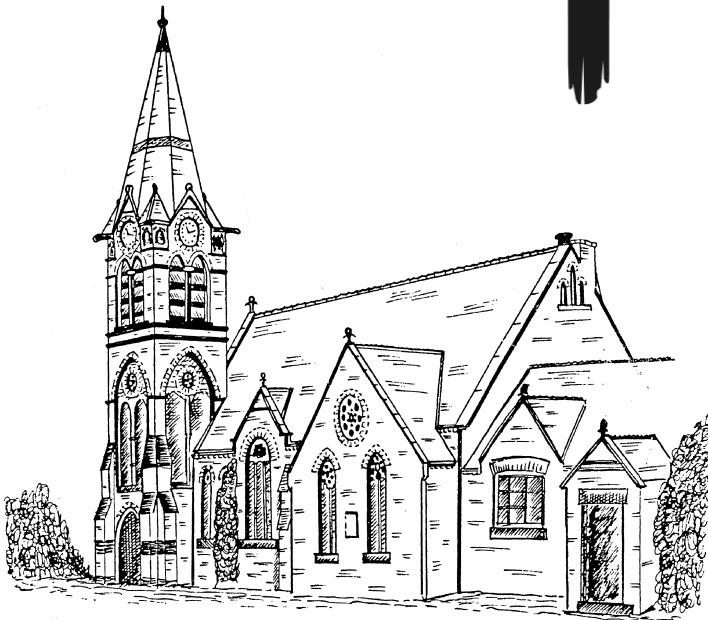


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December 2017/January 2018

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 Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
	6.30	Evening Worship 1 st Sunday at Methodist Church 3 rd Sunday evening our Church (not Dec)
Tuesday:	9.15 to 11.30 7 p.m.	'Open House' (in term-time) Faith and Fellowship (not 26 Dec or 2 Jan)
Thursday:	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning (not 28 Dec or 4 Jan)
Friday	6. & 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

WEDDING

18 November:

Thank you

Margaret Hodgetts

I would like to say thank you for the lovely flowers I received on moving into my new home. They were most welcome at a very hectic time.

Lectionary

3 December: Being who you are called to be –

Isaiah 63.1-9. 1 Corinthians 1.3-9. Mark 13.24-37.

10 December: End of exile - Isaiah 40.1-11. Mark 1.1-8.

17 December: What do you say about yourself? –

Isaiah 61.1-14,8-11. John 1.6-8,19-28.

24 December: The quiet drama of God –

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16. Luke 1.26-38.

25 December: Prince of peace - Isaiah 9.2-7. Luke 2.1-14,(15-20).

31 December: New Year - Luke 2.22-40.

7th January: Genesis 1.1-5 Mark 1.4-11

14th January: 1Samuel 3.1-10 John 1.43-51

21st January: Genesis 14.17-20. John 2.1-11

28th January; Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Mark 1.21-28

Dear Friends, This month I would like to share with you, our friends in the church, just what we did on our Elders' Day which was held at the Convent in October.

These days are very good for us because they give us as a group the opportunity to get together and look at how God is part of our life beyond the practicalities of running a church. At this time of vacancy we are in a position to be challenged and take the church forward.

We invited Bob Goody from the Scripture Union to come and speak to us about new ways to deliver worship to everyone. Bob has been inspiring and encouraging young people to come to God, he looks for ways to make worship interesting, and other ways to do 'do church'. Well we may not have been young but were equally as keen to learn.

It was a good day and gave us the motivation to keep the Church going, renewing us to carry on, as sometimes we do not always recognise how well we are doing, and just how many talents we do have to offer. Whatever we are doing right we need to keep going, building on what we have done. We cannot though become complacent and think we can settle for where we are, it is about looking ahead and thinking of new ways to share the gospel.

Bob offered us an analogy of stepping stones, thinking of ways to get to the next one without losing people on the way. Each stepping stone to faith needs to be followed by encouragement and support in order to reach the next one and know and love God.

