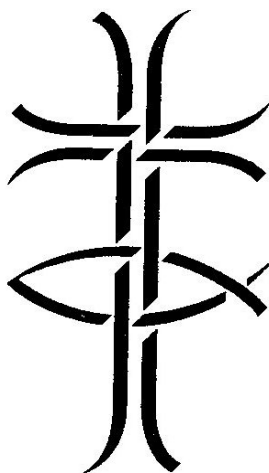


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SUNDAY 10.30 Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche.
Coffee etc. served at close of Worship.
Communion: 1st Sunday evening at 6.30 pm
2nd Sunday morning at 10.30 am
Other Sunday evenings: Prayer and Praise.

Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.30 'Open House' (in term-time)
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday 2 p.m. Friendship Hour (5th and 12th)
Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning
Friday 6.30 & 8 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

FUNERAL

20th March: Leslie Jackson

April's Lectionary and Preachers

2 April: Dead or alive?	Ezekiel 37. 1-14.	John 11. 1-45.
9 April: Making an entrance.	Psalm 118. 1-2,19-29.	Matthew 21. 1-11.
16 April: Opening up.	Acts 10. 34-43.	Matthew 28. 1-10.
23 April: Trust the story.	Acts 2. 14a, 22-32.	John 20. 19-31.
7 May: Giving not taking.	Acts 2. 42-47.	John 10. 1-10.

As well as welcoming our regular preachers in April – Steven Knapton, Jill Fletcher and a group of Elders, we have return visits from Rev. Stephen Caddy of Toll Gavel Beverley (Evening Communion 6.30 p.m. 2 April) and Rev Keith Himsforth (seafront Service 6.30 a.m. Easter Day).

Visiting us for the first time will be Rev Robert Amos from the Driffild/Hornsea Methodist Circuit, who will conduct a joint Communion on Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. in our Church; Ms Susanne Punter of St Columba's, York, who comes on 23rd April and John Turner of Toll Gavel, Beverley on 30th

We are most grateful to everyone who comes to share worship with us, and enjoy the experience and variety they bring to our pulpit. Many thanks to all mentioned.

Margaret Knapton

On March 19th we had a service which looked at TRIO, and at the AGM we were presented with more details of the church's financial affairs, which prompted me to write this – partly for those members of the congregation who did not have to opportunity to be at either presentation, and partly to encourage us all to take time to consider prayerfully the questions that it has raised.

But before I put down my thoughts I think you may find this extract from the URC's 'Thank you for all that you give' leaflet helpful: -

A few years ago on a pilgrimage through Northern Spain, I was taught a lesson about giving. At one of the hostels, a meal was provided for the pilgrims staying that evening. When we asked about the cost we were advised to give as we were able. We were also told that the money which had been contributed by the pilgrims staying on the previous evening had purchased the food that we were eating today. In other words, we were providing for the needs of those who would come after us – just as others had done for us.

On a pilgrimage sometimes the only thing you hold in common is the journey – the way. Yet that is enough to create a mutually supportive community. I have shared in a search for lost spectacles – and in the joy when they were found! Others have shared their first aid when I was far from shops and needing medication.

This seems to me to be at the centre of discipleship: sharing a journey as part of a supportive community. Sharing the Way of Christ together releases time and money which otherwise would remain a private possession.

*Richard Church
Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)*

So what is **TRIO**, and what has it got to do with you and me?

TRIO is a simple stewardship programme designed to **inform** members of the congregation about the finances of the church and to **encourage** them to become more responsible in their giving, by helping them to

recognise that, as far as the maintenance of the work, ministry and mission of their church is concerned...**The Responsibility Is Ours.**

TRIO helps us to see what has been achieved by others who have gone before us.

helps us to think about what we value about our church encourages us to take responsibility for our church's 'housekeeping' so that there will be something of value to pass on.

TRIO helps us to see the relationship between our weekly giving and the financial cost of running and maintaining both the building and ministry of the church.

TRIO then challenges individuals to look at how they give in relation to the value they put on their stewardship of the church.

Do I give proportionately?

Proportionate Giving is:

The scriptural way to give—the Old Testament 'tithe' is 10%.

The fair way to give—whether our income is large or small.

General Assembly asks all members of the United Reformed Church to aim to give 5% of their net disposable income (after tax income) – that is 5p in the £ as our basic level of giving – 'to and through the church'. That leaves 5% for us to donate to other causes.

Do I give regularly?

Ministerial expenses, utility bills and maintenance costs have to be met each week and we should ask if our giving reflects this. It is impossible to attend church every week to place money on the plate but we can take weekly envelopes or set up a standing order to make sure that our planned giving is maintained and not just something of an after-thought when in church.

Is my giving Tax efficient?

If you pay tax you can Gift Aid your donation – this will give an extra 25p for every pound you donate. Thanks to those already 'gift aiding' last year the church reclaimed an extra £6,000!

