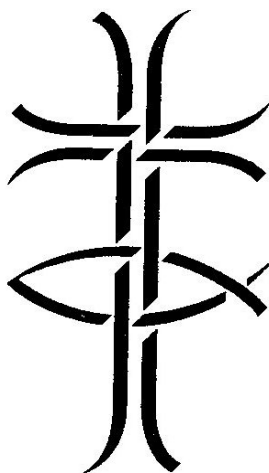


# Hornsea United Reformed Church



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## March 2017

**SUNDAY 10.30** Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche.  
Coffee etc. served at close of Worship.  
**Communion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evening at 6.30 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning at 10.30 am  
Other Sunday evenings: Prayer and Praise.

Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.30 'Open House' (in term-time)  
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday 2 p.m. Friendship Hour (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>)

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

Friday 6.30 & 8 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

## Thank you

Marion and Errol Betts are having difficulty finding adequate words to express our deepest gratitude for all your wonderful support during Marion's illness. We cannot thank you enough for your very kind, comforting, loving prayers, cards messages and letters.

Thank you all so much, God bless you. Marion and Errol.

A big thank you for the beautiful flowers received following the death of my brother. Thank you.

Jean Robinson

## March Lectiary

The Lectiary readings for March, if you wish to follow them, are :-

5 March: Who do you think I am: Genesis 2 15-17, 3 1-7  
Matthew 4 1-11

12 March: How can this be? Genesis 12.1-4a. John 3.1-17.

19 March: Thirsty work. Exodus 17.1-17. John 4.5-42.

26 March: Seeing the light. 1 Samuel 16.1-13. John 9.1-41.

2 April: Dead or alive? Ezekiel 37.1-14. John 11.1-45.

Dear Friends

## Back Yet Forward

I recently went to see the 'Made in Hull' installation in Victoria Square. It was the beginning of the celebration of Hull's Year of Culture 2017. I went with Margaret and we were both very impressed, it offered a taste of what we might experience in the year.

It projected on the walls of three buildings images and sounds of Hull, its past life; the things that made it great and the disasters it experienced; the way it was bombed and demolished during the war years; the life of the men who made their living from fishing; and those who died doing this; the people who had achieved great things and served Hull in their own profession. We then went to see a similar show near The Deep and the changes to the area around it, especially the newly renovated Humber Street.

I had been into Hull to see the changes but could see that new life was being breathed into the area, yet in the same week the Media placed Kingston upon Hull in the Top Ten worst places to live, due to low life expectations

You may be wondering why I am sharing this with you. Well it seems to me that the great promise offered by this diverse and interesting year is very special, and will make a great difference to Hull. There were hundreds of people out that evening, all wanting to be part of this change, and it brought the large community together with the promise of surprises throughout the year.

I see similarities with this promise to the one we can all receive from God. He can surprise us and lead us to see things differently.

He breathes new life into our life

He can see when we are weary, tired, and needing restoration

He offers hope to those who are lost

He brings people together and challenges the perceptions of each other.

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<<So I would like to say to the people and Media who criticise Hull, give it a chance. Instead of seeing the negative aspects that are present in all areas in the country, try and focus on the positive, look at the things that are happening now, and the opportunities that arise from this.

In God's eyes everyone is entitled to a second chance, everyone makes mistakes and finds themselves not knowing what to do. God gives people the opportunity to start again to change their ways. To embrace the promise of God and allow him to lead us in the right direction, is just like engaging with the activities in this important year in Hull , allowing it to make Hull special as God is special to us.

Jill Fletcher

### News from the FRSC

#### June Barton

Thanks to our soup makers the first Winter Lunch was well received bringing in £119.24. An unexpected bonus was a donation from Heather Raw's amateur theatrical group known as the Leven Lites of £250.00. This little group put on pantomimes and usually donate part of the proceeds to worthy causes. So it seems the Fundraising and Social Committee is a worthy cause – may God bless the Leven Lites!

Our **Games Afternoon is on Saturday 11 March 2.00- 6.00pm** and bookings are being taken for the pie and pea supper – adults £3 and children £1.50 – that follows. What more could you ask for – a fun afternoon and then dine in excellent company.

**The Table Top Sale is on Saturday 29 April 10.00am – 2.00pm** with tables still at £6.00 so why not reserve your table now.

#### **Your help is needed: -**

1) Could you host a coffee morning or an afternoon tea in your home? The fundraising team are looking for ideas to help boost our fundraising and social activities. The team are ready to help you so please do not think you will have to do everything on your own.

2) Soup makers are continually required as hot homemade soup is always welcome at lunches. Please have a chat with any of the fundraising team.

3) Are you willing to come and join the Fundraising and Social Committee? Our team is small and so fresh ideas and willing hands will be most welcome. The job can be extremely rewarding while the money we raise goes towards keeping the lights and heating on which is to the benefit of us all. Please give these pleas some serious thought. Thank you.

## Friendship Hour

Friendship Hour is back! The new season begins on **Wednesday 1<sup>ST</sup> March at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall**, where Margaret Knapton will talk about those distant islands, the Philippines, of which it is easy to dream that life is all blue seas and palm trees. But, taking up the subject of the Women's World Day of Prayer to be held on the following Friday, she will ask 'Am I being Unfair to You?.'

