

Hornsea United Reformed Church



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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: 2nd Sunday at **10.30 a.m.**

6.30 Evening Worship
1st Sunday at the Methodist Church
3rd Sunday in our Church
(includes Communion)

Tuesday: 9.15 to 12 noon 'Open House' (in term-time)
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday 2 p.m. Friendship Hour (6th and 20th))

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

Friday 6. & 7.30 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

FUNERALS

26 April: Hayley Horsfield
9 May: Ken Hopkins

Thank you

Jean Robinson would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers she received after her recent operation.

The Lectionary Readings for June

Paul's Letters (2 Corinthians)

3 June: Treasure in clay jars - Deuteronomy 5.12-15, 2 Corinthians 4.5-12, Mark 2.23-3.6

10 June : A house not made with hands - Genesis 3.8-15, 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1, Mark 3.20-35

17 June: A new perspective - Ezekiel 17.22-24, 2 Corinthians 5.6-10 (11-13) & 14-17, Mark 4.26-34

24 June: Open wide your hearts - Job 38.1-11, 2 Corinthians 6.1-13, Mark 4.35 - 41

God is Faithful

Dear All

I have been thinking about the faithfulness of God and been reflecting On challenging myself about my reliance on God, rather than on myself.

I am quick to forget how God has directed and supported my life and it is often only when I look back I remember His promises to me.

The Lord is faithful to his promises: he is merciful in all his acts” (Psalm 145:13b)

Are you confident that God is always faithful? That He is exactly who He says He is?

We can be glad that He doesn't change His mind or gets moody or forgets His promises? Friends or family may let us down or worse. He is completely faithful throughout our entire lives – not only to us, but to all His children.

“For I, the Lord, do not change.” (Malachi 3:6)

I often lack confidence, yet the Bible says, “He who calls you will do it because he is faithful.” (1Thessalonians 5:24) He will be all we need.

Are you fearful about something? David says to God, “You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power”. (Psalm 139:5) He is watching over you – behind; in front; and overhead.

Are you facing an impossible task? Pray and discuss it with Him.

“Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it.” (Hebrews 4:16). We just have to ask, and He will answer.

Have you messed up, or do you feel guilty? I know I do sometimes! But if we confess our sins to God, He will keep His promise and do what is right. He will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing (1 John1:9). He cleanses us – and makes us completely pure by His righteousness.

I struggle to be faithful to those I love, how about those I don't? Galatians 5 22-23 tells us about the Fruits of the Spirit. These fruits include faithfulness that the Holy Spirit can give us as we go through life.

Are you ready to ask the Holy Spirit to direct your life? I found this simple prayer helpful to aid me, by faith, to invite God to fill me with His Spirit.

Dear Father,

I need You. I acknowledge that I have sinned against You by directing my own life.

I thank You that You may have forgiven my sins through Christ' death on the cross for me.

I now invite Christ to again take His place on the throne of my life.

Fill me with the Holy Spirit as You commanded me to be filled, and as You promised in Your Word that You would do if I asked in faith.

I pray this in the name of Jesus, as an expression of my faith. I thank You for directing my life and for filling me with the Holy Spirit. Amen

I may forget, yet God is ALWAYS faithful. Hallelujah!

Stephen Seal

Ken was a true 'cockney sparrow' having been born within the sound of Bow bells. He and his sister Doris were blessed with loving and devoted parents. A constant in their lives was the church and Ken's faith was the bedrock for all his dealings with everyone he met throughout his life.

Leaving school he found a job as a postal worker but World War II was a reality and the government had other ideas for him. Thus he was called up and became a paramedic. He served with 181 Airlanding Field Ambulance RAMC and descended in the first wave into Arnhem. His unit was captured by the Germans but later retaken by a 4th Parachute Brigade counter attack before finally falling to the Germans. Ken and his colleagues stayed behind to care for the wounded. Ken was transported and marched to Stalag IVB north of Dresden. He was employed in labour parties on the railway until liberated by the Red Army on 23rd April 1945, finally returning home in November 1946.

In civilian life, Ken began work in Insurance and before long was offered a job in Southern Africa. He accepted and with his newly married wife Margaret, they set off together for one year only. 45 years later they returned to the U.K.!

