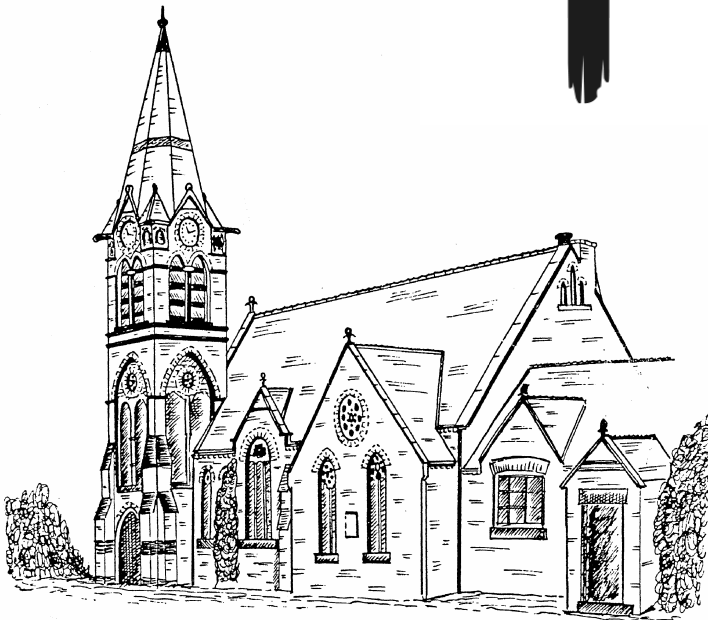


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October 2019

Week at a Glance, Church Records, Lectionary 2

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 1st Sunday at the Methodist Church 3rd Sunday in the URC (includes Communion)
Tuesday	9.15 to 12p.m.	Open House (in term-time)
	7.00 p.m.	Faith and Fellowship
Wednesday	2.00 p.m.	Friendship Hour (10 th and 24 th)
Thursday	10 a.m. to noon	Coffee Morning
Friday	6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	Pilots (in term-time)

Lectionary

October

6th Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 Psalm 37.1-9 2 Timothy 1.1-14

Luke 17.5-10

13th 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19

20th Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 Luke 18.1-8

27th Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22 Psalm 84.1-7 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18

Luke 18.9-14

Hornsea URC - Worship plan

October is Bible Month, a National event which gives churches the opportunity to spend 30 days focused on a single biblical book.

Some of you will remember last year was the book of Jonah. 2019 will focus on the book of Colossians.. This is reflected in our worship as follows:-

6 th Colossians 1	-	Steve Seal
13 th Colossians 2	-	Carol Rutherford ©
20 th Colossians 3	-	Jean Barrett
17 th Colossians 4	-	Val Pearson

Dear Friends

October has always been a celebratory month for me.

It is the month of not only my sister's birthday, always a big celebration in our household, but it is my son's birthday too.

They fall on the same day.

October also sees the celebration of 'All Saints' Day', plenty of reasons to celebrate there.

As a church I feel we have much to celebrate. The number of people joining us for worship on a Sunday gradually increases, More people are willing to take part in services and talk about their faith, we are getting to know each other through sharing meals together. So many positive things happening. The hall has been given a face lift. We are sending out preachers to other churches and welcoming people from all walks of life.

Are we increasing our confidence and the strength of our faith? I hope so.

I consider myself to be a very lucky person in that I can always see the funny side of things that happen to me. I think it was my father's way of looking at life that gave me the ability to be positive.

He was always telling us funny stories like, the chap who made a table all out of his own head and had enough wood left over to make four chairs! He would leave a pencil in the teapot spout while he was waiting for the tea to draw!

My father was a faithful Christian, encouraging me to attend Sunday school and later church. Any task that needed to be done at the church he was there to do it, from pumping the organ for the services (in the days before an electric pump was installed) to giving out hymn books. No job was too small. The one thing I remember from Sunday school was not all the Bible verses and stories that we learnt, though some of the stories were very exciting, it was being told about the word **JOY**.

It is a simple word, easy to remember and one that I have always tried to live by. Just think about it :-

Jesus O You
(with nothing in between)
spells JOY.

