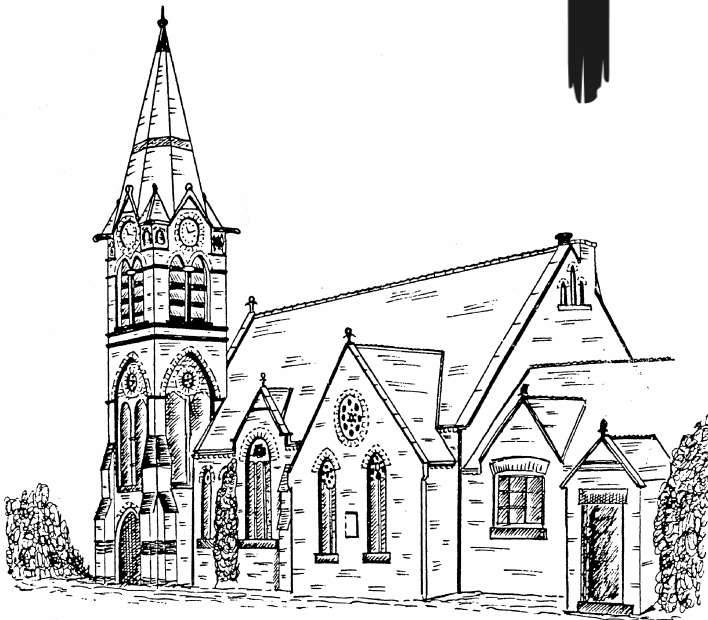


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February 2019

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 Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
	6.30	Evening Worship 1 st Sunday at Methodist Church 3 rd Sunday evening in our Church (includes Communion)
Tuesday:	9.15 to 11.30 7 p.m.	'Open House' (in term-time) Faith and Fellowship
Thursday:	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning
Friday	6p.m. & 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

Hornsea URC - Worship plan

- 3 February – The Lord's Prayer – Forgive us our sins.
- 10 February – The Lord's Prayer – As we forgive those who sin against us.
- 17 February – The Lord's Prayer – Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
- 24 February – Worship and Prayer

Lectionary

- 3 February: - Jeremiah 1.4-10;1 Corinthians 13.1-13;Luke 4.21-30
- 10 February: - Isaiah 6.1-8,(9-13); 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11
- 17 February: - Jeremiah 17.5-10;1 Corinthians 15.12-20;Luke 6.17-26
- 24 February: - Genesis 45.3-11,15; 1 Corinthians 15.35-38,42-50;
Luke 6.27-38

Happy New Year to you all!

You may think it a bit strange to be wishing you a Happy New Year in February – but it is the first publication of the Newsletter this year and I am writing this report at the very start of January ...

Happy New Year just rolls off the tongue without much effort or thought. Everyone wants to be happy and there are endless studies about what really makes us happy, while theories on the science of happiness abound.

Research claims to have found that the keys to happiness; these include good relationships, reflecting on the good things in life, showing kindness to others and having fun. They have also found, time and again, that those who follow religious beliefs tend to be happier than those who don't.

As Christians we do not need scientists to tell us that belief in Christ is the root to true and eternal joy beyond anything we can experience in this world.

As Peter wrote to the persecuted followers of Jesus in Asia Minor, 'You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls' 1 Peter 1:8-9. Now if that does not make us happy – I don't know what will.

So I have no doubts about wishing you a Happy New Year in February or any other day – as it says in a well known song

Oh, happy day
When Jesus washed
He washed my sins away
Oh, it's a happy day

He taught me how
To watch and fight and pray
And live rejoicing every day

Oh, happy day
When Jesus washed
He washed my sins away
Oh, happy day !

Margaret Knapton

A Community Christmas

As well as enjoying and giving thanks for the gift of the baby Jesus at Christmas within the four walls of our lovely Church, this year has seen a growing visibility of the true meaning of Christmas in the town. The delight of the expanding display of Windows through the streets for each day of Advent was a delight. The second year of the Street Nativity was moving, and the gathering of so many at the 'stable' in the Memorial Gardens was a celebration for all.

Our carollers braved the weather to bring good tidings to Saturday shoppers, and our post people willingly popped greetings cards with the Church's sticker on through many letterboxes, earning £110 for church funds.

Thank you to everyone who took part in any way. We take the message of Christmas forward into 2019.

Church Lunch - Our next Sunday lunch is to be a Bring and Share meal on Sunday 3rd February after worship. Afterwards there will be a social time for us to enjoy each other's company with a quiz, some games or other entertainment. So do plan to stay longer and pass a winter's afternoon in good company.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 24th February

Church Meeting – AGM

following the service

The book of Annual Reports for 2018 will be available in Church by Sunday 3rd February. Please read these prayerfully and bring your thoughts to the AGM. There should be a Report Book with your name on, but if not, **do** ask for one **AND please bring it to the Meeting**. Reports will appear online too.

