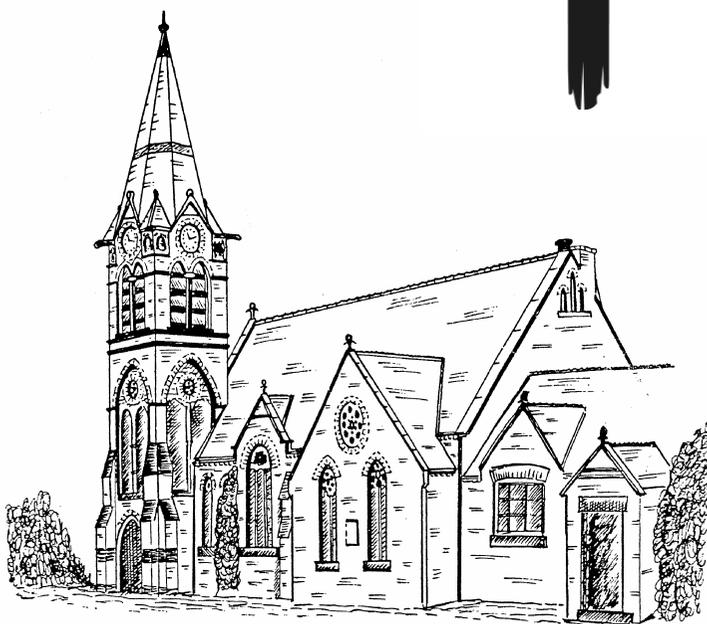


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SUNDAY	10.30	Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche. Coffee etc. served at close of Worship. Communion: 2 nd Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
	6.30	Evening Worship 1st Sunday at Methodist Church 3rd Sunday evening in our Church (includes Communion) Other Sunday evenings : No service
		Please note changes to evening worship
Tuesday:	9.15 to 11.30	'Open House' (in term-time)
	7 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour (4 th , 11 th , 18 th Oct 1 st November)
Thursday:	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning
Friday	6. & 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

BAPTISMS

3 September: Elijah James, son of Joshua Baines and Abigail Cooper
Joshua James Baines
Abigail Cooper

MEMORIAL SERVICE

25 August: Philip Cross

Thank you

The Ugandan Children's Project

What a weekend !!!! Total £3,100.00!

Thank you to everyone's generosity and especially the dedication from the army of volunteers, without your help and support this would never be achieved.

The biggest heartfelt thank you to you all. Mandy, Tony and Katie.

Dear Friends

I have spent a lot of time thinking about what I should write this month, and I still have not decided.

This has not been the best year of my life and on several occasions I have asked 'where is God in all this?'

The start of the year saw me in sea water up to my waist in my house. But God was there as a friend grabbed my arm and said you are coming home with me... God was there again when I needed somewhere to live for 6 months, not an easy ask when you have 4 rabbits to look after...

He has certainly been with me all the way through as friends asked how I was getting on and offered to help. Thank you to all of you. Each one has helped restore my faith and kept me smiling.

Several times I have been reminded of Psalm 139 '*O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.*'

How true it is that God is always with us and knows us so well, and has a way of turning evil into good.

As I write this I am still trying to understand the atrocities that have taken place this week in Barcelona and other parts of Europe. God is there in the people who rush to help and the demonstrations of solidarity that follow. I just cannot understand people thinking that destruction is the way to make a point. It just strengthens love and fellowship.

Before I stop writing I cannot go without mentioning one anniversary. Some of us keep quiet about what our faith means to us but thankfully others speak out.

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October 31st sees the 500 year anniversary of Martin Luther publishing '95 Theses', attacking papal abuse and the sale of indulgences. Luther had come to believe that Christians are saved by faith and not through their own efforts. This turned him against the Catholic Church. Thanks to the printing press, Luther's '95 Theses' and his other writings quickly spread through Europe.

