

Hornsea United Reformed Church



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December 2018/January 2019

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 Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
	6.30	Evening Worship 1 st Sunday at Methodist Church 3 rd Sunday evening our Church (not Dec)
Tuesday:	9.15 to 11.30 7 p.m.	'Open House' (in term-time) Faith and Fellowship (not 25 Dec or 1 Jan)
Thursday:	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning (not 27 Dec or 3 Jan)
Friday	6. & 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

Lectionary

2 December: Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36

9 December: Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

16 December: Zephaniah 3.14-20; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

23 December: Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45,(46-55)

25 December: Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14,(15-20)

30 December: 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-17;

Luke 2.41-52

Hornsea Civic Society invite you to

Plant a Tree

in Hall Garth Park

on Saturday 8th December

from 10.00am



Dear Friends

Every birth is special, it is a time of spectating and hope for the future. And we have once again found ourselves approaching the season of Advent which culminates in the birth of our Lord Jesus.

This is the season where we celebrate the birth of that special child who has brought such a change to our lives.

At this time we gather together with friends and family to celebrate 'Christmas'.

Now, Christmas is huge, the commercial trappings and temptations are starting to appear on the shelves of the shops, all the glittery things we need are available for us to buy and take home.

But just one thing is not clear. What has all this got to do with the birth of the special one who started his life in a stable to become something amazing?

So while we can share some of these delights, we must not let them distract us from what Christmas is really about, the realisation that one child brought into the world in simplicity would astonish the world and his followers.

Advent is a time of reflection, when we light candles each week in expectation of this special time, and those who still seek to make a connection with Jesus attend Nativity plays and church and midnight services. It may be the only service they attend, but it is important they still do.

All births are important and bring great joy. Their is a tense time when the due date has passed and those close are ready to spring into action at the slightest twinge. I know this because I dashed from work to find Sophie well on in labour, and life has not been the same since. The lovely Lexi is part of our life.

Does this have connections with the birth of Jesus? I think it does. They both share a feeling of expectation, a expression of a new start, a time of Joy and wonder, and a continuation of the family.

As we once again prepare for this busy season, let us keep our Lord firmly in our thoughts, so when the frenzy of Christmas grows we need to see it in perspective and remember -

Our Lord is the light of the world.

**Our Lord is the hope of the world of distress and
disappointments.**

Our Lord is the one who takes us as we are and forgives us.

Without him this season would be meaningless, the wonder of this story and the promise that was laid before us can once again bring us back to Jesus.

Amen.

Jill Fletcher

Thank you

- ★ **Jackie and Ken** would like to say thank you very much for all the kind thoughts and prayers during the past few weeks. We would also like to say a special thank you to Steve Seal who visited several times, each time with some delicious cookies!
- ★ **Shirley Stacey** wishes all friends at Hornsea URC a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy and peaceful 2019. She sends her love and every blessing.
- ★ Thank you to all the wonderfully talented people who helped to make our church look so amazing for the Centenary Celebration of Remembrance of the end of the First World War.

Church Family Christmas Card

As mentioned last month, as a Church family we look forward to receiving your ONE Christmas card, as we have done in previous years.

Please mark the envelope “for the Church” - these cards will be on display at the front of the Church.

If you choose to make in donation in recognition of the time and trouble you have saved by not having to purchase and write lots of cards, please note that the money placed in the receptacle provided will be given to the Local First Aid Centre - outside Tesco.

Dates for Services in the Residential Homes			
2 pm	Monday	3 rd December	The Promenade
2 pm	Tuesday	4 th December	Stuart House
2 pm.	Thursday	6 th December	Summerville Hall

Our Unique Christmas Card Delivery Service



This has been happening every year since 1981, so unless you have arrived here in the last 12 months you must have heard of it!

As explained last month, all you Christmas Cards within Hornsea itself can be delivered in time for Christmas, at a cost of only 25p per card.

