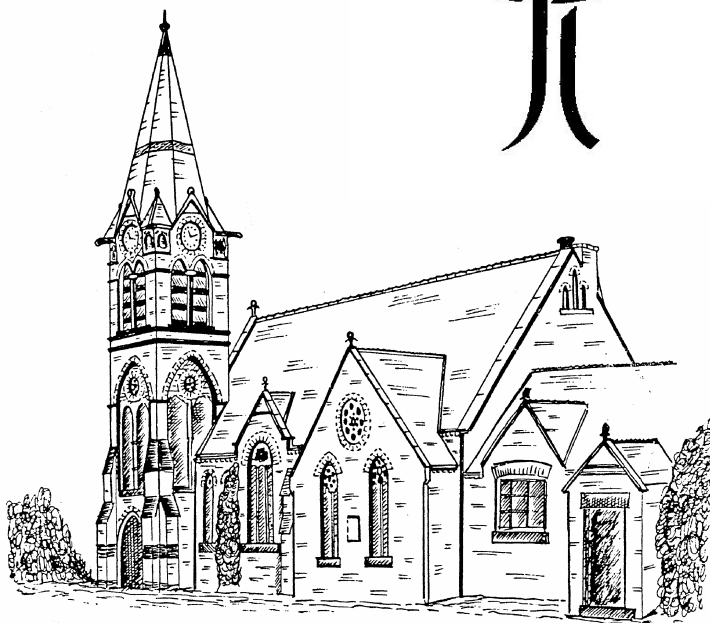
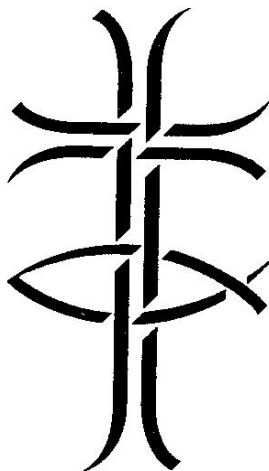


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August/September 2017

Week at a Glance, Church Records, Lectionary 2

SUNDAY	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche. Coffee etc. served at close of Worship. Communion: 2 nd Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
	6.30	Evening Worship 1st Sunday at Methodist Church 3rd Sunday evening in our Church (includes Communion) Other Sunday evenings : No service
		Please note changes to evening worship
Tuesday:	9.15 to 11.30	'Open House' (in term-time)
	7 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour (2 nd , 16 th August 6 th , 20 th September)
Thursday:	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning
Friday	6. & 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

BAPTISMS

16th July: Jacob Andrew, son of Andrew and Jemma Pickersgill
Jemma Louise Pickersgill

WEDDING BLESSING

30th July: David Radford and Sarah Darlington

Happy Days

Sarah Darlington and David Radford

Sarah and David would like to thank all their friends for the overwhelming love, congratulations and best wishes they received on the occasion of their marriage on the 10th July. Having arranged a small quiet event they have been delighted by the amount of support they have received not only from friends at the HURC, but also from members of all the congregations and organisations around the town. >

<<< They must also thank the Faith and Fellowship group, the Coffee Morning crowd, the HURC and Methodist congregations on 16th July, friends who called to their our Open House event on 21st July and for the Blessing received in church on 30th July.

Acts of kindness such as the relocation of David's computer, moving household items, providing a splendid cake to be shared by all as well as cards and gifts has proved how very blessed they feel to be part of such an amazing church family.

With the presentation of a rose bush whose variety is known as Happy Days they will always cherish the memories of July 2017 as happy indeed.

God bless you all.

More Thanks

Jean Robinson thanks everyone at Church for the lovely flowers she received to help her recover from her accident.

Lectionary

Here are some of the chosen readings for churches of various denominations to follow during the next two months.

6 August: A taste of the kingdom	Isaiah 55.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21
13 August: Fragile faith	1 Kings 19.9-18; Matthew 14.22-33
20 August: For all people	Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Matthew 15.(10-20),21-28
27 August: Identity	Isaiah 51.1-6; Matthew 16.13-20
3rd September	Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
10th September	Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
17th September	Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
24th September	Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

Dear Friends

“The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’” Matthew 3 vs 3

John the Baptist was commissioned by the Lord to prepare the way for the coming of Christ. He spent his life in the desert being mentored and trained by God for his hour of fulfilling his kingdom calling.

