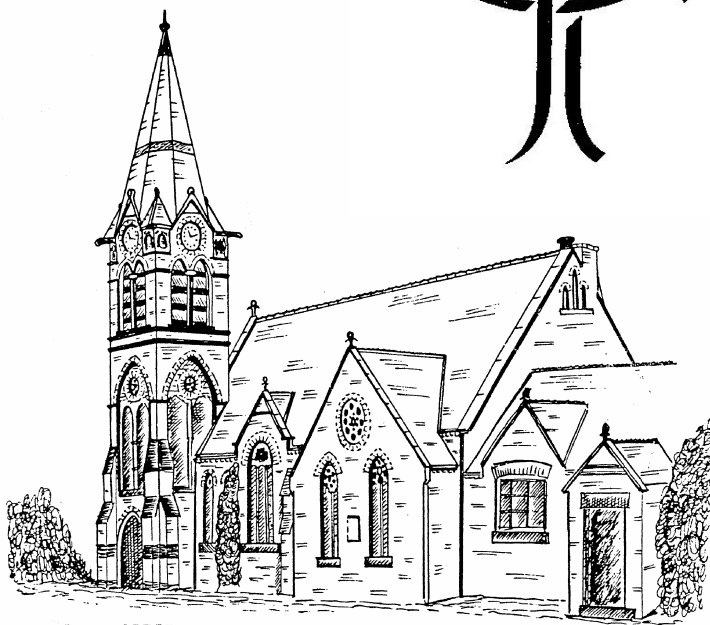
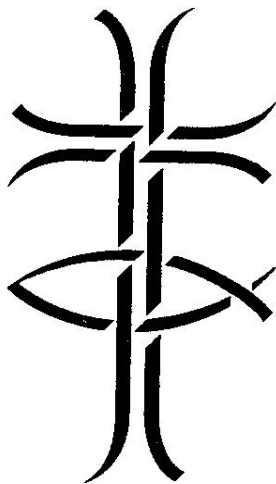


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December 2016/January 2017

- SUNDAY **10.30** Morning Worship with Junior Church
for children of all ages, and crèche.
Coffee etc. served at close of Worship.
2nd Sundays: Communion at 10.30 a.m.
6.30 p.m. 1st Sunday of December only: Communion
Prayer and Praise: December 11th and 18th only
Recommencing in February
- Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.30 'Open House' (in term-time)
2 p.m. Bible Study at 73, Ashcourt Drive (Dec 6th, 13th,
20th only)
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship (not 27th Dec or 3rd Jan)
- Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning
(not 29th Dec.)
- Friday 6.00 & 7.30 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

The Church is fitted with a Loop System
for the benefit of the hard of hearing

FUNERALS

28th October: Robert Bentley
7th November: Bess Cordock

BIRTHDAY

CAMERON ROOMS

Cameron will be fifteen on Monday 5th December. We wish him a very Happy Birthday.

December Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes

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| 3.00 p.m. | Tuesday 6 th December | Stuart House |
| 2.00 pm | Thursday 8 th December | Summerville Hall |
| 2.30 pm | Monday 12 th December | The Promenade |

Dear Friends

‘Go, tell it on the Mountain
Over the hills and far away
Go, tell it on the Mountain, that
Jesus Christ is born’

Well, the Countdown to Christ’s birth has begun.

Yes, I know the commercial countdown began in August, but our Countdown begins on the first Sunday in Advent, when we wait in anticipation for our first Candle to be lit. Will the taper light the candle before the flame goes out? Generally it does!

I have an Advent ornament where Santa slowly comes down the chimney. There is much competition between grandchildren Ava and Milo to take out each number! I have to remember whose turn it is – let them know a day and a time otherwise Santa may come down sooner than he expected!

They also have Advent Calendars at home as I’m sure lots of you do. The countdown to Santa, or, as Milo calls him Ho! Ho! Ho!, is lovely to see. They also know it’s about Jesus’ birth and I hope I will be attending their school nativities.

But Christmas isn’t all about Father Christmas. We know that not everyone will be looking forward to it for whatever reason.

Let us remember these people in our prayers this Christmastime.

And let us pray, as we look forward to yet another New Year, that maybe this will be the year when peace overcomes strife.

‘Ring a bell for peace for the Babe born on this night
Ring a bell for peace, come and see the wondrous light’.