Jackie and Ken write - *Its December again and we are all set for our annual Christmas card delivery service.*

As last year, we will be sorting out the cards and then putting them on the piano for our trusty post people to collect and then deliver around Hornsea. Margaret and some of the elders will be arranging people to help with deliveries.

The post box will be available at the church until after coffee morning on Thursday 14th December. The box will stay in Whittles Chemist until the shop closes on Friday 15th December. Hopefully, the cards will be sorted for delivery on Sunday 17th December.

You can deliver in an area to suit you, a couple of roads near your home, on your dog-walking route etc etc. It doesn't take long and will be such a help. Just have a word with Margaret Knaptom now and book your route.

Further to last month's item we are happy to announce that, along with postboxes in the Beach hut and at Church, Whittles Chemist is more than happy to have one of our boxes.

Deliver cards, tell your friends! All proceeds to Church Funds

News from the FRSC

Our Christmas Fayre was very well supported with plenty of stalls displaying a wide variety of items to buy. Hot food only was served, bacon rolls, sausage rolls and soup. Thank you to the super soup makers, we had an excellent choice of soups - your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks must also go to all who helped and came and spent time and money with us. Like all of our fundraising events they are also a social occasions when you can catch up with people you have not seen for a while. Our funds for this occasion have swollen far after the event with the grand total of £510.99 being added to our income.

The last event of the year is **Lights Night on Friday 30 November 6.00-8.00pm** when we shall have a few stalls with seasonal items plus hot drinking chocolate as well as mince pies to help ward off the cold evening air.

Carol Singing in Newbegin will be on **Saturdays 8 and 15 December** from **10.00-11.30am** outside Couplands Bakery and the collection will be for the **First Aid Centre** in Tesco's car park. This group of community minded people are doing their best to plug the gap left by the closure of the Minor Injury Unit and need donations to fund the dressings needed to patch us up should we need it, so let us support them.

By tradition the New Year has usually started with a party when the fundraising team endeavour to entertain you with the help of some talented individuals who are happy to sing, dance, play an instrument, recite poems or tell jokes. This format has survived for many years completely unchanged so now we felt it is time to try something new. The question is - do you want a New Year Party and if so are you prepared to take part in organising it? Remember, it is your party so please give your fundraising team a helping hand and get on board with some new ideas.

The party has always been a very relaxed and can include people from outside the church as we pride ourselves as being all inclusive. Or maybe you would prefer not to have a party which is fine but please let

us know. Answers **not** on postcards please but to either Ann, Heather, June or Val. We look forward to hearing from you.

There will be two **Winter Lunches** next year on **Saturday 26 January and Saturday 2 March both 12noon - 1.30pm**. Hot homemade soup and a roll for £3.00 and a dessert for £1.00 is excellent value and ideal on a cold winter day. Once again the super soup makers will be called into action and this time around for a change we will be serving hot desserts. If you can help, once again please let us know.

June Barton

Advent Sunday

We look forward to offering a very warm East Riding welcome to the Yorkshire Synod Moderator of the URC, Rev Kevin Watson, who will lead worship on Advent Sunday.

Based in Leeds, but living in Wakefield, it will be an early start for Kevin, who is minister to all the Yorkshire churches of the Synod. Thank you, Kevin for fitting us into your diary

'A Living Advent Calendar' around the Gardens

Last year was the first ever Hornsea Living Advent Calendar. It was a great way for people to come together and there was lots of positive feedback about it. Several people have asked Chris, the organiser, if the event will become an annual tradition. He has also been asked if the area could be expanded so that others around the town centre can take part.

The wider area for this year will cover:

New Road, Park Row, Burton Road, Eastbourne Road, Westbourne Road, Westgate, Market Place, Newbegin

Not sure what number our window will be this year – but keep your eyes open!

