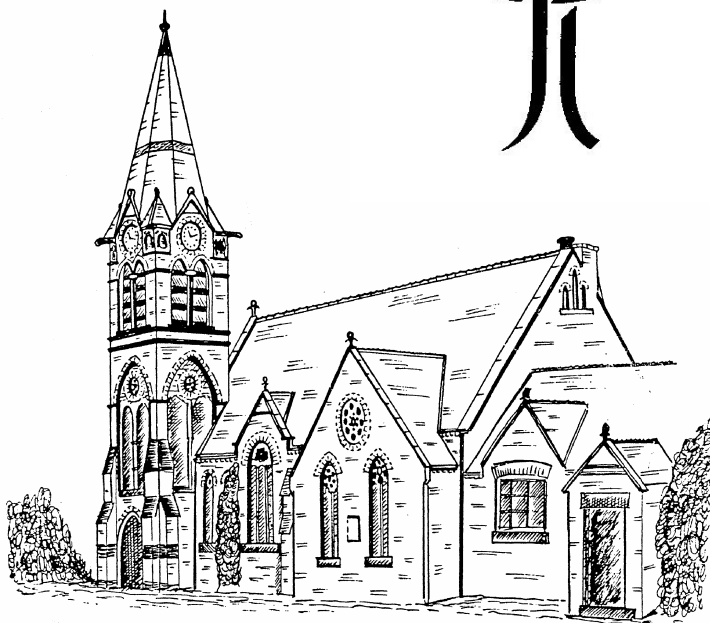
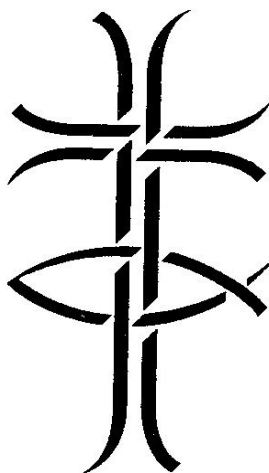


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SUNDAY **10.30** Morning Worship with Junior Church
for children of all ages, and crèche.
Coffee etc. served at close of Worship.
Communion: 1st Sunday evening at **6.30 p.m.**
2nd Sunday morning at **10.30 a.m.**
Other Sunday evenings : Prayer and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

Tuesday:	9.15 to 11.00	'Open House' (in term-time)
	7 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour (3 rd , 10 th , 17 th)
Thursday:	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning
Friday	6.30 & 8 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

28 March: Simon Pickering

FUNERALS

29 March: Georgina Hood
6 April Geoffrey Laycock
3 April Ian Monkman
7 April Marion Betts

THANK YOU

Audrey and Mavis and the family would like to thank everybody who attended Les's Funeral. We were very impressed with the large attendance. He loved the URC and would have been very humbled at the amount who came. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Errol, Diane and family would like to thank Rev. Steven Knapton, Sarah and all the wonderful ladies who helped and supported us on Friday 7th April during the funeral of Marion Betts. We could never have done it without you.

Val would like to say a very big Thank You to all my Church family and friends for your prayers and support during my sister Brenda's illness. It has been a great help and comfort to me.

Leslie Jackson

Les was born in East Hull, as many Hornsea 'incomers' have been; an only child of a well educated father, who wanted to make sure his son had the best education he could. So Les attended Hymers' College, where he learned well, and it also became apparent that he had a lovely singing voice.

He fell in love with the sea, a love which never deserted him, so when, in his late teens, war came, he joined the Royal Navy. He had a great love of animals too, horses and dogs in particular, and especially German Shepherd dogs.

In peacetime , he was employed by the Hull Corporation Electricity Department, (later the Yorkshire Electricity Board) and he also became involved with the Methodist Church in Hull. He met Joan, the love of his life, and they married in 1949, enjoying 58 very happy years together until Joan's death.

He and Joan had enjoyed walking, especially on the Yorkshire Moors and in the Lake District, but Les's favourite visiting and walking place was Norway (no doubt a combination of sea and countryside loves!)

Later in their marriage they lived in Coniston, and when Les retired, they decided to move to Hornsea, where there was a bigger community life .

Here in Hornsea Les became involved with various organisations, always willing to help, and making use of the meticulous side of his nature by taking on such jobs as bookkeeping. He joined Hornsea Methodist Church, but after Joan's death in 2007 moved to our Church. It was lovely to see many members of both churches at his funeral.

Strong in Spirit, Steadfast in Principle, and with a kindness and humility he bore all his life. So we will remember him, as we commend him to God's keeping.