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, also at 2 p.m.** another fascinating subject will be aired when Derek Thompson talks about 'Running a Christian Hospital in a Muslim City which is part of a Jewish State'.

These are two meetings not to be missed. The Season's schedules are available from Doreen Rogers, or look in the Events' Diary at [hornsea.unc.org.uk](http://hornsea.unc.org.uk)

### March Dates for Singing In the Residential Homes are

2 p.m.	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	The Promenade
2. p.m.	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Stuart House
2 p.m.	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Summercourt Hall

## Witnessing Together

We shall be holding our Church Annual General Meeting after morning worship and coffee on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. We hope everyone who worships with us will stay to look back on the last year and assess how all that we have achieved will lead us forward into 2017 and beyond. A booklet of reports will be available for everyone who would like one, hopefully about a week before the Meeting.

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## Inspiration in your inbox

### Andy Braunston

Every day of the year, early each morning, the URC sends out, by email, a Daily Devotion consisting of a reading, reflection and short prayer. You can read them on your computer, phone or tablet and they provide inspiration in your inbox!

The Devotions are written by a team of over 90 people from a range of perspectives and places within the URC. If you would like to receive them you can sign up by going to <http://tinyurl.com/URCDailyDevotions> and filling in the form.

(Some of us have been doing this already since Advent. Do ask to see them on my phone if you want to know more. Ed.)

### Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in March

Brexit  
Women's World Day of Prayer  
Fairtrade Fortnight  
URC Yorkshire Synod (at Otley)

## The Journey to Easter

### Sarah Darlington

Holy Week leading up to Easter can be a truly emotional and spiritual time with the biggest event in the Church's year culminating in the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Day.

Following the success of 'The Journey to Christmas' last December, when we joined with our Methodist friends and took the opportunity to allow people to find the space and time to reflect on the Journey through Advent, we will be organising a similar event on the lead up to Easter Day.

This will take place on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** at the Methodist Church.

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<<< The Day will run from **10 am to 6 pm** and on this journey there will be 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 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 a range of activities available in the New Room.

So if you would like to come and join us for some quiet and reflection time following the Journey, please come along. If you need any further information, please have a word with David Radford, either at our Church or on 01964 535914.

## **Request for Help.**

We are looking for volunteers to help with The Journey to Easter at the Methodist Church on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. (see page 6) in order that people may be greeted and helped on their way with their Journey.

The duties are not onerous, just a question of offering hospitality and greeting people or guiding them around the Stations if required. You can volunteer for as little or as long a time as you wish as a helper.

If you feel you can offer time, please contact David Radford by telephone on 01964 535914 or by email at [david.radford743@btinternet.com](mailto:david.radford743@btinternet.com)

## **Christian Aid Collection in April**

There will be a collection for Christian Aid on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> **April** at Tesco Supermarket, Hornsea between 9am and 5 pm each day. If you can give some time to help with this collection, please contact David Radford on 01964 535914 or at [david.radford743@btinternet.com](mailto:david.radford743@btinternet.com).

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## The Leprosy Mission

### Carol Rutherford

The Leprosy Mission England and Wales have 5 ongoing projects which need support.

We are asked as a church to select one project to support for the next three years, we will be given more information on the project we select and bi-annual feedback, case studies of leprosy-affected people who are being blessed by your support and a detailed annual report of the progress and future needs of the project.

Is this something we would like to do with the funds we raise each year for TLM? If so, please read about the projects and let me know which you think we should support.

### **Project 1: Iphiro Yohoolo Education Project, Capo Delgado, Mozambique**

60% of Mozambique's population live below the poverty line and life expectancy is just 50 years. The life changing project 'Iphiro Yohoolo' ('Road to the Future') project opens the door to a better future for children and young people through schooling.

Your gifts will provide free school uniforms, supplies and equipment for 200 children, with a focus on teaching girls who are often denied an education.

Importantly, establishing parents' groups ensures children get support at home and educating the older generation will prevent the poverty cycle repeating itself.

Every child deserves the chance to flourish and find a place in the world; your contributions will make sure this happens.

### **Project 2:**

#### **Anandaban Leprosy Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal**

Over half of the people living in Nepal live below the poverty line of \$1.25USD per day. The limited health care services are difficult to access or provide inadequate support for leprosy affected people.



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Anandaban, a specialist leprosy hospital in Kathmandu, is the main centre for leprosy treatment to a population of around 27 million people and is a beacon of hope for leprosy-affected people.

In much of Nepal stigma, superstition and a woeful neglect of leprosy services means those affected by leprosy are rejected by their families and communities. Many of the 3000+ people who contract the disease each year do not seek or cannot access the treatment they need.

With your support Anandaban hospital can continue its wonderful work, curing leprosy and healing hearts and lives.

## **Project 3:**

### **Chanchaga Orthopaedic Workshop, Niger State, Nigeria.**

Nigeria has the highest population in Africa, at 174 million.

Sadly, an estimated 20 million of these people live with disabilities, the majority of whom need mobility assistance and orthopaedic appliances.

