

Hornsea United Reformed Church



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Hornsea URC Worship Plan**The Fruit of the Spirit:**

2 nd - Peace	Worship team
9 th -Patience	Worship team (Communion)
16 th - Kindness	Worship team (Baptism)
23 rd -Self Control	Worship team (Start of Lent)

Lectionary**February**

2nd.- Micah 6.1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1.18-31, Matthew 5.1-12,

9th- Isaiah 58.1-9a,(9b-12), Psalm 112.1-9,(10), 1 Corinthians 2.1-12,(13-16), Matthew 5.13-20

16th - Deuteronomy 30.15-20, Psalm 119.1-8, 1 Corinthians 3.1-9
Matthew 5.21-37

23rd- Exodus 24.12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1.16-21,
Matthew 17.1-9

Dear Friends

Well, here we are already at the end of the first month of the New Year.

I'm still wondering where last year went! Time seems to go so fast or is it that we are so busy and always thinking ahead to the next thing we have to do.

I hope we are not too busy to look around us at what God has created. Soon it will be Spring and all the trees and hedgerows will once again sprout new growth and all will be fresh and wonderful.

Let's take time out to stop and marvel at this miracle that happens every year no matter what the weather has been like previously.

Let's hope this year goes a bit slower and we all get the time to enjoy what we do and not feel guilty if all the things don't get done. There is always another day remember!

Marion



February Coffee and Porch Rota

	Coffee	Porch
2 nd	Mrs J Robinson & Mrs K Thorpe	Mrs J Fletcher & Mrs C Kyle
9 th	Mr and Mrs Williams	Mrs D Brooks & Mrs J Robinson
16 th	The Seal Family	Mrs V Pearson & Mrs I Williams
23 rd	Mrs A Bosworth & Mrs J Clifton	Mrs A Brown & Mrs M Symes

Angels

A big thank you to everyone who knitted angels. I was truly touched by the response to my appeal. We handed out around 250 angels bringing smiles and love to everyone who received them. Thank you so much. I know a lot of you enjoyed picking up your needles (don't put them away) I have got my thinking cap on for this year! Any ideas please let me know. Thank you all once again.

Ann J

Toilet Twinning

Thank you to all those who sent one Christmas card to the church family and donated the money saved to our toilet twinning appeal. We now have a twin toilet in the Democratic Republic of Congo! There is a certificate on the windowsill near the toilets, where you can find the map coordinates if you want to look it up on a map. Now we can 'spend a penny' and give thanks that others have a safe and private place to use too!

Socks

Thank you to all who filled socks for the homeless at Christmas. 50 pairs were sent and gratefully received by 'the Crossings' project in Hull.

I hope, like me, you all enjoy our church lunches. It's not about what we eat, but about spending time together and hopefully by sitting with someone different each month we are getting to know our church family better.

These lunches do take quite a bit of organising. Sometimes church pays for the food but very often people give the food and their time to put on the lunches.

Take our January lunch for instance.

Soup was made and given by Margaret K, Jill, Jean B and Sophie.

Bread, biscuits and cake were made and given by Margaret K. Other cakes were given by members of the congregation.

Jackie and Ken put a lot of work into our 'Sweet' quiz and bought all the sweets for us to try. The chocolate prizes were given by Allan and Margot.

Harry, TJ, Taffie and Tessie put up all the tables and set them for us, helped to serve lunch and cleared away afterwards and vacuumed the hall.

We had a washing up team of myself, Val, Jean, Steven and Margaret, and Jason.

As you will see these lunches are a team event, unfortunately they often fall to the same 'team' to do them.

Would you be willing and able to help at all? Do you have any ideas for future lunches?

Please let one of the Elders know your thoughts.

Carol

Church Lunch

**Sunday February 2nd
After the service
All Welcome**

News from the FRSC

Standing outside Couplands singing carols is one of our traditions which helps to accumulate some funds for a local charity. This year we chose The Pantry, a new small charity helping to put food on the table for those less fortunate than ourselves. We always enjoy our carol singing despite the cold and sometimes rain, as we know it brings some cheer to those passing by. We had, this year, the added attraction of distributing knitted angels to all who contributed which brought smiles to adults and children alike.

Many thanks must go to all who knitted the angels and to all our own angels who braved the elements to sing and give them out. Our singing cannot have been too bad as we earned £217.19, although some might have given in the hope we would stop! The Pantry will receive the money at the earliest opportunity.

It is wonderful to start the New Year with a church family get-together - a church lunch followed by an extremely entertaining quiz devised by Ken along the theme of sweets from yesteryear or sweets I have consumed, but maybe too many!

