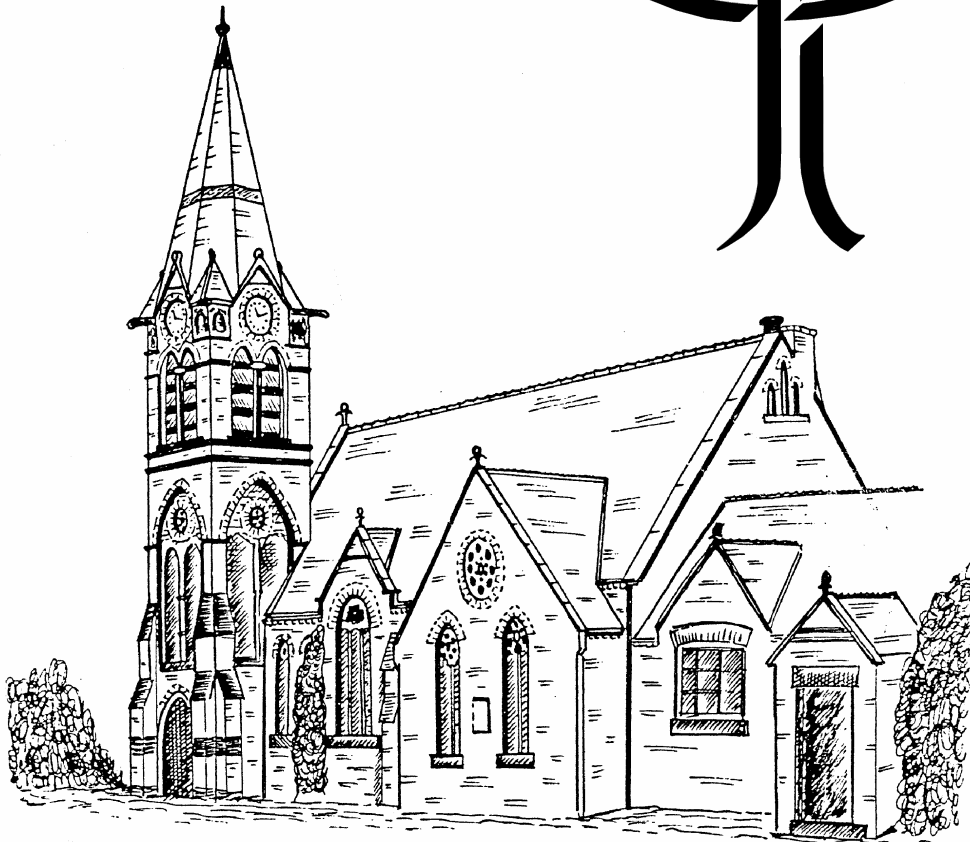
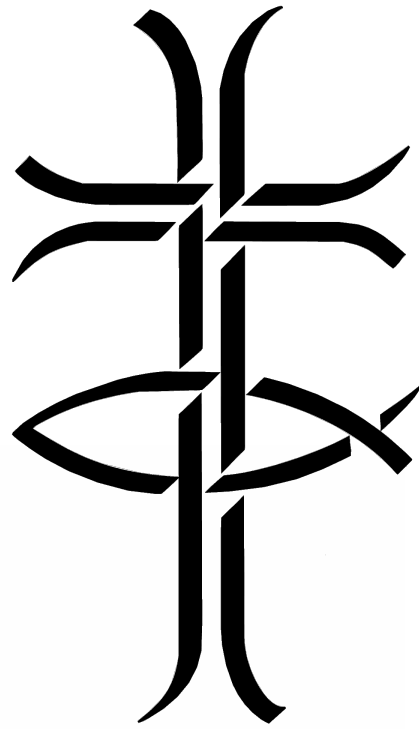


# Hornsea United Reformed Church



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## July 2016

SUNDAY	10.30 am Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche. Coffee etc. served at close of Worship. Communion: 1st Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m. 2nd Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. Other Sunday evenings: Prayer and Praise (not 31 <sup>st</sup> )
Tuesday:	9.15 to 11.00 'Open House' (in term-time) 7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday:	2 p.m. Friendship Hour (6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> )
Thursday:	10 a.m. to 12 Coffee Morning
Friday	6 & 7.30 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

## FUNERALS

3 June: Joan Thorpe

10 June: Leonard Ireland

14 June: Hilda Ridgewell

## BIRTHDAYS

Libby Thomas-Neal is 9 on 15<sup>th</sup> July, and Ellie Cross is 13 on 27<sup>th</sup> July. We wish them both well for their birthdays.