For more information about Gift Aid, standing orders or envelopes – please have a word with Marion.

And finally, just one more piece of food for thought – ***2012 data shows that a large proportion of the least well off URC members are tithing. The lower income groups give far more as a percentage and this percentage falls away markedly to the highest income group giving only around 2%. Across the whole Church, the average giving in the URC is between 3% & 4% of after tax income.***

TRIO is not a question about how others give but a question for ourselves – to be resolved through prayer. We are a small part of an ongoing partnership of those who have gone before and those who will follow on – may we be blessed by the gift we give and those we receive.

April Comment

Dear Friends,

I love this time of year, with all the spring flowers in the garden and the countryside. Eastertime is a long weekend for hopefully spending time with family and friends eating Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs, not to forget Simnel Cake, my favourite.

But for a lot of us it is a time for joy and despair as we follow our Lord through Holy Week. I have selected a few prayers for you to read during Holy Week, and hope they bring you comfort and reflection.

‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’
Psalm 22 verse 1 and Matthew 27 verse 46

Palm Sunday

Lord, on this Palm Sunday you were given a hero’s welcome as one who was going the way of the crowd, but you had chosen the way of the Cross, and the applause was short-lived.

Keep bright and clear before us the vision of our calling, that we may never be diverted from the way you have chosen for us, but may follow in the steps of you, our crucified and risen Lord, by whom be all glory, laud and honour, this day and forever more.

Maundy Thursday

Infinite, intimate God, this night you kneel before your friends and wash our feet. Bound together in your love, trembling we drink your cup and watch.

Good Friday

Almighty God, As we stand at the feet of the Cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have, and all that we are,

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

(1 Corinthians 15 verses 54-55)

Easter Day

Ever-living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the Resurrection of the Lord, and to express in our lives the love we celebrate.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Ann Jordan

News from the FRSC

June Barton

The Games Afternoon on Saturday 11 March was well attended with much concentration being placed on all manner of activities such as scrabble, ludo, chess, jigsaws, origami and several a little more obscure. All in all it proved to be a most convivial occasion with tea and coffee on hand when needed, to understandably aid the concentration. The culmination was the Pie and Pea supper when as a church family, plus a few guests, we were able to dine together and enjoy each other's company.

February's Winter Lunch brought in £106.70 with thanks to all whose hard work made this possible and thanks to the people who came and enjoyed the delights on offer.

Tables are starting to be booked for the **Table Top Sale on Saturday 29 April 10.00am – 2.00pm** with table hire remaining at £6.00 for another year. There will be a good variety of goods on offer and we shall once again be serving refreshments and light lunches including homemade soup which will be most welcome if the weather is still somewhat cool.

Our major fundraising events are also wonderful social occasions so make a note in your diaries; we would love to see you.

By now we are hoping you have been nurturing seeds and cuttings to be ready for the **Gardeners' Fair on Saturday 27 May 10.am - 2.pm** when once again all things horticultural will be available, along with refreshments and light lunches. Donations of any garden related items will be gratefully received.

We hope you have been considering the Fundraising team's plea for help in last month's newsletter, particularly for events that can be staged outside the church premises, and also for new members to our team. Please speak to any of the team if you can help.

Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in April

Church AGM
Journey to Easter
Work of Christian Aid, especially in famine stricken countries

April Dates for Singing In the Residential Homes are

2 pm.	Monday 3 rd April	The Promenade
1.30 pm.	Tuesday 4 th April	Stuart House
2 pm.	Thursday 6 th April	Summercourt Hall

Friendship Hour

As Easter falls in April, the meetings will be on two consecutive Wednesdays The first is on **Wednesday 5th April**, a visit from Jody Nightingale, of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, talking on Trading Standards. This promises to be a most informative afternoon. One or two of you might even bring pen and paper!

In complete contrast we will welcome Steven Knapton on **Wednesday 12th April** when we will consider Holy Week Both meetings commence at **2 pm** and will be followed by refreshments and a chance to mingle and chat. All are welcome of course, if you've been before or not.

The Journey through Holy Week to Easter

As Sarah explained in the March Newsletter, after the success of 'The Journey to Christmas' last December, when we joined with our Methodist friends and took the opportunity to allow people to find the space and time to reflect on the journey to the cross, we will be organising a similar event on the lead up to Easter Day.

This will be from **10 am. to 6 pm.** on **Tuesday 11th April** at the Methodist Church. On the journey there will be various 'stations' designed to help us to pray, think and meet God. Take the walk at your own pace – fast or slow. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. Accompanied children are most welcome and there will be an area with activities in the New Room. So, if you would like to come and join us for some quiet and reflective time following the journey please come along.

