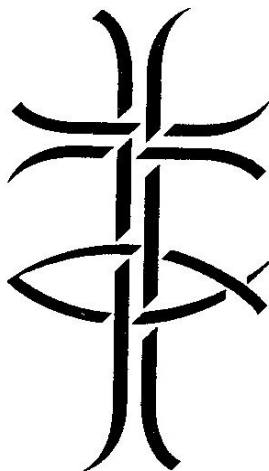


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## February 2017

# The Week at a Glance, Church Records, Birthday

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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<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning at **10.30 am.**  
**No** evening Communion in February  
Other Sunday evenings:  
6.30 p.m. Prayer and Praise (restarts 12<sup>th</sup> Feb)

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

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

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

## WEDDING

21<sup>st</sup> December: Andrew Midgley and Lucy Brass

## FUNERAL

5<sup>th</sup> January: Louise Hawtin

## Post It!

### Jackie Bradley

Many thanks to all the people who helped get all the cards delivered to their rightful homes! I think they all reached their destination without a problem! Unfortunately 2 addresses proved very elusive but I eventually found them, one by asking a passing postman!

It was really helpful that so many people came forward with offers of help to deliver them again. Hopefully I will have the same people to call on next year! Together we sorted and delivered 487 cards and raised £154.85 for church funds (581 cards and £164.55 last year) The service still seems to be quite popular with our local residents as most of the cards were from the outside postboxes.

Hopefully we will be able to continue next year and I will be calling on everyone in October for their help! (unless someone else has a yearning to be postmistress next year!)  
Thank you once again.

Dear Friends

So this is February and what can I say?

That February is the second and shortest month of the year. Having only 28 days in common years, it is the only month which can pass without a single full moon. Ancient Celts marked February with a fire festival called Imbolc because it was half way between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox.

In ancient Rome FEBRUARIUS (February) was the month of purification and great festivities were held to re-establish the empire's focus on righteous living.

Devoting a month to the process of purification can be considered invigorating. The hustle-bustle of holiday left behind sees many of us getting our first breath of fresh air. And by this time the pressure of New Year resolutions have either incorporated itself into healthy habits or dropped by the wayside.

A transitional time finding itself just after month of reflections and New Year resolutions.

Whilst searching to find events that took place in February, I came across the following.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ into the Temple. This was the time for Joseph and Mary to perform the ceremony of purification as the Law of Moses commanded, 40 days after the birth of a child. Every first born male was dedicated to the Lord. (Luke 2 verse 22)

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1952, King George VI died and Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom although her Coronation did not take place until June of the following year. Quite a transition for the young Princess Elizabeth and a new beginning for her as our longest serving Sovereign.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1587 Mary Stuart, Queen of Scotland, was beheaded at Fotheringay Castle after 19 years in prison. Before she met her

death she was quoted to have said “My End is My Beginning”. To die is to be born again.

February 14<sup>th</sup> A well known date in the month and celebrated as Valentine’s Day. It would appear that Valentine was a priest who was martyred in 269 and added to the calendar of saints in 496. It was said he defied the order of Emperor Claudius and secretly married couples so husbands would not have to go to war. There being few soldiers at that particular time in history it incurred the displeasure of the Emperor and Valentine was imprisoned and put to death.

Legends state that when the tradition of courtly love flourished in 14<sup>th</sup> century England, St Valentine was adopted by Geoffrey Chaucer and his circle and became associated with love. Because so little was reliably known of Valentine, in 1969 with the revision of the Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints, the feast day of St Valentine was removed. However, it still remains as an official feast day in Anglican Communion.

February 28<sup>th</sup> this year is Shrove Tuesday which gives us in UK a chance to celebrate the delights of pancakes. In some countries it is considered to be the last day of fat eating or gorging before the fasting period of Lent when we as Christians make a special point of self examination of considering what wrongs we need to repent and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth we need to ask God’s help in dealing with. Another chance for a new beginning through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died in order that we could achieve second birth.

So, with those thoughts of new beginnings in a new year – deeper and more meaningful and more permanent than any New Year Resolutions – where will your new beginnings inspire and lead you this year?