Hornsea Music Society

JAMES STRETTON WORLD OF BRASS

Saturday 16th February 7.30 p.m.

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

News from the FRSC

Lights Night seems a long time ago and if memory serves me correctly we had a steady flow of people into our church particularly after the lights had been switched on. The warmth and thought of hot chocolate and mince pies can be very appealing. That and the sale of decorations managed to raise £157.50

Our Christmas Post Box brought in £110.00, not as much as in previous years but still the same amount of work in sorting and delivering so grateful thanks must go to Ken and Jackie for all their diligence and hard work.

The total amount raised for the year is £4,269.98.

Every year a group of brave (or foolish) souls volunteer to sing Carols in Newbegin and for two Saturdays last December once again the keyboard made an appearance outside Couplands bakery and we serenaded shoppers and with Carols to remind them of the meaning of Christmas. Special thanks to Steve and Heather who provided the musical accompaniment and to our faithful reliable singers. Our efforts earned £180.00 for the Hornsea First Aid Centre.

As our appeal for contributions to the New Year Party have not been forthcoming we have decided to combine a New Year Celebration with a church lunch which will be on Sunday 3 February. A little after dinner entertainment will hopefully be provided in the form of a quiz - nothing too taxing as Sunday after lunch is traditionally snooze time!

The second Winter Lunch is on Saturday 2 March serving from 12 noon to 1.30pm with hot home-made soup and a roll for £3.00 plus a hot dessert for £1.00 available the church hall. Mouthwatering!

Our Table Top Sale will be on Saturday 27 April 10.00am - 2.00pm. Table hire still remains at £6.00, so start sorting out those cupboards to see what you have to sell and book early to avoid disappointment. Refreshments and light lunches will be served.

A full list of major fundraising events will be on the FRSC notice board in the hall.

Friendship Hour

To welcome 2019, the Friendship Hour Annual Lunch will take place at Swiss Cottage on Wednesday 20th February at 12.00pm for 12.30pm, when everyone can renew acquaintances and look forward to what is to come.

There is a full and exciting programme organised for 2019 starting on Wednesday 6th March with Fairtrade Cooking (no doubt with some samples) lead by Jean Barrett.

The Friendship Hour is an open meeting for all ages and genders so please do invite your friends and neighbours. Ask Carol Rutherford, Jean Robinson or one of the committee for the full programme of events.

A Hornsea Tradition**Shrove Tuesday is 5th March****Be sure to come to the Parish Hall for
Pancakes and Coffee 10 a.m. to noon*****Proceeds will go to Christian Aid*****Prayers for February**

The Church meeting and AGM
For those suffering mental illness
Persecuted Christians in Nepal

Fairtrade Fortnight is 25 February to 10 March

Theme 'She deserves Fairtrade'
focusing on COCOA and the role of women in the industry

Venues throughout Hornsea will be taking part

**Look out for a Chocolate Morning
and LOTS of chocolate related recipes.....**

More Details – as events arise.

The Bible Course

We are planning a Bible course!

It will run over 8 weeks with groups meeting on different days and at different times to make sure everyone who wants to can join in.

This course is written by the Bible Society who recognise that “getting into the Bible and making sense of it can be a challenge.”

They say - “Whether you are well versed in Scripture or just starting out on the journey, the Bible Course offers a superb overview of the world’s best-selling book. Over 8 sessions the course shows you how the key events, books and characters all fit together. You’ll get to see the BIG picture and discover how the Bible applies to your life”

If you have not already filled in a form to let us know your availability, please ask Jean for one.

We will announce starting dates/ times as soon as possible- watch this space!

New Year Fitness Scheme!

Many people want to get fitter in the New year- how about spiritually fitter?

The prayer partner scheme has been running for several months now. We have found it encouraging to pray together but also a bit daunting! It is not something that comes naturally or easily to us is it? If you are wanting a new challenge, to be gently pushed out of your comfort zone, do consider joining us- we would love to have you.

It would involve giving your name to Jean who will compile a weekly ‘rota’ of names only (displayed in church and also e- mailed to you) matching you with a partner for that week. Your commitment would be to contact one another and arrange to get together to pray with and for each other, once only for about 10 minutes in the week.

Where, when and how you pray is entirely up to the two of you and what you feel comfortable with. It may be that you decide to get together after the service, at coffee morning, or go out for a walk together. Those less mobile might prefer to use the telephone or Facetime.

Do have a chat with me if you are interested and want to know more.