Some words taken from hymn 152 in rejoice and Sing. Please take a minute to read the rest of it.

May I wish you all a happy, Peaceful Christmas and New Year...

Marion Clubley

Bess Cordock

One of the highlights of Bess's life was to have had the privilege to train and become a nurse. Her conversations were often peppered with fragments of people's lives she had shared, through good times and bad, and how others had affected her own life.

She was born in Hull in 1920, and lived her young years through the aftermath of World War 1, to find those amazing days of young adulthood overshadowed by the onset of World War 2. She married Robert in 1940, when her outfit had to be bought with coupons and the bridegroom was dressed in his army uniform, including boots, and had to leave the morning after the wedding, not to return for four years.

The family had moved to live in Hornsea, a safer home than perpetually bombed Hull, and they put down their roots here. Robin was born in 1944 and Val in 1946, and, involved in Hornsea life, Bess followed her heart and joined the Red Cross. This led to nursing, much voluntary work with the disabled, running Hornsea branch of the Red Cross, cadet training, adult first aid training etc etc.

Everyone who knew Bess knows she was a lady of very strong, but measured opinions, which she rarely kept to herself. Once she caught your eye you knew she had something of import to say, and that you were going to listen to every word! These opinions were firmly held, and of much substance. Sometimes, you could agree, sometimes not, but you were guaranteed a reasoned argument, based on life as she saw it, AND it went unsaid that a reply was required. If the reply was brief, more was expected. But how often did it make the listener think ... and think again!

She loved Classical Music, and played it through the house to keep her company. She was a shrewd observer of life, always a step ahead. Her Christian faith was a dominant part of her being. In reading her Bible, again she needed to try to analyse what was at the root of each passage as far as is possible 2,000 years on. Was the depth of her faith what drove her nursing career and her absolute devotion to the care of the sick and disabled? Our lives have all been the richer for knowing her, may God keep her safe for evermore.

The lectionary readings for you to follow, if you wish, are:-

4 December: Radical Transformation –

Isaiah 11.1-10. Romans 15.4-13. Matthew 3.1-12.

11 December: Setting people free –

Isaiah 35.1-10. James 5.7-10. Matthew 11.2-11.

18 December: God with us –

Isaiah 7.10-16. Romans 1.1-7. Matthew 1.18-25.

25 December: Word made flesh - hope made real.

Isaiah 9. 2. Luke 2 & Matthew 2.

1 January: Discovery - Isaiah 60.1-6. - Matthew 2.1-12.

8 January: Encounters - Isaiah 42.1-9. - Matthew 3.13-17.

15 January: What are you looking for? - Isaiah 49.1-7. John 1.29-42.

22 January: The promise of the kingdom -

Isaiah 9.1-4. Matthew 4.12-23.

29 January: The merciful kingdom - Micah 6.1-8. Matthew 5.1-12.

5 February: Attractive living - Isaiah 58.1-12. Matthew 5.13-20.

We are happy to welcome our preachers for these months, and thank them all for guiding us in Worship.

On 4th December, morning worship will be led by Rev. Keith Himsworth, and we look forward to a lively time with him.

Our Evening Communion Service at 6.30 p.m. will be conducted by Rev. Alison Micklem, of St. Coluimba's URC, York, who is acting as our Interim Moderator to guide us as we explore the way forward in the search for a new minister. She hopes to join us in worship now and then, and this will be an opportunity for those of us who have not already met her, to make her acquaintance.

Morning Communion on 11th December will be conducted by Steven, and our Christingle Service on 18th will be prepared by Junior Church. On Christmas Eve 'Welcome to Christmas' will be in our Church and on Christmas Morning Steven will greet us.

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<<<<< For New Year's Day, we shall join our Methodist friends in their Church, and an old friend, Trevor Holborn, fresh from Shoebox Sunday, will travel from Hull on 8th January.

Doreen Shuttleworth, a longstanding Methodist friend, will only need to travel from across the road to join us on 15th January and the month will be completed by Jill Fletcher on 22nd, and, as our Church has supported The Leprosy Mission for many a long year, we will acknowledge their special day on 29th January.

Singing in the Residential Homes in December

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| 2.30 pm | Monday 12 th December: The Promenade |
| 3.00 pm. | Tuesday 13 th December: Stuart House |
| 2.00 pm | Thursday 15 th December: Summercourt Hall |

A SEASONAL CONCERT

The Hornsea Choir will be performing a concert
In the United Reformed Church on
Saturday 10 December at 7.pm.