Before any great work can be done, preparations must be made. During this time of year many of us are preparing for a holiday, or are planning a short get-away, or planning time to spend with loved ones and friends. Rarely can we just hop in a car or on a plane without some preparation. Many of us will have or be making plans to do things for the summer break. Some may work, some may sleep, some may do something completely different. I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage us that even though we may take a holiday away and a break from other responsibilities, we must strive to not take a holiday spiritually. In fact, we can use the holiday period to plan for spiritual renewal by looking at three questions. These questions need to be answered because God can use us to make a difference.

Let’s examine these 3 questions

1. Where are we going?

Follow me here on a spiritual level for a moment. Where does God want us to go during this summer break, with him? What journey does he want us to take that we may discover his grace and power more now than we ever have? John the Baptist in [Matthew 3](#) was preaching and proclaiming the message of repentance. John knew what his destiny was for this season in his life. He knew where he was going. If we do not settle in our hearts the direction that the Lord has for us then we will wander during this summer with aimless direction. If we do not aim for anything, we will be guaranteed to hit it every time.

. We need to get in a place where we can hear from God and discover where he wants to take us. Maybe he wants to take us:

- a. to a deeper place of understanding grace
- b. to a place of developing self-control
- c. to a place of loving our enemies
- d. to a place of developing our integrity
- e. to a place of sacrifice and holiness
- f. to a place of better friendships and closer family ties

We need to decide where we are going; which leads me to the second question...

2. How are we going to get there?

Whenever anyone takes a holiday they travel, by plane, car, bus or train. There is a mode or a medium which we use to get from one place to the other. What is your mode of transportation for getting you from where you are with God right now to where he is calling you. John's mode of transportation was being developed in the desert and he was about 29 or 30 when he started his ministry. He spent his life being prepared by God for the hour of preaching repentance.

Here are a few helpful tips which may help us reach our destination.

a. Read the word of God for direction:

“I will teach you wisdom's ways and lead you in straight paths”.

Proverbs 4 vs 11

“Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

Proverbs 3 vs 6

Studying the bible gives us a valuable opportunity to see more about how God works and he can use it to tell us about what he wants us to do and help us find our direction. We must study and read the word so we can identify, and then, by grace, make it to our destiny.

b. Solitude and meditation : It's amazing how much we hear God when we turn off the noise in our lives. How about a day without your phone or tablet?

c. Worship : If we will begin to declare the greatness of God, he will declare what greatness can be done in your life.

d. Small Groups : Joining with other people on our journey towards fulfilling God's purpose for us is encouraging and uplifting. We are not travelling this road as individuals.

e. Special trip or retreat : Can you get away to a place where the normal distractions of life are gone, and you can commit yourself to hearing the Lord and to pouring out your affections on him. This doesn't need to be part of a holiday as such but could be a quiet spot in the garden or on the beach, in the woods, or walking through the countryside.

3. What are we going to do?

Once the summer is over and you have reached that place with God that he was calling you to, what are you going to do next? When you are done with this season of renewal with God, how is God wanting to use you to expand his kingdom?

This is our calling as the children of God. What is it specifically that He wants you to do? Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, God wants to use your life to advance his kingdom. We are people of destiny, and God can use us to make an eternal difference. How amazing!!

What are you going to do? Have this target in mind, so that when journeying towards your destiny, you allow God the opportunity to show you what he needs you to do.

John knew that he was going to prepare the way. He knew where he wanted to go.

As individuals, and as a church, we must keep in mind our kingdom purpose, but first **identify** our kingdom purpose.

Enjoy the summer. I pray God will lead us all clearly and help us determine how he wants to use us.

Stephen Seal

Visit to a Mosque**Jill Fletcher**

On 5th June the ladies and gentlemen of the Friendship Hour went out for the day.

We went to visit the Langlands Garden Centre at Shiptonthorpe where we did a little bit of shopping and had lunch.

We then carried on to visit the York Mosque and Islamic Centre.

We were invited to visit the Mosque by Sheik Abid Salik the Imam of the Mosque.

He had previously visited our church and spoke to us about his faith and work in the community. On our arrival we were made to feel very welcome and were shown into the Worship area of the Mosque, where he and his colleague answered any questions we had, and shared with us the history of the Mosque.