Jean Barrett

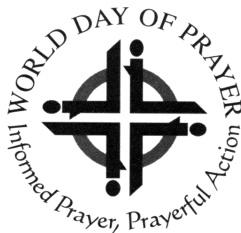
Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer has a new name for 2019 – not exactly new as many countries have used the title World Day of Prayer for several years. Apart from dropping the word, women from the title everything else remains the same. Services are still produced and delivered, in the most part, by women and it remains the biggest ecumenical event on the planet! So ... **Come – Everything is Ready!**

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at **Hornsea Parish Church on Friday March 1st 2019 at 2.00pm** people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Slovenia.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. It is an epic event and one you should experience – if you would like to be a part of the preparation just have a word with me – otherwise we hope to see you on the 1st March @ the Parish Church.



World Leprosy Sunday 2019 HEAL NEPAL

One hospital – One Hope – One Time

We are very excited for this year's World Leprosy Sunday Campaign, Heal Nepal. Donations to FIND CURE and HEAL people affected by leprosy through outreach clinics and programmes in Nepal – doubling the impact of services at Anandaban Hospital.

Donations this year will go towards:

Funding transport and training to detect leprosy cases in remote areas.

Diagnosing and curing leprosy

The cost of hospital beds and medical care to treat disabilities

Resourcing the hospitals outreach and care programme

The amazing news is thanks to UK Aid Match, the UK government will match all donations between 27th January 2019 to 27th April 2019.

This means your donation will be doubled by the UK government.

So, by giving to find and cure one person with leprosy, you are transforming two lives!

- £24 (worth £48) finds and cures one person of leprosy
- £320 (worth £640) pays for life-changing surgery and physiotherapy
- £3500 (worth £7000) gives a place to heal – a hospital bed for a year

You also have the opportunity to sign up to be a regular supporter. If you set up a direct debit to TLM by 27th April, **your monthly donation will be doubled by the UK government for the first three months.**

This year I will send all donations to TLM at the end of April instead of saving them all year as usual. This means we will be able to take advantage of the match funding.

I will take a Leprosy service later in the year to give you more information of the work that is happening in Nepal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Rutherford

Traidcraft

I think the best way to inform you as to what is happening with Traidcraft in 2019 is to print Matt Oliver's letter from the Bulletin.

“Happy New year... I hope that you had a restful and blessed Christmas after what was a hectic December. We had a record year in terms of parcels picked, packed, and dispatched from here in Gateshead, so thank you for your support this season. Of course, this year was tinged with sadness as we said goodbye to many friends and colleagues as our restructure begins in earnest.

2019 will be a crucial year for us at Traidcraft. We will be moving from our home here in Gateshead, launching our new, ambitious business plan and celebrating our 40th year in business. With so much to do, I thought it would be good to give an outline of the major events we are planning for the year.

In February we will be holding two vision casting events (venues to be confirmed) in London and the Midlands. The events will be a chance to come and hear a little of where we are going as a company as well as grab a bargain as we bring our popular warehouse sale on the road. At the end of February, Fairtrade Fortnight sees us support our sister charity, Traidcraft Exchange, with this year's Big Brew. At the end of March we will launch the Spring/Summer catalogue, which will have all you need to maximise Easter sales (Easter Eggs will be available online from the end of January).

The Summer sees us reinstate Traidcraft Week (third week of June), a celebration and awareness week of Traidcraft and our mission. This will culminate with a celebration service here in the North East to celebrate and give thanks for the difference Traidcraft has made globally in the last 40 years. We are also looking to hopefully return to Greenbelt in August.

In the Autumn we will hit the road again with the Autumn/Winter catalogue. Although this will be a reduced tour, with the intention of holding four weeks of roadshows across the country but will give you the chance to network, hear of our progress as well as touch and feel the new range.

We will let you know full details in plenty of time throughout the year, but as you can see we have a lot planned.

Thanks for your continued support.”

Having just taken part in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which focused on Justice, it was brought home to me just how easily we can be complicit with practices that treat people differently and undermine their value - forcing them into a life we would not want for ourselves.

How often do we stop to think about the producers of our food and clothing – what conditions are they working in, how much are they paid?

Many producers across the world live in Food Poverty where they do not earn enough money to feed themselves and their families. It is a startling fact that 45% of all children's deaths are due to poor nutrition!

If we stop and think about this it may change the way we shop!



Faith

When things are going smoothly
We sail along with ease
Confident and caring
Life seems just a breeze
But when the tide has turned
The sea no longer calm
We find it hard to give our all
To apply the healing balm
That's when faith can help us
Every day to cope
It keeps us firmly at the helm
To give others strength and hope.

Margaret Hodgetts