Luther did not have life easy but he translated the bible into his native German Language so that everyone in his own land could read it for themselves. He was instrumental in starting the protestant movement in Europe, 20 years before Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church to marry Anne Boleyn. Things are always changing. But it takes a brave person to make things happen.

God be with you, and who knows what you can achieve.

Kathy Webb

Lectionary

1 October: Who do you think you are?

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

8 October: Are you sitting comfortably?

Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

15 October: Ready to party.

Isaiah 25.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

22 October: The things that are God's.

Isaiah 45.1-7; Matthew 22.15-22

29 October: Getting it right.

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18; Matthew 22.34-46

5 November: What lies beneath?

Micah 3.5-12; Matthew 23.1-12

Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes

The Promenade: Monday 2nd at 2 p.m.

Stuart House: Tuesday 3rd at 2 p.m.

Summercourt Hall: Thursday 5th at 2 p.m.

News from the FRSC

June Barton

There are times in life when you feel extremely humbled by the wealth of talent of the people who surround you. The planning and execution of all the work involved in staging the Harvest of Life Flower Festival (Friday 1 September and Saturday 2 September) was immense to say the least, but the finished result was breathtaking, truly awesome.

To keep a record of this once in a while event, photographs have been taken of each floral display which was accompanied by a quote from the bible, a hymn or a poem. Fairtrade wine and nibbles were served on the Friday preview evening while admission on Saturday included tea/coffee and cake. The Festival also held a silent auction for several displays plus a 'find the mice' competition for the children.

Grateful thanks must be extended to the scenery artists, Stephen Nicholson and Karl Volans whilst the flower arrangers were Audrey Ashcroft, Ann Jordan, Mandy Hood and Heather Raw. The husbands of these ladies must be included for all their lifting and shifting; so too must Val for the grand raffle and Shirley who sold most of the tickets. The helpers on both Friday and Saturday did an excellent job making the event go so smoothly.

I feel very privileged to be part of such a wonderful funding raising team and have such willing helpers ready to come on board for our events. All this effort really paid off to the tune of £1,040.00. Thank you God for all the talents you have given us.

Our next Table Top Sale is on Saturday 28 October, 10.00am-2.00pm. Tables can be hired for £6 and the church stalls will include items suitable for packing into shoe boxes as well as a tombola and bric-a-brac, featuring some well loved items which you too could fall in love with! Cakes and sandwich fillings will be required please for as usual our popular bistro will be serving refreshments and light lunches. Tell your friends and neighbours this is the place to be for excellent company as well as bargains.

Looking ahead: - Friday 24 November is Lights Night and the following day, Saturday 25 November is our Christmas Fayre.

Friendship Hour

October will be a busy month for the Friendship Hour. Having visited a Mosque a few months ago, at 2 p.m. on 4th October they will continue their exploration of other faiths with Michael Westerman, who will talk about the Jewish year.

An extra meeting will be held on 11th October when there will be the annual gathering of local churches' groups, this time at Cottingham. Guaranteed afternoon tea to follow! Full details from Doreen Rogers, so do book your transport with her.

Back in Hornsea Mrs Margaret Preece has entitled her talk at 2 p.m. on 18th October 'A Star is Born', to be followed on 1st November by Rev. Robert Amos. Do come along and share their thoughts.

Hornsea URC Christmas Post

Jackie and Ken Bradley

The children are back at school and we are moving rather quickly towards Christmas! This means that we need to be thinking about the Church Christmas Card Delivery Service.

This is very helpful service to a lot of people outside the church and well used. It also spreads the word about our church.

We are quite prepared to be post master and mistress again but we need lots of post people!

Last year we struggled quite a bit getting the cards out and it looks like this year will be worse.

Over the next couple of weeks we would like to find out if it will be possible to do the Christmas Card Delivery this year.

Please think about if you can help and let us know as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements. Thank you.

[Hornsea URC has been running this Postal Service since 1981, the first year it was legally possible to do so. Shall we keep it? Ed]

It's Shoebox time!

