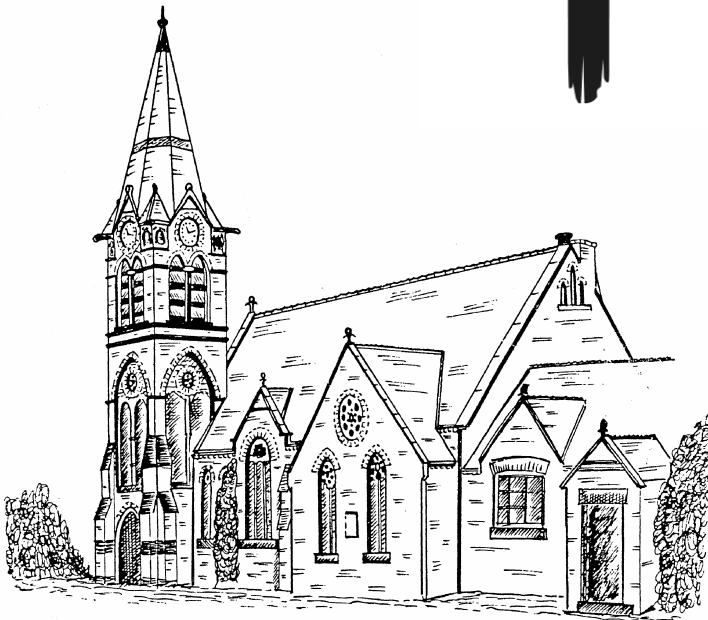


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February 2018

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| 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 1 st Sunday at Methodist Church 3 rd Sunday evening in our Church (includes Communion) |
| Tuesday: | 9.15 to 11.30 7 p.m. | 'Open House' (in term-time) Faith and Fellowship |
| Thursday: | 10 a.m. to noon | Coffee Morning |
| Friday | 6p.m. & 7.30 p.m. | Pilots (in term-time) |

From Church Records

FUNERAL

7th January: Sheila Summers

30th January: Louis Gunn

Lectionary

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

4 February: God at work - Isaiah 40.21-31.

1 Corinthians 9.16-23. Mark 1.29-39.

11 February: The dazzle factor - 2 Kings 2.1-12.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6. Mark 9.2-9.

18 February: No short cuts - Genesis 9.8-17. 1

Peter 3.18-22. Mark 1.9-15.

25 February: The path to life - Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16.

Romans 4.13-25. Mark 8.31-38.

4 March: Clearing the way - Exodus 20.1-17.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25. John 2.13-22.

Dear Friends,

February 2018, a new year already, how many of us have made new year resolutions and have broken them?!

When Jane rang me to ask me to write something for our February Newsletter, panic set in!

'What shall I write?' The good Lord usually finds a way to help and this was proved to me when I had several conversations with different people about what was the correct time to take your Christmas decorations down.

Out came the Kindle to search for answers.

Twelfth Night is a Festival which marks the end of Christmas, and the coming of Epiphany, another Christian Festival, on 6th January. It is about bringing to an end the twelve days of Christmas, the length of time Christians traditionally celebrated the birth of Jesus.

Twelfth Night became the date to take down festive decorations because people believed the spirits sheltered in the greenery such as holly and ivy that adorned houses during this period.

Taking them down a day earlier or later was considered unlucky, it was thought that if they were left up after Twelfth Night they had to remain in place for the whole year!!

I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Wishing you all a healthy, safe 2018..

Ann Jordan

What a Christmas!

Thank you to -

Everyone who made Christmas 2017 in Hornsea so special –

All who created in-Church decorations, fantastic events (remember the amazing life-sized Christingle !!),

The Advent Labyrinth at the Methodist Church

The Advent Windows around the Memorial Gardens

The Lovely Street Nativity involving townsfolk and Church folk

A big Thank you too from Postmistress Jackie for a successful year when 501 cards were delivered, raising £146 – with postboxes out in the town again another Community event.

News from the FRSC

June Barton

We managed to finish the year by exceeding our target with £5,478.05 to contribute to the church finances.

Many thanks to all those who supported our events by either donating items or helping on the day, we could not have achieved our aims without you. We have slightly altered our major events for the coming year so please take a look at the list which will be on the FRSC notice board in the church hall.

At 7.30 p.m. Saturday 3rd March there will be a concert given by the Longcroft School Gospel Choir who have earned themselves a wonderful reputation, so there is one date for the diary. Tickets, including refreshments, are £6.

Two social occasions are planned by way of Games Afternoons complete with a supper in April and September; the Autumn Table Top Sale has now moved from October to September and the Christmas Fayre will now be at the beginning of November.

