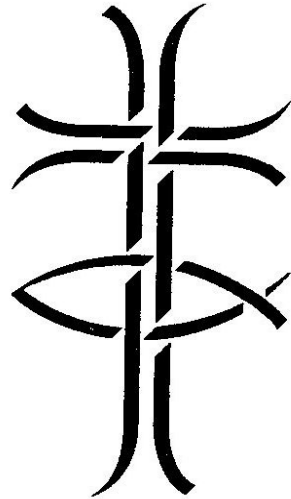


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## June 2016

**SUNDAY 10.30** Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche.  
Coffee etc. served at close of Worship.  
Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evening at **6.30 p.m.**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning at **10.30 a.m.**  
Other Sunday evenings Prayer and Praise

Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.00 'Open House' (in term-time)

7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday 2 p.m. Friendship Hour (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>)

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

Friday 6.p.m to 9 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

## BIRTHDAYS

### JASMINE ASHMEAD

Jasmine will be nine on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. We wish her a very Happy Birthday and send her our love and best wishes.

### AMY SEAL

I will be ten years old on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. For my birthday I would like a bike and would like to have my friends round for a sleepover. Lots of love to everyone at Hornsea URC

### ADAM CLIFTON

I will be 14 on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This is a Saturday and so I am planning a cinema trip with my friends and then something to eat. My mum is worried that this might be expensive since I am hungry all the time at the moment.

All the food at the Night Shift on 1st April was particularly good. I would be really pleased to get some LEGO or perhaps a video game. I still enjoy my Swimming on a Saturday morning and have been playing cricket at school and helping with the Sixth Form First XI as scorer.

In the summer I will be taking my Grade 6 trumpet exam and I have also been playing the piano too.

HARRY SEAL

I will be eight years old on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. I love Star Wars and playing on my Xbox. I am very excited about my birthday and I would like surprises.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends

Slowly but surely I edge towards better health. In my darker moments I was much comforted by your prayers.

I have been overwhelmed by your many, many acts of kindness for which I thank you all. It is a privilege to be a part of such a remarkable group of people.

Again, my thanks.

Margot H

## Yorkshire Synod Assembly

### First Impressions: The Morning of My First Assembly

Linda Lea

This was my first Assembly, and actually getting there couldn't have been easier, being picked up close to home, and dropped right outside Scarborough Spa. Although I knew very few of the other folk going from Hornsea, I was welcomed and made to feel part of the group - a lovely start to the day.

I had imagined the occasion would be a number of speakers, so was a little surprised on reading the programme to see the speakers were in fact part of a Service format - though I have been told the content can vary from year to year and that this year there were more hymns. The morning speaker was Revd. Michael Mewis, who gave an interesting and humorous account of his Ministry, including Sabbaticals in >>>>

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## The Minister writes...

Dear Friends,

This is my first letter to you since announcing that in August we will be moving to Sheffield, and that my ministry amongst you will soon be drawing to an end. By the time you read this, the news will be over a month old, and I hope that everyone has been able to move on from the initial shock. That said, there are still many challenges for everyone involved in the church as you prepare for, and adapt to, a new situation.

We all find change difficult and challenging. We don't all experience the same changes in the same way, and different people may be at different points on what could be called the 'Change Curve'.

The reality is that we have some important work to support each other and encourage each other to think about how a change in ministry affects us. Nothing can be rushed, and it is important to be honest about where we are. My hope and prayer is that, given the right support, we can come to a point where we are ready, and even enthusiastic, to embrace the opportunities that change brings.

From a personal view, can I say thank you to the many people who have already wished us well for our move. We will have to negotiate our own Change Curve as we move to Sheffield, a very different life and a very different ministry. Can I say a particular thanks to the very supportive way the Elders have responded, especially since they will carry the biggest burden in the months to come.

There is still plenty of time before we go, and it is not yet time to say goodbye. I hope to enjoy a couple more months of continuing fruitful ministry before the removal van pulls up outside the manse.

Having spent the last few months exploring the story told in the first half of the book of Acts about the beginnings of the Christian Church, I have been particularly aware of the way in which Luke (the writer of Acts) shifts the focus of the story from one person to another. I have used the analogy of a relay race, in which one apostle passes on the task of

proclaiming the gospel to the next. From Peter and John, to Stephen and Philip, then to Barnabas and Paul, back to Peter, and finally returning to Paul as apostle to the gentiles.