Refreshments were offered and we were shown into a large building still in the process of being built. This was the new Mosque which would hold many more people at times of prayer.

It was a very interesting day and found we shared many similarities and church traditions with our own faith, whilst also both sides learning something new.

You may have seen photographs from the day on the screen at the church, all wearing scarves to cover our heads. We found out this had not been necessary, but was very much appreciated.

A good and interesting day was had by all and a new connection made with fellow people of faith

News from the Fund Raising and Social Committee

June Barton

On Saturday 24 June Strawberry Treats were being served when the URC 'bistro' was open for business. Mandy staged a bric-a-brac sale at the front of the church which certainly helped to draw people to the strawberry delights waiting within. A special thank you must go to all of our wonderful bakers who, time after time, donate their creations to the fundraising events. These efforts earned us £207.25.

The fundraising team would be most grateful for any bric-a-brac, as well as tombola and raffle prizes. Still not decided what you can do as an outside fundraiser? We are sure the Lord will provide you with inspiration – why not ask him and find out?

Saturday 26 August is the Town's Family Fun Day in Hall Garth Park which is ideal for our cafe to once again provide refreshments and light lunches between 10.00am and 2.00pm to those in need of sustenance or even a haven of rest from too much fun!

Friday 1 September 7.00pm-9.00pm is the Harvest and Flower Festival preview evening when our church will be festooned with fantastic flower displays.

Admission will be £4 which includes a glass of Fairtrade wine and some nibbles for you to enjoy whilst viewing these beautiful creations, each on a particular theme. This will help you to decide which arrangement deserves your vote and bid for you to take home in our Silent Auction.

The Festival will be open to the public on Saturday 2 September from 10.00am -2.00pm when admission will be £3 and children £1 including tea/coffee and a slice of cake. There will also be a competition for the children to see how many mice they can find hidden in the displays. Well every church has a least one mouse! >>>

<<< As you will appreciate a lot of hard work and planning is going into this venture and we would welcome your prayers and support as well as your attendance. Programmes will be on sale for the Preview Evening in August

Advance Notice: - Saturday 28 October is our Table Top Sale, with a chance to purchase items for the Shoe Box Appeal. Tables can still be hired for £6 please contact June 534039.

Friendship Hour

Friendship Hour continues through the summer, and if you happen to have visitors you are most welcome to bring them along.

On Wednesday 2nd August, Keith Twigg will tell us about that amazing organisation, Marie Curie, which is quietly there to help when needed. Indeed, many of us in Hornsea, have with our families, benefitted from its devoted work.

A complete change two weeks later, on Wednesday 16th, when an author, Susan Woodcock, will come from Pocklington to tell us something about her work. This is a change to our original programme, and we very much look forward to welcoming her.

September 6th brings Rev Colin Barrett and his wife Muriel to talk about service in Germany, and on 20th we will hear about the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution with Pat Watkinson.

As ever, we are most grateful to these speakers who give up their time to join us. All meetings are on Wednesdays, and they start at 2 p.m.

What does it mean to be a member of Hornsea United Reformed Church?

Margaret Knapton

Rev Alison Micklem's sermon on Sunday 9th July opened up the issue of membership within our denomination. I was fascinated to discover the roots of our membership, developed through the period of Reformation when non-conformists would meet together to worship God, in barns and buildings or wherever they could. These were 'illegal' gatherings and as such all attending had to be sure there were no spies or informers in the congregation and so they would swear an allegiance to each as well as to supporting their Ministers, who had been expelled from the established church, and had no salary or home to call their own.

They were indeed a very close, supportive and caring group of worshippers and yet not a 'closed' group as it was their mission to take God's word and love to all who would listen – **not a lot of change there then** – but thankfully we do not have to meet in barns and out of the way places any more!

This set me thinking ... about how we, at Hornsea URC and indeed the church nationally, view and treasure membership to our congregations. Four of our members have put together a few thoughts; Jane Martin, our longest serving member and the Cantwell family some of our newest. I hope others, over the coming weeks, will contribute to this dialogue and help to build a rich picture of what makes membership of Hornsea URC so special.