Marion Betts

Marion . one of six children, was born in Hessle. By the age of 17, she had met Robin and two years later was married and they were living on the dairy farm at Fitling. She loved being a farmer's wife, and rejoiced in their growing family of four children.

Marion loved the farmhouse kitchen, where she could cook and bake, and create a home for them all. She was also a talented seamstress, making clothes for family and beyond, especially for family weddings. No detail was too small to be overlooked. Over the years the family grew with the oh so welcome arrival of nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She and Robin had met at a Methodist event: the Methodist Church played a large part in her life from her regular attendance at Sunday School, up to the time she studied and became a Methodist Local Preacher. She rejoiced in being able to share God's Word around the local churches and chapels. She glowed as she read beloved passages of scripture, and her exposition of them was truly from the bottom of her heart. Garton Chapel was her favourite and in the late 1980s she and her friends worked hard to create a Retreat there where people could go and be peaceful (catering was provided, of course!).

But in 1998 Robin died, and the milking machines stopped for her.. Her world changed, but in time she met Errol, and eventually they married. They loved going on trips together, be it to local beauty spots like Burton Agnes, or further afield, where the Isle of Bute, in Scotland became their favourite.

Marion shared her radiant Christian faith with all around her, in Methodist churches, in the United Reformed Church and with all those she met. But she felt richly blessed and privileged to have been able to live the life she did, surrounded by so many who loved her.

Whilst she will be sorely missed by so many, we rejoice that she is now with the Lord she loved. We share our sorrow at her loss with that rejoicing. May she know God's everlasting peace.

Dear Friends

What is it that opens your eyes each morning to the glory of God?

Perhaps it's the sound of bird song or the undisturbed dew on the grass; the people you are planning to meet; or the tasks you are eager to do.

For me it is the Bible Society's **Lyfe** App on the iPad!

I have never been one for disciplined reading of my bible or in fact a regular prayer time but these bible reading notes help me to appreciate where I belong with God and to keep my thoughts close to him throughout the day, in all that I do.

The last week in March, on the Lyfe App, looked at “Life in the Kingdom of God” it encouraged simple, practical steps, in tune with passages from scripture, and these are a few examples taken from the week.

The week began with this **introduction** - *'This week we are peering into the Kingdom of God. As insiders in God's Kingdom our view should be a 360° widescreen experience, but many of us live this earthly life as outsiders looking in, thrilled when we catch an occasional glimpse of the rollicking, joyful, creative communion of the Trinity...'*

Then a **reading** from Matthew 6:25-33 – about not worrying and the lilies of the field ...

We are then asked to **reflect** – *'this passage isn't about worry really. It's about where we put our energy and attention. Are we always thinking about the next thing, even when we are enjoying the thing we are doing right now? Do we think about God's extravagance as much as we think about the tasks on our lists?'* A challenging thought for most of us!

And then **respond** – *'Try moving God up your “To-do” list, not because God needs it, but because you do. When you catch yourself pursuing the next thing, stop. Take three deep breaths. Picture the lilies. Praise God for what you have and are right now.'*

There is a Midday Meditation and Evening Reflection each day – but if you are like me they do not always read at the appropriate time! They are however a good focus for our life with God.

Friday borrowed an exercise from James Bryan Smith. *Fill in the blank: "I am (your name) in whom Christ dwells and delights." Put it on your screensaver, or on your bathroom mirror, or over the kitchen sink. Put it wherever you spend time. Each time you see it, say to yourself, "I am (your name) in whom Christ dwells and delights."*

The evening reflection was – *God created you. Christ invites you. The Spirit dwells in you. Forget what you think you know about how awful you really are. You are God's creature, beloved of Christ, in whom the Spirit dwells and delights. That's the bottom line. That's what is really true about you. Enjoy it.*

These are small steps of realisation of how much we are loved and that we are an important and loved member of God's Kingdom and as such we can pray – *Through you all things were made, Holy Christ, and through you I am being re-made. Because I live in your Kingdom, slowly your image, in which I was made, shines through my words, my face and my actions. It is through you that I came to be. May others see you in me. Amen.*

Margaret Knapton

Lectionary for May

7 May: Giving not taking.	Acts 2.42-47.	John 10.1-10.
14 May: Divine hospitality.	Acts 7.55-60.	John 14.1-14.
21 May: Knowing and not knowing.	Acts 17.22-31.	John 14.15-21.
28 May: A living prayer.	Acts 1.6-14.	John 17.1-11.
4 June: I will pour out my Spirit.	Acts 2.1-21.	John 7.37-39.

