

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 morning at **10.30 a.m.**

6.30 Evening Worship
1st Sunday at the Methodist Church

7 00 3rd Sunday **this month only Ecumenical Event**
at Floral Hall

Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.00 'Open House' (in term-time)
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday 2 p.m. Friendship Hour (2nd and 16th)

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

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

FUNERALS

20th March: Dorothy Webster

4th April: Robert Benson

Lectionary for May 2017

6 May: Lasting fruit - Acts 10.44-48, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17

13 May: Jesus' prayer - Acts 1.15-17 & 21-26, 1 John 5.9-13,
John 17.6-19

20 May: Life after Jesus - Acts 2.1-21, Romans 8.22-27,
John 15.26-27 & 16.4b-15

27 May: Children of God - Isaiah 6.1-8, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

Dates for Services in the Residential Homes

2 p.m.	Monday	7 th May	The Promenade
2 p.m.	Tuesday	8 th May	Stuart House
2 p.m.	Thursday	10 th May	Summernote Hall

Dear Friends,

**‘Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.’**

I was trying to think of something to write for the magazine and nothing came to mind. But the words above from the hymn ‘When I survey the wondrous cross’ had been popping into my mind since we sang them on Good Friday. Beautiful words but also very challenging, do we really give our all to God?

It made me think about the words of the hymns we sing both traditional and new. They can be happy, sad, challenging and thought provoking. They are a great resource that can be overlooked. We can sing them in worship, use them as prayers and learn about Jesus and how He wants us to live.

We all have our favourites both hymns and tunes!

Further on in this magazine under the heading ‘Reflection’ I have picked a hymn which I think fits well with us and our challenge to grow our church, its ‘Take my life, and let it be.’ If we give our all to God we will surely grow in faith and spirituality.

We could make this a regular feature in the magazine. If you have a favourite hymn or song let us know and we will print one each month with a short comment about why you have chosen it.

Carol Rutherford

‘Meeting our Tiger’

Mrs Kath Barnett will tell the Friendship Hour how she became the adoptive mother of a Bengali Tiger. Be there on Wednesday 2 May at 2 pm. Her fee will go to the Born Free Foundation.

On Wednesday 16 May there will be a Social Afternoon. Do go along.

Church Chat

Most of the congregation are engaged, either through prayer and/or attendance, with the recent Church Chats which are following the LyCiG (Lead Your Church into Growth) course material. There are six sessions in all and we are now at the 'half-way' stage.

I say 'half way' because, in reality, these are only the starting point for enabling our church fellowship to look at our spiritual, numerical and community growth – an ongoing process.

The attendance and contribution to these get togethers has been overwhelming with each session producing honest and open discussions and sharing of ideas and thoughts – so much so that the Elders feel we need to have a pause to enable us to fully appreciate and implement, through prayer and consultation, some of these ideas.

Much work has already been done :-

- The first session focused on Spiritual growth (becoming more like Jesus) as our main priority. Worship and teaching are the key to this and *a Worship Group, of about 10 volunteers, has been established to look at this area. At the moment they are meeting weekly and will report back to the congregation shortly.*
- The second session looked at how to develop a strategy for growth – based on 4 P's – Prayer, Presence, Proclamation, Persuasion.
- No secure foundation will happen without **Prayer** and *a weekly prayer calendar has been produced to support our plans and progress* – please collect one from the piano in the church if you have not already got one.
- **Presence** – the challenge is to build friendships and make our presence felt in a positive way both in our local community and amongst all our members 'human networks'.

- **Proclamation** – is about inviting people to hear the Good News of the Gospel – in an interesting, attractive and appropriate way. There were many suggestions for this and *the Elders are looking at the church calendar of services and events to see how to incorporate these invitations.*
- **Persuasion** – inviting the 'inquirers' to 'follow-up' groups where they can begin/continue their journey of faith. As a church we need to do more work in this area.
- The third session looked at developing a community of invitation, welcome and hospitality. The question "Would you describe your church as feeling 'warm', 'cold' or 'medium'?" threw up a **lot** of discussion especially as we began to realise there were 'unintentional' barriers for people coming into 'our church community'.
- It is about developing our welcome beyond the initial friendly hello and welcome, to a more meaningful/deeper relationship where they become a valued part of the church family. *The suggestions for invitation events where we can get to know people better will be incorporated into the church calendar but it was most uplifting to see most of those who had attended the Saturday session moving their seat to sit with someone on their own on the Sunday service – and not just the newcomer – how many of our regular congregation are 'strangers' to us?*

The overriding comment from every sessions 'feedback' page was that so many of you are willing to 'do more' to make this church a place of love and welcome. The Elders will be weaving this enthusiasm into the services, pastoral care, mission and maintenance of the church and in God's grace we will most certainly grow.

Because of the workload the Elders need time to reflect on all these sessions, produce a clear vision statement and begin to produce a plan for growth. We are therefore 'pressing the pause button' on the April

and May meetings to resume again in June (dates to be circulated) when we will be looking at how we can tell our story and help people to meet Jesus.