### **Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes**

The Promenade: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m.

Stuart House: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

Summercourt Hall: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

## The Minister writes...

Dear Friends,

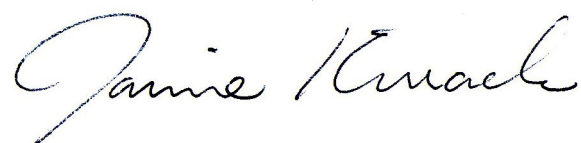
I spent a good proportion of yesterday, my day off, in the loft of the manse. It was, of course, the latest step in our preparations to move. No boxes are packed yet, but there has been plenty of clearing out to be done before we get to that stage. It is amazing what treasures I found up there, and what reminders of times-gone-by. There were even a couple of boxes that had not been opened since we moved in 19 years ago! There were some hard decisions to make because, if we are honest, we are the kind of family that tends to hoard things.

We cannot pretend that getting ready to move is easy, and I am very conscious of the challenges our move presents to you, the church congregation. However, among the hard decisions to be made, there is something good about the challenge of de-cluttering.

Work on the loft is but one aspect of many that are involved in moving on for all of us. There are lots of things from the last 19 years that we will, I hope, hold on to and treasure for a long time to come. Equally, if we are to move on, we will need to let go of things we once treasured. Judging which comes into which category is not always easy, and we do need time to do it.

The one thing we never let go of is the story – the story of God’s gracious dealing with us through times of joy and pain. In the words of the hymn, ‘All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unkown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.’

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Humeach". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom center of the page.

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## Frontier Camps 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**By Steve and Debbie Seal**

We write this with the request and hope that you would support us in prayer for Frontier Camps through the week of camp. We believe it is a real privilege to spend two weeks with over 70 young people and other staff to share what Christ has done for each of us and for each camper. It is also our privilege to have you pray with us as your prayers are a foundational and core element of camp. Without prayer camp cannot succeed. So we are hugely thankful for your contribution. Camp can be of eternal importance in the lives of the young people who come away for a week of fun, excitement and action, and to hear the good news of Jesus' story. For the staff it is an exhausting but refreshing week!

First - a bit about camp itself! We are a totally canvas camp i.e. everyone is in tents. We are an independent charity involved in running camps for over 60 years. You can check out our website at [www.frontiercamps.com](http://www.frontiercamps.com). We run for a week and have a variety of activities, games and crafts including days out, surprises and the more traditional bonfire. Activities range from swimming, to the beach, to canoeing and crafting. We aim to keep the kids busy for the whole day as this leads to less opportunity for mischief!

The camp is aimed at 9-14 year olds - we have around 45 campers this year and there will be around 55 others staff on site in various roles (this number also includes a number of staff family members who are under 9)

The camp is based on an old airfield in Lincolnshire owned by New Tribes Mission at Frontier Camps, c/o New Tribes Mission, North Cotes, Grimsby, North Lincs, DN36 5XU.

**We are still finalising plans but are taking a number of campers and staff from Hornsea URC. Hopefully they will find the experience fulfilling and exciting.**

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## Who to pray for and give thanks for?

- 45 young campers aged 9 – 14. Praise God that we have many campers from all sorts of backgrounds – for quite a number this will be their only holiday of the year.
- ‘The Crew’ – 18 young people aged 16 to 19 ish whose duties are serving food, helping with activities, peeling tons of spuds, serving meals and many other things. Camp is an opportunity for them to grow in their (often young) faith, and to grow in service. This is active discipleship. For some of the Crew this is their only contact with Christian community. Please pray for the Crew Leaders.
- Tent Leaders – a crucial role spending most of their week with the campers. Their witness and love is really important. It is an exhausting and immeasurably important job.
- Leaders who will be teaching, nurturing and encouraging the campers and staff.
- The Catering teams (they serve wonderful food all week)
- The Sports and Activities Teams (they run an action packed week catering for all sorts of interests)
- Tent Partners – supporting the Team Leaders – potential Tent Leaders for future years – again a crucial role alongside the campers throughout the day.
- Lots of other staff helping to ensure the success of the holiday.
- The families of leaders – the camp is a community with nearly 55 staff and family members in addition to the campers. Pray that they will all have a great time.
- New staff and new campers. Many children and leaders have been several times before – pray for those who are new to be really welcomed and to settle quickly into the non-stop action of camp.