As I prepare to hand on ministry in Hornsea, I hope we are all aware of being part of that great relay race which strives to take the gospel of Jesus out into the world.

Yours in Christ,



**HME**x (Hornsea Musical Extravaganza)  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Events at the URC

Strawberry Treats with musical entertainment 10.00am –  
3.00pm  
Elland Silver Band 7.30pm

**Celebrating 10 years of Fairtrade Town status for Hornsea**  
with 3 new plaques to be unveiled on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

Join us at: -

**10.00 am at the Trans Pennine Trail noticeboard**  
on the sea front

**10.20 am at the Town Council noticeboard**  
at the Willows and/or

**10.30 am at the East Riding's noticeboard**  
outside the Library.

Fairtrade refreshments to follow.

<<<< Madagascar and various European countries, the whole linked by his assertion that we could pray anywhere - even in a pub. He was allocated 45/50 minutes, and I did feel this was quite a session for him and perhaps two speakers of 25 minutes each might have been easier on the speakers (and provide for more topics).

The food for thought that I took away though, was something said by Revd. Alison Micklem, who led the Devotions. Again, she brought humour into her introductions, and her last Reading of the morning, Philippians 2:1-4, 14-16a, she said was a reading she particularly enjoyed, and said she was now on a mission to "Make the Church more joyful"; perhaps a simple-sounding concept, but one which I feel could be explored and discussed (at Faith & Fellowship perhaps?).

### **And ... the Scarborough Afternoon ...**

#### **Doreen Rogers**

The afternoon session started, in the absence of the present mayor of Scarborough, with a life history of the last mayor, Pat Marsborough. She must have forgotten she did that last year!!!!

For the devotions Alison talked of Prayer in Singing and we sang George Caird's wonderful hymn "Not far beyond the sea" which gives great encouragement for the future, especially in the line " you have more truth and life to break forth from your holy word."

Then followed a presentation by "The Jolly Rolls" three very smart young men playing jazz on a variety of instruments, including the "spoons!" Very clever and entertaining.

The main speaker of the day was Rev. Dr. Janet Lees who trained at Mansfield College with Fran and Jamie and is now the chaplain of Silcoates School in Wakefield. First we had a potted history of the school which was founded 200 years ago as a boys boarding school for sons of Congregational ministers and missionaries, but is now a co-educational day school with 650 students. So Janet has a bigger congregation than any other minister in Yorkshire. We were treated to a very good power point presentation, and we heard of the daily worship in the Chapel often led by students, and of the way so many of them

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are constantly seeking for more deeper things than our competitive, secular society offers today. We heard of how a number of senior students had life changing experiences as they went to Tanzania at their own expense having already raised £1800 to upgrade a school.

This year 50 students go and they have already raised £3600 to restore two schools. The school encourages peer mentors, one of whom is responsible for anti-bullying policy, and who all seek to foster good mental health among the students. Our own Steven Knapton is a governor there so anyone can obtain more information from him.

The day ended with the singing of Sydney Carter's hymn "One more step along the world I go," quite poignant for us as we thought of Jamie, Fran and family moving on and the future of Hornsea United Reformed Church

If you were not there you missed a treat. For me it is a happy occasion to meet so many people from my past. The next one will be at the Spa, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.

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## News from the FRSC

### June Barton

The first of our Table Top Sales held on Saturday 23 April was well received with a variety of stalls laden with interesting items on offer. The URC stalls included a tombola along with bric-a-brac and books which did really well, so with the table hire and the lunches we manage to accumulate £430.24. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this event.

