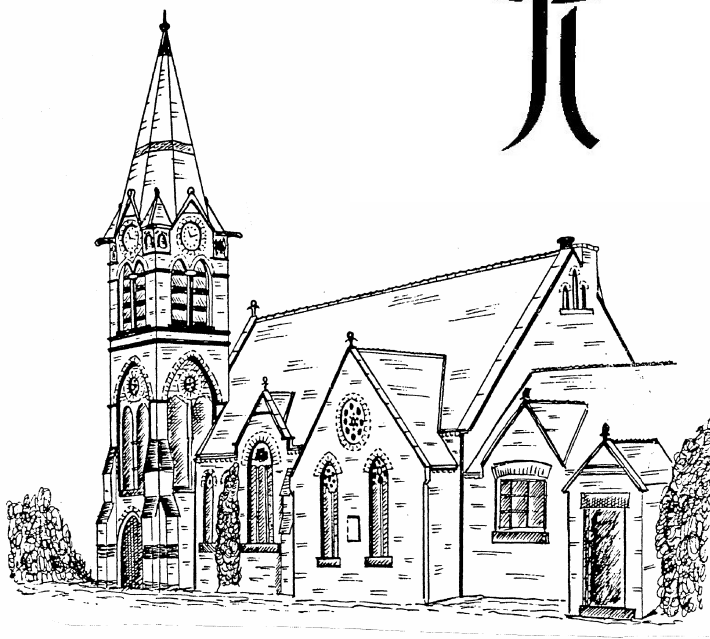
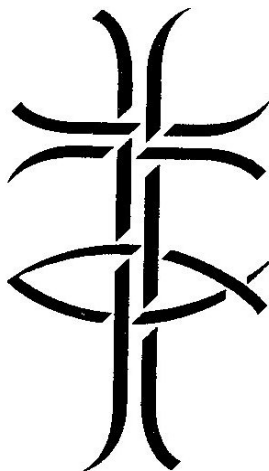


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## November 2016

# The Week at a Glance, Church Records, Birthday

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SUNDAY	<b>10.30</b>	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 <b>6.30 p.m.</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning at <b>10.30 a.m.</b>
		Other Sunday evenings:
	6.30 p.m.	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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> )
Thursday:	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning
Friday	6 & 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

## FUNERALS

26<sup>th</sup> September: Frank Hobson  
19<sup>th</sup> October: Maureen Barrass

## BIRTHDAY

## LOLA CROSS

Lola will be 10 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. How the years fly by! A very Happy Birthday, Lola. We hope you enjoy your special day.

### **Hornsea Music Society**

#### **New International Chamber Ensemble**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 p.m.**

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

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## FRANK HOBSON

Frank loved Hornsea, indeed Holderness, and when, in the 1950s, he and Thelma moved to Norwich, it wasn't long before they were back – even though, as he delighted to tell me when we first came to Hornsea - the wind is much sharper here!

Wind or no wind, Frank needed to be out in the countryside, or the town, exploring and remembering every nook and cranny, every unusual building, stile or gate; photographing it, so he could delight hundreds of us with the most intimate secrets of our area. His local knowledge was encyclopaedic.

On 28<sup>th</sup> January 1934, as his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday approached, Frank became a member of Hornsea Congregational Church, a membership he treasured every day since. He was a man of action, and over the years could be seen almost daily attending to some thing or other around the building he loved. No point asking Thelma where he was if he wasn't at home – we all knew.

But his membership, and later Eldership of the United Reformed Church, was also one of a deep, sincere and quiet faith. He loved hymns, looking deep into the nuances of the words, his Bible was his constant companion, and he regarded it as a great privilege to be asked to read a Sunday lesson.

But our Church is our people, and Frank has loved, prayed for, supported and encouraged many, many of our folk over the years. Their faith has been enriched by his love of God and by his friendship.

Frank lived to a great age, 97, so was a man of several generations. He welcomed and supported ministers who came and went, and was always ready to give 'something extra' in times of vacancy.

As we say our farewells, we think especially of Thelma and the family, whose loss is the greater, and pray for them in the days to come. For ourselves, we have been honoured to know, to love and to share our worship and our Lord with Frank, may he rest safe in God's keeping.

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## MAUREEN BARRASS

We have a beautiful picture hanging in our Church Hall, one person's vision of the foundations of her faith. Many people stop in their tracks and gaze at it – for each of them it probably means something different.