**Sections in italics indicate the work already being undertaken.*

News from the FRSC

June Barton

Despite having to postpone the Gospel Choir concert performed by Longcroft School due to atrocious weather conditions, the attendance was extremely good and the choir, who were down in numbers, were outstanding. Their enthusiasm and energy shone through in every song they sang. The repertoire was excellent, including the audience participation, which gave us a chance to either clap or sing along or even both!

An excellent evening's entertainment which managed to earn us £300.00. Thank you to Longcroft School and thank you to those who supported this event.

The last of our Winter Lunches was not as well attended but again weather conditions were not on our side, however it brought in £90.40 making the total of all three Winter Lunches £427.70.

Looking forward, our **Gardeners Fair is booked for Saturday 26 May 10.00am- 2.00pm** when all those seedlings and cuttings you have been lavishing with tender loving care will be ready to sell. If anyone would like to have a table with garden related items or produce, the table hire is still at £6.00, please let me know.

Events for the month of June include a **Musical Quiz and buffet supper on Saturday 9 June 2.00pm-6.00pm** and **Strawberry Treats on Saturday 30 June 10.00am - 2.00pm.** .

Beryl and Brenda are planning a Coffee Morning either on **Wednesday 6 or Wednesday 13 June** from **10.30am- 12.30pm** in Brenda's home in Eastgate.

Watch this space for further details of all these events.

Doreen Rogers

Christian Aid Week this year is from **May 13th to May 19th**.

Together we're stronger than the storms'

This powerful theme reflects the almost unimaginable situations people living in places like Haiti have suffered, and will suffer again. Christian Aid Week is our chance to reflect, pray and support those workers trying to provide vital needs in such situations.

It is no longer possible to organise a house to house collection in Hornsea. Instead of that, Churches will be placing envelopes in the pews on the Sundays either side of the week. Please give as generously as you can and if you are a tax payer please Gift Aid your donation at no extra cost to yourself.

The Methodist Church is to arrange a **Coffee Morning** in aid of Christian Aid on **Friday 18th May** from 10.00 to 12.00.

The work of Christian Aid is even more needed than ever before so please support your brothers and sisters who are in dire need in many parts of the World and as you do so give thanks for your own good fortune.



WANTED – people to make a joyful noise!

Hornsea Christians Together are hosting a
Pentecost Praise Party
on Sunday 20th May
at the Floral Hall between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

*It will be a social occasion with live music, fun and fellowship
for all to celebrate Pentecost – refreshments will be available
at the bar.*

Admission FREE

This is a fantastic opportunity for all Christians
(and none) to come together and celebrate
the wonderful gift of God's Spirit.

There will be lots of singing and praise,
punctuated by dramatised bible reading,
sketches, thoughts on what Pentecost means today
and spectacular prayers.

It will be a truly amazing event
and a wonderful witness to our faith –
make sure you get a ticket (from church)
and ask a friend or two ...

Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in May

Hornsea Methodist Church and Stewards
Churches Together and Pentecost Praise
Crossfire – Synod Youth Event
Hornsea URC and Church Meeting

Pastoral Visiting

Carol Rutherford

What is pastoral visiting?

The dictionary says:

1. Of the land
 - used for the keeping of sheep;
 - associated with country life - “the view was pastoral with rolling hills and grazing sheep”
2. In the Christian church
 - the giving of spiritual guidance
 - Relating to care and wellbeing of people

I think it means looking after our flock, taking care of one another. Something I think our church is very good at doing.

One of the ways we did this in the past was to have a Pastoral Visiting Team and we still have a few people who visit someone regularly and I think it would be lovely if we could revive and expand this team.

We have several members who can no longer attend church regularly because of age or health problems but who are still part of our church family and would like to be kept up to date with the life of the church.

This is something we could all do, you don't have to be a Minister or an Elder, no qualifications needed, just a friendly smile and an hour of your time! It won't involve lots of meetings, just an occasional get together.

If you think you would be able to help in any way, please have a word with me.

Thank you

Reflection

Carol Rutherford

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord. To Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all, for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-74

She wrote this hymn in 1874 and made this comment about it: Consecration is not so much a step as a course; not so much an act, as a position to which a course of action inseparably belongs...

Hornsea Music Society
Showcase Concert

26th May 2018
at the URC
7.30pm - £10

The first East Coast Musician of the Year Concert took place in 2008.

The aim was to enable musicians of all ages to develop their performance skills in a public setting.

The competition is still going strong with the standard of performance increasing each year.

This showcase concert shows off the extraordinary skills and talents of some of the competitions' winners – many of whom are capable of performing a full concert in their own right.

The range of instruments covered in this showcase event are the organ, violin, clarinet, marimba, voice and piano – an evening not to be missed.

Hornsea URC- the home of Hornsea Music Society

I have been reading...