Much planning and hard work goes into these events so any outside fundraising is very much appreciated. If you could run a Coffee Morning for example for friends and neighbours or any other event to help us raise money please let us know.

The second **Winter Lunch will be on Saturday 24 February from 12 noon to 1.30pm**. These have proved to be extremely popular at just £3.50 for hot homemade soup and a roll so do make sure you are not too late before the soup runs out. The last one will be on **Saturday 24 March**. Enjoy!

Lastly, why not come and be a part of the team that organises these events? We are a happy team and work well together but we could always do with more help on the committee especially for new ideas which will bring in more income which in turn helps to pay the bills and keep the light burning!

Friday 9th February
At the Methodist Church at 7 pm

An evening with Sue Woodcock (author and shepherdess)
Tickets £5, including supper

Contact Methodist Church or ring 536057
(*Sue has already visited our Friendship Hour*)

A Hornsea Tradition

Shrove Tuesday is 13th February

**Be sure to come to the Parish Hall for
Pancakes and Coffee 10 a.m. to noon**

Proceeds will go to Christian Aid

Church Chat –

Margaret Knapton

Saturday 3rd February 10.00am – 12.00pm
(plenty of Cake and Coffee/tea too)

We have travelled a long way over the past eighteen months and the 'Church Chat' is an invitation to **EVERY** member of our congregation to come together and talk about our church, what is good, how we are seen within the community, how we sit with the vision we worked out together over a year ago etc.

As BT like to say 'It is good to talk' and we hope you will be able to come along and add your thoughts to what we hope will become an ongoing conversation which will help to shape the future of our church. It will be an enjoyable informal gathering.

‘Open the Book’

Margaret Knapton

For those who haven't come across it before, 'Open the Book' is a four year programme whereby teams of storytellers tell Bible stories in Primary Schools using drama, props, and costumes to bring the stories to life – more info. On www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book

A meeting, to explore the possibility of running such a scheme in North Holderness, was held in May 2017 and from this two teams of storytellers were established in September to support Aldbrough and Hornsea Burton Primary schools.

The response from both schools and indeed the team members has been fantastic and other schools are now requesting storytellers. However, we cannot do this without more volunteers. The stories are already written and told without addition or improvisation. You do not have to be a budding thespian, just someone willing to share the delights of the bible with an eager receptive audience.

To hear first-hand from the present teams and to discover what is involved, you are invited to come along on Saturday 10th February from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Hornsea United Reformed Church.

I am sure several members of our congregation will be interested in this – and members of other churches too. So, please spread the word and bring along as many people as you can to the meeting on the 10th especially as Hornsea Primary School is one of those making the request for ‘Open the Book’.

Friendship Hour

The new season will be upon us in March and this is an opportunity to say an enormous ‘Thank you’ to Doreen Rogers, who has inspired, created and organised the vibrant group we have today from small beginnings springing out of the Ladies’ Social Hour in 2012. We have been privileged to welcome a vast range of speakers and will always be grateful for Doreen’s thoughtful love and care.

The committee is taking over this year, and meetings will continue fortnightly from 7 March, with speakers and social afternoons.

To welcome 2018, the Friendship Hour Annual Lunch will take place on **Wednesday 21st February at 1 p.m.**, when everyone can renew acquaintances and look forward to what is to come. Speak to Carol Rutherford or one of the committee for more details.

Hornsea Music Society

Andrew Powis and Frank James
(flute and piano)

Saturday 24th February 7.30 p.m.

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

Prayer Network – a Prayer for February

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to our church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**February Dates for Services
In the Residential Homes are**

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| 2.pm | Monday | 5 th | February | The Promenade |
| 2 pm. | Tuesday | 6 th | February | Stuart House |
| 2 pm. | Thursday | 8 th | February | Summercourt Hall |

Women's World Day of Prayer

2nd March 2018 - 2.00pm and 6.00pm

The Women's World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical Christian event which has taken place in Great Britain since the 1930's. It is always held on the first Friday in March and celebrated in over 170 countries as a wave of prayer travelling across the world, starting at sunrise in Samoa and ending some 36 hours later as the sun sets over American Samoa.

The service will have been translated into more than 60 languages and 1,000 dialects. In the British Isles over 6,000 services will be taking

place. What an opportunity to be a part of such an epic event!

This year, in Hornsea, the Steering Group is planning a few changes. We usually host one service at **2.00pm** – which this year will be held in the **United Reformed Church**, followed by refreshments. However, this timing does not allow for those in work or full time education to attend so - we are planning a second '**All Age**' service at **6.00pm**, again to be held at the URC and led by some of our young people.

The theme of the service is '**All God's Creation is Good!**' and has been prepared by the women of Suriname.