Both of them loved every minute of their time together in what was later to become Zimbabwe, living in their home designed by Ken. They made many lifetime friends for Ken seemed to get the best out of people and they loved and respected him for it.

Ken and Margaret's 67 year marriage was dominated by love, thoughtfulness and music. Every Friday, even when he was ill, Ken would make sure his wife received a bunch of flowers – with his love.

Retiring to Hornsea, Ken took an active and prayerful part in Church life. Margaret and Ken always said there were three in their 67 year marriage; the two of them and God. We thank God for Ken, a man devoted to his work, his family and especially Margaret, and to his Saviour, Jesus.

News from FRSC

June Barton

Saturday 14th April saw us enjoying a Games Afternoon with the addition of a few enthusiastic Bridge players who thought the idea of a game or two plus supper was most appealing. There were other games to play, or just enjoy a chat over a cup of tea. Supper was served at approximately 5 pm consisting of a wonderful steak pie with mixed vegetables followed by a choice of chocolate fudge cake or lemon tart. Everyone went home happy and well fed so that can be marked as a successful event. The next Games Afternoon will be in September, when we shall have a bigger selection of games from which to choose.

Our Table Top Sale on Saturday 28 April raised £356.82, despite the cool weather which did not entice many people to venture out. Thank you to all who supported us in one way or another.

Saturday 9 June is our Musical Quiz 2 pm to 6 pm together with a Buffet Supper being served at approximately 5 pm. Come along and test your little grey cells by reliving the nostalgia of all those songs you thought you had forgotten. Enjoy the fun and food for just £3.50 per head.

Wednesday 13 June from 10.30 am. to 12.30 pm there will be an Open House Coffee Morning at 78 Eastgate, hosted by Brenda Robbins and Beryl Wilson. Admission is £2, including coffee and cake, plus there will be a raffle where £1 buys you five numbers. You are guaranteed a warm welcome, good company and excellent cake and coffee. What a delightful way to spend the morning!

Our Café will be open on Saturday 23 June 10 am to 2 pm for Strawberry Treats along with an array of sandwiches and cakes for refreshments and light lunches plus bric-a-brac. This is also the weekend of Music at the Market,, so plenty to see and hear

Advance Notice:

Our café will be open again on Carnival Saturday 21 July, 10 am to 2 pm, plus a tombola and bric a brac.

Church Chats Resume

These have been a huge success with a large proportion of the congregation being able to take part.

We have certainly grown closer in friendship and have gained a confidence to be able share our thoughts and feelings with others and know we will not judge or be judged, which in turn is helping us to shape the direction of our church.

If you have not been able to attend so far – no worries - as each session is designed to be easily accessible without prior participation – it would be fantastic if you could add your thoughts too.

Saturday 2nd June – Our Calling – telling our story and helping others to meet Jesus.

Saturday 16th June – Our Journey – growing as followers of Jesus.

PS Coffee served from 9.30 a.m. and coffee and CAKE mid morning – provided we've chatted enough (but that' not a problem, is it! Editor)

Friendship Hour

The 2018 season is now in full swing, meeting in June on Wednesdays 6th, when we will be exploring Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, and 20th, when there will be a Social Afternoon. Both meetings start at 2 p.m. and welcome both regulars and newcomers.

Christian Aid Collection

At Tesco

Friday 22 June

Please can you spare an hour to help?

Doreen Rogers is compiling a rota

Simeon Wood Concert
Exceptional Multi-instrumentalist

a joint Fundraising event
for Hornsea URC and Hornsea Music Society

Saturday 16th June 7.30pm
@ Hornsea URC

Tickets £10
(including refreshments)
Children U12 FREE

“Very funny and hugely entertaining, a great night out”

“Simply breathtaking...”

“An exhilarating show of musical brilliance

Dates for Services in the Residential Homes

The Promenade: Monday 4th June at 2 p.m.
Stuart House: Tuesday 5th June at 2 p.m.
Summercourt Hall: Thursday 7th June at 2 p.m.

Prayers for Concern in June

Pastoral Visiting

Increasing isolation of Rural Communities
due to withdrawal of public services

The Work of The Bible Society Worldwide

One common theme that has emerged from our “Church Chats” is the desire for more Bible Study.