Jean Barrett

The Irrelevant Church by Robin Gamble

This book was published in 1991. It was recommended to me and I managed to get a second-hand copy. It is written by Rev Robin Gamble who also co-wrote the Leading Your Church into Growth course that our church has been following.

The book is divided into three parts. Part one is the history of the church, which I found heavy going, but necessary to understand the rest of the book.

Part two is all about what the bible says about the poor, and I found this fascinating. Each part concludes with a summary and part two summary includes this- "At the Incarnation Jesus 'signed up' to play for the under privileged. This is not surprising, for they had always been his Father's favourite team."

Part three is about the church and the church's task today. Well worth a read! Ask me if you would like to borrow it.

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

The last date is **Thursday 10th May**. This Newsletter should be available on Sunday 27th May, and sooner on the church website.

Please give or email material to jane.martin303@btinternet.com or s.knapton749@btinternet.com Thank you.

BIG CHURCH GET TOGETHER
(Come Rain or Shine)
YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK
Saturday 9th June
Transport will be arranged

This is a FREE EVENT for ALL AGES to come and enjoy fellowship together.

It is for the whole Church family. This includes all groups that use the Church building including Hornsea Choir, Toddlers, Art and Craft groups, Living Well, Brownies, etc. and any neighbouring churches and any friends/relatives of all who have an association with the church. There will be activities for all ages to engage with and 'come rain or shine' we are determined to have a great time together (but please be prepared for either with sun protection and a rain coat)!

Food and drink are available at the park from a café, but there is also a lovely large area to picnic so feel free to bring your own lunch.

The Yorkshire Sculpture Park are also providing two activities: a Hidden Forest for under 5's (£2.50 per child) and a Sculpture Building Challenge for all ages (free to participate however this is a 40 minute activity with limited places available therefore signing up on arrival at the park is recommended).

Worship will take place towards the end of the event and this will be open air with live music. This promises to be a lively worship session, inclusive to all and will be led by a small team.

Although the day is advertised to finish at 3.30pm please feel able to stay at the park as long as you like.

There will be prayer stations at numerous locations in the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Messy Church crafts, Sculpture Building challenges and other activities.

The only costs for the day will be for transport (in the region of £10), food and the Hidden Forest for U5's. We anticipate leaving Hornsea at 8.15am and returning at 6.00pm.

**This is an EXCLUSIVE EVENT.
There are limited places available (400) so
BOOKING IS REQUIRED.**

Consequently all booking slips need to be returned to Margaret Knapton by Friday 25th May – to make sure we do not miss out.

Traidcraft and Tea

Traidcraft are changing their range of tea – but why?

Those who know anything about Traidcraft's pioneering history will know that they spent a lot of time developing Fairtrade East African teas back in the 1990s and were the first to import from Kenya.

Much of the tea grown in Kenya is from smallholder growers who own their own processing factories and they believe that a focus on such farmers is an important part of their mission and objectives so have always avoided using teas grown on plantations. Many other Fairtrade brands do not have this focus. Some of those Kenyan teas are still part of their blend – for example Iriaini and Ndima.

Malawi is probably the poorest tea growing country in the world so it's natural that Traidcraft would want to include Malawi teas in the blend. They focus completely on the smallholder sector and teas grown by the Sukambizi Association are an important part of the blend.

For the decaf blend which can't be leaf locked, in addition to the above, they also use smallholder teas from Uganda and Tanzania – just as they have always done.

I will be ordering the complete new range of teas which will be on sale on the Traidcraft stall by the time you are reading this – they include:-
Breakfast Blend 80s – *this is the big yellow pack which replaces the*

green One Cup 100s, blue Everyday 80s and Africa Gold 80s. It is better quality than all the previous packs, because it is Leaf Lock True Taste ®

Loose Leaf Breakfast Blend – *this is our new, improved loose leaf tea for those who like to make tea in a teapot (and avoid plastic).*

Earl Grey 50s – *using the same Breakfast Blend, this tea is flavoured with the same amount of natural bergamot oil as the previous iteration – so regular customers should still love this product.*

Decaffeinated 80s – *we know you like our decaf tea because sales have continued to grow, so we have not changed this product.*

What is so different about the range?

Well the main difference is the quality of the tea. All the teas, except the decaf, carry the **Leaf Lock True Taste** logo. This is a unique process that locks in the freshness of the tea and specially protects it all the way from origin to pack.

The tea retains its quality and taste because it is protected from oxygen and moisture on its whole journey, to give you as fresh a taste as possible. Leaf Lock tea gives you the true taste of tea; it is like drinking tea that has been freshly picked from the tea estate. Like the Fairtrade Mark, the Leaf Lock logo appears on the front of the pack as a reassurance of its quality.

What is the process for decaffeinating the decaf tea?

The process Traidcraft use (in Switzerland) is a carefully controlled solvent extraction process which preserves the true tea taste and health benefits, whilst removing the caffeine (less than 0.2% caffeine remains). This tea is ideal to drink in an evening or if you are trying to reduce your caffeine intake.

Well – after writing this I think it is time for a cuppa!

