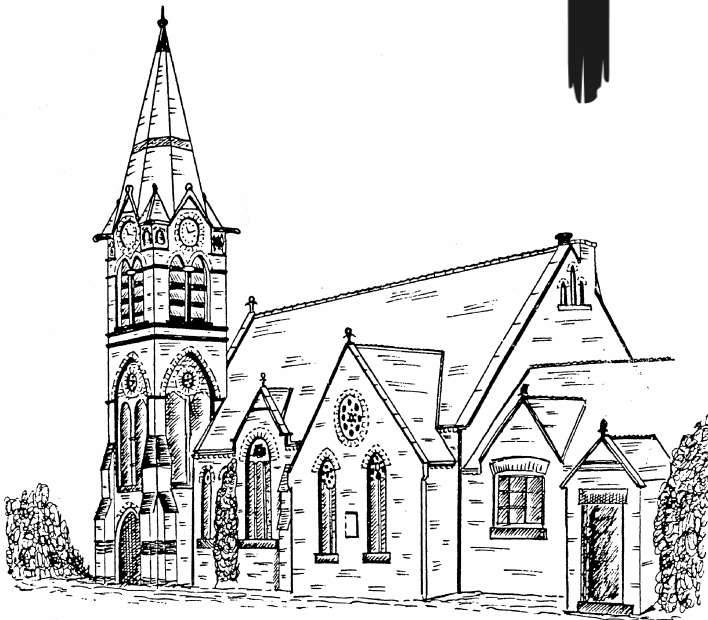


# Hornsea United Reformed Church



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## May 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<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday morning at **10.30 a.m.**

**6.30** Evening Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at the Methodist Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (**Communion**) at the URC

Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.00 'Open House' (in term-time)  
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday 2 p.m. Friendship Hour (8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

Friday 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

## FUNERALS

16<sup>th</sup> April: Margaret Webster

## Hornsea URC Worship Plan

5 May	What Easter means to me	Rev. Steven Knaption
12 May	Growth of the Church – Acts	Rev. Keith Himsworth
19 May	Christian Aid @ the Methodists	Guest Speaker
26 May	Ascension Day	Worship Team

## Lectionary for May 2019

5 May Acts 9.1-6,(7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19  
 12 May Acts 9.36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30  
 19 May Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35  
 26 May Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation; 21.10,22–22.5; John 14.23-29

## Support for Mission

You will read later in the Newsletter (unless you are one of those who starts from the back page!) about a most generous financial offer, from the Yorkshire Synod to all it's churches, to support their mission.

You may ask what is the mission of Hornsea United Reformed Church and how should we best use this gift.

I would argue that our mission is not too far removed from that of the early church which we read about in Acts.

The early church was persecuted and yet it thrived.

- Christians, as they became known, were unusually generous with their money, possessions and time - particularly to the poor and needy, and not just to their own family and racial group. Their communities were multi-ethnic, since their common identity in Christ was more important than their racial identities and they believed in non-retaliation, in forgiving their enemies, even those who were killing them.
- Through Jesus they had a direct, personal relationship with God and an assurance of eternal life.

Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, writes that the risen Jesus told the apostles "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Jesus thus commissioned his disciples to take the good news of all that he had done throughout the world.

Our mission may not be 'throughout the world' as there are many in our community who do not know the promises of Jesus and the peace and assurance that a personal relationship with God can bring – or that all this is a gift – not earned or bought but simply to be accepted.

So, where and how should we start our mission?

These are questions we discussed at the April Elders meeting and we would like the whole church to discuss and pray about them too.

There is no time scale or set requirements and just as God's Spirit came among the apostles at Pentecost he will guide and empower our mission here in Hornsea – lets get sharing our thoughts and ideas ...

### **Margaret Webster - remembered**

Margaret was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 1935 in Cottingham. Her early years were spent in West Hull before the family moved to East Hull when father Maurice, took a job as the Mill Foreman at Waterloo Mill on Cleveland Street. The family lived at the Mill House and Margaret attending Chapman Street Primary School before moving onto Malet Lambert Senior School from the age of 11.