So fill your life with JOY as you get to know Jesus better, keep smiling it costs nothing to pass on a smile and give someone else a little JOY. God Bless,

Kathy

Jane Martin

It seems an age since Jane's memorial service on the 27th July yet in other ways it still feels like she is 'just round the corner'. Much of what is written below are the words of Reverend Liz Allison who lead a wonderful service full of hope and promise ... She framed the service with a phrase from John Wesley - which she thought summed up Jane's life....

“Do all the good you can
In every way you can
To all the people you can”

Jane was born in 1942 in Leeds to Donald and Mary having left school early, Jane's father had worked his way up to be the Director of Social Services in Birmingham and so Jane and her sister Ruth grew up in Birmingham.

After leaving school Jane worked in the tax office where she met Peter, they were engaged after 3 months and married within the year. The Martin family grew with the arrival of Fran and then three years later Clare. It was soon after Clare was born that Jane's health challenges began when she was admitted to hospital critically ill and from then on faced the daily challenges of a lifelong trachy and living with long term health conditions. I think few of us outside the family and close friends fully appreciated the daily struggle it was for Jane to keep well because

she just got on with it and on with life. Over the years she faced many health crises but each time bounced back and would not let it stop her *doing all the good she could, in every way she could to all the people she could*. So it was that Peter and Jane and the family moved to Hornsea in 1971, clearly hoping that the sea air would be better for Jane's health than inner city Birmingham. Later Jane's parents followed them to Hornsea which meant that following Donald's death in 1994 Jane was able to care for her mum Mary and enabled her to remain in her own home until she died.

Jane was immensely proud of and close to her five grandchildren, Katie, Sarah, Peter, Rachel and Andrew. She always made an effort to be interested in and indeed even swat up and find out about the things that the grandchildren were interested in such as football, Dr Who and Quidditch to name but a few.

Family was at the very centre of Jane's life and she was devastated when Peter died suddenly and unexpectedly at the URC General Synod in 1986, Jane was devoted to him and he was and always remained the love of her life and if she had a decision to make either personally or at times within the church, she would say what would Peter have done? What would Peter have thought?

And so that leads us on to the second strand of Jane's life where she *did all the good she could, in every way she could and to all the people she could* through the CHURCH here in Hornsea.

The family became part of the church here when they moved to Hornsea in 1971, Congregational church that became part of the URC in 1972, so Jane was the longest serving member of Hornsea URC though her churchmanship was broad having been brought up in the Church of England and she and Peter had attended the Baptist church in Birmingham.

Peter had been very involved in the church, the church secretary, a lay preacher, the chair of the East Yorkshire District. Jane had been in the background church wise bringing up the family and supporting Peter. However, following his death Jane was encouraged to take a more

active role within the life of the church and quite soon became an elder and not too long after that was persuaded to be the church secretary which she continued until Jamie became the minister here in 1997. She continued to serve as an Elder for many years. The church celebrated her 30 years as an elder but Jane was not comfortable with that, either because she didn't feel worthy or perhaps she didn't recognise her own calling. She was very able and gifted especially in terms of administration and organisation, lots of lists, but also had a deeply pastoral heart and would be able to give detailed updates when going through the pastoral list in meetings. This was because she looked after lots of people in the church, giving people lifts, bearing in mind she only learnt to drive in 1977 but soon became the family driver, and again used her skill to help others. Jane was church secretary during a transitional time in the life of the church as the congregation rethought the role of the church and rediscovered itself as an outward facing church. Jane had that vision for the church as an open and inclusive place.

She was also the newsletter editor for many years and if you are interested the family have an archive of a copy of every edition of the newsletter from 1969. Jane wrote very well and would write excellent obituaries and encourage the children and young people to write articles too.

She ran the coffee morning single handedly for many years, an institution in the town, kept all the supplies at home. She also played the piano at evening services.

Another aspect of the community life of the church Jane involved herself in was the community iPad scheme and she learnt enough to be able to teach and help others. Jane did it not to be up to date but because she knew it was another way in which she could connect with people, both family, friends and those in the wider community.

