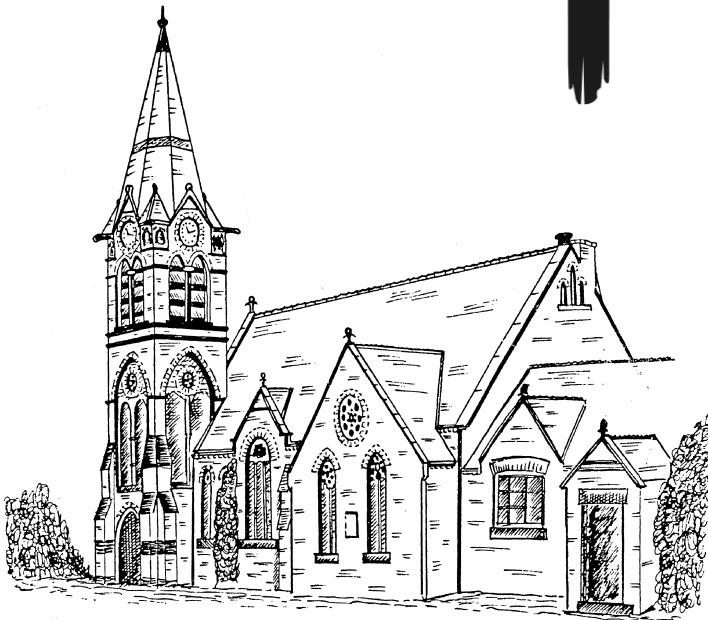


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November 2017

SUNDAY	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche. Coffee etc. served at close of Worship. Communion: 2 nd Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
	6.30	Evening Worship 1 st Sunday at Methodist Church 3 rd Sunday evening in our Church (includes Communion)
Tuesday:	9.15 to 11.30 7 p.m.	'Open House' (in term-time) Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour (1 st , 15 th , 22 nd Nov)
Thursday:	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning
Friday	6. & 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

8 October:	Jean Barrett Ken Bradley	Mark Parker-Randall Ann Thompson
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Lectionary

5 November -	What lies beneath? Micah 3.5-12;	Matthew 23.1-12
12 November -	A dark night. Amos 5.18-24;	Matthew 25.1-13
19 November -	Settling accounts. Zephaniah 1.712-18;	Matthew 25.14-30
26 November -	Judgement call. Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24;	Matthew 25.31-46
3 December -	Being who you are called to be. Isaiah 64.1-19; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9;	Mark 13.24-37

Letter to the Editor

From Pam Griffiths

On Sunday 1 October, we enjoyed an inspirational service led by our young people. A lot of thought had been put into the preparation, showing us how, through God's grace, we are all a part of God's amazing creation, each one of us being unique and special to Him.

I am certain we would all be very happy for our young people to lead us again in worship sometime soon.

Dear Friends

So have you ordered your new sofa for Christmas yet?!

It maybe that you actually require a new sofa, but, if like me, you have managed very successfully without a new sofa for 364 days of the year, then why is there an expected need and urgency to purchase a new sofa to enhance your Christmas? But it is not just furniture that is advertised earlier and earlier each year.

On a recent visit to Hornsea Garden Centre (at Sigglesthorne) I noted that the series of Christmas meals had already started on Thursday 28th September! The entire store was crammed full of “must haves” for Christmas such as a round metal robin, the size of a football, on springs; a pink unicorn with a sparkling horn, and a number of artificial trees festooned with lights – one of which was on special offer at £1,999.00! Why not have two, I thought, especially as my husband was considering applying for a temporary position as one of Santa’s Elves and I was hoping for a BOGOF (Buy One, Get One Free)!

So what is all this aggressive marketing which begins as soon as the children go back to school in September about? Christmas is certainly a time for thinking about giving and receiving. How often in days gone by do we remember children happily playing more with the empty boxes rather than the gifts inside. Do we need to go back to basics?

Paul makes it clear in 1 Corinthians Chapter 4 verse 7 that we should regard everything we have as a gift from God. Justin Welby, the present Archbishop of Canterbury, suggests that this text puts stewardship at the centre of Christian life. We should not simply regard the gifts we have received as being purely for our own advantage.

We may not all be talented artists, musicians or writers but we can still use our gifts in the service of others. We are all urged to regard our work or any simple, everyday task, as something we do for the common good. Just like the woman who kept a notice above her kitchen sink which read “Divine Service conducted here three times daily”.

Perhaps the thought to hang onto at this time of year as Advent approaches, is to remember God's greatest gift to us, his Son, whose arrival was marked by gifts. The question for us is "what can we give him?"

This is what we can give him, so well expressed in the final verse of "In The Bleak Midwinter"

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man I would do my part
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

Sarah Darlington

News from the FRSC

June Barton

It is most gratifying when people get together and arrange an event to not just bring others into our building but also to raise some money.