On Saturday 14 May our church proved that the URC's **HAS** Got Talent as we were entertained by the Chris and Eileen Ashmead with a duet for cello and piano followed by a sermon entitled Take a Pew by Alan Bennett delivered by David Radford from which Jamie picked up a few tips. More music from Simon Ashmead on piano then the whole Ashmead family performed a witty song about going on a trip and feeling rather sick. Alan Hipwood gave us a rendition of his own song relating to the pitfalls of driving a classic car then Frank Hobson >>>>

<<<< steered us to another form of transport regarding a Ship Ashore at Atwick Gap in delivered in East Yorkshire dialect. The Grand Finale was Synchronized Swimming (yes that is correct) performed by Carol Rutherford, Sharlah and Amber-Louise Cantwell all suitably attired with bathing costumes and mop caps. This was the best of home grown entertainment and besides having a most enjoyable afternoon we earned £50.30 for our funds

**Strawberry Treats** are being served accompanied by music on **Saturday 25 June from 10.00am to 3.00pm** as it will be the Hornsea Extravaganza weekend when we will host the Ukulele Group and the Hornsea Choir.

**Advance Notice:** Please give some thought to the forthcoming **Promise Auction on Saturday 16 July from 3.00pm** when we shall auction off the pledges made for services of help in cleaning, making, transporting or anything else you can think of. Please let any of the Fundraising team know by Sunday 9 July so that the programmes can be printed.

This event will be followed by a **Fish and Chip supper** (courtesy of Whiteheads) at a cost of **£5.50 per person**. Again the last date for booking a meal will be Sunday 9 July.

Another **Table Top Sale on Carnival Saturday 23 July** so book your table now.

**Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in June**  
The Big Sing  
Hornsea Musical Extravaganza  
Christian Aid  
Tenth Anniversary of Hornsea as a Fair Trade Town

***Coming to Hornsea URC .....***  
**THE BIG SING**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm**



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## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Luke 7.11-17

This is another moving story, like that of the widow and Elijah. Another widow has lost her son, and thus also her security and future life. Jesus takes the initiative in raising the boy and, as in the case with Elijah, restores wholeness to the boy, to his mother and to their family unit. Jesus stops the mourning procession from taking its predicted path, and he reverses the tragedy that caused the mourning and despair.

God's power gives life and hope at times where nothing seems possible except pain and hopelessness. Jesus speaks the words so often used in the New Testament, when he commands the boy to 'arise'. It is God's word that results in action, that gives life to those in need. Here too the boy is returned to his rightful place with his mother. There is reassurance not only for the present, but also for the future.

But it is not just the mother and her son that are touched by God's power in Jesus. The people who have come out with the mother are also powerfully struck by Jesus' words and actions. They acknowledge that 'a great prophet has risen among us' (v.16), thus indicating that God has come again to his people. Favour will again rest upon them, and they will be able to fulfil their destiny. And so they 'glorify' God. The Greek word for glory is *doxa*. One of its literal meanings is value or weight. So, the people acknowledge God's true value as the one who gives life and wholeness through compassion.

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Luke 7.36–8.3

This too is a very familiar and powerful story. The picture created is vivid and moving. Jesus attends a meal in the house of a prominent Pharisee. These meals were often 'semi-public' events, in that the poor had access to the house so that they could be given what was left from the meal. A woman who was a 'sinner' entered the house. There is a stark contrast between this prostitute (for that is the implication of the term 'sinner' in this context), whose lifestyle was so utterly rejected by the Jewish faith of the time, and the pious Pharisee, who is the epitome of what the faith requires and commends. Yet, it is the woman who has the insight into who Jesus is. It is she who makes herself totally

vulnerable by her behaviour. She washes Jesus' feet with her tears. It was the duty of the lowliest servant in the house to wash the feet of guests as they entered the house. She adopts that role. In a society where women often covered their heads as a sign of modesty, she uses her hair to dry Jesus' feet. Her behaviour leaves no space for barriers between herself and Jesus.

By contrast, the Pharisee has not provided for the washing of Jesus' feet, let alone doing it himself. He voices criticism of Jesus for allowing the woman to touch him for, in his judgement, she is unworthy. The Pharisee's 'worthiness' places a barrier between him and Jesus.

The heads of kings were anointed with oil to show that they were set aside by God for the role for which they had been chosen. The faith of the Pharisee should have enabled him to recognise Jesus for who he was, and should have prompted him to anoint Jesus accordingly. He does neither. It is the woman who kisses Jesus' feet, and anoints them with ointment. This was traditionally done in preparation for burial. She, perhaps unconsciously, recognises that Jesus will give his life for others. It is the very preparedness of the woman to open herself to Jesus, by discarding all barriers, even to the point of allowing the most intimate of physical touches, that confirms her forgiveness.