All these practical tasks were the outward expression of her faith, doing all the good she could, in every way she could for all the people she could. Therefore, Bible study and prayer were really important to her. She enjoyed bible study and Jane would be the

one to mention to Jamie that it was about time they had another Bible study course and she would rally round and get people to come along. Prayer was also important and especially intercessory prayer. A more recent innovation of prayer partners had seen Jane a little sceptical at first, as Jane was a very private person, she was a little unsure of praying with one other person, but she embraced it and gave it a go and found it really valuable. Then there were her other interests too, loved Radio 4, big Archers fan, interested in Politics, a viewer of BBC parliament. Tai chi, last 10 years attended in her wheelchair, walking group until her mobility prevented her, playing card games and of course the undergirding wisdom of Winnie the Pooh..... All of this whilst dealing day in and day out with ever increasing health challenges and issues. She fought to keep her independence and displayed great tenacity and resilience and I would want to add humour. Jane was private and quiet but a doer, never a back-seat person.....

Do all the good you can, in every way you can, to all the people you can – this she did in spades.

We can be thankful for the many ways in which Jane has touched and affected each of our lives, we acknowledge the sadness of the parting but we know she will live on in our hearts and through all that she has done and given throughout her life.

Newsletter

This article follows on so well from the one above as Jane had a hand in producing every Newsletter since 1946 (in my reckoning that will have been well over 700 copies – not to mention the Annual Reports booklet).

Virtually every copy has been kept and filed meticulously. As I write this I am looking at an edition from May 1946 - printed on, what is now somewhat yellowish paper slightly larger than A4 with the one and only font type of the time.

Reverend A.R. Bromage had just arrived as Hornsea Congregational Church's new Minister and his piece "**Memos from the Manse**" (what we now call Comment) begins ...

"There is always something very sobering as well as thrilling about a

New Start. I have not had many in my ministerial experience and for this I am very glad. It is, as you will agree, an anxious time, and many questions and wonderings come to the mind. Whether or not things will turn out as one hope; whether new friends will fill the place so nobly held by old friends and companions in our great work; these are the things which come to one's mind in the few quiet moments in the midst of a removal from one district to another at what one feels to be the Call of God."

Later in the Newsletter he writes again under the heading **The Future** ...*"The Sunday services have been, so far, helpful and encouraging. Ministers know what 'atmosphere' means, and it has been prayerful and inspiring to the one who has had to conduct the worship. May you count it a privilege rather than a duty to remember the service in your prayers. Much care is taken in the selection of hymns and chants, and the choir is very careful in getting the right tune and singing it well, but I have already noticed a weakness in the congregational singing. This is YOUR part especially in the service and we can all make a 'joyful noise' for we have much to be thankful for. Yorkshire people can sing can they? This other matter is for 'whom it may concern' and all others need not read it. When you invited me to me your minister you did not expect me to be talking to empty pews. YOUR empty pew. Nothing is more discouraging than to know that someone has said, 'O I don't think I will bother to go to church today, I don't feel like it' " He obviously quickly picked up the practice of being a plain speaking Yorkshireman and calling a spade a spade!*

The Newsletter itself is a three page (six side) edition, stapled at the top, with contributions from The Ladies Circle; 'Impressions from Suez' by F.J.B.; 'Quiet thoughts for quiet moments' by K.P.; information about services and events and a poem – The Gaunt Pine - by Dorothy Towell. By 1961 the Newsletter had become an A5 booklet edited by the then Church Secretary Mr F.G. Hobson (Frank). Not so many articles in the January edition – that I am now looking at – but the four page spread in

the center contains all the names and addresses of the Members and Adherents on the Roll at Hornsea Congregational Church (something you would not find now in the light of GDPR).

However I am only a few editions down the first box file and must stop – otherwise the 2019 October edition of the Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter may go down in history as the longest one ever

Reading through past copies does raise questions as to what is of interest and importance to the readers of the Newsletter. Is it just for information of things that are happening or reports on what has taken place? Or is it there to challenge and help us to grow in faith and community and/or, in this day and age with web pages and social media, is it a tool to reach out to people who have not yet heard the Good News story of Jesus? Do we need to produce 120 'hard copies' each month or are readers happy to access it online (please let me know if you are one of theses and we will reduced the number printed – it may save a branch or two of a tree!)

It also raises questions as to who 'edits' the Newsletter. Having had a short experience of firstly working alongside Jane and then going 'solo' I certainly think it is a richer experience, for both the editor and the reader, if people work together – encouraging people to contribute, share their thoughts and experiences, a special prayer or song; through to compiling what is offered into an attractive and easy to read Newsletter.