So renewed and inspired we discussed the opportunities available to us over the next months to put this into action. I came up with an idea to pick up the amount of people on the streets on Halloween night, and offer them an alternative way to celebrate it. Myself, Steve, Margaret and Kathy invited people to light a candle for someone they loved and missed, telling them about All Saints Day and what it meant.

We were not sure it would be success but were pleasantly surprised to see that all those we approached were quite happy to be part of the celebration and were genuinely touched we had made the effort. People from all ages joined in and 50 candles were lit remembering a loved one. We handed out a leaflet about what the church was >>>

>>>> doing with the hope that we may see them again ready for the next stepping stone.

At this moment we are in a time of grace where we have the chance to look at the future of the church, any changes we may like to introduce. It is not just the Elders who are in a position to do this, everyone who cares about the church can contribute to this.

So let's be brave and reach out into the unknown, we are all God's disciples, we do not need a title to allow the call of God to lead us forward. What is next? I do not know but I am sure something will be.

Jill Fletcher

News from the FRSC

June Barton

A busy day at the Table Top Sale on Saturday 28 October brought in £369.62 which was a good result with many people attending and willing to take part in the tombola and purchase bric-a-brac, cakes and light lunches. None of this would have happened except for the willing helpers and the donations of food and items for sale, so a big thank you to all who contributed to this event.

Carol Singing in Newbegin, outside Cooplands will be on **Saturday 9 and 16 December from 10.00am–11.30am** with a collection for the Palliative Day Care at the Cottage Hospital. Come along and join us to make a joyful noise bringing the Good News to weary shoppers to remind them what the season is all about.

Let's start the New Year with a party on Saturday 13 January 2018 from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. However, entertainers are wanted and we know we have plenty of talent in the URC so now is the time to come forward and let your little light shine. We would also like to hear of your unusual experiences, something you have done or an unusual experience - anything we might not associate with you as part of the ice breaker quiz to set the ball rolling. Up to twenty ideas would be helpful then we can compile a list for everyone to go round and find the person to fit the event. For these and any other ideas you may have

please fill in a form and place it in the **Suggestion Box** to be found on the piano. **Deadline for suggestions is Sunday 17 December.**

We will need soup makers for our **Winter Lunches** which will be on **Saturdays 27Jan/24Feb/24 March**, so if you are able to make delicious soup please let us know. Hot homemade soup and a roll for £3.50 with dessert a little extra, tell your friends and neighbours, this must be the best bargain in town.

A New Year is a time of new beginnings when some of us make resolutions which in most cases are soon forgotten but spare a thought for your Fundraising and Social Committee who toil all year round thinking, planning and staging events to either raise funds or put on a social occasion. We would welcome any suggestions for events as well as the 'home grown' ones anyone can run with the help of family, friends and neighbours because not all events have to happen within the church premises. Try and make this you New Year resolution to assist us in any way you can. Ask not what your church can do for you but what you can do for your church!

Dates for Services in the Residential Homes

2 pm	Monday	4 th December	The Promenade
2 pm	Thursday	7 th December	Summernote Hall
2 pm.	Tuesday	12 th December	Stuart House

A Living Advent around the Gardens

We hear from one of our number living near the Memorial Gardens, that some of the residents whose properties overlook or are just beyond the Gardens, will be decorating a window with a festive scene and illuminating it. These will be revealed one day at a time between 1st and 24th December – between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Our Church window will be open to view from 3rd December onwards.

Join us on **Sunday, 3rd December**, at the Methodist Church at **5 pm** for **Café Church**. Bring food for sharing to begin the **Advent** season together.

A Reflective Journey for Advent Following the Steps of the Wise Men

Sarah Darlington

On Tuesday 12th December between 10am and 6pm at Hornsea Methodist Church there will be an opportunity to follow the journey the wise men made to Bethlehem. You are welcome to spend as much or as little time as you are able to quietly reflect on the materials provided and questions raised along the way.

Please enter the Methodist Church by the main doors in Newbegin where you will be welcomed and given any necessary information or guidance to help you begin your journey. Refreshments will be served throughout the day in the New Room at the back of the Church (entrance via Cinema Street). Accompanied children are most welcome and there will be an area with activities available in the New Room.

