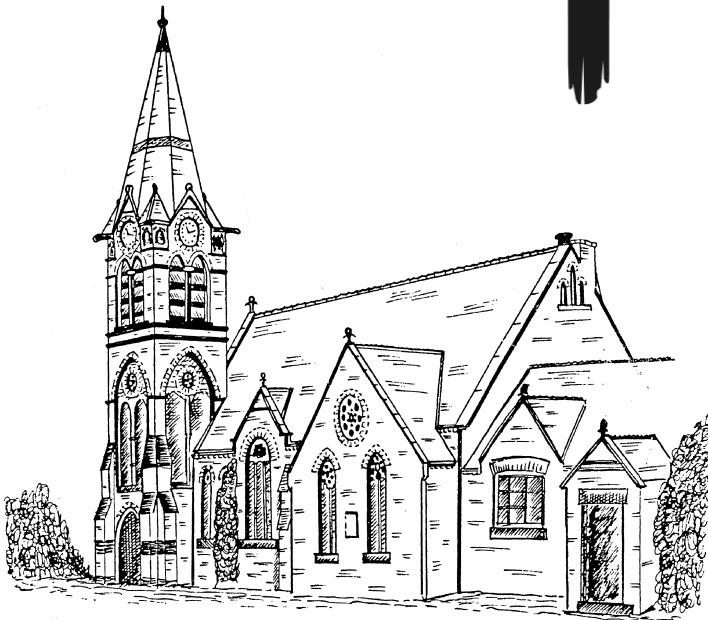


# Hornsea United Reformed Church



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## March 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<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning at **10.30 am.**

**6.30** Evening Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at Methodist Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening in our Church  
(includes Communion)

Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.30 'Open House' (in term-time)  
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship (7 & 21)

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

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

**From Church Records**

**FUNERAL**

19<sup>th</sup> February: Isabella McCafferty

**Lectionary**

4 March: Clearing the way - Exodus 20.1-17. 1 Corinthians 1.18-25.  
John 2.13-22.

11 March: No turning back - Numbers 21.4-9. Ephesians 2.1-10.  
John 3.14-21.

18 March: Staying the course - Jeremiah 31.31-34. Hebrews 5.5-10.  
John 12.20-33.

25 March: The Passion of Christ - Mark 11.1-11. Mark 14.1-15.47.

1 April: I have seen the Lord - Acts 10.34-43. 1 Corinthians 15.1-11.  
John 20.1-18.

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

2 p.m.	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	The Promenade
2.p.m.	Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Stuart House
2 p.m.	Thursday	8 <sup>h</sup> March	Summercourt Hall

Dear Friends'

Sometimes I find it hard to think much further ahead than the next day and all the jobs that need to be completed - so to sit and write a comment for almost a month ahead, for me, is quite a task!

As I write it is two days before the start of Lent – I have beside me a shiny new colourful book entitled 'Let your light shine' and I have to admit a certain amount of excitement and anticipation at being able to discover its contents over the period of Lent.

**Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.**

For Christians Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection a time to focus on our relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give to others.

'Let your light shine' is not asking us to give up anything – but instead to spend a little time each day to read a short passage from John's Gospel and reflect upon it. For those of us who find setting aside ten minutes a day to read the Bible difficult, it is perhaps just the tool that we need. How else are we going to really discover the promises God has for us if we do not read his words to us?

Within Hornsea URC I sense a growing desire to discover, anew, God's word through reading the Bible - not simply relying on someone else's interpretations through Sunday sermons. It is a bit like someone telling you what a magnificent sight the Niagara Falls, or some other wonder of nature, is. They may be able to paint a vivid picture in your imagination and tell you the geographic details but it will be a pale imitation compared with seeing the sight, hearing the thunderous fall of the water, feeling the spray on your cheeks and the rainbow in the mist as you stand in the presence of this amazing phenomenon. Your view may well be of a different angle, in a different light and you may be

aware of different aspects within the whole scene – it is a personal experience and interpretation – *very similar to reading the Bible*.

To share your experience with others, who were there, is also fascinating as you realise how many different views and interpretations can come from the 'same' event - *very similar to reading the Bible*.

So, if you are following 'Let your light shine' during Lent, why not arrange to meet with a friend and talk about what you have seen or discovered in the passages – you could take a few minutes after church, call round for a coffee, join a group like Faith and Fellowship or organise a get together to suit yourselves – I am sure the Elders would help with this if you ask. You never know – these may be the start of discovering the treasures of the Bible, through reading the word, for years to come!