The previous article from Jackie and Ken reminds us that Shoebox time is here. Many people are already beavering away filling boxes, and others have been creating items for boxes.

If you would like to fill a Shoebox to send as a Christmas gift to a child in eastern Europe, and aren't sure how to start, please ask Kathy Webb, who will point you in the right direction.

Shoebox Sunday this year, the day when all boxes must be brought to Church to be despatched in time, is **Sunday 19th November**, when again we will share worship with our Methodist friends, this time in their Church. Thank you all for your generosity.

Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in October

Elders' Day

Membership Sunday

Yorkshire Synod Meeting

Local Traders

Hornsea Music Society

William Dutton (Violin)

Saturday 21st October 7.30 p.m.

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

Listening

Doreen Rogers

Some short time ago I was staying with my youngest daughter. She works as the Education Officer for a charity in the Yorkshire Dales. Her classroom is the great outdoors and her students are people from the big conurbations of West Yorkshire and Lancashire who would not normally go into the countryside, They are mainly groups of refugees from deeply troubled parts of the World.

After she had spoken at a public meeting about her work a teacher approached her and told that he and his wife to be (now already wed) were on a Listening Pilgrimage walking from Dover to Iona in Scotland. They were staying overnight with people they knew, anyone who invited them or in a tent. So Judith invited them and they appeared when I was there.

So I got to know Isabell and Christy, a charming couple, as they told us that they were meeting and listening to refugees and local people as they walked. They talked of how we are all affected by the biggest humanitarian crisis of our time. Their goal was to nurture conversations about integration, human rights, community, vulnerability, fear and cooperation, to ascertain thoughts and attitudes with a view to advising the government, charities and the BBC, where Issy is a film producer, on where to place and how to treat people coming to our shores after horrendous experiences. Nobody else has done quite that.

After 12 weeks and 657 miles on foot, apart from a ferry, that part of the job is complete. Now the hard work starts for all of us.

If you want to learn more go to their blog at the Listening Pilgrimage but I warn you it will take you all day!!

Fair Trade and World-Wide Disasters

Margaret Knapton

It was not hard for me to find something to comment on for this month's magazine. As I write, our news is filled with devastation and natural disasters of hurricanes, horrendous monsoon flooding and the plight of refugees fleeing war and victimisation.

It was brought even closer to home when pictures of craft workers from Northern Bangladesh were posted on the Traidcraft Facebook page – perched on their beds, surrounded by water and wading through waist-deep water as streets had been turned to rivers.

This is what the caption said:-

“Unhappy producer news: The floods in Northern Bangladesh are affecting a number of our craft producers who work for Hajiganj Handicrafts and Saidpur, these are just some of the appalling pictures they've sent us today. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The best thing we can do for them is buy and sell their handicrafts to give them an income that opens wider choices for them. We're awaiting news from Myanmar, but are hopeful our producers there are unaffected. We'll keep you posted.”

One of the things that struck me was that these people are part of a 'Fairtrade family' – how many retailers know anything about the people whose goods they buy and sell? And yet here is Traidcraft asking for our prayers for these people they obviously value and care about.

The Traidcraft catalogue has many handicrafts from Bangladesh including cards and purses with traditional embroidery, jute work and papier maché decorations – you may want to take a catalogue and see for yourselves the quality of their work (and even buy some).

Swajan is one of the producer groups affected by the floods – they aim to provide high-quality Bangladeshi handicrafts, which can compete in the global marketplace, and to improve the quality of life of >>>>

<<<< its producers in poor urban areas and remote villages.

At Swajan, the centuries-old craft of papermaking is combined with another of Bangladesh's famous traditions, embroidery, to create beautifully decorated, handmade paper cards.

Swajan is a private business, started in the late 1990s, to provide work for women's groups. Now, about 850 women do embroidery in both rural and urban areas. The paper comes from Prokritee, another fair trade organisation giving work to disadvantaged women.