Margaret's Grandmother had purchased the current family home on Shaftesbury Avenue in Hornsea during the 1930's and during the war years, Margaret had moved out to Hornsea, commuting to and from Hull on the train to attend school.

After leaving school, Margaret began her working life as a Lab Assistant at Hull University. Then, via, farm-work at Rolston she worked as a Dental Nurse at French's Dentist Practise on New Road in Hornsea.

During this time, Robin and Margaret became close and engaged in 1956, before marrying at St. Nicholas Church in 1958. Their relationship having blossomed after Margaret and friends began preparing and serving Sunday cricket teas at Hornsea Cricket Club.

Motherhood beckoned and Margaret's first born, Catherine arrived in December 1959, followed by Richard in April 1961, John in September 1963 and finally, Victoria in 1968. In addition to Motherhood, Margaret took on various jobs to help support the family throughout the 1970's.

Margaret had already developed a wide range of craft and household skills and broadened these skills by becoming an avid participant in a wide variety of Evening Classes that were available in Hornsea during this time. In the late 1980's and through the 1990's all of these courses provided Margaret with the perfect range of skills for her job at Level's, where she truly shined and provided staff and customers alike with pockets of her invaluable knowledge. It was the perfect environment for her and she loved her time there.

The desire to learn new skills never left her and Margaret would go on to participate in Line-Dancing, Aqua-Fit and became a self-taught Jewellery Maker, often quietly making earrings or bracelets for daughter's and grand-daughters.

During her life, Margaret carried a religious faith and became a regular attender and member at the United Reformed Church, volunteering for many years to help with church flowers and the delivery and collection of Christian Aid envelopes – *(the retiring collection going to these two charities)*

Without doubt, Margaret’s greatest achievement, joy and devotion were her 7 Grand-Children. Felicity, Joshua, Edward, Emily, Hermione, Elizabeth and Mahalia. She was so very devoted to each one of them and spent many, many hours helping to bring them up. Her nurturing, caring nature and influence can be seen today in each one of them.

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### **Christian Aid Week: ‘All mums should live’**

Sierra Leone is the world’s most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.



Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it’s not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh’s sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: ‘My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.’

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world’s poorest mums a chance to live.

### **Stand with mums**

This Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, there will be envelopes available in church for us to make a contribution – if you feel you can – ask someone you know, outside of the church, if they would like to

contribute too. Our congregation is around 115 - if everyone put in £1 and asked a friend to do the same we would raise £230 – if you asked two friends that would be £345. A new delivery bed costs £300, which would mean more mums like Jebbeh could deliver their babies safely. Hope you are up for the challenge.....

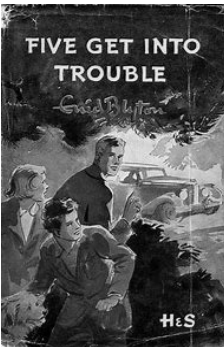
### Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in May

North Holderness Churches Together  
 The work of Christian Aid  
 Local Elections  
 Unrest and uncertainty within society caused by Political and  
 Economic uncertainty around Brexit  
 Climate Change

### A Busy Month for the Elders

April saw the Elders taking part in several Synod events – all of which provided some positive information and opportunities for our church and fellowship.

### Five go to East Hull! - A 'newbie' view - not the official minutes



*(with apologies to  
 Enid Blyton)*

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Carol, Val, Margaret, Kathy and Jean went to the East Yorkshire Mission and Care Group (with Steven Knapton, as he was leading the worship).

I didn't have an agenda so I had no idea what to expect and could just enjoy the experience. We were made very welcome and supplied with tea/coffee and lunch and I felt (appropriately!) cared for.

After the worship time, we heard from the churches represented there about what was happening in their church; sharing stories really.

I found out that at Cottingham they have a few students living in the Manse and helping at church. They are also part of a group of 4 Hull churches who set up a sort of online church called 'Tenfoot church' - [www.tenfootchurch.co.uk](http://www.tenfootchurch.co.uk).

Beverley church told us about their forthcoming event- a sort of Green Day- when they were hosting a number of speakers and stalls focusing on how we can live more sustainably.