.....Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday as usual we will share Communion with our Methodist friends at **7 p.m.** It will be conducted by Rev. Robert Amos, of the Hornsea/Driffield Methodist Circuit..This year the service will be **in our Church**. Everyone is welcome

On Good Friday at 10.30 am a joint service will be held in the Methodist Church, led by Rev. Robert Amos. >>>>>

Holy Saturday sees Churches Together's Easter Pilgrimage round the churches of the town to the seafront, starting at the Catholic Church on Southgate at **10 a.m.** If you don't join it there, you can pick it up at any Church en route. It usually finishes at the seafront about **12.15 p.m.**

We look forward to an early start on **Easter Sunday** as we meet on the seafront at **5.45 am BST** for the joy of the **Sunrise Service**. Breakfast is available in the Church hall afterwards.

Our **Easter Worship** will be at **10.30 a.m.** led by the Elders.

Shake a Bucket for Christian Aid

There will be a collection for Christian Aid **on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd April** at Tesco Supermarket, between 9 am and 5 pm each day.

If you can give some help please contact David Radford on 01964 535914 or at david.radford743@btinternet .com Thank you.

Mission and Care comes to Hornsea

The United Reformed Churches of East and North Yorkshire meet several times a year to offer prayer, help, love and support to each other in their various situations. On **Saturday 20th May** our Church has the pleasure of hosting the gathering, and you are welcome to come along for the morning, or any part of it.

Coffee is at 10 a.m., opening worship 10.30 a.m., informal discussion till 12.30 p.m. then a lunch of soup (which we will provide) and bring your own sandwiches if you wish. Do come along to the Mission and Care Group to welcome our URC neighbours to Hornsea. A few hosts/hostesses will be helpful too. please! Speak to Kathy or Sarah.

Fair Trade – FairPalm: Margaret Knapton

I would love to start a mini-revolution here - in Hornsea - to save the Rain Forests that are being devastated over zealous and unnecessary Palm oil production - by using an alternative Palm oil.

I have written about this before and I know a few of you are using the 'Clean and Fair' products that contain African Palm oil and fairly traded coconut oil and I for one am a BIG fan.

FairPalm is revolutionary – it has turned a controversial ingredient into a life-changing one.

You might have heard of the palm oil problem.

It's that hidden ingredient in so many food and beauty products that is destroying rainforests – killing animals and raising carbon dioxide levels. You might know that palm oil farming is hugely destructive to the environment and wrapped up in exploitation and land grabs.

Well we know about that too – and that's why we created FairPalm.

FairPalm is different.

Where most palm oil is mass produced, FairPalm is grown by smallholder farmers. Where most palm oil comes from artificial plantations in the Far East, FairPalm comes from West Africa – where oil palm plants grow naturally.

Smallholder farmers, working for Serendipalm cooperative in Ghana, are encouraged to grow oil palm plants alongside other crops. Food security and biodiversity are kept high priority so you can be sure that FairPalm is sustainably grown. Farmers also get a fair price for their produce – justly rewarded for all their hard work.

It's thanks to the great work of Serendipalm that we can confidently say that FairPalm is the antidote to your palm oil problems.

FairPalm is also used in Tradecraft's cookie range.

Coconut oil is effortlessly amazing.

If you're looking for a natural way to look after your skin, look no further. In India they use it as a hair conditioner because of its natural moisturising effects. But it also holds anti-ageing properties and it's great at getting rid of stains.

So you can see why we love it in the Clean & Fair range!

We source our Fairtrade, organic coconut oil from a brilliant cooperative of smallholder farmers in India – called Fairtrade Alliance, Kerala or FTAK for short.

FTAK farmers are shown how to run multi-crop farms that protect the environment and encourage bio-diversity. They also get a fair wage for their work.

It's partnerships with great organisations like FTAK that make the Clean & Fair range so special. Our coconut oil is produced in a way that protects the planet and supports the people who grow it – all thanks to the great work of a dedicated cooperative in India.

The range of products has expanded since first writing to include the popular Lavender and Aloe Vera fragrance and now the Zesty Lime and Mint hand wash along with laundry liquid, washing up liquid and two fragrances of soap plus one Pure soap – with no fragrance – ideal for sensitive skin.

Why not give them a try?

Hornsea Music Socioety

Saturday 22nd April at 7.30 p.m.

By Popular Request

Spring Concert with Hornsea Choir

Directed by Eileen and Chris Ashmead

Admission only £5

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

April/May Diary (continued from page 12)

Saturday 29	April	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Table Top Sale
		10 a.m.	Living Well Café
Monday	1 May	2 p.m.	Singing at The Promenade
Tuesday	2	1.30 p.m.	Singing at Stuart House
Weds	3	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour
Thursday	4	2 p.m.	Singing at Summercourt Hall

Next Newsletter available Sunday 7 May. Deadline, due to Easter **Wednesday 12th April..** speak to Sarah or Jane or contact janemartin303@btinternet.com: sarahdarlington538@gmail.com.