The picture was created with closest care by Maureen, whose personal faith was at the heart of all in her life: her childhood with her siblings, her amazing creative talents, her family of Christina, Kieran and Gemma, and all her friends for whom she has done, and has meant, so much.

A radiant smile, twinkly eyes, and an ability 'to create something beautiful out of nothing', were what we all knew of Maureen. She loved to spend time with children, exploring their latent creativity. Activities like 'Messy Church', Holiday Club and Junior Church were dreamt up for people like her, the use of colour, the exploration of tactile materials, the anticipation and joy (or laughter) of what might come out at the end of it all, taught us all to be more aware of all around us.

Maureen was born in Barnsley, where her creative talents, and those of her sisters and brother were nurtured, but one talent, for making lovely food, helped her get a job as cook/housekeeper at Tickton Grange (then still a private house) and thus she came to the East Riding. Eventually she settled at 13, Ebor Avenue, a sanctuary and haven for all whom she cared about.

Her philosophy that no little thing should be wasted was borne out in her tireless fundraising for 'Save the Children', which she achieved through various avenues, not least a stall at the Freeport.

She lived by the verse: "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" and each day gave her new smiles to share with others.

We are blessed to have known and shared time with Maureen, we will miss her spiritual inspiration, all her smiles so freely given, and we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Christina, Gemma and Kieran in their great loss. May she rest in peace in the ever-loving arms of Jesus.

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Dear Friends

We the Elders have been tasked with writing the 'comment' in the church magazine, and this month it falls to me. I have thought long and hard about what to talk about - November is when the nights are darker since the clocks went back at the end of October, and when a few folks cope with post-holiday withdrawal by planning the next summer holiday!

Brighter, warmer days seem a long way off and although the month is dark, there have been some notable events which have happened in November which have lifted the spirits - the end of the Great War, our Queen married the Duke of Edinburgh, archaeologist Howard Carter had his first glimpse through a hole in a door of King Tutankhamun's tomb - all hugely significant events in their own way, each with some degree of hope and expectation attached.

We look forward to the start of Advent - the word means "coming" or "arrival" and is marked by a spirit of hope - one of expectation and anticipation, one of preparation and longing - in some ways similar to that felt by those involved in the events mentioned above.

As we look forward to this celebration of Advent, I am always reminded of the similarities in the expected arrival of all babies; for those of you who don't know I am a midwife, and even after almost thirty years I am still amazed at the miracle of birth and feel privileged to be present. I am sure that although 2000 years separates us, Mary and Joseph would have had similar hopes, worries and expectations that every expectant couple go through - when will it happen? Will everything be okay? Will the baby be alright?

Although we know it was God's will, this tiny baby was born to a very young, unmarried girl who undertook a long and exhausting journey to a city where she knew nobody. Although aware of God's plan and trusting in Him, Mary must still have been terrified; alone, in pain and delivered in a dirty, animal-filled stable.

Thankfully such situations do not happen today and babies are born in warm, clean surroundings with parents supported by family, friends, midwives and doctors. The circumstances are very different, >>>>>

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As Christians we await with anticipation the celebration of the birth of the Son of God in December, (although I have seen one shop in town which has had its window decked out in all things Christmas since September!!). We live in hope and faith that God, however distant He sometimes seems in a difficult world which sees such suffering, will bring a King who will rule with truth, justice and righteousness over His people and in His creation...

“All My hope on God is founded, He doth still my trust renew...”

Yours in His service,

Ann (Bosworth)

## Lectionary and Preachers

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

November: 6: God of the Living. Job 19.23-27a & Luke 20.27-38  
13: Hang on. 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 & Luke 21.5-19  
20: Public not Private. Jeremiah 23.1-6 & Luke 23.33-43  
27: Shaken and stirred. Isaiah 2.1-5 & Matthew 24.36-44  
& Romans 13.11-14  
December 4: Radical transformation. Isaiah 11.1-10 & Matthew 3.1-12  
& Romans 15.4-13

We welcome various preachers for these weeks, some better known to us than others.

We are delighted to welcome on 6<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Pauline Mewis of Flowergate URC, Whitby. She is particularly well know to those of us who have attended Summer Rallies at Scarborough Spa over the years Steven will conduct communion on 13<sup>th</sup>, and on 20<sup>th</sup> Trevor Holborn will preside at a Joint Shoebox Service with our Methodist friends in our Church. Not to be outdone, Pauline's husband Rev Michael Mewis will be travelling to us on 27<sup>th</sup>, and with a much shorter journey we welcome Rev. Keith Himsworth on 4 December.