So, as you read through **this** Newsletter and think and pray about the content within it - please take some time to think and pray about the production of the Newsletter too – let me or an Elder know your thoughts and maybe you will feel the 'nudge' of God's call in the process.

Margaret Knapton

Opportunities to Serve

I think very few of you will *not* have noticed the 'new' display that has appeared in the church.

It will be there for the month of October, to give everyone the chance to have a good look at what goes on, quite often behind the scenes, to make Hornsea URC the place that it is.

There is ONE common denominator – and that is PEOPLE.

Every single person, without exception, contributes to the life and well-being of this church – through their prayers and concern for others; their willingness to make things the best they can be; the smiles given or words of understanding and encouragement (or the words not spoken that could hurt or undermine).

The covenant Jesus gave us in Mark 12: 30-31 was to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.

Love is shown in service and by serving others in love we are serving God.

The display shows almost endless opportunities to serve within and without the church and the Elders would like to ask you to have a closer look, over the coming weeks, and to pray for the members of this congregation - and those to come - who will be called to serve in God's Kingdom in one way or another... and maybe you will feel the 'nudge' of God's call in the process.

The Bible- why read it?

Psalm 119 v.103 - “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.”

As Christians, to survive, grow, and thrive we need to be nourished by the word of God.

We recently completed **the Bible Course**, which is written by the Bible Society, and was well attended and enjoyed.

For October we are now planning two more opportunities to read the Bible together- the Bible Society's Bible Book Club or an Emmaus Bible Study group: -

Bible Book Club

This works the same way as any book club, with friends getting together to read and discuss. It will be very informal and we will read the book of Colossians as we are using this in our Sunday worship in October. We are offering two groups; one on Monday evenings and one on Thursday afternoons, and the groups themselves can decide how often to meet. As Colossians is a shorter book, this would not be a long-term commitment- so why not give it a try?

Emmaus Bible Study

This will be a more formal group for those who prefer to study, which Jason has offered to run. He will be delighted to chat to you about what is involved, so do ask!

Jean Barrett

Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in October

For all those seeking how to serve God.

The Elders Day

The Living Well Project

An INVITATION to



A Pumpkin Trail

Thursday 31st October for all the family -
fun, food and friendship

Times and venues to be publicised nearer the date.

News from the FRSC

Mandy's truly amazing mammoth sale on Friday and Saturday 9 and 10 August was extended to two more Saturday mornings at the front of the church both of which attracted plenty of people eager for bargains.

The end result is the mammoth total of £2,720.50. Thank you so much Mandy and all your helpers for such a wonderful result and for all the hard work that went into the organising, collecting and storing; setting up and clearing away. Not only is your mammoth sale truly amazing but so are you! God bless you.

Another truly amazing fundraising event was Heather's show 'Let's Face the Music and Dance' held in the Leven Sports Hall on Saturday 31 August. The cast of ten with Mike Raine at the piano, and Heather's husband Chris as compere was performed with such enthusiasm that even a West End show could not have given more pleasure and first class entertainment. The younger cast members enthralled us with their routines, much to rapturous applause and we all look forward to seeing them soon in the annual pantomime. Thank you Heather for this fantastic production and the talented cast you brought together, not forgetting the £679.00 you amassed to be shared with our own church fundraising and Dove House Hospice.

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 2 November 10.00am - 2.00pm with a variety of gift ideas; arts, books, crafts, items for shoe boxes, Christmas decor, plus a grand Christmas raffle, for which we would be very grateful for prizes.

Refreshments and light lunches will be served and table hire still remains at £6.00. Please book your place early to be assured of a space. Contact June 534039.

On Lights Night Friday 29 November 6.00-8.00pm, the fundraising team will be serving hot chocolate and mince pies in the church hall to warm you up on a cold night after your stroll along Newbegin viewing the illuminated display. We look forward to seeing you.

June Barton

Christmas Angels

An appeal to all of you who enjoy knitting.

We would like to give out Angels to as many people as possible who come into our church over the Christmas period.

They are very simple to knit (if I can do them anyone can).

They use up oddments of wool and the pattern is simple to follow.

If you would like a pattern please ask me for one. I also have a sample I can show you.

The more we have the more we can give out.

While you are knitting them you may like to pray for the people who will receive them.