Quiet 'Day' at the Convent, Eastgate

Saturday 3 June 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Please give your name to Sarah Darlington

Vera Rose

We are very sad to have learned recently of the death of a dear friend, Vera Rose. Vera, who lived in Pasture Road, was a devoted member and friend of this Church for many years. She was a faithful worshipper, and attended many other Church events too, charming us with her shy smile and quiet demeanour.

Some years ago she moved to be near her family in South Yorkshire, and to them we send our sympathy, and our love, as they remember her with great affection.

News from the FRSC**June Barton**

The last of the Winter Lunches earned us £144.09 making the total amount raised from the three lunches £370.03. These lunches can only occur due to our wonderful soup makers who donate their appetising and warming soups and also to the volunteers who are ready to serve all who enter for a lunch. A BIG THANK YOU to all involved.

Wednesday 24 May is Brenda's Open House Coffee Morning from 10.00am-1.00pm at 78 Eastgate. For the admission of £2.00 you will receive a cup of coffee and a slice of cake along with a warm welcome. Extra coffee and cake will available for a small charge.

Apart from enjoying the comforts of Brenda's home and garden and the convivial company there will also be a raffle. Brenda is the first to answer the Fundraising plea for outside events which we hope will be the first of many.

If you are willing and able to hold an outside event please let any of the Fundraising team know.

Saturday 27 May is the Gardeners' Fair 10.00am 2.00pm which will see our premises abound with plants galore as well as any garden related items. There will be a garden related raffle which will be well worth the price of a ticket. We will welcome back our horticultural expert Eric, who was sadly missed last year, along with Denise, whose plant

knowledge is second to none. Refreshments and light lunches will be served and admission is free. Tell your friends and neighbours this is the place to be!

Advance Notice:-

On Saturday 24 June Strawberry Treats will be served in the hall between **12 noon and 2.00pm**. Teas and coffees will also be available along with a limited supply of sandwiches and sausage rolls. Donations of strawberry treats will be most welcome and we know from the past that all manner of fantastic creations can be made using strawberries.

Friendship Hour

The 2017 programme is now in full swing, with the brighter days bringing an extra event.

On **Wednesday 3rd May**, the speaker will Melanie Whetton, who will be talking about her job as a Prison Chaplain. This promises to be a challenging and eye-opening insight into an aspect of Christian witness few of us know anything about.

The following week it is time for a day out. A bus is booked to take everyone to Scarborough Spa on **Wednesday 10th May** to attend the annual Yorkshire URC Synod Rally. Do speak to Doreen Rogers if you want to go and have not yet arranged it with her.

Back in Hornsea, we welcome some old friends on **Wednesday 17th May**, when we will be joined by our Canine Partners. The Hornsea meetings start at **2pm**. Do go along.

Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes

The Promenade: Monday 1st May at 2.p.m.

Stuart House Tuesday 2nd May at 1.30 p.m.

Summernote Hall: Thursday 4th May at 2 p.m.

Do go along and help make a joyful noise

Our Mission and Care Group

As mentioned last month, all the URCs in the Eastern part of Yorkshire meet several times a year to share and support each other in their witness to their particular areas. On **Saturday 20th May**, our Church will be host to that meeting, and it will begin with Coffee at **10 a.m.**

The informal meeting which follows is open to all, and soup, rolls and drinks will be provided at its conclusion at about **12.30pm.**
(Participants usually bring their own sandwiches)

We hope some of you will come along, so you can hear ‘what makes other churches tick’ and meet fellow members from around the area.

We also need a little help with meeting and greeting, simple catering and so on. Please speak to Kathy or Sarah if you would like to help

Loop the Loop – Do You?

Are you, like me, one of those fortunate people whose life is enriched by the technology of the modern hearing aid, and, beyond that, by being able to tune into the ‘Loop System’ in public places, so we can relax in comfort knowing we will hear all that is going on?

I don’t know how many of you out there are in this position – somehow deafness has a ‘stigma’ attached to it and is often talked not about. We have been richly blessed in our Church over many years in having a Loop System available, but lately it has been feeling its age. Hearing has been difficult for a while, but now we have had it updated, and it is clearer than before – most of the time, that is! It is still having one or two teething problems.

We need your help, in that Jackie, Margaret Knapton or Jane would value your comments if you need help or have a problem with it. If you’re new to the Hearing Aid world, and would like to know more, we’re happy to chat too, and of course, when you have your next Hearing Test at Hornsea Cottage Hospital, the audiologist there will be happy to advise. Relax, enjoy, don’t strain yourself listening!!

Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in May

Hornsea Methodist Church and Stewards

URC Yorkshire Synod Assembly at Scarborough

East Yorkshire Mission and Care Group at Hornsea URC

Famine in Africa, especially the Sudan

The Leprosy Mission

Coming to Hornsea URC in June ...

THE BIG SING

Saturday 10th June at 7.30 pm

Singers, non-singers those who love hymns old and new

Will gather to worship God in all sorts of song.

You can sing too!

Rehearsals: 7.30 p.m.

Thursdays 27 April, 11th and 18th May (URC Choir only)

Thursdays 25th May, 1st, 8th June (Joint Choir)

All proceeds to Christian Aid

The Visitor

Paul Martin Emery

Dear Friends

This last weekend Ruth and I had the opportunity to open our home to a special visitor. Like many others our home became an open place of welcome for a refugee from a war torn country, in this case Syria and more pointedly, the city of Aleppo. At one time a beautiful city, the most populous in Syria, which served as the capital of the Aleppo Governorate. A city now in ruins, its heart and soul are literally torn apart by the War, its streets a maze of rubble with what counts for daily life being conducted underground.

What a glaring contrast with a simple little back bedroom, in a village called Silsden resting by the shadow of the far side of Ilkley Moor. The only rubble here being the repairing of the roadside walls after the floods of 2015. No bombs in the morning just the sweet sound of the birdsong greeting the coming day.

This visit was a learning curve in so many ways. As Friday arrival day dawned I busied myself preparing the room. Small touches. A face cloth and towels neatly arranged on a chair. Books about England and the countryside and seasons, on the bookcase. But an awareness also in myself of anticipation, nervousness and emotion. What will this be like? How will it go? Will he feel welcome? The answer to that was his smiling response when I bid him Welcome in his native Arabic as he came up the steps to the front door.

“Ahlaan bik” Welcome...His smile reassuring...and a simple thank you in response, and as he settled into the lounge, a gracious *“you have a beautiful home”*. A simple compliment but filled with the sense to me that at one time he had such a home. We responded by bidding him welcome again and inviting him to be at home and all we had was his too.

We sat up until midnight, our eyes heavy after such emotion of the day, talking and sharing his war experience and his journey. His voice not angry or bitter. More one of recognition that this is how it was, this is

how it is. Later it struck me as I lay in bed that one hears the words of such an experience but the imagination takes much longer to register just what it was that brought this young man half way round the world to that simple little back bedroom of ours.

In truth the imagination can not recreate that all to personal experience of bombs and destruction and a boat on the high seas with water up to the knees. Nor can it do justice to the feeling that once you feel you have reached safety you find yourself in a caged compound grateful for any bit of half clean cardboard you can make a bed out of..

One simply can not put yourself in their place or fully appreciate that level of suffering or displacement. You do what you can do...you are here and you are welcome.

There were lighter moments to. Ones of simple domesticity. The choice of cereal at breakfast. The choice of jam etc on the toast. That quiet coming together over the first meal of the day. Later in the day as we sat in my recording studio, as promised a small selection of guitar tracks. What would you like me to play... *The theme from the Lion King and Hotel California by the Eagles...* Played with a sense of care and love. Appreciation from someone who clearly loves music and a moment of connection... Later his request that I record a music programme for him...

A simple request that spoke to me of someone feeling at home...Again an act of normal life...

Our home suddenly feeling empty after we said our goodbyes and he had left... A sense of tender sadness as I tidied away the books from his room and looked backed at the perfectly made bed. Not just a bed but a resting place in every sense of the word....

A tender and humbling experience. A weekend that touched both Ruth and I. A weekend of sharing and joy and yes at times, sadness and near tears. But more than that this was a weekend of giving and sharing from his side as much as ours. Two worlds, very different, two cultures and faiths coming together in a profound act of trust.

My thoughts in the quiet after his leaving.....

The way we open our doors hearts and minds to the refugee is a measure of our humanity. To close the door our hearts and our minds is to diminish ourselves and our humanity as we deny to ourselves that richness of cultural experience and opportunity of learning and sharing that the simple act of sayingyou are welcome brings into all our lives..

We sent our visitor off with a book on our landscapes and wildlife...we inscribed the inside cover with the following..

Lord...Allah...there is a terrible war in Syria and many are suffering. Please grant peace in that place. We ask you this in love and humanity...

For our brother in humanity...

May love be your guide and peace be at your side...