So, if you would like to come and join us for some quiet and reflective time following the journey please come along. Everyone of any age is most, most welcome.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany at Hornsea URC

(you can read details of all these events throughout the newsletter)

Sunday 3 December
First Sunday in Advent

*5 p.m Café Church at the Methodist Church
Bring food to share All welcome*

Saturday 9 December
*10 am to 11.30 am. Carols in Newbegin (outside Cooplunds)
All proceeds to Dove House Palliative Care Day Unit
at Hornsea Cottage Hospital*

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*Post your cards in Hornsea URC Delivery Service
Through to Thursday 14th December in Church
or Friday 15th December at The Beach Hut or Whittle's Chemist*

Have you sent one card to all of us at Hornsea URC?

Tuesday 12 December
*Following the Steps of the Wise Men
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church*

Saturday 16 December
10 a.m. – Carols on Newbegin (as 9 December)

Saturday 16 December
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Christmas Cracker

Sunday 17 December
10.30 am Christingle Service

Also Sunday 17th December
4 p.m. Street Nativity from Willows Drive to Band Stand

Tuesday 19 December
7 p.m. Carols and Candles at the Methodist Church

Christmas Eve
10.30 a.m. All Age Worship with Nativity

*11.30 pm 'Welcome to Christmas'
(Jointly – at the Methodist Church)*

Christmas Day
*10 am (note the time) Family Worship
(Jointly – in our Church)*

Friday 5th January
6.30 p.m. Civic Epiphany Service in our Church

The Season's Greetings to all our readers

Save a Tree (or a bit of a branch!)

Have you sent your card to all your Church friends? By sending one card, instead of a heap, you may have saved a few twigs on a tree somewhere. And how good for our Church family to share our greetings together, just like in our own families. If you feel inclined to leave a donation in the box too, that will go towards the wonderful Dove House Palliative Care Unit at the Cottage Hospital, which is so benefitting the local area.

A SEASONAL CONCERT

The Hornsea Choir will be performing a concert
In the United Reformed Church on
Saturday 9 December at 7.30 p.m.

Proceeds to support the Choir's work

A Christmas Cracker!

Saturday 16 December 10am - 1pm
Christmas Activities for all the family
Making, doing, creating and eating
No charge. No booking. Just turn up!
Sorry – no unaccompanied children

Hornsea's Street Nativity

Together with our Methodist friends, we are planning a new venture for Hornsea, a Street Nativity.

It will take place on **Sunday 17th December**, starting at **4 pm** as darkness falls. Adults, dressed in appropriate costumes, will gather at the Methodist Church, then move to the Pocket Garden, **ie the top of Willows Drive**, and slowly process along Newbegin, where they will encounter other folk mentioned in the Bible, such as people gathered for the Census, innkeepers with overflowing inns etc etc. They will be followed by those of us who wish to do so, including children.

Finally, they will arrive at the 'Stable' - the Bandstand'..They will, of course, be accompanied by **a real donkey**, not to be missed on such occasions. Be there, part of the Bethlehem crowd, a moment not to be missed!

Prayer Network - December – January

Children receiving Shoeboxes

The True Meaning of Christmas

Those who start 2018 as Refugees
Fleeing from flood, famine,
natural disaster, oppression, violence

Christian witness and ministry
within the Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church

Looking to our Church life in 2018

A New Year, a look back at 2017 at our AGM on 25th February, and then a prayerful look into the future. As we continue our witness within our loving community, we constantly need to reappraise the best way forward.

To that end, we are searching for new Elders to augment our Elders' meeting. We are looking at the best ways to use our resources.

We know are richly blessed in what we have to offer.

We hope everyone who worships with us will take these next few weeks to look around at what our Lord has helped us to discover in His name. Ask questions of each other. Ask our Elders what you may have missed so you can share it with others.

Above all, pray with and for us all with confidence, that we may be guided in our search in this 21st century world, here in Hornsea and beyond.

Flowers 2018

Ann Jordan

As you read this newsletter, the Flower Rota for 2018 will be up on the small notice board in the hall. Flowers are an important part of our Church. I have had some lovely comments about them Thank you. As many of you will know, we take the flowers out each week to people celebrating an anniversary, a birthday, are ill, or just to spread the joy of you receiving them.