Unbeknown to us Ken use to own a sweet shop on Holderness Road, near to the Astoria Cinema (now a Bingo Hall). He had every type of sweet you could image and if it wasn't there, he would make sure he could get some. We all had a lot of fun remembering the names of sweets when the pictures flashed up on the screen. Some of us even got a chance to try some without seeing them and trying to remember just by the taste and texture. This was definitely a quiz with a difference so a big thank you to Ken and Jackie for all their hard work in devising and putting together what was a really entertaining afternoon.

Our Fundraising Team have decided on the events for this year starting with a **Table Top Sale on Saturday 25 April, 10.00am - 2.00pm**. This gives you plenty of time to sort out the cupboards and book at table which still remains at £6.00.

Dates for your diaries: -

Flower Festival - Friday and Saturday 7 & 8 May 10.00am - 3.00pm

Gardeners Fair - Saturday 30 May 10.00am- 2.00pm

Carnival - Saturday 18 July 10.00am- 2.00pm

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7 November 10.00am- 2.00pm

June Barton

Please join us at the-

Church Annual General Meeting

This will be held directly after morning worship on

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

Our aim is to look back over the past year. You will have received an Annual Reports booklet, which contains information about all that happens- from toilet cleaning to church finances. Please take time to read this and come with any comments and questions.

This will be followed by a **church meeting**, when we will be looking to the year ahead- again please bring any comments or questions.

“In a church meeting the aim is not to solicit people’s opinions, but to seek the mind of Christ through debate and discussion, trusting that each person will have a measure of that wisdom”

Reverend Dr. Janet Wootton



Each day...

It's quiet. It's early. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming. For the next 12 hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I am free to choose. And so, I choose.

I CHOOSE LOVE.

No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I CHOOSE JOY.

I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse temptation to be cynical. The tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as any less than human beings created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I CHOOSE PEACE.

I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I CHOOSE PATIENCE.

I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fists at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I CHOOSE KINDNESS.

I will be kind to the poor for they are alone. Kind to the rich for they are afraid, and kind to the unkind, for this is how God has treated me.

I CHOOSE GOODNESS.

I will go without a pound before I will take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I will choose goodness.

I CHOOSE FAITHFULNESS.

Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My family will not question my love.

I CHOOSE GENTLENESS.

Nothing is won by force. I chose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand may it be only of myself.

I CHOOSE SELF CONTROL.

I am a spiritual being, after my body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by my God. I will be taught only by Christ. I chose self-control.

Love, Joy, peace, patience, kindness

Goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control

To these I commit my day

If I succeed, I will give thanks

If I fail, I will seek His Grace

And, then, when this day is done

I will place my head on my pillow and rest.



Hebrews 12:1

“Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.”

All of us are called to run life’s race. Some, like me, are able to do this literally, and for others it is a metaphor for living the life to which Jesus has called us as fully as possible. Straining forward to reach the finish.

For me, the training is also a part of the race. Someone once said that,

“A marathon is just the last 26.2 miles of your marathon training.” Training itself is a rich tapestry of varied experiences. There are the times of shared runs, the long chats with friends, the encouragement of a kind word when you really feel you don’t want to carry on, the times of reflection on solo runs, the slog of steep uphill training climbs knowing that your legs can run free on the downhill that follows. This is true in our lives too, isn’t it? I will never forget how I felt when I was approaching the finish of my Half Ironman Race two and half years ago. 1.25 miles swum, 56 miles on my bike in the rain, and the half marathon nearly done. At 12 miles, with 1.1 miles to go, I ground to halt. A marshal spotted me and rode up on her bike. She encouraged me to the next check point, where two runners came up behind

me and offered to pace me for the last mile. They gave me what I needed, a word of encouragement at the right time. Then to cap it all, the people of the village all stayed out in the rain and clapped us down the main street. My body was saying stop, this is madness, give up now, but in my head were the voices of all my training partners saying you can do this, you're almost there, driving arms, head up, you've got this. And best of all, there at the finish, looking anxiously at her watch, was my dear wife Eileen, my most loyal supporter. Hearing her cheers of encouragement gave the boost when I needed it most.

In our lives as part of Christ's family we are called to encourage one another with kind words spoken in love, sharing the trials and burdens that we all face in life. To have times of reflection on our own and to have times of joyful praise and abandon with others. As we go forward into 2020, let us draw on the inner strength that God gives us through His Holy Spirit to endure all the trials and struggles that will come. Let us outdo one another in being encouraging and let us be there to cheer one another on and to share the joys of life's journey with Christ and his family here in Hornsea.

Isaiah 40:29.31

"He gives power to those who are tired and worn out. He offers strength to the weak. Even youths will become exhausted and young men will fall and give up. But those who wait for the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint"

Take heart my brothers and sisters, these promises are for you now. Claim them, cherish them and live them.

God bless you now and always. Chris.