On Saturday 23 September a 50/60s Musical Quiz was organised which proved to be extremely popular with all age groups and not just by the baby-boomers who belong to this era. A thoroughly good time was had by all singing along or trying to guess the artist and the year of the hit. The winning combination of music, food and good company won the day. Unfortunately I missed this event due to our holiday but I am reliably informed that a certain Mrs T was able to demonstrate all the actions to Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline. Another similar event is being planned so I may yet get a chance to see her action.

The fundraising team are very grateful for the £200 donation we received, so now watch this space for the next fun filled evening.

Friday 24 November is Lights Night when the town centre is illuminated for the Christmas celebrations. Our church will be **open from 6.00-8.00pm** offering a warm welcome along with hot chocolate, mince pies, buns and fruit juice. If anyone is willing to make some mince pies please let us know and we would appreciate donations of any unwanted Christmas decorations that we could either use to >>>>

<<<< decorate the church or sell. There will be a tombola which will also be carried forward to the following day at our **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25 November is 10.00am-2.00pm** which will have plenty of ideas for Christmas gifts. Once again we would like to have a £1 gift stall which is always popular, so donations please of wrapped items to the value of £1 with labels for male, female or child and suggested age. Tables will be available for hire still at £6 for any seasonal items including any arts and crafts that would make wonderful gifts. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Refreshments and light lunches will be served. Tell your friends and neighbours this is the place to be.

Carol Singing in Newbegin will be on **Saturdays 9 and 16 December from 10.00am–11.30am** and this year's local charity will be the Dove House Day Care at the Cottage Hospital.

Advance Notice: - Wanted! Entertainers for our New Year Party – Saturday 13 January 2018 3.00pm-6.00pm. Don't be shy!

Friendship Hour

There is a busy programme to wind up our fascinating 2017 season this month. On Wednesday 1st, we welcome Rev Robert Amos, superintendent minister of the Hornsea and Driffield Methodist circuit. A man of many interests, we wait to see what thoughts he will bring with him

On 15th, we meet to appraise the year through our Annual General Meeting and hope everyone who has enjoyed any part of the year will be able to come along and share thoughts.

There is an extra meeting on 22nd, when we welcome Rev. Alison Micklem, Minister of St Columba's URC in York, who has entitled her thoughts 'Looking for a Voice'. This will be followed by the annual Closing Tea, held at the end of each year's meetings. Don't miss it .

Town Remembrance Service.

There will be a town Remembrance Service and wreath-laying in the Memorial Gardens on **Sunday 12th November** starting between 11.45 and 12 noon..

At the Fireside

Drop thy still dews of quietness...

You are invited to join us for

Quiet Day

on Saturday November 4th

at Eastgate Convent

10am to 2pm

please come!

What is quiet day about?

It is more about 'being' than doing-imagine just sitting around a fire and gazing into the flames.

It is not so much 'searching for God', as being still enough to realise His presence.

What shall I bring?

Just yourself, plus a packed lunch if you would like to.

Do I have to book?

There is no charge. It would be helpful, but not essential, if you could let Sarah know if you are coming. You can come for all or part of the morning.

'Silence is like backing off and taking a deep breath before you dive into the swimming pool of life.

It's a preparation rather than an escape'

Nick Parish

At (your own) Fireside!

If you are/have been unable to attend the Quiet Day and would like some of the resources to use yourself at home, please ask me

Jean Barrett

Sunday 5th November

All Age Worship, then Church meeting
followed by **All Age** Baked Potatoes and **All Age** Crafts
Stay as long as you like!

MARRIAGE OF EMMA WILLIAMSON AND KRISTAN WEBB

18th November 2017

Kathy Webb invites you
to join the wedding of Emma and Kristan
on Saturday 18th November 2017.

The ceremony will take place
at Hornsea United Reformed Church at 11.00am.

Immediately following the ceremony
everyone is invited to join us for an informal buffet reception
in the **Town Hall** lasting until approximately 3.30pm.

Children and family are very welcome.

Prayer Network – Prayers for this month of Remembrance

Looking back at our Churches' History
Martin Luther, John Calvin, Constance Coltman

The Armed Forces

All people displaced by natural disasters

Quiet Day and the Church Meeting

Shoebox Sunday

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 19th November**, the day when we hold a joint service with the Methodists in their Church. Thank you for all your hard work.

Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes

The Promenade: Monday 6th at 2 p.m.
Stuart House: Tuesday 7th at 2 p.m.
Summernote Hall: Thursday 9th at 2 p.m.

Hornsea Music Society

Catherine Terry and Frank James

Saturday 18th November 7.30 p.m.

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

Hope you enjoyed your All Age Baked Potato
(and the company!) on Sunday 5th November
See page 6

Home Groups for Advent

How many times do we sit and natter, with friends, about things we have read in the bible?