## What to pray for?

- For every person to have had a great holiday and for God to be glorified in all that we do.
- The weather – given the peculiarities of our British weather pray for as little rain as possible, for sunshine but not too hot (are we being picky?)

Our Heavenly Father knows what we need to make the camp a success and not a wash out or a burn-up!

Freedom from accidents and harm, from sickness and from over tiredness.

- The Holy Spirit to be at work in the lives of the campers (and sustaining staff) and that we might all hear God's voice and respond as He calls, nurtures and refreshes.
- The teaching to really speak into everyone's lives.
- At the end of camp the right way to support young people going home with a new faith or renewed faith.
- For everyone to be closer to God as a result of the week
- For the young people who find the structure and rules a bit too much, and for those who are homesick in the first couple of days.
- Lots of fun and laughter.

Every morning there will be teaching and celebration in the marquee and Quiet Times (around 9.30am). These are very important times.

Thank you again for joining with us in prayer. You are a key partner on the journey through which God will change the lives of young people of this generation and they in turn will influence others. God bless.

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

Colossians 3:23-24.

Thank you

### **Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in July**

Hornsea Carnival;  
Hornsea Music Festival;  
North Holderness Churches Together;  
General Assembly of the United Reformed Church:  
and our Yorkshire Synod Moderator, Rev. Kevin Watson,  
who, with Alan Yates, takes up the role of Assembly Moderator  
for the next two years

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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Luke 10.1-11,16-20

- In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are about to face challenges as they embark on independent mission, and Jesus gives them advice on how to survive and flourish. He conveys a sense of the urgency of sharing the good news, as the harvest-time is near (v.2). Jesus appoints the seventy (seven symbolises completeness or divine perfection in the Bible, so a multiple emphasises this) and instructs them not to carry a bag, which might weigh them down or make them self-sufficient. He tells them not to greet people on the road as usual, because time is too short for pleasantries!
- However, the overall tone of the passage is comforting. The disciples are to depend on the hospitality of the communities they visit, but can be confident of God's provision. They are to receive the gifts of food and shelter that they are offered, and share the bond of peace as a sign of God's presence and his coming kingdom. Jesus warns them that they are likely to encounter hostility, but encourages them to publicly shame any inhospitable towns by wiping the dust off their feet.
- The disciples are sent out to heal (v.9) and cast out demons (v.17), and return joyfully to report back on their success. The kingdom of God seems to have an apocalyptic element (v.18). Jesus knows that Satan has already been defeated, and assures his disciples that faithfulness to God's calling yields both huge results and great rewards, for their names are written in heaven (v.20).

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Luke 10.25-37

- Last week's Gospel reading shed light on how Jesus supported his disciples. Today the focus shifts onto how we should support one another in community. The lawyer's individualistic question (v.25) would have surprised first-century hearers, who were much more aware of their need for community than perhaps we are.

- Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6.5 and Leviticus 19.8 in response, then goes on to tell a highly subversive story. Samaritans were the Jews' hated enemy and the idea of receiving help from one would have been very difficult. By inviting his audience to identify with the victim, who accepts help from a Samaritan, Jesus challenges this stereotype and their concept of who a 'neighbour' is.
- Within the parable, Jesus emphasises the practical details of what the Samaritan does for the man: bandaging his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them and ensuring he is financially taken care of at the inn. Jesus highlights both the practical, down-to-earth nature of God's mercy and the depth of his compassion. The Samaritan is 'moved with pity' (v.33): a phrase that conveys compassion so profound as to be physically painful – literally 'a feeling in the bowels'.
- The challenge to Jesus' hearers – and to us – is clear: 'Go and do likewise'. We should act to show God's mercy to those around us, but there's more. To be part of Jesus' community is also to accept mercy, even from those whom we see as enemies.

