

# Hornsea United Reformed Church



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## April 2019

- SUNDAY 10.30** Morning Worship with Junior Church for children of all ages, and crèche. Coffee etc. served at close of Worship.  
**Communion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10.30 am.
- 6.30** Evening Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at Methodist Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening in our Church  
(includes Communion)
- Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.30 'Open House' (in term-time)  
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship
- Wednesday 2 p.m. Friendship Hour (4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning
- Friday 6 to 7.30 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

## Hornsea URC Worship Plan

- 7 April I AM – the Light of the World  
14 April I AM – the Bread of Life  
21 April I AM – the Resurrection and the Life  
28 April; Easter Faith

## Lectionary

- 7 April: - Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8  
14 April: Psalm 118.1-2,19-29; Luke 19.28-40  
21 April: - Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; Luke 24.1-12  
28 April: - Acts 5.27-32; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

### Prayers for Concern in April

For all affected by Cyclone Idai

The Christian witness of the churches this Easter

For the new structure of the Parish Hall in Hornsea

**“We'll praise him for all that is past,  
and trust him for all that's to come!”**

Beautiful words from one of my favourite hymn writers, Charles Wesley.

The first thing I noticed when I entered the doors of Hornsea URC a couple of years ago was that the people were so loving, so welcoming, so friendly, so caring, so kind. A couple of years later, and that is still very much the case.

I've never known this church to be led by a minister, because there wasn't a minister when I came – or is that true? The Bible tells us that we are in fact 'all ministers' because we are part of a “priesthood of all believers.”

The thing I loved most about this church was that everywhere I looked, Hornsea URC wasn't just simply going through the motions of 'doing church', but in many different ways it was 'being the Church', the body of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and internationally through its evangelistic ministry and mission reaching out to others in need, whatever the need.

Every September, at the start of the new school year, I deliver a lesson to all my students, in all year groups entitled 'Looking Back, Looking Forward'. It is an opportunity to evaluate the previous academic year and prepare for the new learning journey ahead.

It's good to look back on the past to see how and where we have journeyed, and we did this recently as a church as part of our AGM. There is much to thank God for. God has blessed us, and is blessing us. God is indeed faithful.

At our next AGM we will have entered the year 2020. Coming from a Nursing background prior to Ministry Training and

Ordination and now being a Teacher of Religious Studies and Personal, Social, Health Education I am mindful that 20/20 is perfect vision. perfect sight.

And so with that in mind, I want to pose a question, "Do we have a clear picture, perfect sight, spiritual vision for God's mission in our lives, in our church, in our community and beyond for the year ahead of us that will take us to into 2020?"

If God is speaking to you about something specific, then please do share it, so that together we can seek God's will, plan and purpose for the year ahead and beyond.

I close with words from another favourite hymn writer of mine John Gowans, based on words found in the Revelation of Saint John.

What does the Spirit say to the churches?

What does the Spirit say to you?

If you have ears, then hear from the Spirit.

Do what the Spirit tells you to!"

Every blessing,

Mark.

**News from the FRSC****June Barton**

The second winter lunch was well attended raising £132.10 while the total for both brought in £228.40. Thank you to all our soups makers, dessert makers, servers and especially to all our happy customers who enjoyed a nourishing meal.

There is still time to book a table for just £6.00 at our **Table Top Sale on Saturday 27 April, 10.00am to 2.00pm**. We will once again be providing refreshments and light lunches so donations of sandwich fillings and cakes will be most welcome. Helpers are always welcome so please speak to any of the team, Ann, Heather, Val or myself. These events are social occasions as well as fundraisers so tell your friends and neighbours the URC is the place to be for a few hours of rest and relaxation with a bit of retail thrown in.

Hopefully those seedlings and cuttings you have been nurturing will be ready for our **Gardeners Fair on Saturday 25 May 10.00am - 2.00pm** so please continue with the tender loving care when our display of plants could be the rival of any garden centre!

As the weather improves and days become longer please think carefully about what you are able to do to help the small fundraising team to enhance our income. We all enjoy the tea and coffee after Sunday morning service and the occasional slice of cake plus the monthly free church lunch for the finance for these enjoyable get togethers has to come from somewhere, namely our fundraising. An event, no matter how small can contribute a great deal to supporting the home of our church family for us all to enjoy.