If you are like me – perhaps not very often – and yet they are valuable times when opinions are shared and different interpretations explored. There are no right or wrong answers but through the conversations understanding is deepened and insights revealed.

This Advent, could you invite a couple of friends around to read and reflect on the Advent theme (material will be provided) at a time and a place to suit yourselves. Some groups will be small and intimate, others open to all-comers such as the Faith and Fellowship Group on a Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in the church.

I am sure, between us, we will be able to offer this valuable time to all members of our congregation as we wait and ponder on the coming of the Christ child. So if you could offer your home, for about an hour a week over Advent (4 sessions starting week beginning 4th December), please let Margaret Knapton, or any Elder, know when and where so that a programme of venues can be compiled. Thank you.

Hornsea URC – Unique Christmas Delivery Service

First post – Saturday 25th November

In Church, at The Beach Hut, Market Place, or at Whittle's Chemist

Last post – In Church Thursday 14th December

Or at The Beach Hut, Market Place or Whittle's Chemist
On Friday 15th December

Get all your cards delivered around the town for only 25p each

This service is only available within the boundaries of Hornsea

Greetings to Each Other in Church

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.

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.

Traidcraft

No apology for this month's **Fairtrade Christmas** plug especially when the way we spend our money can do so much good in the world.

So please :-

★ Take a Traidcraft catalogue and have a good brows through (or go online and see a bigger range of produce www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)

★ Buy your charity Christmas cards – supporting Traidcraft Exchange*Christian Aid*Cafod*Sciaf – from church or the Thursday Coffee Morning.

★ Take a catalogue to a friend and ask them if they can support by placing an order too.

★ *All orders can be made through Margaret Knapton – saving postage or individually.*

★ What difference does it make to choose fairly traded gifts and produce?

Perhaps Joyce's story may help us to understand.

Joyce Chibouro and her family will have access to electricity for the first time this winter – thanks to the Fairtrade premium on sales of sugar.

Joyce is a member of Kasinthula Cane Growers Ltd in Malawi, which supplies Traidcraft with sugar. She and her neighbours in the village of Chinangwa already know about the benefits of fair trade, as they enjoy clean, fresh water from a borehole paid for with the Fairtrade premium.

“The fair trade programme is doing good things here,” Joyce said. “The village where I live has one borehole and is to receive electricity. It is very exciting. We never believed this would be possible!”

So what difference will electricity make to Joyce’s life?

“Now when we are going to cook we use the firewood. When we have electricity we will be able to use it for cooking. Now I need to use a lamp but we will be able to use electricity for light and we will have fridges to keep food fresh.”

Joyce wants to provide the best for her son, Chiyembekezo. His name means “waiting for something good” and Joyce believes that people in the UK can play a part in helping her son – and other sugar farmers’ families – to enjoy something good as they grow up.

“I want my baby to have a good future,” she said. “If I am able to get more money, I could send him to high school so he may stand by himself in the future.

Joyce is just one of the thousands of people, and their communities, who are benefitting from trade that is conducted fairly. There are no charity handouts just respect for all in the production chain, enabling everyone to flourish and have a life with hope.

We are the consumer end of the chain and it is us that will keep this fairness flowing!

So Happy Fair Spending

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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, **THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER**, it is too late to save space. Issue available Sunday 3rd December. Please give your material to Sarah or Jane or e mail to jane.martin303@btinternet.com or sarah.darlington538@gmail.com

SUNDAY	5	10.30 a.m. Elders' Service - All Age Worship 6.30 p.m. Joint service at Methodist Church
	12	Remembrance Sunday 10.30 a.m. Rev. Steven Knapton: Communion About 12 noon Town Remembrance Day Service in the Memorial Gardens
	19	10.30 a.m. Shoebox Sunday: Rev. John Brown Joint Service at the Methodist Church 6.30 p.m. Pastor James Seager Joint Communion Service with the Methodists in our Church
	26	10.30 a.m. Keith Himsworth

And into December

SUNDAY	3	Advent Sunday 10.30 a.m. Rev. John Brown 6.30 p.m. Joint Worship at Methodist Church
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Events

Wednesday	1	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: Rev. Robert Amos
Saturday	4	10 am-2 pm. Quiet 'Day' at Eastgate Convent
Sunday	5	11.45 a.m. Quarterly Church Meeting followed by all Age Lunch and All Age Crafts
Monday	6	2.p.m. Singing at The Promenade
Tuesday	7	2 p.m. Singing at Stuart House
Thursday	9	2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall
Wednesday	15	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: AGM 7.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Saturday	18	11 a.m. Wedding of Emma and Kristan
Sunday	19	10.30 a.m. Shoebox Sunday
Wednesday	22	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: Rev. Alison Micklem And Closing Tea
Friday	24	4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hornsea Local Market 6 p.m. Lights' Night
Saturday	25	10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas Fayre