Scarborough church spoke about making it a Community Hub, and the ideas they had for that.

East Hull have started a knitting/craft group to reach out to the community.

Margaret shared what we are doing in Hornsea and Elloughton church summed it up by saying “we have to change or we will not be here”

I also met a U.R.C. Minister in training so they do exist!

Next Jason - the man from Synod (head office) whose title I have forgotten- sorry- spoke to us. He was clear that there should be no ‘them and us’ and he was keen to know what we wanted and how they could help. He outlined what people/resources /experts we could call on for help. He then invited the Synod finance man to talk money and the message was again “tell us what you need”. He announced that all the churches would be receiving £3000 to spend on Mission!

Maybe it should have been ‘Five go wild with excitement’- but we did behave ourselves. Seriously, how encouraging! Not ‘we have to change’ in a negative sense, but more ‘God has not finished with us yet’

The next meeting is in Scarborough on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Do go, if you are able.

### **Kathy at Keld**

Kathy attended an interesting week at Keld, looking at church and identity in the light of peoples expectations - broadly based on the time in which they were born, the national and international events and social expectations of their formative years. She is still buzzing about this and will be more than pleased to share some of the discussion with you – as she has done with the Elders.

And finally, eight Elders attended the **Yorkshire Synod's Elders day** held at St Andrew's church in Roundhay, Leeds. This too was a quite amazing day spent looking at 'Holy Habits' – which you will hear more of over the coming weeks and months.

Lots of things to be thinking about for the next church meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May ....

## News from the FRSC

The fine weather must surely be encouraging all those seedlings and cuttings to be ready for the Gardeners Fair on Saturday 25 May, 10.0am - 2.00pm, so why would you wish to go anywhere else to replenish your own garden or even a window box?

Along with a wonderful selection of plants we will be holding a garden related raffle with some excellent prizes as well as serving refreshments and light lunches. Any donations of sandwich fillings and cakes will be gratefully received. Helpers are always required so if you would like to spend a few hours in convivial company please let any of the fundraising team know.

**On Saturday 1 June at 7.00pm** in our church we will be having a **Musical Soiree** with Fairtrade wine and nibbles. Admission is £6.00 including a glass of wine, extra wine at £1.00 per glass. Music will be provided by Mike Raine who plays popular songs in an impromptu relaxed style. Some of you may remember a gentleman who sometimes pops in and helps himself to the piano in the hall, happily playing away until we tell him we want to go home and lock the door.

The evening promises to be extremely enjoyable as Mike who can not only play well but has a wonderful sense of humour. Tell your friends and neighbours this will be far better than anything on TV that night.

June Barton

Hornsea Music Society

**Hornsea Choir and Guests**

18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

at the URC

7.30pm - £7

Tickets include refreshments

*Hornsea URC - the home of Hornsea Music Society*



We have, from time to time, included in the Newsletter verses from hymns and poems and explanations of why they speak to us. Below is an extract from a song Margaret Webster requested to be played at her funeral service – mainly for her grandchildren but they are words that apply to us all ....

## I HOPE YOU DANCE

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder  
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger  
May you never take one single breath for granted  
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens  
Promise me that you'll give fate the fighting chance  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

I hope you dance

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance  
Never settle for the path of least resistance  
Living might mean taking chances but they're worth taking  
Lovin' might be a mistake but it's worth making

Don't let some hell bent heart leave you bitter  
When you come close to selling out reconsider  
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

I hope you dance  
(Time is a wheel in constant motion always)  
I hope you dance  
(Rolling us along)  
I hope you dance  
(Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder)  
I hope you dance  
(Where those years have gone)

### Traidcraft     An Invitation to be a radical!

Have you ever felt so strongly about something that you were prepared to stand up and speak out about it?

That may be the easy bit, the next step is usually much harder – where you have to **DO** something about it!

For me trade that exploits the vulnerable - the 'small' producer with no voice, or political or economic leverage - is really wrong. Even more so when you read about the astronomical salaries and bonuses of some of the CEO's and dividends paid to share holders.