**STOP PRESS!!**

**BIG DAY OUT**  
**FLAMINGO LAND**  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Places need to be booked **THIS MONTH**



**HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAMME**

SESSIONS TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY MORNINGS  
10AM-12NOON IN HURC HALL, NEW ROAD, HORNSEA HU18 1PG

- APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> - CHAIR EXERCISES FOR WRISTS  
AND HANDS with LINDSEY
  
- APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> - INFORMAL COFFEE AND CATCH (Good  
Friday) UP MORNING
  
- APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> - HAND MASSAGE, HERBS, AND  
MORE with RACHEL
  
- MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> - "TECH SURGERY" with SAL COOKE.  
Solutions for problems with all  
your Electronic devises

EVERYONE WELCOME  
BUT COME EARLY TO SECURE A PLACE.

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**“TECH” SURGERY”**

Whether we like it or not many aspects of our contemporary lifestyle are now affected by new technology. Since bank closures many of us have had to resort to on line or telephone banking. The best utility deals are obtained via the internet and we are all expected to have smart meters. We have to apply for benefits on line and smart TVs depend on a broadband connection. Despite these changes and the challenges they bring many of us have found Computers, I Pads and Smart Phones as a useful way of staying connected with family and friends. It's not always as difficult to take advantage of these devices as we fear and with a little help we can often overcome any minor difficulties.

On **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May between 10am and 12noon** there is an opportunity to bring any questions or problems you have with **any** devices to a “Tech Surgery” at the Hornsea United Reformed Church Hall, New Road. Sal Cooke, a very experienced Technical Consultant and Trainer, will give a short introductory talk at 10am followed by informal questions and requests to help with your problems. Subject to your needs further sessions may be arranged later.

Some examples of the type of queries Sal has given assistance with includes:

- Meter readings on line
- On line and telephone banking solutions
- Buying items on line
- Using a kindle – I Pad
- Smart phones and smart TVs
- Emails and photographs
- Setting up skype and face time with friends/relatives
- Home security systems

**Hornsea Music Society**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.

**The East Coast Young Musician of the Year****“Showcase Concert”**

*This is one not to be missed – amazing talent from eight amazing young people.*





### **YORKSHIRE URC ASSEMBLY THE SPA SCARBOROUGH**

Wednesday 8th May 11.30am-4pm

Worship,

Morning address by Kevin our Moderator

Entertainment in the afternoon, 'Seaside Uke Strummers'

Fish and chips for lunch (if ordered), Shopping – there will be some stalls, the seaside and above all fellowship with others.

Have a word with Margaret Knapton for further information

### **News from Traidcraft Exchange**

When the news that Traidcraft plc would no longer be able to order crafts from a number of producer groups, like you, we were extremely concerned for their futures. We hoped that supporters would help, and we are happy to say that your donations are already making a real and tangible difference.

Here at Traidcraft Exchange, our team has been working alongside the most affected producer groups, helping them to formulate new plans for a future without sales to Traidcraft plc. We've been putting together individually tailored support plans for each group, building on our years of expertise working with farmers and artisans across some of the world's poorest communities.

The work is a little out of the ordinary for us - the producer groups affected are larger scale fair trade businesses who many rely on, rather than the very small scale farmers and workers our projects focus on. The majority of the people that Traidcraft Exchange supports will never be in a position to export overseas, but struggle to make a basic living. That's why your donations are also supporting our core projects, reaching the most vulnerable and exploited through trade across the world.

In February, thanks to your support, five of the worst affected producer groups were able to showcase their products to hundreds of potential new buyers at one of the world's largest trade fairs in Frankfurt,

Germany. We are delighted to report that all of the producers who attended have received new orders for their products as a direct result of attending the fair Saidpur Enterprises write:-

“The design team helped us set up the stand so it looks attractive to new buyers. We can see the outcomes directly – everyone who comes here has appreciated the designs and the set up.

We’ve had a lot of interest.... the new designs of cards and printed washbags have been popular, and a few people have placed orders for samples of cards. We have had new buyers, but also been able to see existing buyers and so been able to showcase new designs to them. Showcasing products at a fair like this also means that people can change designs to suit their needs – for example, ordering products in different colours or sizes.”