This month you are invited to pray for the following people-

1 st	The people of Australia
2 nd	Margaret Knaption leading us in worship today
3 rd	The people of the Democratic Republic of Congo
4 th	A friend who lives in a different part of the country
5 th	Someone you go to school/work with or used to work with
6 th	A family member
7 th	Someone at church you don't know well
8 th	Someone at church you know well
9 th	Steve Seal leading us in worship today
10 th	Someone you used to see but have lost touch with
11 th	Someone you find difficult
12 th	Someone you see often but don't know their name

13 th	Someone who has served you in a shop/café
14 th	Someone you love
15 th	Someone struggling with their mental health
16 th	Jill Fletcher leading us in worship today
17 th	A young child that you know
18 th	A teenager you know
19 th	Someone who has a different faith to you
20 th	Someone who is of a different race
21 st	Someone who holds a different world view
22 nd	Someone who belongs to a different church denomination
23 rd	Rev. Steven Knapton leading us in worship, and our church meeting today
24 th	Someone who is lonely
25 th	Shrove Tuesday- pray for those who don't have enough food
26 th	Ash Wednesday- pray for those who have committed crime
27 th	Someone you find difficult to forgive
28 th	Thank God for His forgiveness of our sins

Traidcraft

You may have already seen the reference to the 'new and improved' Traidcraft PLC in the Annual Reports – well this article from the January Traidcraft Bulletin has got me quite excited.

TRAIDCRAFT ARE THE ORIGINAL RULE BREAKERS

#breaktherules

The ridiculously low commodity coffee price is currently driving hundreds of thousands of coffee farmers and their families into financial ruin and migration. Coffee plants are being cleared on a massive scale and replaced by cocoa cultivation or other crops. The consequence: the loss of the livelihood of these families. The coffee industry has not yet found any effective answers to this catastrophic development.

We signed the Coffee Transparency Pledge in 2019, making 100% of our coffee costs transparent and public. For more information about the Coffee Transparency Pledge and to see our FOB (Free on Board) prices, see traidcraftshop.co.uk/coffee-transparency-our-pledge.

We also registered two of our single origin coffees to the Transparent Trade Coffee Platform, declaring the exact amount of money which goes back to origin.

Not content with stopping here, we're stripping back everything you thought you knew about fair trade and launching our very own **Transparency Coffee**.

Here, we're breaking all the rules and publishing publicly (on the front of the packet, for all to see!) exactly how much farmers are paid, how much goes into shipping, roasting and packing and how much profit we make. This makes our coffee, to our

knowledge, the first coffee in the world to do this. Yes, this could be seen as radical and revolutionary, however, it's simply real fair trade in its purest form, as it was intended to be. We wonder, how many companies would treat you the same way?

We are reclaiming fair trade. Did you know that the average price paid on the New York C coffee exchange for non-Organic coffee adds up to about **53p**, for non-Organic, Fairtrade coffee, the agreed minimum price is **71p**, and for Organic and Fairtrade coffee, the agreed minimum price is **84p**? We are publicly declaring that we have paid **£1.32** directly to the growers who harvested the beans in this coffee.

I will be placing orders for this Organic, fair trade and rule-breaking arabica coffee, which is a dark roast with a light, floral sweetness (strength 4), made using a blend of beans from Honduras and Sumatra, as soon as I can! It's also roasted in the UK – just down the road from Traidcraft HQ, at Ringtons in Newcastle, in fact.

I do hope you will join me in a cuppa by purchasing a packet (£4.95) and drinking to the success of Fair and Transparent trade. #followusifyoudare

Note from Editor: -

Next month I would like to include a feature called something like 'meet the family', which would be a few lines from members of the congregation introducing themselves to us all. So, if you are new (or even not so new) please would you give it some thought and let me know if you wish to be included. Any other ideas/contributions gratefully received. Thank you. Jean

February

Events

Sunday	2	12.00pm	Church Lunch
Wednesday	3	12.00p.m.	Elders & Stewards meeting
Saturday	5	2.00pm	Friendship Hour
Wednesday	12	7.30 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Saturday	15	10.00am	Mission & Care @ Hornsea
Wednesday	19	2.00p.m.	Friendship Hour
Sunday	23	12.00 noon	Church Meeting and AGM

Hornsea Music Society

NICE Goes Orchestral

Saturday 22nd February 7.30 p.m.

Coming up in March....

Fairtrade Fortnight is 24 February to 8 March

**World Day of Prayer 2.00pm 6th March
@ the Methodist Church- details next month**

The next issue of this Newsletter is the issue for March. Please speak to Jean or Margaret **NOW** if you wish an item included so space can be reserved. After the deadline, **MONDAY 17th February**, it is too late to save space. Issue available Sunday 1st March. Please give your material to Jean or Margaret or e mail to mjtbarrett@hotmail.com or s.knapton749@btinternet.com