All proceeds are for Marie Curie Cancer Care

A Christmas Cracker!

Saturday 17 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

June Barton

Our Table Top Sale on Saturday 22 October was extremely busy with a wide variety of goods on each of the stalls ranging from preserves, jewellery, crafts, shoe boxes items and tombola as well as bric-a-brac. We had a steady flow of customers particularly at lunchtime and after much hard work we earned £465.76 for our efforts.

Saturday 10 December at 10.00 am will be the first of our **Carol Singing** events in Newbegin and this year the money collected will be going to the Dove House Palliative Day Care at Hornsea Cottage Hospital. This is an excellent facility caring for all those with a life limiting condition. Help and advice is available every Tuesday from 10.00am–3.00pm to all concerned including carers. The money raised will go towards those little extras that make life more comfortable. Our second **Carol Singing** event will be on **Saturday 17 December, again starting at 10.00am.**

**The Fundraising Team thank you for your support
and hope it will continue into 2017.**

We all love a party and so to start the New Year on a happy note we will be holding our **New Year Party on Saturday 14 January 2017 starting at 3.00pm.** Remember this is your party so:-

- **What kind of games and entertainment would you like?**
- **Are you willing to be an entertainer?**

These searching questions need some thought and your answers should be, not on a postcard, but directed to Ann, Val or June as soon as possible so the organisation can take place.

Soup makers are required please for January, February and March when our **Winter Lunches** will once again be bringing a smile to people's faces and a glow to their tummies. The dates are **28 January; 25 February and 25 March served from 12 noon to 1.30pm when hot homemade soup and a roll can be purchased for just £3.50** We have decided that at our Table Top Sale in April we will also serve hot soup as the weather can still be rather cold so is there an extra soup making team waiting in the wings?

The Journey To Christmas

Sarah Darlington

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be a frantic time with people being caught up unwillingly in the pressures of commercialised expectations rather than being allowed the time to consider the true meaning of Christmas.

An option to give ourselves that time will take place on **Tuesday 13th December** at the **Methodist Church in Newbegin**. This joint HURC/Methodist venture will run from **10am to 6pm** and you are welcome to drop in at any time for as little or as long a time as you wish.

This Journey to Christmas is designed to help us reflect on the journey the Wise Men made to Bethlehem. It will help us think and pray about our own lives too as we make our journey towards Christmas to prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

On this journey there are various 'stations' designed to help us to pray, think and meet God. Take the walk at your own pace – fast or slow.

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 unhook from the pressures of a commercial Christmas, come along and join us with some quiet and reflective time following the journey of the Wise Men.

If you need any further information have a word with Sarah anytime down at Church or ring her on 01964 534553.

Can You Help Someone to Ensure they are “LIVING WELL”?

Sarah Darlington

The Living Well Project has been operating within Hornsea United Reformed Church for approximately four years in partnership with EYRC and other Agencies. The project is committed to tackling and trying to overcome isolation in our community. To do this the Living Well Project team try to provide a pathway back into active community life and in so doing seek to build healthier communities, for the benefit of all.

The Project can offer regular contact through telephone based support and help with sign posting to services that are available. Friendly listening is offered to provide an opportunity for sharing concerns by phone. There could be invitations to meals, courses and activities in the community that may be of interest.

We are looking for volunteers who can spend as little as two hours a week, a fortnight or a month to help reach out to those who feel isolated or lonely. The project has a variety of volunteering on offer ranging from telephoning, driving for the monthly lunch, or just chatting to people.

On-going training and support is given to all volunteers to ensure that the work of the Living Well Project is carried out safely for everyone involved.

So, if you think you could help with any of the above, please come along to:

A ‘Volunteers Morning’ between **10am and 12 noon on Wednesday 14th December** and meet the Living Well Team. Refreshments, including cake, will be on offer.