Children's Christmas Party Sunday 2nd December

Hosted by Hornsea United Reformed Church

Programme

You are welcome to join the Church Service at 10.30am

and/or

Come for 12 o'clock for a light lunch

and/or

1.00pm for the START of the Party

There will be Party Games

Craft Activities

Food

Nativity from Scratch

and LOTS of FUN

Finish at 2.30 – 2.45

Parents/guardians are welcome to stay and join in – chat in the Hall but if **not** staying will need to complete a Booking Form for their children

Hornsea's Street Nativity

Last year the first Hornsea Street Nativity was an amazing success with many people turning out to be a part of the event and even more saying afterwards (when they had seen all the pictures on Facebook) that they wished they had been there!

It was a community event initially organised by the Methodist church and URC with support from the Hornsea Lions and Hornsea Local Market – with the 'buzz' over the cups of tea and coffee afterwards and ideas for 2018 guaranteed that this would not be a 'one-off' event. This year it will be on Sunday 16th December – starting at 4.00pm from the Parish Church and processing along Newbegin as the story is told before concluding at the stable (Memorial Gardens) – hope to see you there this year.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany at Hornsea URC

Sunday 2 December

First Sunday in Advent

10.30am Yorkshire Synod Moderator of the URC, Rev Kevin Watson
followed by a church Lunch

1.00pm Children's Christmas Party

6.30pm Evening Advent Praise – Methodist Church

Saturday 8 December

10 am to 11.30 am. Carols in Newbegin (outside Cooplunds)

All proceeds to Hornsea's First Aid Centre

Post your cards in Hornsea URC Delivery Service

Through to Thursday 13th December in Church
or Friday 14th December at The Beach Hut or Whittle's Chemist

Have you sent one card to all of us at Hornsea URC?

Saturday 15 December

10 a.m. – Carols on Newbegin (as 8 December)

Sunday 16 December

10.30 am Christingle Service

Also Sunday 16th December

4 p.m. Street Nativity from Parish Church to Band Stand

Sunday 23rd December

10.30 a.m. All Age Worship with Nativity

Christmas Eve Monday 24th

11.00pm for 11.30 pm 'Welcome to Christmas'

(Jointly – at the URC)

Christmas Day

10 am (note the time) Family Worship

The Season's Greetings to all our readers

A SEASONAL CONCERT

The Hornsea Choir will be performing a concert
In the United Reformed Church on
Saturday 8 December at 7.30 p.m.

Proceeds to support Yorkshire Cancer

Prayer Network - December

Children receiving Shoe boxes

The devotion and love given by foster parents

A person you know for whom Christmas will be difficult

War - torn Yemen

January

The work and witness of the churches of Hornsea

Farmers as they face a difficult year resulting from unusual weather
conditions in 2018

Syria

Hornsea Music Society

Christina Waldock (cello) and Mark Kroop

Saturday 19 January 7.30 p.m.

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

Annual General Meeting

What a busy year it has been for the fellowship and direction of Hornsea United Reformed Church.

The "Church Chats" at the beginning of the year got us talking about what the church and fellowship meant to each one of us personally as well as the witness it reflected in the town.

These were followed by a successful, if at times challenging, LYCIG (Leading Your Church into Growth) course on Saturday mornings which in turn have prompted us to look closely at the life and health of our church. From this several changes have begun to evolve, such as church lunches which are helping us to grow more like a family. Our focus on worship is enabling more people to be a part of the planning and delivery of services and our prayer life is blossoming.

Our Church Meetings are always well attended and the more informal setting of the hall makes it easier for people to share their experiences, ideas and concerns.

For me, one of the strengths of the United Reformed Church is that it is the Church Meeting - the members with the guidance of the Holy Spirit - that makes the decisions about what we do and what we become.

We have travelled a long way this year and I would encourage you all to put **Sunday 24th February 11.45am** into your diaries and enjoy the privilege of being a part of the discussions that will focus our vision for 2019.

Reports, Newsletter articles and word of mouth are no real substitute for hearing and contributing, first hand, to the aims and aspirations we may have for the future - hope to see you there if you can make it.