His eyes moved and again that simple phrase. "Thank you"

We wish him well and as he said an Angel by his side...

Thank you to him for enriching our lives and thank you friends.
(with thanks to Doreen Rogers)

**Christian Aid has been there for refuges since 1945
We won't turn our backs now.**

Christian Aid Week is 14-20 May

Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago, following the Second World War, to support our work with refuges in Europe.

Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

**Pray for the work of Christian Aid this May
Give what you can for refugee work**

Traidcraft News

Margaret Knapton

I have had lots of lovely comments about the hand made, pressed flower, Easter cards this year.

They have been made by SHAPII (Salay Handmade Paper Industries Inc.) in the Philippines. SHAPII was set up as a social enterprise in 1987, at the time when 90% of the population in Salay were living below the poverty line. In many ways it was the vision of a local woman called Loreta Rafisura, who was trying to find a way to provide a dignified income to local people during such strained times.

SHAPII has since become the second most important employer in Salay, and currently employs around 180 local people, at least 65% of whom are women. It offers stable employment, a fair wage, opportunities to work from home and internship for young people.

SHAPII specialises in crafting handmade cards, notebooks, wallets and nativity sets. The paper is made by cooking raw plant material (such as abaca fibre) and pressing the pulp through a sieve to thin it. Once colour has been added and the paper dried, the home workers decorate it with pressed petals and leaves. The workshop is a shining example of how creativity and experimentation can transform local waste materials sustainability into what is now the most famous product to come out of Salay!

Traidcraft has been trading with SHAPII since 2000 and has supported them through several sustainability projects like, 'Make your own paper' workshops which now attract tourism – creating another stream of income.

Marcelo's Story

Marcelo Baldemor joined SHAPII in 1994 and was taught crafting techniques. Now 45 and married with three children, he works for SHAPII as a home worker. "I dream of seeing my three children finish college," Marcelo says, and SHAPII is helping to make his dream a reality.

One of his children studying at high school is assisted by the SHAPII Foundation, set up by SHAPII, which provides scholarships for workers' children. Marcello's wife works as a market vendor and the couple share responsibility for raising their family.

SHAPII is an environmentally aware company whose employees share profits and other benefits. The large number of social benefits to producers include:

- health insurance
- a home development fund
- pension plan
- retirement benefit
- interest-free loans
- free eye check
- company vehicle use in emergencies
- meal out for exceptional performance
- basic computer classes
- English classes
- free internet training and access
- seminars
- training (including local travel or trips abroad, for example, to trade fairs).

If you want to find out more visit their Facebook page *SalayHandmade Shapii*

June 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.

The last date is **Thursday 11th May**. This Newsletter should be available on Sunday 4th June, and sooner on the church website.

Please give or email material to jane.martin303@btinternet.com or sarah.darlington538@gmail.com Thank you.

Worship

SUNDAY	7	10.30 a.m.	Re, Keith Himsworth
		6.30 p.m.	Communion
	14	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Trevor Holborn (Communion)
	21	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Alison Micklem
	28	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Peter Jordan
JUNE	4	10.30 a.m.	Joint Service for Pentecost at Methodist Church
		6.30 p.m.	Communion
Other Sunday evenings:		6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise

Events

Monday	1	2 p.m.	Singing at the Promenade
Tuesday	2	1.30 p.m.	Singing at Stuart House
Wednesday	3	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour with Melanie Whetton
		7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting at Church
Thursday	4	2 p.m.	Singing at Summercourt Hall
Wednesday	10		Yorkshire Assembly at Scarborough
Thursday	11	7.30 pm	Big Sing Rehearsal in our Church

Christian Aid Week 14-20 May

Wednesday	17	2 pm.	Friendship Hour: Canine Partners
Thursday	18	7.30 pm	Big Sing Rehearsal in our Church
Saturday	20	10 am.	East Yorkshire Mission & Care Group
			meet in our Church
Sunday	21	11.45 am.	Quarterly Church Meeting
Wednesday	24	10 am. to 1 pm.	at 78, Eastgate
			Coffee Morning for FRSC funds
Thursday	25	7.30 p.m.	Big Sing Rehearsal in our Church
Saturday	27	10 am.-2 pm.	Gardeners' Fair and Café
		9 am.-1.30 pm.	Hornsea Local Market in Cinema Street
Sunday	28	2 p.m.	Beverley Brass Band in Memorial Gardens

.. and into June

Thursday	1	7.30 p.m.	Big Sing Rehearsal
Saturday	3	10 a.m.	Quiet 'Day' at Eastgate Convent