If you are unable to make the above meeting but are interested in the project please talk to Kathy Webb, June Barton, Margaret Knapton, David Radford or Sarah Darlington anytime you see them down at Church.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany at Hornsea URC

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

**Sunday 27 November
First Sunday in Advent**

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**Through to Thursday 15th December
Post your cards in Hornsea URC Delivery Service**

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

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

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**Sunday 11 December
4 p.m. to 6 pm Junior Church Party**

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Last day for posting for Hornsea URC Delivery Service

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**Friday 16 December
4 pm - 6 pm Christingle Making**

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**Saturday 17 December
10 a.m. – Carols on Newbegin (outside Cooplands)
Proceeds for Dove House Palliative Day Care Unit
at Hornsea Cottage Hospital**

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**Saturday 17 December
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Christmas Cracker**

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**Sunday 18 December
10.30 am Christingle Service**

**Thursday 22 December
7 p.m. Carols and Candles at the Methodist Church**

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Friday 23 December
10 am to noon *Nativity Rehearsal*

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Christmas Eve
4 pm *Nativity*

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11.30 pm *'Welcome to Christmas'*
(with our Methodist friends, in our Church)

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Christmas Day
10 am *(note the time) Family Worship*

Friday 6 January
6.30 p.m. *Civic Epiphany Service in our Church*

The Season's Greetings to all our readers

Prayer Network - December – January

Children receiving Shoeboxes

The True Meaning of Christmas

People Alone at Christmas

January: a New Start for the World

The New President of the USA

Singing in the Residential Homes in January

2.pm Monday 9th January The Promenade

2 pm. Tuesday 10th January Stuart House

2.pm Thursday 12th January Summercourt Hall

What a Year!**Jane Martin**

2016 is the 142nd year there has been a worshipping congregation (first Congregational, then United Reformed from 1972) on this site at the junction of Cliff Road and New Road, Hornsea. A year ago, as we cleared the inside of the Church to prepare for its redecoration, little did we know what a momentous year it would be.

We have gained new friends, we have lost old ones. We have continued to reach out to our local community through Living Well. Our Elders are guiding us as we plan our future, determining a way forward for fresh ministry. Members have even renovated the Manse.

We will meet for our Annual General Meeting after worship on Sunday 26th February, By then, with the help and contributions from many of you, I hope to have completed the printing of our Annual Reports booklet. This will offer a framework upon which to hang the year.

If you help or run an organisation (and most of you know who you are), please prepare your report for me as soon as possible, but by 25th January at the very latest. If you have any problems you'll find me at jane.martin303@btinternet.com, or ask Sarah to pass a message on and I'll contact you. AND do make a note of the AGM, Sunday 26th February in your diary, to keep up with all the news at Hornsea URC.

An 'Aside'

The other day I was chatting with someone when I noticed tiny splashes of paint on his forehead. Another day a friend had distinct traces of soil around her finger nails. What did these two have in common, apart from my acquaintance with them?

Then I realised that both had given over time and energy by the bucketful in recent weeks to give the Manse a full overhaul and spring clean. I gather the 'Working Party' now numbers about fifteen, with folk dropping in for the odd half hour, for half a day, or even day after day, to scrub, decorate, garden and renovate: and all this only months after the mammoth task of ensuring the Church redecoration went to plan.

<<<<< We want you to know, each one of you, that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. In a very few weeks, a vast task has been accomplished. Thank you all, for your commitment and persistence at sticking at the job in hand. Another example of Faith in Action, but one away from immediate Church premises. It has been recorded!

Crossing Barriers

Bob Fyffe is the General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The focus for the 2017 celebration of this annual week (18th – 25th January) is on German churches as we remember the 500th anniversary of the German Reformation and its call to reconciliation. By the very nature of the organisation of such events, the writing is done a long way ahead of the date of the meetings.

So, some months ago, he wrote of how churches need to pray for strength in a greater vision of a united Church in a divided world. Since then, more world-wide events have emphasised that need, and even in

Our North-West corner of the globe, this summer and autumn has highlighted the fractures both in our society, and that of our neighbours, yearning to be healed.

Each morning during the Octave, 18th to 25th January inclusive, Churches Together in Hornsea invites you to meet at 9 a.m. for half an hour to follow the pattern of prayer and reflection being used nationwide. The meetings will be hosted by a different church each day, and a timetable of venues and leaders will be available in Church nearer the time. If it is really not accessible to you and you have access to the internet, you can follow the material each day at www.ctbi.org.uk.

Hornsea Music Society

Harry Kneeshaw (Violin)
Sarah Kissack (Cornet)

Saturday 21st January 7.30 p.m.