Suriname lies in the north-east of South America and is named after the Surinen tribe, one of the indigenous peoples of the land. It is part of the Guianas, meaning 'Land of many waters.' It has a humid, tropical climate and an average temperature, during the day, of 27.1°C.

Suriname is the greenest country on earth: almost 94% of the country is covered in pristine, tropical rain forest with high biodiversity. The coastal area covers approximately 15% of the land and is less than two meters above sea level. It is therefore at risk of climate change and rising sea levels.

The capital city is Paramaribo. It is the historical and cultural capital of Suriname and is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site.

The women of Suriname write, '*We believe that the Christian faith community can make a great contribution to the preservation of a living, healthy and safe environment. The future of the earth for the next generation matters to us. We see this as one of the key elements of the Christian faith. It reminds us of the relationship between God and creation, and God and humanity*'.

Along with our own focus on the Five Marks of Mission, part of which states '*To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth*' gives a flavour of what the service may include. Having said that there are a few surprises – so make sure you have booked the date and times in your diaries!

Traidcraft

Margaret Knapton

The Traidcraft report has been a feature in the Church Newsletter for many years.

It started out as a platform to spread the word about Fairtrade and developed to cover stories of products, producers and campaigns around the issues of trade.

But Traidcraft is a plc (public limited company) – a business – designed to make profit through trade. But what makes them different?

Hear it in their own words:-

Traidcraft plc, our trading company, is one of the leading dedicated fair trade companies in the UK and globally.

We source the UK's widest range of fair trade foods, beverages, household cleaning, charcoal and rubber products, as well as fair trade crafts and clothing, from fair trade suppliers in more than 30 developing countries.

Fair trade isn't just part of our business, it's all of our business. And we're 100% committed to it.

Fairtrade certification and the development of the FAIRTRADE Mark are great.

But we would love you to buy Traidcraft products because we go far beyond mere compliance with a set of standards.

Our approach is different. Traidcraft is about more than just fair trade:

We focus on the most marginalised groups in developing countries, often working with suppliers that mainstream businesses would choose not to work with.

We try to understand suppliers' problems and assist in finding solutions. We seek funding to implement short or long-term projects to help suppliers grow and develop sustainable businesses..

We try to ensure that the people who make or grow our products are connected to the people who buy them by telling their stories and showing their pictures.

There are many types of products that are not covered by the standards that allow a Fairtrade Mark to be applied. We invest our time to ensure the key principles of Fair Trade are followed so that we can call a product 'fair trade' even when that product does not carry a Fairtrade Mark.

For our entire history we have been pioneering and innovating in new Fair Trade products and sectors, very often as a catalyst for the development of standards which may then be made available to all through the Fairtrade Mark.

We have a strong sense of partnership with many of our suppliers. Relationships are important and, to bring our range of products to the UK, we work directly with our suppliers or through like-minded organisations who themselves work directly with their suppliers.

Over the year, thanks to you support, we have put thousands of pounds worth of trade through Traidcraft which, we can be assured, has made a positive impact in the lives of the producers THANK YOU.
See the full report in the Annual Reports.

Fairtrade Fortnight is 26 February to 11 March

Theme 'Come on in – to Fairtrade'

Venues throughout Hornsea will be taking part

–opening the door to a better life for many.

More Details – as events arise.

Worship

- SUNDAYS** 4 10.30 a.m. Rev John Brown
 6.30 p.m. Joint Service at the Methodist Church
- 11 10.30 a.m Rev. Steven Knapton: Communion
- 18 10.30 a.m. Frank Pickles
 6.30 p.m. Joint Communion in our Church:
 Rev. Steven Knapton
- 25 10.30 a.m. Mrs Jill Fletcher

.. and March begins ...

- 4 Rev. Keith Himsworth

Events

- Saturday 3 10 a.m. to noon Church Chat
- Monday 5 2 p.m. Service at The Promenade
- Tuesday 6 2 p.m. Service at Stuart House
- Thursday 8 2 p.m. Service at Summercourt Hall
- Friday 9 **7 p.m.** Talk – Sue Woodcock,
 at Methodist Church (see page 5)
- Tuesday 13 10 a.m. to noon Pancakes at the Parish Hall
 For Christian Aid
- Wednesday 14 7.30 pm. Elders meet at Church.
- Wednesday 21 1 p.m. Friendship Hour Annual Lunch
- Saturday 24 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Winter Lunch in Church Hall
- Sunday 25 11.45 a.m. Church AGM

And March

- Friday 2 2 pm and 6 p.m. Women’s World Day of Prayer
 at Hornsea URC
- Saturday 3 7.30 p.m. Concert by Longcroft School Choir

March Newsletter .If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak to Margaret K or Jane NOW so space can be reserved. After the deadline is too late. Thank you.

Last date **Thursday 8th February..**

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