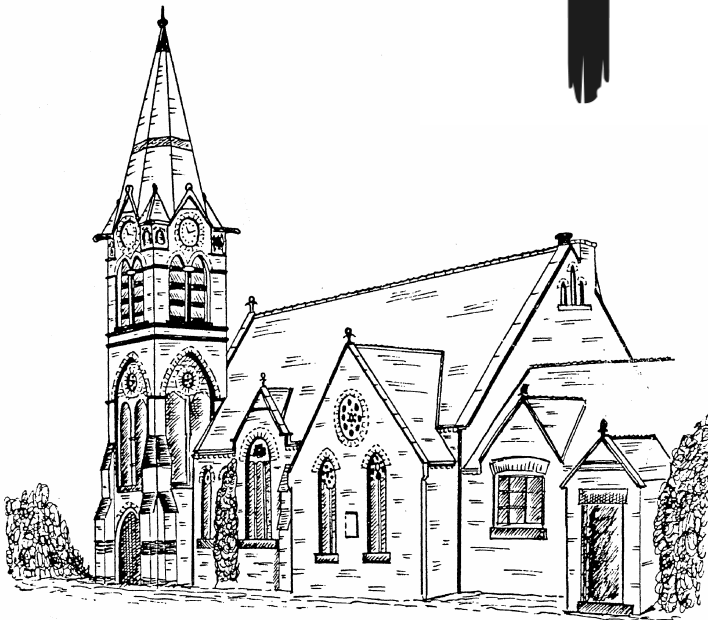


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December 2019 - January 2020

Funerals

October 23rd: Mrs. Patricia Flanagan

Lectionary-December:

1 Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

8 Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7,18-19; Romans 15.4-13;

Matthew 3.1-12

15 Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.5-10 or Luke 1.46b-55; James 5.7-10;

Matthew 11. 2-11

22 Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19; Romans 1.1-7;

Matthew 1.18-25

25 Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4,(5-12); John 1.1-14

29 Isaiah 63.7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.13-23

December Worship

Sunday	1	10.30 a.m	Rev. Steven Knapton
	8	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Keith Himsworth: Communion
	15	10.30 a.m.	Carol Rutherford: Christingle service
		4.00 p.m.	Open Air Nativity
	22	10.30 a.m.	Nativity Service
	25	10.00 a.m.	Rev. Steven Knapton
	29	10.30 a.m.	Young People's service

With the advent of Christmas, we look forward to celebrating the birth of our dear Lord with all the excitement it brings. Children, along with some adults, tend to look forward to Santa Claus arriving bringing the presents they have been longing for, but let us not lose sight of the real meaning of the occasion.

Our giving of presents is likened to the three kings bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the manger to place before the baby Jesus, but the greatest gift we can offer is ourselves by following his teachings and living our lives in his service.

Trying to emulate Jesus is not an easy task but life is better and more rewarding if we have a challenge, a goal to which we aim. We may not always achieve our goals but as long as we try our best, we can do no more. It is the taking part that is important so when you come to setting your New Year resolution, keep it within your capabilities. Setting the bar too high may result in disappointment but remember that no matter what you do or achieve, Jesus loves you because you tried.

As the end of the year approaches, we look back on all that has happened in the last twelve months and then we come to the crossroad and wonder what is in store for us in the new year.

We have all faced a lot of uncertainties recently and in some respects the outcome is still uncertain but one thing you can surely rely on is the love of God who will walk beside you through all adversities.

So, let us take some advice from Jeremiah 6: V 16 'The Lord said to his people, "Stand at the crossroads and look. Ask for the ancient paths and where the best road is. Walk on it, and you will live in peace."
In 2020, God willing, we will walk the road together.

May good health and happiness be yours through this season of advent and Christmas and extend into the new year.

June Barton

<p>Church Lunch Sunday December 1st after the service All welcome</p>
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Bible Book Club

The Bible book club have now read the book of Colossians and the book of Ruth, meeting up to talk informally about what we thought of them. We are starting another Bible book this month; for our Advent reading we have chosen the gospel of Luke as it has 24 chapters- one a day for December with a few spare days to catch up! We use the Bible Society notes as we read at home and then just get together at the end of the month. It's not too late to join us if you would like to - just ask an Elder. Thank you.

Coffee and Porch rota- December

	Coffee	Porch
1 st	The Seal family	Mrs Brown and Mrs Sykes
8th	Mrs Boswell and Mrs Clifton	Mrs Rutherford and Mrs P Taylor
15th	Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Robinson	The Seal family
22nd	Mr and Mrs I Williams	Mr and Mrs Hipwood
25th	(no Coffee)	Mrs M Clubley
29th	Mrs Middleton and Mrs Richardson	Mrs Clubley and Mrs Jordan

I hope that I have not inadvertently omitted any new people. Please swap amongst yourselves as you are able, remembering to make a note on the rota in the hall. Thank you

Marion

Angels

A big thank you to all the people who responded to my appeal to knit angels for us to give away during our Christmas services. I have received some wonderful angels. Keep on knitting the more the merrier. Thank you once again. Ann Jordan.