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Luke 10.38-42**

- After last week's surprising gift of hospitality from a Samaritan, in today's Gospel Jesus receives hospitality from a woman. Martha seems to be a householder in her own right, which was unusual as women were generally disempowered in Middle Eastern culture. In the other gospels, the house belongs to Lazarus. 'Martha welcomed him' (v.38) suggests Jesus' acceptance of her as an independent woman.
- Her sister Mary is found sitting at Jesus' feet: a gesture of submission. It echoes other gospel stories, such as Mary anointing Jesus' feet (John 12.1-8) and another version, with an unidentified woman (Luke 7.36-50). On both occasions, the woman is criticised for what she does, but Jesus points out the significance of her actions.



- This passage is often interpreted as Jesus endorsing Mary's act of listening to him as inherently better than Martha's act of service. However, Luke values service – diakonia in Greek, which gives us the word 'deacon' – and Jesus is concerned that his disciples serve one another. Martha's problem is that she lacks focus. Instead of concentrating wholeheartedly on her own role, she is 'distracted by her many tasks' (v.40), 'worried' (v.41) and feels resentful towards Mary. It is this attitude that Jesus is rebuking. The 'better part' (more accurately translated as 'good') is single-minded focus on one ministry.
- Within the Church, some are called to teach, others to serve. Sitting at Jesus' feet – spending time with him – is immensely valuable. So is understanding your own role and being committed to fulfilling it.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Luke 11.1-13**

- 'Teach us to pray' was a common request to a rabbi from his disciples. In asking Jesus this, the disciples are really asking him for a pattern of prayer, rather than a training course! Jesus' response is very familiar, although Luke presents a simpler version of the Lord's Prayer than the one in Matthew (6.9-13).
- Jesus offers them a form of words that start with an appeal to God to make his name holy and bring in his kingdom. The next section emphasises our dependence on God for crucial everyday things like 'daily bread' and forgiveness of sins. We can't take these things for granted, but God is good and will provide, and his forgiveness gives us a model to follow.
- The two parables (v.5-13) illustrate that even flawed people are good to the ones they love, and will give a friend what they need if they persevere. The implication is that God, our loving Father, will do this far more readily than any human being. So, we shouldn't be afraid to ask things of God, and to persevere in asking him. In our Old

Testament reading, Abraham's persistence persuades God to change his mind and spare the city of Sodom from destruction.

- In asking things of God, there is the possibility that we could be part of the answer to our own prayers. As we pray for God's kingdom to come, we must be willing to offer ourselves in helping to establish it.

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July: Luke 12.13-21

- The passage from Luke begins with a question, relating to a family disagreement. It seems the family is being torn apart by an argument over wealth. Jesus refuses to get involved. He's not interested in sorting out sibling rivalry and, unlike normal rabbis, rejects the role of judge. He points out the man's greed (the Greek word translates better as 'avarice'), then uses a parable to convey how pernicious greed can be.
- The rich man's extremely self-centred attitude is demonstrated by the repetition of 'I' and 'my'. His building of enormous new barns is a vanity project: to store huge volumes of his produce and make his later life comfortable and secure. But the whole enterprise is futile, as he dies before he can make use of them. His sudden death reveals his fundamental error; 'his things' actually come from God and he no longer has control – not even over his soul!
- Jesus urges his hearers to turn from greed and selfishness and instead to be 'rich towards God': to look to God, not material possessions, for security; to put God's priorities first, and share the earth's abundant resources with others. The teacher in Ecclesiastes says, 'All is vanity' (v.2) and wonders about the meaning of life. For us today, the challenge to be 'rich towards God' involves being generous to those who are materially less well-off than we are. It also means trusting in God as the source of our security, which is not always easy.