Sarah Darlington

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## SENT TO COVENTRY

### June Barton

Here in the United Reformed Church we like to extend a warm welcome to all who care to enter our church and a few years ago we affirmed our Mission Statement to include all and to exclude none. On a recent New Year break to Coventry, Jackie, Ken, Brian and I decided to attend the New Year Day service at the Cathedral. On the front cover of the order of service was the most wonderful welcoming message:-

*We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers*

*We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.*

*We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers, who are growing too fast. We welcome keep-fit Mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion' (We're not that keen on it either!)*

*We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the Cathedral.*

*We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost on the ring road and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters .....and you!*

### Lectionary

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

5 February: Attractive living - Isaiah 58.1-12. Matthew 5.13-20.

12 February: Living with integrity - Deuteronomy 30.15-20.

Matthew 5.21-37.

19 February: Living graciously & generously - Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18.

Matthew 5.38-48.

26 February: Fully human, fully divine - Exodus 24.12-18.

Matthew 17.1-9.

5 March: Who do you think I am? – Genesis 2 15-17, 3 1-7:

Matthew 4 1-11

### News from the FRSC

#### June Barton

Our band of faithful singers once again braved the cold and damp on two Saturdays in December to sing carols and spread the seasonal message to all seeking essential supplies from the shops in Newbegin. Our appreciation must go to Beryl who accompanied our enthusiastic singers on the keyboard. We received much encouragement from the passers-by and thanks to their generosity we raised £230.38 for the Dove House Palliative Day Care at the Cottage Hospital. This money will help to afford the little extras for those patients and carers attending every Tuesday due to their life limiting conditions.

Our **Winter Lunches** continue for **25 February and 25 March** when the aroma of wonderful homemade soup will fill our hall from 12 noon to 1.30pm for the bargain price of £3.50 for soup and a roll + £1 for a dessert.

We will be holding a **Games Afternoon on Saturday 11 March from 2.00pm – 6.00pm** with a selection of activities to choose from including jigsaws, ludo, scrabble, connect four and any other table games that come to mind. These occasions are always extremely enjoyable with refreshments being served throughout the afternoon and the event will

culminate with a pie and pea supper at £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. Book the date in your diary and book a place for the meal.

**Advance notice:-** the first Table Top Sale of the year will be on **Saturday 29 April** 10.00am – 2.00pm which will be a good opportunity for you to have a clear out of all those things you thought you needed but now you realise you don't!

### **Friendship Lunch**

The now annual Friendship Hour Lunch will be held at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** followed by entertainment. If you would like to know more details of this event, please ask Doreen Rogers (533742)

**and ....** the first meeting of the 2017 season of the Friendship Hour will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2 p.m., when the speaker will be Margaret Knapton.

### **Hornsea Music Society**

**Claire Holdich and Sue Finn**  
(flute and piano)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 p.m.**

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

### **Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in February**

All those Affected by the January Floods along the coast  
Fairtrade Fortnight  
Council for World Mission

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

2.pm	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	February	The Promenade
2 pm.	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	February	Stuart House
2 pm.	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	February	Summercourt Hall

***A Hornsea Tradition***

**Shrove Tuesday is 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Come to the Parish Hall for**

**Pancakes and Coffee 10 a.m. to noon**

***Proceeds will go to Christian Aid***

**Put Fairtrade in your break!**

**Fairtrade Fortnight is 27 February to 12 March**

**Poverty Footprint**

**Margaret Knapton**

I think we have all heard about our 'Carbon Footprint' that is a measure of how gently, or otherwise, we treat the Earth by the amount of fuel and energy we consume but Traidcraft have come up with a measure for our 'Poverty Footprint' as this extract from their January blog explains: -



*We all have a poverty footprint - a mark that we leave on the world for either good or bad. Yours might be delightfully small - if you give to charity, speak up about important issues and shop fairly. Or it might be large - if you don't really give ethical living a second thought.*

*The only way to find out is to take the quiz... (for those of you who have internet access [www.traidcraft.co.uk/blog-entry/how-big-is-your-poverty-footprint](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/blog-entry/how-big-is-your-poverty-footprint) and they will calculate the size of your footprint – otherwise just read the questions below – you won't get a score but they will make you think!)*