This includes over 20,000 leprosy patients with permanent disabling conditions who are in need of protective footwear or disability aids.

The workshop supports all people with disabilities caused by leprosy, diabetes, accidents, injuries, polio, and congenital anomalies.

Chanchaga Orthopaedic Workshop provides free prosthetic limbs and disability aids to those who cannot afford to pay for treatment. It gives disabled people their mobility and freedom, and their dignity back.

Your support will help the team assist thousands of people to have the freedom of mobility.

## **Project 4:**

### **Purulia Hospital, West Bengal, India.**

West Bengal has one of the highest leprosy rates in India, with India itself having more than half the worlds newly detected cases each year. Of the 2.1 million population, almost 40% live below the poverty line.

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<<<< Purulia Hospital provides crucial support for thousands of patients from the most vulnerable sections of society, including women and children living in extreme poverty. Significantly it's the only health centre providing specialised leprosy care and reconstructive surgery for leprosy related disabilities in Purulia district.

Distressingly around 12% of new leprosy cases treated at the hospital are children. Without early treatment, these children face a future of exclusion from school, disability, stigma, and rejection.

Vital support from you will enable Purulia Hospital to continue its amazing work to heal and support vulnerable children and transform lives for all people affected by leprosy in West Bengal.

## **Project 5:**

### **Danja Hospital, Maradi Region, Niger**

Maradi Region is in the south of Niger on the border with Nigeria. Leprosy remains a huge problem here. Worryingly, there has been an increase over the last few years of new leprosy cases with grade-2 disability – this means the patients being diagnosed with leprosy for the first time but who already have significant disabilities.

Danja hospital is the only specialist leprosy hospital in Niger and the only active leprosy referral hospital, ensuring that patients who can't be treated by local health facilities are still able to be cured and healed of leprosy.

In addition to ensuring the ongoing provision of services by the hospital, funding is also needed for the running of community surgical camps for those too unwell to travel, providing specialised shoes and

prosthetics to protect leprosy damaged feet and limbs, as well as physiotherapy training for hospital staff and other health workers. There is also a great need to train government health workers in early detection of leprosy and correct treatment of the disease.

Your support will truly bless and improve the quality of life for people affected by leprosy in Niger.

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## New Fair Trade Products

### Margaret Knapton

Introducing a new product to our stall – **Jelly Beans** – these are an assortment of **36** gourmet flavours:-

*Caribbean coconut, cola, candy floss, marshmallow, grapebubblegum, tangerine, pomegranate, south seas kiwi, strawberry smoothie, wild cherry, pina colada, cinnamon, caramel popcorn, sour lemon, pear, butterscotch, passion fruit, mango, cafe latte, raspberry jam, English blackberry, lemon and lime, blueberry pie, watermelon, tropical punch, Granny Smith apple, Hawaiian pineapple, cranberry & apple, banana split liquorice, peachy pie, French vanilla, strawberry, pink grapefruit, mint sorbet.*

If your mouth is not watering already – then how about the added knowledge that every bean is made with 100% natural flavours.

- Gluten free
- Gelatine free
- Nut free
- Free from Artificial Colours
- Suitable for vegetarians
- Suitable for Coeliacs
- Fairtrade marked. Why not give them a try - £1.25 per box – they are available on the Fairtrade Stall at the Thursday Coffee Morning and for a limited time after church on Sundays in March.

**Hornsea Music Society**

*(this is a change from the advertised programme)*

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.**

**Ian Denley with Caroline Tait  
(flute and piano)**

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

## Worship

<b>Friday</b>	<b>3</b>	2 p.m	Women's World Day of Prayer at the Catholic Church
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>5</b>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Keith Himsworth
		6.30 p.m.	Communion
	<b>12</b>	10.30 a.m.	Tony Briggs: Communion:
	<b>19</b>	10.30 a.m.	Elders' Service
	<b>26</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
		10.30 a.m.	Mrs. Mary Young
		6.30 p.m.	other Sunday evenings: Prayer and Praise
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>2</b>	10.30 a.m.	Mrs Jill Fletcher: Service plus
		6.30 p.m.	: Communion: Rev. Stephen Caddy

## Events in March

Wednesday	1	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour recommences: Margaret Knapton
Friday	3	<b>2 p.m.</b>	Women's World Day of Prayer at the Catholic Church
Monday	6	2 p.m.	Singing at The Promenade
Tuesday	7	2 p.m.	Singing at Stuart House
Wednesday	8	7.30 pm.	Elders meet at Church
Thursday	9	2 p.m	Singing at Summercourt Hall
Saturday	11	2 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Games then Pie and Pea Supper
Wednesday	15`	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour: Derek Thompson (see page 5)
Saturday	25	12 noon to 1.30 p.m.	Winter Lunch
Sunday	26	1 a.m.	British Summer Time begins. Put clocks forward one hour

## APRIL

Sunday	2	11.45 a.m.	Church AGM
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**April Newsletter** . If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak Jane or Margaret **NOW**. Last date **FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March..** [jane.martin303@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.martin303@btinternet.com) or [s.knapton749@btinternet.com](mailto:s.knapton749@btinternet.com)