffee Morning and on the monthly Market stall from April onwards.

Many thanks for your support – I know you will be up for the challenge!

### **The Women's World Day of Prayer**

#### **Margaret Knapton**

The Women's World Day of Prayer service for 2016 will be held at the **Methodist Church** on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** starting at **1.30pm**. Please note the time as the service will start with a 'Welcome Café' which will lead into worship, that has been prepared by the women of Cuba.

Cuba is a fascinating place, even more so now that relationships with the 'West' and America in particular are becoming more open.

The service is entitled 'Receive Children. Receive Me' and based around Isaiah 11:1 – 10 and Mark 10: 13 – 16. It is a wonderful service, as those who attended the WWDP conference in Beverley found out.

We will be just a small, but significant, part of the whole Day of Prayer when this service is shared by hundreds of thousands of churches around the globe, praising God and being challenged by his word. Please be a part of it too – you will not be disappointed.

***Meet Our Regional Organiser Steph Cooper  
At the Parish Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
and share a pancake with her for Christian Aid***

## Fairtrade Fortnight - 29<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> March

### Margaret Knapton

*“Before you finish breakfast this morning, you've depended on more than half the world.”* Martin Luther King Jr..

Fifty years on from Martin Luther King's famous speech, our lives are even more closely entwined.



It is a scandal that millions of farmers and workers in developing countries, who work hard every day to grow the food we eat, still don't earn enough to know where their next meal is coming from. In other words they do not have food security.

This year for Fairtrade Fortnight the theme is “Sit Down for Breakfast – Stand Up for Farmers” and in Hornsea we will be backing this campaign by offering as many FAIR and LOCAL breakfasts as we can – containing as many fairly traded products

AND locally produced products as possible.

The **BIG Breakfasts** at the **URC** will be on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** between **9.00 am and 1.00 pm** accompanied by a **CELEBRATION SALE** of fairly traded goods in the church – all with a 10% discount to celebrate **10 years of Hornsea's Fairtrade Town Status**. Definitely a date for your diaries!

**Don't Miss Out on Fairtrade Fortnight**

**29<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Sit down for breakfast

Stand Up for Farmers

## Worship

- SUNDAYS**    **7** 10.30 a.m. Mrs Rene Mattock (at Methodist Church)  
**14** 10.30 a.m. Quarterlty Joint Service  
Rev. Colin Marchment: Communion  
(at Methodist Church)  
**21** 10.30 a.m. Rev. Jamie Kissack (in our Church)  
Including The Leprosy Mission  
6.30.p.m.Prayer and Praise  
**28** 10.30 a.m. Rev. Stephen Caddy of Toll Gavel  
United Church, Beverley (in our Church)  
6.30 p.m. Prayer and Praise ( in our Church)
- Prayer and Praise will recommence for 2016 on 21 Feb in our Church

## Events

- Wednesday    3 Living Well – CRUSE Training Day  
7.30 p.m. Elders/Methodist Stewards meet at URC
- Monday        8 2.30 p.m. Singing at The Promenade
- Saturday      6 9 a.m. to noon  
Beruda Coffee Morning 14 Willows Drive
- Tuesday      9 10 a.m. to noon Pancakes at the Parish Hall  
*For Christian Aid*  
3 p m. Singing at Stuart House
- Wednesday   10 7.30 p.m. Elders meet at Church
- Thursday     11 2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall
- Saturday      13 9 a.m. to noon  
Beruda Coffee Morning at 14, Willows Drive
- Saturday      27 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. Winter Lunch in Church Hall

**Fairtrade Fortnight is 29<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**March Newsletter** .If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak to Sarah or Jane NOW so space can be reserved. After the deadline is too late. Thank you.

Last date **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February..**

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