Jane Martin

On Sunday 29th August 1971 I first worshipped in our Church, I remember thinking what a lovely building it was.

Up until that point in my life, my Christian commitment had proceeded at a snail's pace. So how was it that eleven weeks later, on 14th

November, I found myself being admitted into membership of the Church family whose home was that very building?

‘God moves in a mysterious way’, and in that time he had guided me to realise my life would not be complete without belonging, not to the lovely Church, but to the family of people who gathered there, in Their Home.

In physical families there are similarities, as well as differences, but we, all such different people, are drawn together in our desire, our need, to witness for Christ amongst ourselves, in Hornsea, in the wider community and in the world.

This family knows that, above and beyond our human frailties, we can seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit with and through each other. Where would we be without belonging? Indeed, I can’t begin to think what shape my own life would have taken.

Now, 46 (!) years later, none of that has changed. Each time we share our family meal of bread and wine, it warms my heart as it binds us together around his table.

God sees me, alongside all of you, through each rich day, never to be deserted. How blessed we are!

Sharlah Cantwell

After attending Hornsea URC on and off for many years, we decided to become Members after a lot of thought. After being brought up in the Church of England it took a long time to take the step, as I thought ‘What difference does becoming a Member make?’ You do the exact same thing and you don’t have to be a Member to be on the Cleaning Rota!

Becoming a Member gives you a vote at meetings so there is no excuse for moaning how things get done. You are part of a bigger family, a Church family, God’s family. >>>>

<<<< It is important that this Church in Hornsea thrives and moves forward into the future stronger together.

Amber-Louise Cantwell

Being a member of the Church has given me the chance to express a young person's point of view and perspective on things at meetings, and to encourage the congregation to remember that children and young people are important for the future.

Dawn Cantwell

I have always been to Church. As a five year old in Aldbrough it was Sunday School at 2 pm sharp! It was a very serious 'do' with no laughing, or talking except when spoken to but that was no chore as we were used to discipline.

When I joined the Air Force, you gave your religion and went to Church. Fifteen years later I went to visit one of my many penfriends in Algeria and saw for myself that there was some puzzlement why I was there. I realised I was in a country where village people couldn't understand a female travelling alone to Algeria.

Several decades later I found myself in the English village of Sigglesthorpe, where I went back to the Parish Church. Round about 1983 I first stepped over the threshold of Hornsea URC and have plodded on ever since, experiencing many personalities.

As to the running of the Church, I have often wondered how some could become Members and then you never really saw them again. As I have never been one to use a Church for my own devices so to speak.

Then I thought something seems to be done if one is a Member and and one can offer their opinion if one is a Member – rightly or wrongly - but Thank You for having me.

Ugandan children's project,

Keep a girl in school.

Fund raising event

Friday 4th and Saturday 5th August .

Hornsea United Reformed Church

10am till 3pm

**Freshly baked cakes, teas and coffee
Garden sales, book stall and tombola.**

**Please support this event
as warmly as you have done before.**

Thank you

read more at www.watoto.com

Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in August

Frontier Camp

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on 9 August

**African Women's and Children's Programme – Shirley Crawford
(see page 13)**

Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in September

Those, from the oldest to the youngest,
involved in the start of the new Academic Year

Charity Workers

Our Fellowship

Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes

Please note – there will be no visits in August

The Promenade: Monday 4th September at 2.p.m.

Stuart House: Tuesday 5th September at **2 p.m.**

Summercourt Hall: Thursday 7th September at 2 p.m.

Hornsea Music Society

Saturday 16th September at 7.30 p.m.

By request, a return visit by
Italian pianist Graziana Pezzici

Internationally rated, she is part of the
New International Chamber Ensemble at Hull University

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

A Delightful and Imaginative

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Will be held in our Church.

Preview Night - Friday 1st September

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Tickets £4,
including glass of Fairtrade Wine, and Nibbles**

plus Silent Auction

Saturday 2nd September

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Tickets £3, children £1
including tea/coffee and a slice of cake**

and Hunt the Mice!

Harvest-time is here!

Our Harvest Festival is

Sunday 3rd September at 10.30 a.m.