## **Vision For People With Sight Loss**

**David Radford**

The heading is the strap line for the Torch Trust for the Blind, an international Christian charity which supports blind and partially sighted people in their Christian lives and provides outreach support for individuals experiencing sight loss for the first time.

In July and October myself and Nicky Dixon, two visually impaired volunteers with our Living Well project teamed up with James Seager of Torch to provide training in visual impairment for around thirty people at the URC and in Hornsea Methodist Church.

The Living Well team has recently received an increasing number of requests to support older people losing their sight and the local Churches Together group wished to explore ways of promoting the inclusion of visually impaired people in church worship and life. The half day sessions were attended by volunteers, church leaders and members.

There were several key learning points. As one person in five over 75 has sight loss many experience social isolation, loneliness and levels of depression. Several common eye conditions are treatable if identified early enough and eye health checks are free at the opticians for over sixties and should be taken at least every two years or annually if at risk.

Levels of vision vary enormously and when offering assistance we should always ask the individual how best we can help. Don't assume but do speak to someone and say who you are as they may not be able to recognise you. People may use several different formats for reading in church and at home and we all need to review the way we provide and present things to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be included.

Torch offers a wide range of services including literature in large print, Braille, on digital CDs, memory sticks and on line. It can provide >>>>

<<<<< and set up transcription services and advice for churches; holidays including in Yorkshire; telephone support and book clubs by phone; moving forward rehabilitation courses; local fellowship groups, including Bridlington and Hornsea; and support for local churches engaged in support of visually impaired members.

There are a wide range of statutory and voluntary services but often people are unaware or unable to contact these. For further information or advice please speak to me or to one of the Living Well project team leaders.

### News from the FRSC

#### June Barton

A few people attended the Chocolate Afternoon and enjoyed it, particularly the children, some of whom wanted a chocolate fountain their bedrooms! All things chocolate were on offer from Fair Trade, drinking chocolate, raffle, cakes and of course music by Hot Chocolate. The event raised only £96.47 but it has been decided to have the Chocolate Fountain running on Lights Night when more people will be out, especially the children.

**Lights Night on Friday 25 November 6.00 – 8.00pm** will see our church festooned with Christmas decor and an abundance of Angels of all shapes and sizes. So get working now on your ideas for Christmas centre pieces and help make our church even more impressive than it is already. Hot drinks, mince pies and as mentioned before, the Chocolate Fountain will be available along with a wonderful raffle which will be carried over to the **Christmas Fayre (10.00am – 3.00pm)** on the following day. All manner of crafts, decorations, wrapped gifts to the value of £1, suitably labelled; raffle and tombola prizes are requested please. Cakes and sandwich fillings are also required together with any help that can be offered.

Advanced Notice: - The New Year Party is booked for Saturday 14 January 2017 and ideas would be welcome as to what kind of games and entertainment you would like.



## Friendship Hour

The Friendship Hour 'season' draws to a close this month, but will be with us again in the New Year. Watch this space for up to date news.

Meanwhile, the November meetings will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**, when it will be the Annual General Meeting, and a chance to reflect – and look forward – do come along and share all that has happened.

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** there will be a special Afternoon Tea, one certainly not to be missed. A surprise caterer has already volunteered to prepare everything – sounds good to me!  
Both meetings are **at 2 p.m.**

## Service Plus

Do be sure to make time to stay for the quarterly Church Meeting after worship on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. With plans well in hand for various works in the Church itself, and well as much else, you do need to keep up to date.

## Town Remembrance Service.

There will be a town Remembrance Service and wreath-laying in the Memorial Gardens on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at about **12 noon**.

## Quiet 'Day'

We are delighted that the Sisters of the Convent of Mercy in Eastgate are welcoming us for a time of quiet, from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**.

We have held these Quiet 'Days' several times now, and you are most welcome to come along. If you've not been before, obviously it is a quiet time, but will be interspersed with relevant thoughts for guidance during our time together.

Because of limited accommodation we will need to know who would like to come. Please speak to Sarah if you have any queries, and also to leave your name if you wish to reserve a place.

### Shoebox Sunday 2016

Lots of people are beavering away preparing Christmas Shoeboxes for children in Eastern Europe. These need to be despatched in good time for Christmas, so **the final date** for the collection of the boxes at church will be **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**, the day when we hold a joint service with our Methodist friends in our Church. Thank you for all your hard work.