- 1) What percentage of your money do you give away to charitable causes?  
a) 0%      b) 1-5%      c) 5-10%      d) 10 – 15%      e) 15%+
- 2) How many times in the last year have you contacted your MP or signed a petition to try to make the world a better place?  
a) 5+    b) 3+    c) 1    c) 0    d) 2
- 3) Think about your 5 – 9 time ...Does it do good for the world?  
*e.g. do you work for an ethical business, do you develop people, do you help the poor?*  
a) Definitely    b) A Bit    c) Not really    d) It makes things worse
- 4) How many of the following activities would you consider yourself above average at?  
i) Recycling    ii) Using Green energy    iii) Minimising travel emissions  
iv) Minimising food waste.    v) Conserving water.  
a) 5    b) 4    c) 2-3    d) 1    e) 0
- 5) How many regular donations (weekly/ monthly/quarterly) do you make to charitable causes?  
a) 3-4    b) 1-2    c) 5+    d) 0
- 6) At Christmas time ... which of these statements best describes your attitude to shopping?  
i) I make sure all my presents are ethically sourced – like them to do good for the world as well as the person receiving them.  
ii) I pick ethical goods whenever I can and would avoid something if I knew it was ethically dubious.  
iii) I tend to look the other way if I find something good that's at the right price.  
iv) I don't give ethical shopping a second thought to be honest.

- 7) How many of the following items do you regularly buy that are fairly traded?  
i) Coffee    ii) Sugar    iii) Olive Oil    iv) Chocolate    v) Rice  
a) 5    b) 4    c) 3    d) 1-2    e) 0
- 8) How much time each week do you spend volunteering for a good cause?  
a) 0    b) 30 mins    c) 1 hour    d) 1-2 hours    e) 2+ hours

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

The 2017 Service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines and is entitled "Am I being Unfair to You?"

The Philippines are situated in the western Pacific Ocean and is an archipelago of over 7,000 islands, of which about 1,000 are populated – with less than half of these larger than 1 square mile in area. Eleven islands make up 95% of the total land mass. The three main islands, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, are represented by the three stars on the national flag.

Between 120 and 170 different languages are spoken, many of which have several dialects. Although English is considered the official language and is widely spoken, the government has been trying to promote the national language of Filipino, based on Tagalog, since the 1930's.

The climate of the Philippines is characterised by relatively high temperatures, oppressive humidity and plenty of rain. There are two seasons - wet and dry.

The islands are located on the Pacific Ring of Fire and close to the equator, contributing to the high incidence of typhoons and earthquakes, averaging 20 a year, and the country has been significantly affected by climate change.

There is a significant number of endemic plant and animal species, and the seas have the world's highest level of marine diversity.

All in all a most fascinating place and if you want to find out more about the country and the people, especially life for the women, then come along to the **Catholic church at 2.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** where you will be part of a huge wave of prayer travelling around the world from sunrise to sunset. It is humbling to think that as we sleep the Day of Prayer will start when the sun rises in Samoa and will continue until the sun sets over American Samoa – during this time taking in 170 countries with an estimated 3 million Christians taking part!

Why not be one of them?

### **Put Fairtrade in Your Break**

#### **Margaret Knapton**

Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual event which, this year, runs **from 27<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March** the theme is “**Put Fairtrade in Your Break**”.

Over the past three years the shops in Hornsea have come up with amazing ideas to support the theme of Fairtrade Fortnight with decorated bananas, teapots and teacups taking a prominent position in their window displays (check them out on Facebook - Fairtrade Hornsea) and we are looking forward to seeing this year's creations!

It is something for the whole town to be involved in - clubs, societies, place of work or worship or simply individuals who may like to be involved too by organising a 'Fairtrade Break' – it can be when and where you like, it just needs to contain fairly traded products.

The Fairtrade Town steering group hope to develop this over the next month but meanwhile do let us know of any plans you have for events which fit with the theme. We will run features in the press, on Social Media and generate as much publicity as we can. More info and resources can be found at [www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight)

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