Our Christmas Card Delivery Service-

This has been happening every year since 1981 but the post box is now enjoying a well-earned retirement and there will **not** be any deliveries this year. Our grateful thanks to Ken and Jackie who have organised this in recent years, and the team of 'posties' past and recent who have given time so that we could offer this.

Church Family Christmas Card

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 a 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 box provided will be given to the Toilet Twinning charity- details on box.

Fill a stocking for Christmas

The idea is to buy a pair of socks. We are looking for mainly men's socks. Put one sock inside the other, then fill that sock with small items like a small packet of biscuits, a pack of tissues, wrapped sweets, small bar of soap and flannel etc. the sock will be given to a homeless person on Christmas day so the items need to be sweets or useful. Please do not put anything sharp in though. The socks must make up a pair when all other contents have been used or eaten. If you can fill a sock please leave it in the box in the church or give it to Kathy Webb, who will also accept donations towards buying contents for the socks. Kathy can be contacted on 01964 534603. Thank you for your support.

Kathy

Our Christmas Fayre fared well so thank you to all who supported the event either by helping on the day or donating cakes and sandwich fillings. We raised the amazing sum of £500 thanks to a wonderful array of stalls with toys, books, jams and chutneys plus our tombola and grand raffle. This was the last big event of the year as with Christmas fast approaching other things take priority such as the Nativity and carol singing in Newbegin and what to eat for Christmas dinner!

None of our fundraising events would happen without the involvement and support of our church family, so on behalf of the Fundraising Team, a hearty "Thank you and well done".

We will be **Carol Singing in Newbegin** (near Couplands) on **Saturday 14 December from 10.00am to approx 11.30am and again on Saturday 21 December, same time, same place.** The saying is charity begins at home, so this year any money we collect is going to The Pantry, a small local charity who distribute food to those in need. It is a sad reflection that in this day and age the necessity for such charity exists but exist it does and we know any contributions made will be very gratefully received.

Our plans for the New Year are still to be determined but we are thinking of running fewer but larger events as small events take just as much organisation with little reward and have in the past occurred roughly once a month. Any ideas you have for fundraising events would be most welcome.

The first church lunch of the New Year is on Sunday 5 January and will include a fun quiz with a difference. This will take the place of our usual New Year party and will enable us to return home whilst it is still light having enjoyed a good meal very convivial company.

The FRSC wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

God Bless!

Colours of Christmas

A SEASONAL CONCERT

The Hornsea Choir and invited soloists will be performing a concert
In the United Reformed Church on

Saturday 14th December at 7 p.m.

Tickets available on the door. See posters for more details

**East Coast Tour of 2019 Musical – While Shepherds Watched
– comes to Hornsea**

What: This is a modern musical, written by Roger Jones with drama by Ann Parking. It is performed by the Churches and Community Festival Chorus supported by a 14-piece band, conducted by Dr Jim Gillespie, along with local school children.

When: Saturday 7th December 6.30pm

Where: Hornsea United Reformed Church

For whom: ALL of us – it is a **FREE EVENT** – and a superb chance to hear a quality production on our doorstep!

Refreshments are available and a voluntary collection will be taken.

The Friendship Hour invite you to join them for:

CAROLS AND CAKE
at
Hornsea United Reformed Church
On
Wednesday, 18th December
2.00-3.30pm

Admission Free

All are welcome. Come along and celebrate, sing your favourite Christmas Carols, then enjoy tea, cake and a chat.

Outdoor Nativity

This year's outdoor nativity will be held on **Sunday December 15th**. Please meet at 4pm at St. Nicholas Church to accompany Mary and Joseph (and donkey) up Newbegin to the stable in Memorial gardens. There they will be visited by the wise men with their camel! Refreshments served afterwards in the U.R.C. hall.

All welcome!



Sunday	1	12.00 pm	Church Lunch
Wednesday	4	2.00 pm	Friendship Hour
Saturday	7	10.00 am	League of Friends Coffee a.m.
	7	6.30 pm	While Shepherds Watch
Wednesday	11	7.30 pm	Elders Meeting
Thursday	12	7.00 pm - 10.00 pm	Election
Saturday	14	10.00 am	Carol Singing - Newbegin
		7.30 pm	Hornsea Choir Concert
Sunday	15	10.30 am	Christingles
	15	4.00 pm	Open Air Nativity
Wednesday	18	2.00 pm	Friendship Hour Cakes and Carols
Saturday	21	10.00 am	Carol Singing - Newbegin
Sunday	22	10.30 am	Nativity Service
Tuesday	24	4.00 pm	Community Singing (Bandstand)