Here is an example of some Bible Reading notes (Voice of Hope) – available (free) from the book shelf at the back of the church.

You will not get an in-depth study but you will get a thought, based on scripture, to focus your day as we walk in God's Kingdom.

Thursday 17th May

READ: Luke 17:20b-21 NLT

“The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs. You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.”

As I get older I easily forget where I have left things. It's all very well knowing I need a key to start my car, yet no help at all if I cannot locate the key! Understanding and application are two distinct states of being. Here Jesus explains that the kingdom of God is more than a concept while not yet a tangible reality.

The fact is that the kingdom is visible wherever there is evidence of its existence.

I grew up just outside London and travelled there often. I often passed Buckingham Palace with its uniformed soldiers on sentry duty. I knew this was a sign that the UK had a monarch. The royal standard flying from the flagpole told me the Queen was in residence. This was evidence to the reality of her majesty without ever my witnessing her in the flesh.

So it is with God's kingdom. We choose to live with the reality of the kingdom before it is fully evident.

You and I need to establish what flag we raise over our own life to indicate that God is in residence.

What behaviours reveal our investment in the kingdom of God ahead of the kingdom of this world? Do we reflect the values of a world of impatience, materialism, selfishness and thoughtlessness? Or do we daily demonstrate the kingdom of God through our lifestyle?

I have learned that I must disengage from much of life both to discern the character of God's kingdom and find the means by grace to produce evidence of my commitment to its emergence on the earth.

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QUESTION:

What fragments of God's kingdom have you witnessed as your journey through life?

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PRAYER:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may my heart desire your kingdom above my own, your will not my will, and your purpose in all things. Give me eyes to discern your kingdom way, and hands that work in collaboration with your Holy Spirit to build that kingdom here on the earth. I entrust myself to you once more this day.

Traidcraft

Margaret Knapton

I often write about food products supported and developed by Traidcraft but some of you will have spotted the candles as newcomers to the range to Traidcraft a year or two ago, and happily because they've been so popular they've been able to expand the colours, sizes and variations.

Wax Industri Nusantara PT is based in Ngawi, East Java, a rural area of Indonesia. It's a small to medium sized factory employing 50 workers, mostly women, in an area where jobs are limited. Rather than investing in machinery, they deliberately employ local people to hand-make the products, even though using machinery would make the factory more productive.

It is a member of WFTO and won the CBI Social Impact (Netherlands) award in 2013. Besides providing job opportunities, there is a programme of training for staff. The company follows good practices and employees enjoy good working conditions, fair wages and free health care benefits.

The organisation's transparency, working conditions and Health & Safety have had a positive impact in the area. The factory has also installed solar panels to produce electricity, and rain water is used in production processes.

Wax Industri isn't only advocate for fair trade – it stands for putting handmade at the forefront of the production line. Handmade means more hands, more artisans, less unemployment, and a happier village. There could be a lesson to learn here for the 'dissatisfied developed world'!

If you would like to take a closer look at the candles then please pick up a catalogue from church or go on line to www.traidcraft.co.uk

Some years ago you promised me
That you would be my friend,
And ride with me, if you were asked,
Until my journey's end.
With careless ease, but keen to please,
"That would be great," I said.

Such worthless clutter I was so
Ashamed for you to see. I threw it all away and made
The back seat clean and free.
Then spoke with pride - "Please sit inside,
Behind me, there," I said.

Then somehow – well – I lost my way,
Took a wrong turn or three,
"Suppose you sit here, in the front,"
I asked, "Right next to me?"
"With you to guide, here at my side,
"I'll be just fine," I said.

Then darkness fell, as darkness does,
The road was long and slow.
There seemed to be no sign at all
To show which way to go.
And then I knew where I needed you -
"Please, take the wheel," I said.

I'd been so slow to ask you, Lord,
To take your rightful place.
"Will you forgive me?" I murmured, then
I saw your loving face.
Your gentle smile - "Be still, my child
And let me drive," you said.

Shirley Stacey

*Shirley was a Church member here for many years
before returning to Buckinghamshire.*