Thank you. Ann Jordan

Hornsea Music Society

AMY BUTLER & PETER SPROSTON

Saturday 19th October – 7.30pm
Admission £10

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



Operation Christmas Child
'Shoe Boxes'

Will be taking off soon.....

Please start saving items for the boxes
and 'pennies' for the sponsorship

Thank you

Traidcraft

I know many of you are familiar with the clothing company **thought** – or at least their bamboo socks which are one of my all time best sellers – especially at Christmas.

I have just received the Autumn/Winter 2019 Traidcraft catalogue through the post to discover **thought** have a wide range of environmentally friendly and ethical clothing.

thought are a small clothing business who are making big changes in the fashion world. Their collections are investments for your wardrobe, which will last years and years, rather than cheap pieces of fast fashion. Their prints are commissioned and created exclusively for them, so you can rest assured that you won't meet your match every day on the street!

thought's 'force of nature fabrics' are a huge part of what makes them unique; including sustainable fabrics such as Organic Cotton, Bamboo and Tencel.

Well, I have heard of Cotton and Bamboo but never Tencel ... so what is it and why is it so good?

How is Tencel Made?

The raw material for Tencel is sourced from trees grown in sustainable plantations and on land that is unsuitable for agricultural cultivation. Once it has been harvested, the wood is processed into chips, pulped and dried into sheets ready for processing.

The sheets are then broken up and dissolved in a non-toxic amine oxide solution, turning into a clear, viscous liquid. The long Tencel fibres are created by forcing this liquid through spinnerets dotted with tiny holes. These are then set in a bath of dilute amine oxide solution before being washed in demineralised water.

Once completely dry, the fibres are lubricated and carded (or combed) to remove any tangles, before being compressed using a crimper to add bulk and texture. The fibres are then ready to be dyed, spun and woven to make beautiful, sustainable garments, which will last you season upon season.

The entire manufacturing process to produce Tencel takes just two hours. The process is practically a 'closed loop' system, with

approximately 98% of the amine oxide solvent recaptured and recycled back through the process, adding to the sustainability of the fabric. This manufacturing process earned it the highly prestigious European Union's 'European Award for the Environment'.

Why is Tencel Good?

There are many reasons to love Tencel; firstly, it's absorbent, smooth, cool and silky soft with a beautiful drape and sophisticated handle. It's also simple to launder, strong when wet, and has been developed to be wrinkle resistant, much more than its cotton counterparts, making it the ideal fabric to pop into your suitcase when travelling.

Coffee and Porch Rota - October**Coffee**

- 6 Mrs Bosworth & Mrs Clifton
- 13 The Seal Family
- 20 Mrs Fletcher & Mrs Robinson
- 27 Mrs Simmonite & Mrs Womack

Porch

- Mrs Rutherford & Mrs P Taylor
- Mr & Mrs Hipwood
- Mrs Brown & Mrs Symes
- Mrs Clubley & Mrs Jordan

Thank you to everyone for sharing in this rota.

As I don't know weekly circumstances, this can only be a guide. Please swap amongst yourselves as you are able – remembering to make a note on the rota in the hall. New volunteers will be MOST welcome – just have a word with Marion.

Thank you.



Sunday 6th October – after the service – ALL are welcome

Worship - October

Sunday	6	10.30 a.m	Steven Seal
		6.30 p.m.	Joint at the Methodist Church
	13	10.30 a.m.	Carol Rutherford
	20	10.30 a.m.	Jean Barrett
		6.30 p.m.	Rev. Steven Knapton Joint Communion at URC
	27	10.30 a.m.	Val Pearson

Events in October

Wednesday	2	2.00p.m.	Friendship Hour
Saturday	5	10.00a.m.	Elders Day
Sunday	6	12 noon.	Church Lunch
Wednesday	9	7.30 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Friday	11	2.00pm	Grave Talk (Hollis Rooms)
Wednesday	16	2.00p.m.	Friendship Hour
Saturday	26	10.00a.m.	Mission & Care – Scarborough
Thursday	31	5.00p.m.(time to be confirmed)	Pumpkin Trail
Saturday	2 Nov	10.00a.m.	Church Christmas Fair

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

The last date is **Friday 11 October**. Issue will be available in Church on Sunday 27th October, also online at hornseaurc.org.uk

Please give your material to Margaret - s.knapton749@btinternet.com