### Advent Bible Study

Carol Rutherford is planning to lead a series of Bible Studies 'Advent Conspiracy' for the Advent season, on Tuesday afternoons and evenings.

The afternoon sessions will start at 2 p.m. for an hour, followed by tea and chat, at 73, Ashcourt Drive. The same theme will also be followed, but slightly differently, in the Faith and Fellowship sessions, on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Church.

These will be held for four weeks, beginning on 29<sup>th</sup> November, and continuing until 20<sup>th</sup> December inclusive. If you would like to know more, please speak to Carol or Jane.

### Telephone Support Network

#### June Barton

At certain times during the week the church hall is used by the Telephone Support Network (TSN) when our volunteers make regular calls to the recipients of our Living Well Project. These calls are made in the strictest confidence and all the information gathered is subject to the Data Protection policy.

It is essential that we abide by the conditions under which the Living Well Project was set up, so to this end when the TSN is operating the hall will be out of bounds to all except the Telephone volunteers. A notice will be placed on the outer door and the inner door will be locked for the duration of the session. Please assist us by respecting the notice. Thank you.

**Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes**

Stuart House: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 3 p.m.  
The Promenade: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30 p.m.  
Summercourt Hall: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 2 p.m.

**Party Night!**

**To raise funds for Christian Aid's Christmas appeal**

**With  
Adam Lynch    Singing live**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm - 11.30pm

At Hornsea Indoor Bowls Club,  
Atwick Road, Hornsea. HU18 1EL

Ticket price £10

Tickets available from: - Hornsea Indoor Bowls Club  
tel: 01964 537776

St. Nicholas Church Hall.

Sally Dunn - tel: 01964 229215

Doreen Rogers - tel: 01964 533742

Dancing, raffle, fun and games!  
Food available at an additional cost.

All profits made will be donated to Christian Aid's Christmas appeal,  
which supports the current refugee crisis!

**Hornsea URC – Christmas Delivery Service**  
**First posting – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Last post date – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
***Get all your cards delivered around the town***

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**IBRA, Reform and Prayer Handbook****Jane Martin**

Please will anyone who has been receiving the Annual International Bible Reading Association Notes in recent years, and would like to continue in 2017, please have a word with me, or drop me an email. I do not have a detailed list of present subscribers and would like to get it up to date and ensure you get your 2017 copy.

As mentioned last month, I can also organise for you to receive the URC's national magazine, Reform, for 2017. Just let me know.

The URC Prayer Handbook for 2017, 'Feasts and Festivals' is also now available and Kathy Webb has a copy for your perusal. Written specially for the URC, there are unique thoughts and prayers week by week through the year, for you to enjoy and meditate on. Contributors include all sorts of folk from throughout the URC, the youngest being only ten years old. At a price of £6.50, and with a gorgeous colourful cover, Kathy Webb will be sending an order in late November, so please be sure to have a word with her by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the latest to ensure you have your copy in time.

**Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in November****For Remembrance Sunday**

That the parties who have signed the Paris Agreement  
on Climate Change will honour their agreement  
and that more parties will commit to its goals

That the citizens of the United States of America  
elect a President who will foster world peace.

## Church Flowers

### Ann Jordan

2016 has certainly been a year of change for us. One thing that has not changed is flowers in Church each Sunday. The flowers are an important part of our worship, not only for you to enjoy on a Sunday, but also that they are taken out to our Church family and friends for various reasons. I know you enjoy receiving our flowers from the comments you make to me and other Elders.

Now comes my appeal.

I am very grateful to the people who contribute towards our flowers as they become more and more expensive. Any contribution, large or small to make our 'service of flowers' possible, is appreciated, and if you've not offered an occasional donation before and would like to now, please have a word with me.

If you have a date you would like to have flowers put in Church, please sign the rota on the display board in the Hall, or again, speak to me. Thank you. I, Heather or Mandy will arrange them for you unless you wish to arrange them yourself.

A big 'thank you' to Heather and Mandy for their help and brilliant ideas again. Our next display is Christmas! If you would like to help our small group, you would be very welcome. Just have a word with any one of us. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Margaret Webster. Margaret has unfortunately had to step down from helping with the flowers and displays. We miss you, Margaret, but thank you for all your help and advice over the years. Keep on with your sewing.