Margaret Knapton

## News from the FRSC

### June Barton

It seems a long time ago since we were enjoying our New Year Party when we got the chance to socialise and exercise the little grey cells with a quiz, be entertained by those brave enough to volunteer and then a walk down Memory Lane with Ken's wonderful picture quiz of old Hull and Hornsea. The culmination was our buffet tea to which we all contributed something whilst on the screen more nostalgia with adverts of yesteryear. Thank you Ken for your hard work, you certainly helped the party swing along.

Our first Winter Lunch on Saturday 27 January seemed a little quiet at first, then suddenly the aroma of hot homemade soup must have wafted round as the place became filled with people eager to be served. After a very busy time, our soup team earned £158.30. Well done and thank you. Don't forget the last one on **Saturday 24 March 12 noon to 1.30pm.**

You should have, by now, bought your ticket for the concert got be given by **Longcroft School Gospel Choir** which starts at **7.30pm in our church on Saturday 3 March**. Tickets are £6 including refreshments. This choir has an excellent reputation so we are all in for a real treat. Their repertoire encompasses all types of music not just gospel. So come along and enjoy a fantastic evening of song.

### **Advance Notice**

More dates for your diaries are:- **Saturday 14 April 2.00-6.00pm** is a **Games Afternoon and Supper**, plus a **Table Top Sale Saturday 28 April 10.00am - 2.00pm** which is our first of the season. Tables are still at £6 and must be booked in advance.

Hopefully all those seedlings and cuttings are flourishing and will be ready for our **Gardeners' Fair on Saturday 26 May 10.00am to 2.00pm**

### **Friendship Hour 2018**

The Friendship Hour is back for its new season! We hope you all enjoyed the Annual Lunch and are looking forward to our March Meetings.

They begin on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, when Chris and Eileen Ashmead will entertain with words, music - who knows! They will be followed on 21<sup>st</sup> with a Social Afternoon. Both meetings begin at 2 p.m. and anyone is welcome, pop along and join in.

### **Let's Chat Again – like we did on 3<sup>rd</sup> February!**

Lots of us gathered on Saturday morning, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, for our first 'Church Chat'. It was a good morning, much to say, much to ponder on, not to mention the cake, coffee etc ! It was lovely to see so many there.

We didn't manage to say it all- by a long way - so the next invitation to Church Chat is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, again from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Do come along again, and bring an extra friend so you don't eat too much cake yourself!

## Holy Week and Easter

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:

Labyrinth at the Methodist Church  
Drop in any time between 10.00 a.m – 6.00 p.m.  
For quiet, meditation

Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Joint Service 7.30pm at Methodist Church

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March –

Joint Service 10.30 a.m. at URC

\*Followed by Walk of Witness around the town  
starting at 11.45am at Catholic Church  
and concluding with Public Worship  
in the Memorial Gardens at 1.30 p.m.

Sunday 1st April

6.15am Sunrise Service on sea front (end of New Rd)

10.30am Easter Day service with Communion

6.30pm Easter Praise at the Methodist Church

\*Please note the Walk of Witness this year will take place on Good Friday,  
not Holy Saturday, and will be shorter than before,  
ending in the Memorial Gardens, not at the Seafront.

## P(r)aying our way - and Banking it!

### Margaret Knapton

One aspect of Worship in the many world faiths is Giving, be it of service, of sacrifice, of talents, or of money.

At Hornsea URC this is no exception – we can give, almost seamlessly, of our time and talents to the benefit of our fellowship, our community and the wider world. But come June the giving of our money will not be quite so seamless, as both banks in the town will have closed.

Nearly all the congregation have set aside a regular amount for their weekly/monthly offering – most of which is given during the Sunday morning service - usually as cash.

In the future all our cash banking will have to be done at the Post Office, which will be more time consuming than the system previously enjoyed at Lloyds. We are therefore asking, *all who are able*, to set up a **standing order** with their bank. This will greatly reduce the amount of cash the church has to handle and ensure that our financial giving can be secured. Several members of the congregation are already 'standing order givers' and all would recommend it – it saves a lot of time and hassle on a Sunday morning looking for the right change or forgetting to pick up the offertory envelope! (or perhaps that is just me).

Marion Clubleby and the Elders will help you with this – all you need is a bank account, we will obtain some forms and enter the details required for the Hornsea URC account.

There will, of course, be times when cash is offered and this along with other gifts will be collected and blessed during the service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please have a word with Marion or myself – all conversations will be treated with confidentiality.

Thank you.