But we too may unwittingly be a part of this imbalance – demanding 'cheap' goods with little thought of the people who produced them.

Last summer, Andy Ashcroft from Koolskools, took part in the Fairtrade Roadshow, held at Hornsea School and Language Collage. He spoke about the difficulties small scale cotton producers have in the developing countries.

*Fairtrade certified cotton is grown in India, Pakistan, Mali, Cameroon, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Peru, Argentina, Kyrgyzstan and Egypt.*

*The first phase of the Koolskools/KoolKompany ethical clothing project used cotton supplied from Cameroon in West Africa. The current range of garments uses cotton from small producer groups in India. Tragically, in India there have been upwards of 250,000 suicides of non-Fairtrade certified cotton farmers in the past 16 years as a direct result of the globally fluctuating cotton price.*

*But it is not easy for the cotton producers in developing countries to sustain their cotton production. The subsidies paid by governments in developed countries - for example the US and benefitting European Union countries - means the real benefits of the cotton trade are not felt by farmers in developing countries.*

*The system pits a typical Cameroon cotton farmer, farming two hectares of cotton, who is lucky to earn \$400 per year against American farmers who receive a subsidy of \$250 per hectare!*

*Oxfam calculates that removing US cotton subsidies would boost average household income in West Africa by up to 9% - enough to feed a million people.*

KoolKompany is a dynamic ethical clothing company who work tirelessly to improve the lives and living standards of cotton workers and their families in the developing world by ensuring they get a fairer deal in an industry free of exploitation. KoolKompany believes in "trade not aid" and are one of the few truly ethical corporate clothing pioneers.



So – would you like to become a radical and join Fairtrade Hornsea's steering group in starting a Fairtrade Cotton Revolution in Hornsea?

How? Buy joining them in purchasing fairly traded cotton polo shirts or t-shirt for your club, society, group, business etc.

Lets start a conversation .....

**BACK – BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Hornsea Christians Together  
**Pentecost Praise**  
on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
at the Floral Hall between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

*It will be a social occasion with live music, fun and fellowship for all to celebrate Pentecost – refreshments will be available at the bar.*

*Admission FREE*

Last year we filled the Floral Hall!  
This is a fantastic opportunity together and celebrate the wonderful gift of God's Spirit.

It will be a truly amazing event  
and a wonderful witness to our faith – *why not invite a friend or two ...*

<b>Worship</b>	<b>5</b>	10.30 a.m.	Revd. Steven Knapton
		6.30 p.m.	Joint Worship at the Methodist Church
	<b>12</b>	10.30 a.m.	Revd. Keith Himsworth (Communion)
	<b>19</b>	10.30 a.m.	Joint Worship at the Methodist Church
			Christian Aid
		6.30 p.m.	Revd. John Brown (Communion)
	<b>26</b>	10.30 a.m.	Worship Team

**Events**

Friday	3	10.30 a.m.	Healthy Living Session
Sunday	5	12 p.m.	Church Lunch
Tuesday	7	7 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship
		7.30 p.m.	NHCT AGM Catholic Hall
Wednesday	8	2 p.m.	Friendship Hour - Pam Witts
		7.30 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Saturday	11	10.00 a.m.	British Legion Coffee Morning
Tuesday	14	7.00 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship
Saturday	18	10.00 a.m.	Diabetic Clinic/Coffee Morning
Tuesday	21	7.00 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday	22	2.00 p.m.	Friendship Hour:: Ruby Seager
Saturday	25	10 am.-2 pm.	Gardeners' Fair and Café
		9 am.-1.30 pm.	Hornsea Local Market in Cinema Street
Tuesday	28	7.00 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship

**Christian Aid Week 12-18 May**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	10.00 a.m.	League of Friends Coffee Morning
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	7.00 - 9.00 p.m.	Pentecost Praise @ Floral Hall

**June Newsletter** .If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak to Margaret or Jane **NOW** so space can be reserved. After the deadline is too late to save space.

The last date is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. This Newsletter should be available on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, and sooner on the church website.

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