### Greeting Each Other

Again we invite you to send and share Christmas greetings with Church friends by writing **one** Christmas card to **everyone** at Church. These cards will be displayed at the front of the Church.

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<<<<< If you would like to make a donation as a token of your Christmas Greetings to your friends, it will go to Dove House Palliative Day Care at Hornsea Cottage Hospital. A box for cards and donations will be provided at the front of the Church. Please mark your envelope clearly 'For the Church' so your card does not get confused with our Delivery Service cards. Thank you.

## **Hornsea URC Unique Christmas Delivery Service**

### **Jackie Bradley**

Every year we deliver Christmas cards only, addressed to houses within Hornsea town. Please feel free to use this service – all proceeds will go to Church funds.

It's now November and time to start thinking about Christmas!

Hopefully, the post boxes will go into Whittles Chemist, the Beach Hut Cafe and the Church on or around Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember that the cards can only be delivered in Hornsea and we cannot deliver to any villages. Please, please, please address them fully and clearly and with as much detail as possible to help us get them all to the correct address. We ask for just 25p for each card to be delivered which is far cheaper than the Royal Mail! The money can be popped into the box with the cards.

The last day of posting for the cafe and chemist will be **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

We will leave the box in the church until after coffee morning on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. I'm sorry it seems quite early but I need to sort all the cards out to be given to my trusty band of post people.

I am trusting that everyone who helped last year will be available to help again this year! However, I am looking for more people to as not everyone from last year will be available this year! The job involves taking a bundle of cards, which I will deliver to you soon after the boxes have been emptied, and delivering them before Christmas to the houses on your round.

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**The Roadshow****Margaret Knapton**

I have just recently attended a Traidcraft Roadshow, which proved to be an inspiring day, with a preview of all the 2016 Autumn/Christmas stock - but best of all - first hand accounts of some of the amazing work Traidcraft is doing.

It is quite awe-inspiring how close we are to the people who produce the fantastic stock in the Traidcraft magazine and rewarding to know the difference every purchase makes to these people.

The Traidcraft staff make regular visits to their producers and know many personally. They share their joys and also their troubles and we learnt a lot about the response of GPI (Get Paper Industries) in Nepal after the devastating earthquake, supporting their employees in whatever way they needed and although some are still living in temporary housing all are safe, back at work and able to support their families – unlike many who do not have this support enabled by fair trade.

**Shop early for Christmas!**

**Collect your Traidcraft catalogue from Church**

**any Sunday or from Thursday coffee**

**Or ask Margaret Knapton**

**Make yours a Fair Trade Christmas**

**The next issue of this Newsletter** is a double issue for December and January . Please speak to Sarah or Jane **NOW** if you wish an item included so space can be reserved. After the deadline, **FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**, it is too late to save space. Issue available Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please give your material to Sarah or Jane or e mail to [jane.martin303@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.martin303@btinternet.com) or [sarah.darlington538@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.darlington538@gmail.com)

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6</b>	10.30 a.m. Mrs. Pauline Mewis of Flowergate URC, Whitby: Service Plus 6.30 p.m. Rev. Steven Knapton: Communion
	<b>13</b>	Remembrance Sunday 10.30 a.m. Rev. Steven Knapton: Communion About 12 noon Town Remembrance Day Service in the Memorial Gardens
	<b>20</b>	10.30 a.m. Rev. Trevor Holborn: Shoebox Sunday Joint Service with the Methodists in our Church
	<b>27</b>	Advent Sunday 10.30 a.m. Rev. Michael Mewis of Flowergate URC, Whitby: <b>Evenings (except 6<sup>th</sup>) at 6.30 p.m. Prayer and Praise</b>

**And into December**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4</b>	10.30 a.m. Rev. Keith Himsworth 6.30 p.m. Rev. Alison Micklem: Communion
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**Events in November**

Wednesday	2	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: AGM
Sunday	6	11.45 a.m. Quarterly Church Meeting
Tuesday	8	3 p.m. Singing at Stuart House
Wednesday	9	7.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Monday	14	2.30 p.m. Singing at The Promenade
Wednesday	16	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: Afternoon Tea
Thursday	17	2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall
Saturday	19	10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Quiet 'Day' at the Convent of Mercy, Eastgate
Sunday	20	10.30 a.m. Shoebox Sunday
Friday	25	6 p.m. Lights' Night 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Party Night at the Bowls Club.
		All proceeds for Christian Aid (see page 11)
Saturday	26	10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Fayre