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

Margaret Knapton

In the October magazine I reported on the developmental work Traidcraft was carrying out in South Asia and now I have chosen another developmental project, from Tanzania.

THE BEEKEEPERS OF TANZANIA

We've just come to the end of our BEET project (Beekeepers' Economic Empowerment, Tanzania) - a three year initiative designed to boost incomes and increase the quality of life for rural beekeepers in Tanzania. The results are really encouraging and behind every statistic lies the stories of families fed, children educated and people working their way out of poverty. Here are some of the key achievements...

Diversifying incomes...

Beekeepers have been encouraged to develop multiple income streams to make them more resilient – investing in things like small shops, fishing, selling clothes, poultry and goat rearing.

Women in power

More than half the leadership positions in beekeeper groups are now held by women and in the beekeeper's association, women fill **64%** of leadership roles. The project evaluators noted that groups led by women typically perform better than those led by men.

Making more money

Beekeepers have increased their income by an average of **67%**

Making more honey

We helped our beekeepers increase their production by **86%**.

BEE THE BEST

This has paid for... • School fees • Food • Goats and cattle • Housing

This project was funded by the UK government and Comic Relief.

January Worship

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| SUNDAY | 1 | 10.30 a.m. Joint Service at the Methodist Church NO Morning Worship in our Church |
| FRIDAY | 6 | 6.30 p.m Civic Epiphany Service |
| SUNDAYS | 8 | 10.30 a.m. Rev. Trevor Holborn: Communion |
| | 15 | 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Doreen Shuttleworth |
| | 22 | 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Jill Fletcher |
| | 29 | 10.30 a.m. Leprosy Mission Sunday: Carol Rutherford |

There will be NO Sunday evening worship in January

Coming in February ..

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| 5 | 10.30 a.m. Rev. Steven Knapton No evening communion in February |
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January Events

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| 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 |

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is Wednesday 18th to Wednesday 25th January

There will be daily meditations at 9 a m. at different churches in the town each day. A detailed timetable will be available soon

When you've bought your Christmas cards from the **Traidcraft Catalogue**, (and written them!) post your Hornsea addressed ones in the boxes in Church, at Whittles or the Beach Hut for only 25p each and get a greeting from Hornsea URC through your friend's letter box..
Last date: Thursday 15 December

Worship

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| SUNDAY | 4 | 10.30 a.m. Rev. Keith Himsworth 6.30 p.m. Rev. Alison Micklem: Communion |
| SUNDAY | 11 | 10.30 a.m. Rev. Steven Knapton: Communion |
| SUNDAY | 18 | 10.30 a.m. Junior Church: Christingles |
| THURSDAY | 22 | 7.00 p.m. Carols and Candles at the Methodist Church |
| Christmas Eve | 24 | 4 p.m. Nativity 11.30 p.m. 'Welcome to Christmas' With the Methodists in OUR Church |
| Christmas Day | 25 | 10 a.m. note the time. Rev. Steven Knapton Prayer and Praise 6.30 p.m. on: 11 th and 18 th December only |

Events

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| Tuesday | 6 | 2 p.m. Bible Study at 73, Ashcourt Drive (2 nd of 4) |
| Friday | 9 | 2 p.m. Pastoral Visitors meet at Church |
| Saturday | 10 | 10 a.m. Carol Singing outside Cooplunds |
| Sunday | 11 | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Junior Church Party |
| Monday | 12 | 2.30 p.m. Singing at The Promenade |
| Tuesday | 13 | 2 p.m. Bible Study at 73, Ashcourt Drive (3 rd of 4) 3 p.m. Singing at Stuart House |
| Wednesday | 14 | 10 a.m. to Living Well Volunteers Meeting 7.30 p.m. Elders meet in the Church Hall |
| Thursday | 15 | 2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall <i>Last Day for Hornsea URC Post Boxes</i> |
| Friday | 16 | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Christingle making |
| Saturday | 17 | 10 a.m. Carol Singing outside Cooplunds 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 'A Christmas Cracker' |
| Tuesday | 20 | 2 p.m. Bible Study at 73, Ashcourt Drive (4 th of 4) |
| Friday | 23 | 10 a.m. to noon Nativity Rehearsal |

The February Newsletter deadline is Thursday 12th January.
Please let Jane/Sarah have your items now or certainly by then or
e mail them to jane.martin303@btinternet.com and/or
sarah.darlington538@gmail.com. Thank you.