Led by Rev. Steven Knapton

Please bring Harvest Gifts with you to the service

*Gifts in kind will be given to the Food Bank
and any money raised to The Leprosy Mission*

Traidcraft

Margaret Knapton

This month sees the second instalment of the Fairtrade Foundation's – 'Our Impact Story 2015 – 2016'

Doing what's right on workers' rights.

'Here, Fairtrade is about empowering workers and empowering women too. They are able to come to me and tell me the difficulties they face at work.

Through this, the company is able to get information about what might need changing and then problems become easier to solve.'

— *Juliet Arku-Mensah, Fairtrade Officer and Occupational Health and Safety Officer at Volta River Estates Ltd banana plantation, Ghana*

And so in 2015, we worked on establishing living wage benchmarks in the banana sector, and a training programme for banana workers in Ghana on collective bargaining so that they can negotiate their wages.

We also supported thousands of migrant banana workers in the Dominican Republic to register for work permits and gain legal status. They previously struggled to get work visas, which meant they could be paid less than the minimum wage and didn't receive social security.

We invested in new research to assess the difference between workers on Fairtrade certified and non-Fairtrade certified banana plantations in the Dominican Republic, Colombia and Ghana.

The study found positive results about Fairtrade, including economic benefits and job satisfaction, but also highlighted areas for improvement such as wages, Fairtrade Premium governance and awareness of workers' rights.

In 2015, UK Fairtrade banana sales increased by 5% in volume, generating around £8.2M in Fairtrade premium for farmers and workers

Gender Equality in the Frame

'Each time that the men go to the co-operative, the women should go too... Because women and men basically do the same work, so I would like us all to be treated the same...

Instead of waiting for someone to come and explain everything to us, I think we should come and listen and see for ourselves.'

- *Charlotte Affoue Kouakou, cocoa farmer, Côte d'Ivoire*

It's been an important year for Fairtrade's work on gender so that more farmers and workers like Charlotte can make their voices heard.

Charlotte was one of 25 women linked to Fairtrade co-operatives who took part in a project to make their own powerful short film about what it is like to be involved in cocoa farming.

‘Growing our Cocoa, Raising our Voices’ (www.fairtrade.org.uk) shows how women want to do different kinds of work, have greater control over household income and be more involved in their co-operatives and decision-making.

As a result of taking part, the women felt better able to push for their interests within the co-operatives and the films are being used for discussions on gender in workshops with other producers in Africa.

In 2015, we also launched our [Equal Harvest report](#) in the UK, exploring the barriers women farmers face in taking part in Fairtrade co-operatives. The report helped inform Fairtrade’s [new gender strategy](#), launched in early 2016, which aims to tackle imbalances between men and women.

Another project to take root last year was the Women in Coffee project, funded by the Big Lottery Fund and Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission.

Three hundred women in Kenya now own coffee bushes, transferred from their husbands, enabling them to earn an independent income for the first time.

They are also benefiting from agricultural training and biogas cook stoves for their homes, reducing the time they spend collecting firewood and their exposure to smoke.

‘The workshop has given me greater strength. I am going to contribute, make more of an effort to be part of the co-operative. That will help my cocoa production to be more successful.’

- Aïssata Rado on taking part in the Growing our Cocoa, Raising our Voices film project

>>>>> August - continued from back page

Saturday 26 August 9.30 to 1.30 Local Market in Cinema Street
Town Family Fun Day in Hallgarth Park so
our café will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Events in September

Friday	1	7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Flower Festival Preview
Saturday	2	10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flower Festival
Sunday	3	2 p.m. Brass Band Concert at the Bandstand
Monday	4	2 p.m. Singing at The Promenade
Tuesday	5	2 p.m. Singing at Stuart House
Wednesday	6	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: Service in Germany
Thursday	7	2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall
Wednesday	13	7.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Sunday	17	11.45 a.m. 'Service Plus' Church Meeting after worship
Wednesday	20	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: RNLI
Saturday	23	9.30 to 1.30 Local Market Day in Cinema Street 10 a.m. East Yorkshire Mission and Care Group meets at Swanland
Thursday	28	7,30 p.m. Elders/Stewards Meeting in our Church hall

And into October

Saturday 7 Elders' Day at Eastgate Convent

October 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.

Last date **Thursday 7 September**. Issue available in Church on Sunday 1st October. Also read online at hornseaurc.org.uk

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