Noah’s Ark write:-

“From the trade fair in Frankfurt, we’ve had about 15 – 20 potential new buyers, and I’d like them to transform into actual business opportunities. They’ve taken pictures, looked at samples, and taken product details which is positive. Besides this, the fair has given us the chance to meet with our existing customers and show them our new product ranges. They have shown interest in the new metal products too, which we have brought with us today so hopefully this will translate into orders. We are also attending a trade fair in New York, some in Delhi, and there is a small Danish trade fair we’d like to attend, if we can get there. ”

CORR Jute Works write:-

“Previously, Traidcraft and other buyers would send buyers and marketers to CORR, and they would visit us in Bangladesh, but now few organisations will send anyone, due to recessions, tighter budgets and a fear of terrorism. Trade fairs like Ambiente are the chance we have to meet both new and existing buyers. It’s the first time I’ve been for five or six years, and the traffic seems a little less – maybe the weather is a problem (it’s raining heavily) but many of our existing buyers came which is really good – we’ve been able to showcase new products to them, and they can order things

they otherwise wouldn't have seen.  
In terms of new buyers, I'm always hopeful. Even after the difficult news from Traidcraft, we had nearly 17% growth."

### **What about the other affected producer groups?**

Traidcraft Exchange are continuing to work alongside other producers affected by the plc's downsizing. Of the 12 most vulnerable groups, 11 have now submitted project proposals to our team, who will be working alongside them to provide the funds and support they need to secure their futures.

Proposed projects include building new storage facilities, one off grants for marketing support or help with designing new products. For example, Swajan have requested support with hiring a consultant to help them diversify their products and design alternative embroidered items to sell alongside their cards.

Ongoing, we hope to support a further 14 affected groups, including Black Mamba. They have requested Traidcraft Exchange's support with a project related to increasing sales in the domestic market and in South Africa – making and marketing gift sets of products, which requires help with design and packaging. This work is ongoing for us, and will continue alongside the work we do with some of the very poorest people across Africa and Asia as part of our development programmes.

### **Easter Day**

5.30 a.m. Sunrise Service on the seafront (end of New Road  
Rev Keith Himsworth and Jill Fletcher  
Followed by breakfast at the URC

10.30 a.m. Easter Worship at URC  
lead by the Worship Team (Communion)

5.00 p.m. A Warm Welcome to 'Bring and Share' Meal  
at the Methodist Church followed by

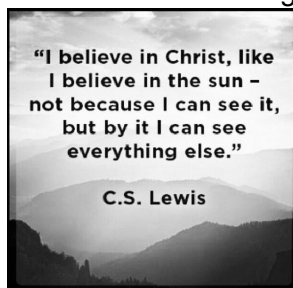
6.30 p.m. Easter Praise

## Worship

- 7 10.30 a.m. Leadership Team  
6.30 p.m. Prayer and Praise (Methodist Church)
- 14 10.30 a.m. Leadership Team (Communion)
- 21 **Easter Sunday**  
5.30 a.m. Sunrise Service Revd. Keith Himsworth  
and Jill Fletcher  
10.30 a.m. Leadership Team (Communion)  
6.30 p.m. Easter Praise at Methodist Church
- 29 10.30 a.m. Leadership Team

## Events in April

- Monday 1 2 p.m. Bible Course
- Tuesday 2 7 p.m. Bible Course
- Wednesday 3 2 p.m. Friendship Hour: Hannah – Flowers
- Sunday 7 12 p.m. Church Lunch
- Monday 8 2 p.m. Bible Course
- Tuesday 9 7 p.m. Bible Course
- Wednesday 10 7.30 p.m. Elders Meeting
- Wednesday 17 2 pm Friendship Hour: Steven Knapton
- Saturday 27 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Hornsea Local Market  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table Top Sale: Refreshments  
and Light Lunches available



**Next Newsletter** will be available Sunday 28 April.

If you would like to make a contribution please speak to Margaret or Jane in good time or contact [jane.martin303@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.martin303@btinternet.com): or [s.knapton749@btinternet.com](mailto:s.knapton749@btinternet.com)

Deadline for receipt of material is **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April..**