### **STOP PRESS:**

#### **Confirming the booking of Simeon Wood on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June At 7.30pm**

Simeon is an instrumentalist of dazzling versatility. Sometimes inspirational and vibrant, sometimes lyrical and haunting, his music is always enthralling, inventive and delightful – he is a natural entertainer.

Simeon was born in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire and started playing the flute at the age of 8. After 10 years, Trinity College of Music, London, was where his performance and writing skills were honed.

Now Simeon enjoys performing all over the world playing on an ever-increasing array of unusual instruments, all with unique sounds. “My work as an itinerant musician has led me to play in extraordinary venues. From caves to castles, palaces to giant redwood forests as well as the more conventional festivals, cruise ships, halls, theatres and art centres”.

When he's not touring Simeon is regularly commissioned to write music for television and theatre productions.

His launch of a newly invented instrument landed him an appearance on the BBC's One Show and the Chris Evans Breakfast show.

2016 saw the release of his 11th solo recording “Wonderful”

He is coming to perform at Hornsea URC!

It will be a joint fundraising event for our Church and Music Society.

Put this date in your diary – you won't be disappointed.

### **LAST MINUTE STOP PRESS!!**

**Next lunch after Sunday Worship 8 April.** Last one well attended. Do stay. Carol and Margaret will be glad of numbers at Easter please, so there is enough to eat for them too!



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## The Leprosy Mission

### Carol Rutherford

Thank you for all the donations and comments after the World Leprosy Sunday service. Many of you were touched by the plight of people in Danja, not only those living with leprosy but also the villagers being without water because the hospitals needs are greater.

We are very blessed in this country, not only do we have clean water but we have a choice of two sorts of water, hot or cold! Just think back over the day and see how many times you have turned the tap on. Water to wash, to clean, to cook, it's hard to imagine what we would do if the tap suddenly ran dry.

With this in mind I think it would be great if we could put all our donations for TLM this year towards paying for a new well.

The cost of providing a village with a new, clean water well is £800 so that is our challenge for 2018.

I will be taking part in a sponsored walk around Rutland Water in April and will put any money raised towards our well.

So please keep filling your collecting boxes – I have more if anyone would like one – your small change makes a big change to the lives of people living with leprosy.

### **Prayers for Concern in March**

For our congregation as, together,  
we seek God's Will for our Church

For all the Hornsea churches  
as they come together to proclaim  
the glorious message of Easter and build on that witness

Fairtrade Fortnight

### Traidcraft

#### Margaret Knapton

These monthly Traidcraft reports often contain information about individuals and families, working with Traidcraft Exchange, to build a better future for their families and communities.

The outcomes are frequently life changing, giving hope to many of a better standard of living, education to their children and available health care for the first time in their lives.

Traidcraft Exchange is running the **'Hidden Entrepreneur Appeal'** between the 12<sup>th</sup> January and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and the money raised will help some of the world's poorest countries, particularly women, develop their skills so they can build a business, make a profit, feed their families and educate their children.

People like Agnus, who is a farmer and a widow. She's nearly 70 and she owns just one acre of land. But there's more to her than that ... Agnus is a Hidden Entrepreneur.

As she describes in her own words *"Success to me is about being able to not depend on others to help me. I want my farm to produce enough so I can save money."* She has all the talent and work ethic required to make her farm a success, but she needs support to unlock the potential.

With Traidcraft Exchange's help, Agnus and a group of women farmers in her community (including her daughter in law, Frieda) are coming together to receive training, save money as a group, and use the power of their community to negotiate better prices for their crops. *"We decided to only have women in the group because it gives us freedom to talk without men listening. It helps us feel more powerful, like we have a voice. I think men have it easier in this field but we women have to be creative to make this business work."*

Any donations made to this appeal will be DOUBLED by UK AID – therefore every £1 you are able to give will be worth £2 – enabling Traidcraft Exchange to reach twice the number of people in its work in Kenya, Senegal, and Bangladesh.

I will place a collection box on the piano during Sunday Services and on the Thursday Coffee Morning stall if you would like to support this appeal.

THANK YOU.

**Hornsea Music Society**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.**

**New International Chamber Ensemble**

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

**Newsletter Dates.**

Please note that from this month, the Newsletter will contain dates for each **Calendar** month, and will be available on the last Sunday of the previous month.

The April newsletter will therefore be in Church on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March** (it may be available online before that date).

If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak Jane or Margaret **NOW** or email [jane.martin303@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.martin303@btinternet.com) or [s.knapton749@btinternet.com](mailto:s.knapton749@btinternet.com)

Last date **FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