Flowers for 2019

Flowers have always been an important part of our church life. We have them in church every Sunday and I am sure most people know that they are then taken out to be enjoyed by people at home.

We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the cost of the flowers because like everything else the cost keeps going up.

The rota is up on the small notice board in the hall with all the dates for next year on. Please put your name next to a date of your choice. You can buy and arrange your own flowers but if you would like someone to buy and arrange them for you please ask me it is no problem.

Ann Jordan

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Only Justice

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from 18 to 25 January.

This year the theme has been selected, and finds its origins in, Deuteronomy. *“Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue”* (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20) It was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity.

Work on this theme was by a group of representatives from different parts of Indonesia, including the Communion of Churches in Indonesia and the Indonesian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

This is a country which has been much in our minds and our hearts in recent months as it has faced terrible natural disaster, making life even more difficult than usual for its people.

Here in Hornsea we will pray for them ecumenically each morning, starting at **9.00am to 9.30am** and followed by tea/coffee and a chance to chat. Details of the times and venues are as follows:-



Date	Venue	Speaker
Fri 18 th Jan	Parish Church (social area)	Pentecostal
Sat 19 th Jan	Roman Catholic	Methodist
Sun 20 th Jan	URC	M Preece/CofE
Mon 21 st Jan	Methodist Church	Community
Tue 22 nd Jan	URC	C of E
Wed 23 rd Jan	Methodist Church	Roman Catholic
Thu 24 th Jan	Parish Church (social area)	New Horizons
Fri 25 th Jan	TBC	URC

What is happening with Traidcraft PLC?

Well GOOD NEWS – Traidcraft does have a future - thanks to the tremendous support received – but maybe not as we know it now. This report from Traidcraft explains the situation more fully:-

The Board of Traidcraft has accepted a plan for the future of the plc which has room for 12 employees and will begin its work at the start of 2019. It will maximise the profitable parts of the business, phase out loss-making lines, create a membership culture and set a new high bar for ethical trading in the UK.

As such, Traidcraft wishes to build on the extraordinary success of fair trade for a new generation of trading, sourcing and buying, in the manner of its pioneering fair trade founders.

The plan came forward during a legal consultation process. It was written by a group of staff, supported by external advisers, and influenced by hundreds of well-wishers who offered ideas.

At its heart is an aspiration to make transparent the costs, prices and profits involved in every product it sells, which carries on the fair trade tradition of challenging and disrupting the market.

CEO Robin Roth said: “We want our members to be co-conspirators in changing how trade is understood and practiced. We want to tell consumers who gets what from the Traidcraft products they buy. We want to annoy and irritate those who profit unduly through the non-transparency of their trading activities. We will cause good trouble, just as those six fair trade pioneers who started Traidcraft did back in 1979.”

Acknowledging the changes over four decades of fair trading, Robin continues:

“Traidcraft has transformed shopping in the UK, and now you can find fair trade everywhere, from online shops to petrol stations. But as times change, so must we. When new markets are searching for goods that are ethical, vegan and organic as well as fair trade, we need to be there. As younger people demand cooperative models of doing business, we need to strive for that too.”

Traidcraft will initially focus more deliberately on its established partners and advocates, who are predominantly active in Christian churches. Traidcraft’s 4,300 Fair Traders, 85% of whom are motivated by faith, will be able to access a new version of the company they already do business with.

Further to this, products will be available to all consumers through the online Traidcraft shop and by mail order.

Returning the business to profit will involve a simpler range of products.

The new Traidcraft will:

- establish core grocery lines
- carry fewer craft lines
- encourage communities to buy cooperatively and in bulk, saving on packaging and benefitting the planet
- deliver discounts through a membership model for supporters.