Smrity's Story

Smrity lives in Dhaka and works for Swajan, making beautifully embroidered cards and purses for Traidcraft. Around 850 women like her rely on sales of Swajan products to provide for their families – so each product you buy makes a difference.

As well as educating her seven-year-old daughter, Mimy and son, Mamun (10), Smrity is able to save 1,000 taka a month from her earnings, so the family's future is now more secure.

Adding value to local crops and raw materials is an important way to increase rural livelihoods. In Bangladesh this includes making products from jute – the major cash crop – and from clay. The latter is a Hindu tradition, so provides an income for some of the minority population.

CORR-The Jute Works is a registered charitable trust. It was established in 1973 to rehabilitate the war-widowed and war-affected poor, rural women of Bangladesh. The aim was to provide these women with work at home, producing handicraft items made from locally available jute. Over the years, The Jute Works range of crafts has widened and now includes terracotta products, which they supply to Traidcraft.

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Firoza, Nargis & Zarin's Story

Over the last 30 years Traidcraft has transformed many, many lives and our commitment to long-term relationships with producer groups makes a real difference. For many women this means clean water, education and food for their families but for Firoza Begum, who joined one of our first producer groups, Jute Works, in 1980, fair trade changed not only her life but the lives of her daughter (Nargis) and granddaughter (Zarin).

Thanks to a regular income and helped by a loan from Jute Works, Firoza and her husband, Hassan Ali built a better life for themselves and their four children. Sadly, Firoza died in 2006, but her legacy is still changing lives in her village.

"With the money she made, we changed our fate," said Firoza's widower, Hassan Ali. "We made improvements and maintained all the expenses of the house and the education of our children – everything."

That education meant their daughter, Nargis, was the first girl among the group members to attend school. After gaining a degree, she returned to the village to set up a school, which now has six teachers and 175 pupils.

"We are very proud of what my mother did," Nargis said. "It would have been quite impossible for me to go to university if there was only my father's income. I want to stay in the village and teach the children."
What is there not to like about this way of doing business? Makes me proud to support Fairtrade – hope it does you too.

November Newsletter .

If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak to Sarah or Jane **NOW** so space can be reserved. After the deadline is too late to save space. Last date **THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER**. Issue available Sunday 5th November. Please give your material to Sarah or Jane or e mail to jane.martin303@btinternet.com or sarah.darlington538@gmail.com

SUNDAY	1	10.30 a.m. Young People's Service 6.30 p.m. Joint Worship at the Methodist church
	8	10.30 a.m. Rev. Steven Knapton: Communion
	15	10.30 a.m. Mrs Doreen Shuttleworth 6.30 p.m. Joint Communion in our Church Keith Himsworth
	22	10.30 a.m. Mrs. Suzanne Punter
	29	10.30 a.m. Rev. Trevor Holborn

And into November

Sunday	5	10.30 a.m. Elders' Service 6.30 p.m. Joint Worship in the Methodist Church
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Events in October

Monday	2	2 p.m. Singing at The Promenade
Tuesday	11	2 p.m. Singing at Stuart House
Wednesday	4	Friendship Hour: The Jewish Year
Thursday	5	2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall
Saturday	7	Elders' Day
Wednesday	11	Friendship Hour: Rally at Cottingham 7.30 p.m Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	18	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: A Star is Born 7.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Saturday	28	10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table Top ale
Sunday	29	1 a.m. British Summer Time ends. Clocks go back one hour

... and November

Wednesday	1	2 p.m. Friendship Hour: Rev. Robert Amos
Saturday	4	10 a.m. Quiet Day at Eastgate Convent
Sunday	5	11.45 a.m. Quarterly Church Meeting

Saturday 4 November 10 a.m. onwards
Come to the Quiet 'Day' at Eastgate Convent
Details from Sarah Darlington