### News from the FRSC

Those of us on the fundraising team do our best to try and vary the type of events we put on and on Friday 27 May we managed a wonderful musical evening with Graziana Presicci an Italian student from Hull University who is in her second year of a Masters Music Degree. She had already given recitals and workshops and her evening with us was proof enough that she is a truly talented musician. It was mesmerising to watch her hands glide effortlessly across the keys whilst she played pieces from Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Debussy and Prokofiev with such grace and feeling. The church was decked with beautiful floral arrangements in the colours of the Italian flag thanks to Heather, Ann and Mandy whilst Fair Trade wine and nibbles were served which all helped to add to the ambience of the occasion. This was a truly magical evening which earned us £200.55. The following day was the Gardeners Fair with a fantastic array of plants, books, vases and tools. Thank you to all the budding horticulturists who nurtured all the cuttings and seedlings especially Denise and Val. This was our first Gardeners Fair without our other expert Eric who was sadly missed but his friend Joan came along to do her bit in Eric's name. Although the place did not seem to be very busy the majority of the plants were sold which raised £550.09 which was an excellent effort by all concerned. The last of the Smartie Tube money was handed in which totalled £177.18 so thank you to all the Smartie lovers.

**Saturday 16 July is the Promise Auction** commencing at 3.00pm with the bidding beginning at 3.30pm. Our Auctioneer and the Man with the Gavel is Mike Barrett who no doubt will do his best to get the raise the bid on every pledge on offer. **Your pledges of services must be in by Sunday 10 July** so that the completed catalogue can be available for the following Thursday Coffee Morning.

As is our custom this event will be followed by a **fish & chip supper** (courtesy of Whiteheads) at **£5.50 per head** and once again the deadline for booking a meal is Sunday 10 July.

**Saturday 23 July is another Table Top Sale 10.00am – 3.00pm** and as this is Carnival time there should be plenty of people looking for a bargain. The Ukulele Group will be playing at the front of the church so let's hope the weather is kind to us whilst we shall have a tombola and possibly a game as well. Refreshments and light lunches will be available.

**Advance Notice** – Saturday 20 August is the start of our **Angel Festival** when an Angel trail begins to find as many angels as possible around the town. The culmination of this will be the following Saturday 27 August when we shall have a themed craft and coffee morning for making wings and having a photo taken dressed as an angel. In the Afternoon there will be an Angel Fun run or Fun Fly in the park. Now angels come in all shapes and sizes and ages so why not join in!

June Barton

### **News from Watoto**

It's been nine years since Katie Hood started volunteering with Watoto (children's orphanage) in Uganda. And it's been nine years of fund raising. The United Reformed Church has supported this annual event and together we have raised thousands of pounds. Our money has gone to help the different projects Watoto oversea. These are baby Watoto, Watoto special needs children, Watoto 'Keep a girl in school'.

Last year we were able to send Shirley Crawford £1,000 towards opening a children's care home, for children suffering from cancer. Located near the only hospital in the northern part of Uganda which provides chemotherapy and end of life care for these children. The 'Bless a child foundation home' will provide a home from home, for the children who live too far away from the hospital to afford the travel from their villages.

The children and their carers will receive free accommodation, food, love, prayers, lots of cuddles and more love throughout their stay with Shirley.

Shirley visited the church last November and spoke about her work and her 'loving on' the women and children of northern Uganda. Shirley is from Leeds. She was a nursing sister at Woodhouse Grove School, Bradford. Her first visits to Gulu, in northern Uganda was in 2009, shortly after the end of the 22 year civil war, caused by Joseph Kony's LRA which left thousands of lives shattered and highly traumatised.

Annually Shirley took teams from Life Church in Bradford to build a school for the war and AIDS orphans and rescued child soldiers. Four years ago she moved out to live and love the people of Northern Uganda. She has been caring for the widows and orphans, doing medical clinics in the bush, refugee camps and the juvenile remand home, where free health care is unavailable. Some of the work she has been doing includes mentoring teenage girls and young women traumatised by the war, by rape, by abduction into child soldiering by the LRA. Shirley also opens her garden to around 170 village children from neighbouring families who cannot afford school fees and runs an informal school, where the children can play, listen to stories and be children for a few hours a week.

Our fund raising weekend is planned for **Friday 5th and Saturday 6th August. At the church 10am till 3pm.** Refreshments will be served all day, garden sale, book stall, tombola. Please help us raise as much as we can to help this amazing lady, love and care for the women and children of Northern Uganda. Thank you for your continued support

Mandy Hood.