All of Traidcraft's 67 members of staff have faced redundancy through the legal consultation process; 22 of whom chose voluntary redundancy, and a further 45 were issued notices of redundancy. There will be 12 roles available within the future plan for the organisation, which all staff will be welcome to apply for. Around 10 additional members of staff will remain on an extended contract for a transitional period.

*Why not stock up on your favourite TRAIDCRAFT items before the end of December and avoid the disruption of the transition period
10% on ALL bulk buys*

Services in the Residential Homes in January

These will depend on the outcome of our Prayers and discussions

We will keep you informed.

A little bit of History about the Residential Homes Services

We were asked by Mary Turner, who was in charge of the services at the Promenade in 1991, on our arrival in Hornsea, to join the team.

This we did . If I remember correctly things had been instigated by a Methodist lay preacher a few years before (after a bit of detective work, we think it was Douglas Graham). He went to live in Pickering and Mary and a number of Methodist supporters took over .

Harriet Shaw and a number of Methodist supporters took over in other homes. Over the 27 years I have attended at least three ,more often four , per month. I think I have gone to 8 homes in all, many of which have closed often because of strict rules and regulations which were put in place by the government over the years.

When Harriet became ill about ten years ago we abandoned things altogether for a couple of months, until letters came complaining that the Church had abandoned them. That I was unhappy about so soon started up again.

The Methodist have been very faithful and an occasional Anglican has helped.

Retired Ministers, Jamie, Steven and local preachers have been stalwarts in leading since I stepped back a bit, although it was still my job to arrange the rota, produce the hymn sheets and see that we were going to have enough singers etc.I reckon that our Church has produced about 15 singers over the years. And overall over 40 people have been involved. With the residents we often have a bigger congregation than many Churches.

I hope the work can continue as it is a part of the Outgoing Mission of the Churches.

Doreen Rogers

January Worship

SUNDAY	6	10.30 a.m. Worship Team 6.30 p.m. Joint Worship at the Methodist Church
	13	10.30 a.m. Worship Team : Communion
	20	10.30 a.m. Worship Team 6.30 p.m. Rev. Steven Knapton
	27	10.30 a.m. Worship Team

January Events

Wednesday	9	7.30 p.m. Elders meet in the Church Hall
Thursday	10	7.00 p.m. Elders and Stewards Meeting
Friday	18 – 25	9.00am-9.30am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Saturday	26	12 noon to 1.30 p.m. Winter Lunch

December Worship

SUNDAY	2	10.30 a.m. Rev. Kevin Watson Moderator of the Yorkshire Synod.
SUNDAY	9	10.30 a.m Rev. Steven Knapton: Communion
SUNDAY	16	10.30 a.m Worship Team: Christingles 4 p.m. Street Nativity: Parish Church to Bandstand
SUNDAY	23	10.30 a.m. Worship Team: Nativity 11.00 p.m' Welcome to Christmas' With the Methodists at the URC
Christmas Day	25	10 a.m. note the time. Rev. Steven Knapton
SUNDAY	30	10.30 a.m. Rev. Steven Knapton

Events

Monday	3	2.p.m. Service at The Promenade
Tuesday	4	2 p.m. Service at Stuart House
Thursday	6	2 p.m. Singing at Summercourt Hall
Saturday	8	10 a m to 11.30 am. Carol Singing outside Cooplunds
Wednesday	12	7.30 p.m. Elders meet in the Church Hall
Thursday	13	<i>Last Day for Hornsea URC Post Box in Church</i>
Friday	14	<i>Last Day for Post Boxes</i> <i>at Whittles and Beach Hut</i>
Saturday	15	10 am to 11.30 am Carol Singing outside Cooplunds
Sunday	16	4.00pm – 6.00 p.m. Street Nativity

The February Newsletter deadline is Thursday 10th January.

It should be available in a Church or online by Sunday 27th January
Please let Jane/Margaret have your items now or certainly by then or
e mail them to jane.martin303@btinternet.com and/or Margaret at
s.knapton749@btinternet.com Thank you.