Unfortunately flowers, like everything else, are becoming expensive. We want to continue with this part of our Church life. So, any money, large or small, would be very much appreciated. Thank you to the people who regularly contribute. As always, if you have a date that is special to you, please sign the rota. (you don't have to sign the rota to give a contribution). You can arrange your own flowers, or you can give me the money and I, Mandy or Heather will arrange them for you.

That brings me very nicely round to saying a huge Thank You to Mandy and Heather. They help with the weekly arranging, and also with displays at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

As many of you will know, we had a Flower Festival in September. I must admit we were nervous and hoped people would come and see it. We set about having meetings and planning the big event.

It was hard work, and took us three days, but had laughs and fun along the way. Our prayers were truly answered by the amount of people who came to support us. Thank you everyone.

We have been asked when we are doing another one.!!! All I can say is "Watch this space".

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18 to 25 January This year the theme is based on Exodus 15, a song of triumph over oppression, and will explore contemporary issues faced by the Churches of the Caribbean. Hornsea Churches Together is organising Morning Prayertime each day during the Octave, rotating round the churches. Watch our for details in January

Services in the Residential Homes in January

2.00pm Monday 8th January The Promenade
 2 pm. Tuesday 9th January Stuart House
 2.00pm Thursday 11th January Summercourt Hall

Hornsea Music Society

Catherine Strachan (Cello)

David Hammond (Piano)

Saturday 20th January 7.30 p.m.

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

Worship

FRIDAY 5 6.30 p.m. Civic Service for Epiphany
SUNDAY 7 10.30 a.m. Rev. Steven Knapton
14 10.30 a.m. Rev. Steven Knapton: Communion
21 10.30 a.m. Rev. Eddie Marsden
 6.30 p.m. Rev. Steven Knapton
28 10.30 a.m. Leprosy Mission Sunday:
 Carol Rutherford

January Events

Monday 9 2. p.m. Singing at the Promenade
 Tuesday 10 2 p.m. Singing at Stuart House
 Wednesday 11 7.30 p.m. Elders meet in the Church Hall
 Thursday 12 2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall
 Saturday 14 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. New Year Party
 Thursday 19 7.30 p.m. Joint Elders/Stewards Meeting
 in our Church
 Saturday 28 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. Winter Lunch

Details of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity available in January

Worship

SUNDAY	3	10.30 a.m. Rev. John Brown
SUNDAY	10	10.30 a.m Rev.Trevor Holborn: Communion
SUNDAY	17	10.30 a.m Elders' Service: Christingles 4 p.m. Street Nativity:Willows Drive to Bandstand
TUESDAY	19	7.00 p.m.Carols and Candles at the Methodist Church
SUNDAY	24	Christmas Eve 10.30 a.m. Young people with.Nativity 11.30 p.m' Welcome to Christmas' With the Methodists at their Church
Christmas Day	25	10 a.m.note the time. Rev.Steven Knapton With the Methodists in our Church
SUNDAY	31	10.30 a.m. Tony Briggs of Zion URC, Cottingham

Events

Monday	4	2.p.m. Service at The Promenade
Thursday	7	2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall
Saturday	9	10 a m to 11.30 am. Carol Singing outside Cooplands
Tuesday	12	10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Follow the Footsteps of the Wise Men at the Methodist Church 2 p.m. Service at Stuart House
Wednesday	13	7.30 p.m. Elders meet in the Church Hall
Thursday	14	<i>Last Day for Hornsea URC Post Box in Church</i>
Friday	15	<i>Last Day for Post Boxes</i> <i>at Whittles and Beach Hut</i>
Saturday	16	10 am to 11.30 am Carol Singing outside Cooplands 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 'A Christmas Cracker

The February Newsletter deadline is Thursday 12th January.

Please let Jane/Margaret have your items now or certainly by then or e mail them to jane.martin303@btinternet.com and/or Margaret at s.knapton749@btinternet.com Thank you