### Traidcraft

**Some irresponsible British companies are abusing or exploiting people around the world and getting away with it.**

This summer, ***Traidcraft will be shouting loud and clear about why justice matters.*** They're calling on the UK Government to update the law so that large UK companies can be prosecuted for the most serious cases of causing harm abroad. They're asking churches to help because **God loves justice.**

There are many examples of exploitation by companies working in developing countries – and more can be found out on [www.traidcraft.co.uk](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk) but below are a couple of examples.

**Felix and his daughter Bertha** live close to a copper smelting plant at Kankoyo in Zambia. Seven-year-old Bertha is badly affected by acid fumes emitted from the plant. Felix explains: ‘She says: “I feel my chest – I can’t breathe, Dad”... It’s getting worse. When she starts coughing, she doesn’t stop. She doesn’t even play with her friends.’

The company which owns the plant – listed on the London Stock Exchange – has never been held to account for the impact it is having on the local community.

It is two years since 1130 people died when the **Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh** collapsed.

Workers in the Rana Plaza building were making clothes to sell across the world. Just the day before the disaster, cracks had started to appear in the factory pillars. But business and sales targets meant that work could not stop. These targets meant that workers were put in harm’s way, to ensure that sales continued.

In countries like the UK, strict laws and a strong legal system mean that victims of industrial accidents have an opportunity to seek justice. But that is not always true abroad. The victims of Rana Plaza, many who lost lives, limbs or ability to work are still fighting for justice. It shouldn’t be this way. It shouldn’t be that victims are denied justice just because of where they live.

I will be ordering information leaflets so that you can find out more about the atrocities that are taking place and then asking if you would like to add your name to the petition, calling for irresponsible British companies to be held to account for their actions overseas. We would not tolerate such things taking place in Britain, there would be a massive public outcry – so why should those with 'no voice' have to suffer and be denied justice?

## This is July (continued from page 16)

Monday	11	2.30 p.m	Singing at The Promenade
Tuesday	12	3 p.m.	Singing at Stuart House
Wednesday	13	10am-1pm	Living Well Visual Impairment Training
Wednesday	13	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting at Church
Thursday	14	7.30 p.m.	FMG meets at church
Friday	15	10-12	iPads
Saturday	16	10am - 1pm	East Yorkshire Mission & Care Group at St. Ninian's and St. Andrew's URC, Hull
Saturday	16	3-5 p.m.	Promise Auction, fish and chip supper
Wednesday	20	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour: Rev. Alison Micklem

## Friday 22 to Sunday 24 Hornsea Carnival

Friday	22	10-12	iPads
Saturday	23	9.30 – 1.30	Local Market
Saturday	23	10am-3pm	“Strawberry Treats” with musical entertainment
Sunday	24	2 p.m.	Brass Band Concert in Memorial Gardens
Tuesday	26	7.30 p.m.	Elders/Stewards meet at the URC
Wednesday	27	7pm	Hornsea Local Market AGM
Friday	29	10am-12	iPads

## .... And into August

Wednesday	3	2-3.30pm	Friendship Hour: Heather Raw 'Flower Arranging'
Friday	5	10am-4pm	Mandy Hood's sale for Uganda
Saturday	6	10am-4pm	Mandy Hood's sale for Uganda

## Worship

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3</b>	10.30 a.m.	Mrs Mary Young
		6.30 p.m.	Rev. Jamie Kissack: Communion
	<b>10</b>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jamie Kissack: Communion
	<b>17</b>	10.30 a.m.	Mrs Jill Fletcher
	<b>24</b>	10.30 a.m.	Rev Jamie Kissack
		12 noon	Carnival Service in Park
	<b>31</b>	10.30a.m.	Rev Jamie Kissack

**Sunday evenings:** Praise and Prayer on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

## And into August

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	10.30 a.m.	Elders' Service
			No evening service

## Events in July

Friday	1	10-12	iPads
Friday	1	2.30 p.m.	Pastoral Visitors meet in Church
Wednesday	6	10 a.m.	Living Well Annual Project Meeting
Wednesday	6		Friendship Hour Summer Outing

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Hornsea Music Festival

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**August/September 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 to save space.  
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