Jesus highlights for the Pharisee the need to show love as the woman has done, for forgiveness does not happen when individuals create barriers between themselves and God. The type of faith that the Pharisee had maintained the barriers, while that of the woman swept them away. So, she was made whole.

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Luke 8.26-39**

This passage is written in very dramatic, fluent Greek. Luke shows that the new covenant with God goes beyond the Jews to Gentiles who respond to him. The Gerasenes were known to be on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee, with citizens who were more Greek than Semitic (hence the presence of pigs). Here, Jesus meets a man whose behaviour is a complete inversion of normality. He has demons. Demons in that culture were understood to be spirits (attitudes and

behaviour) that rebelled against God, by causing people to defy the orderliness of creation and normal living. The community's reaction to the man is to try to restrain him with chains, but this does not work. Jesus takes the initiative, and in contrast to the community, reaches out to the man and tries to relate to him. He asks the man his name, for in the culture of the time, knowing someone's name enables one to initiate and sustain a potential relationship with that person. It gave a sort of power over the person, in that it removed the barrier of anonymity. The man answers that his name is Legion – i.e. many demons. Jesus has compassion for the man, and releases him from the possession of destructive forces by banishing them to the swine nearby, who run over the cliff into the lake. So, Jesus banishes the forces of evil and destruction into the symbolic waters of chaos that God overcame in creation. The man is no longer bound, but freed from his yoke. He returns to normality. Just as the widows' sons were restored to their mothers and their families in the readings of the previous weeks, so too the man here is restored to his rightful place in the community. He proclaims what God has done for him in Christ, so ascribing to God his true worth as the giver and sustainer of life.

The community, on the other hand, react very differently. They recognise how different their reaction is to the man. They had tried to bind him and exclude him, whereas Jesus ministers to his true need, and frees him from the forces that separate him from God. They were fearful then and they are fearful now – fearful of what might happen to them now, if they confront the forces that separate them from God. So they ask Jesus to leave them. Jesus does so, for they must be ready to be his people before he can be their God. They cannot face having the rebellious elements within their community transformed by Jesus, and remain closed to renewed life.

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Luke 9.51-62**

Today's reading marks a turning point in Luke's Gospel. Jesus' ministry in Galilee began with the promise that he had come 'to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour'. Now the mission is complete. Jesus has healed the sick, cleansed lepers, even raised the dead. He has taught vast crowds and fed them. He has drawn together a group of

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disciples, to whom he has entrusted the knowledge of his real identity as God's Messiah.

Now the Galilee mission is over, and Jesus begins his long journey to Jerusalem. Luke's words reflect a new urgency – suddenly, the time is near for Jesus 'to be taken up'. Taken up into heaven at the ascension, or lifted up on the cross? Luke chooses to hold the two ideas together within the one word. Jesus journeys under the shadow of the cross and in the light of heaven, and his goal is Jerusalem, the city that will fail to recognise him.

Samaria lies between Galilee and Jerusalem, and travellers either went through it, or crossed the river Jordan to head south through the Gentile country beyond. Samaritans did not believe that Jerusalem was the correct place to worship God, and so they could be especially unwelcoming to Jews heading that way. However, Luke's Gospel, like John's, also presents a much more positive picture of Samaritans – perhaps because the Christian community included Samaritans. Though Jesus does not condone their unwelcoming behaviour, neither does he allow James and John to respond with violence.

Part of the purpose of the journey is to prepare the disciples to operate independently. Jesus begins this mentoring by discouraging those carried away by enthusiasm. This triplet of stories, where the initiative bounces from a would-be disciple to Jesus and back again, echoes discipleship themes from the Old Testament. Ruth said, 'Where you go, I will go', and, as Naomi discouraged Ruth, so Jesus stresses the insecurity of his life, perhaps suggesting that he is unwelcome in his true earthly home, Jerusalem. The second encounter stresses the absolute priority of loyalty to Jesus, even where Old Testament practice, and the heart's inclination, suggest otherwise. Jesus turned the notion of family on its head a little earlier, identifying his mother and his brothers as 'those who hear the word of God and do it'. The final encounter echoes Elijah's call to Elisha, but intensifies 'the ask' – even saying farewell to parents is not allowed. The metaphor of ploughing would have made immediate sense to Jesus' listeners – look back, and the furrow wiggles. Ploughing a straight furrow for the seed of the Lord's word matters above anything else.

### Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes

The Promenade: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 p.m.  
Stuart House Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3 p.m.  
Summercourt Hall: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m.

### Will You Be There?

Our Living Well Group has met regularly since its inception on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, they invite all those who would like to know more about the work we are doing in Hornsea and District to come along and get up to date. Come along and see.

As a result of the new organisation of Christian Aid in Hornsea this year, occasional 'get-togethers' for all those interested are happening. The next one is in our Church at 7 p.m. on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June in our Church. There will be an update on news and a chance to talk more about the work of Christian Aid. Do drop in.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June we are holding our next Quiet Day in the delightful surroundings of the Convent in Eastgate. This will be the last one led by Jamie. Come along and enjoy this time of prayer and peace together. Give your name to Kathy Webb to book.

### Traidcraft – Stock update.

Back in February I reported on the plight of the **FairBreak** bar which was in danger of being discontinued due to the fact that the manufacturer had said they needed to increase sales by 25% for the production to be commercially viable.

Well, fairly good news in that the sale of FairBreaks has increased by 20% since the launch of the 'Saving FairBreak' campaign but there is still a long way to go and we need to keep pushing this product at every opportunity. If you can make them a regular purchase in your monthly/weekly shop or when visiting a friend take them as a gift (and let them know where they can get some more!) that would be >>>>

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<<<< a huge help – always available on a Thursday at Coffee Morning and after church (just ask if they are not on the piano).

The other news is about **Traidcraft's Freeze Dried Coffee 100g jar**. Traidcraft imports this coffee once a year from Guatemala and has to estimate one year in advance how much their customers will buy. The good news is that you really like it and they have sold more than expected – there are no more 100g jars left but there are 450g tubs available – *I have just ordered a dozen of these so **keep your empty 100g jar and buy a 450g tub and just keep filling it up until July** when the new batch of coffee will be in stock (it actually works out cheaper too!)*

Traidcraft are running a FairBreak poetry competition until 15<sup>th</sup> June – check them out on the Facebook page – here are a couple that have been printed in the Bulletin :-

FairBreak is at stake,  
Please don't wait,  
It's not fake.  
Take, take, TAKE!  
It into school,  
By the pool,  
It's really cool.  
Give, give, GIVE!  
Help people live,  
Give a chance with,  
A great little SNACK!  
By Estelle Crasto

When you are hungry.  
And the cupboard is bare.  
Choose a delicious way to show you care.  
FairBreak bars  
are light and crispy.  
A tasty companion  
with your morning coffee.  
And best of all.  
There's the feeling.

That your morning munchies.

Has a deeper meaning.

It is the ethical choice

That you can make

For my snack

Make it FairBreak.

Mrs Copner and the Fair Trade shop team, in Portlethen Academy

If you would like to enter you can send them in to

[susan@traidcraft.co.uk](mailto:susan@traidcraft.co.uk) by 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### **This is June (continued from page 16)**

Saturday	18	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Quiet Day at The Convent, Eastgate
		Friday 24 to Sunday 26	Hornsea Musical Extravaganza
Saturday	25	9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.	Local Market In Cinema Street
		10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Strawberry Treats (& Music)
		10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Living Well Café
Sunday	26	11.45 a.m.	Extraordinary Church Meeting
		2 p.m.	Brass Band Concert in the Memorial Gardens
Thursday	30	2 p.m.	Singing at Summercourt Hall

### **.. and into July**

Friday 1 2 p.m. Pastoral Visitors meet in church

**July Newsletter** .If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak to Sarah or Jane or email ([sarah.darlington538@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.darlington538@gmail.com)) or ([jane.martin303@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.martin303@btinternet.com))

**NOW** so space can be reserved. After the deadline is too late to save space.

Last date **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. Issue available Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, or maybe earlier online.