Lectionary for January-

5 Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

12 Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

19 Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-11; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

26 Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1,4-9; 1 Corinthians; 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

January Worship

SUNDAY	5th	10.30 a.m.	Jill Fletcher
	12th	10.30 a.m.	Jean Barrett: Communion
	19 th	10.30 a.m.	Mark Parker-Randall
	26th	10.30 a.m.	Val Pearson

January Events

Wednesday	8	2.00pm	Friendship Hour
	8	7.30pm	Elders
Saturday	18	9.00a.m.	WPCU - URC
		7.30pm	Music Society Concert
Sunday	19	9.00a.m.	WPCU – Methodist Church
Monday	20	9.00a.m.	WPCU - Catholic Church
Tuesday	21	9.00a.m.	WPCU - Floral Hall
Wednesday	22	9.00a.m.	WPCU - Methodist Church
		2.00pm	Friendship Hour
Thursday	23	9.00a.m.	WPCU - Parish Church
Friday	24	9.00a.m.	WPCU - URC

Flower rota 2020

By the time you read this the new flower rota will be on display in the hall. Every Sunday of the year is written down if you have a special date you would like flowers to be put in church for please put your name against that date. I can collect the money from you then buy and arrange the flowers for you or you can buy and arrange them yourself. Please tick the box to say which you prefer. Thank you to everyone who contributes. A big thank you to Heather and Mandy who help me and our new volunteer Jean.

Thank you Ann Jordan.

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Please swap amongst yourselves as you are able, remembering to make a note on the rota in the hall. Thank you
Marion

Gift aid

A reminder for those of you who give to church, and are UK tax payers- we can claim twenty-five pence in the pound back from the government on your donations. All you need to do is sign a form: please speak to Marion for more details. Thank-you.

Annual General Meeting

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

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 last year and I would encourage you all to put **Sunday 23rd February 11.45am** into your diaries and enjoy the privilege of being a part of the discussions that will focus our vision for 2020.

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.

Hornsea Music Society

LEE DUNLEAVY

Saturday 18th January 7.30 p.m.

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

Faith and Friendship is a Christian drop-in located at 8 Market Place.

They are running a **Blessings Course** starting on Tuesday 9th January 4pm-5.30pm.

Please contact them to register if interested.



The materials for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo (Christians Together in Malta).

Introduction

On 10th February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer.

Hospitality is a much-needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God's will for his Church and all people comes to fulfilment. As Paul will proclaim in Rome, this salvation of God has been sent to all peoples (see Acts 28:28).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from the 18th to the 25th January and in Hornsea will be at the following venues – all starting at 9.00am.

Date	Venue
18th Jan	URC
19th Jan	Methodist Church
20th Jan	Catholic Church
21st Jan	Floral Hall (URC if not possible)
22nd Jan	Methodist Church
23rd Jan	Parish Church
24th Jan	URC
25th Jan	Parish Church



Traidcraft

What a year it has been for Traidcraft – facing liquidation at the beginning of the year to survival and stability at the end of it.

This has been brought about by people like **you** who have made regular purchases of food products and given gifts that are fairly traded

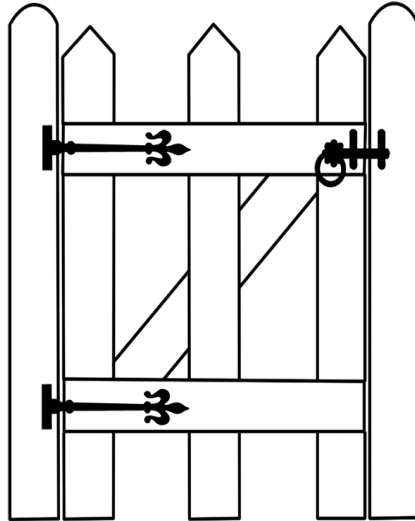
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There is still a lot of building to do and I would like to ask all who are reading this if they could take a look at the Traidcraft catalogue or visit their online-shop - www.traidcraftshop.co.uk to consider purchasing a gift or consciously decide to make regular purchases of food items like tea, coffee etc. Yes, it will help Traidcraft plc to flourish but also every producer and their family too. Fairtrade is personal – all the products sold by Traidcraft can and are traced back to the producer groups and in many cases to the individual producer themselves – we know our purchases directly benefit those who need it.

We may only be small in the global scheme of things but Hornsea URC is making a positive difference in the world – pray that we can continue to do so – and **THANK YOU.**

The February Newsletter deadline is Friday 10th January.
It should be available in a Church or online by Sunday 26th January.
Please let Jean/Margaret have your items now or certainly by then or e mail them to mjtbarrett@hotmail.com and/or Margaret at s.knapton749@btinternet.com

Thank you.



*...And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown”*

And he replied:

*“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall to you be better than light and safer than a known way”*

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(Extract from a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins.)