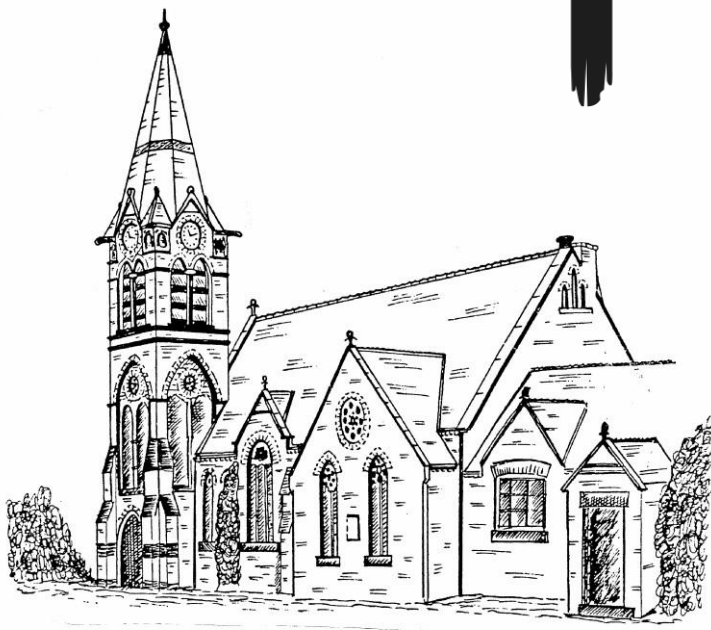


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Baptisms

16th February Jocelyn Joy Kirby
 Lennon Gareth Kirby

23rd February Adult Baptism: Dale Galloway

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

1	10.30 a.m.	Goodness	Worship Team
	6.30 p.m.		Joint Service: Methodist Church
8	10.30 a.m.	Faithfulness	Worship Team
15	10.30 a.m.	Humility	Worship Team
22	10.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday	Margaret Preece
29	10.30 a.m.	Passion Sunday	Worship Team (Joint Service @ URC)

Lectionary**March**

1st Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11

8th Genesis 12.1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4.1-5,13-17 John 3.1-17 or Matthew 17.1-9*

15th Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42

22nd 1 Samuel 16.1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9.1-41

29th Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45

Recently the sad news was announced that celebrity Caroline Flack, who was facing a very public trial took her own life. There must have been many reasons which led her to do this, which we would not know. Some thought could be directly connected to the Media and the Social Media and the pressure and criticism they post and report on.

Unfortunately, this is something that does happen in different circumstances, online bullying for example. I would like to say that Social Media and the Press can be positive and inform us of many important things, but this week there was a programme which investigated the online company Amazon. On the surface they seem to be giving its customers what they want, or what they think we want. But it suggested there was an underlying, unseen threat to our privacy, information gained through being monitored without our consent. It suggested that devices we add to our house, Alexa, for example had been used to listen and gain information which could be used by Amazon to affect our shopping habits.

Does this matter? Or is it just a way to help Amazon grow? Could it be beneficial to us? I do think that there must be a place and a time in our life when we can be free from external pressures, free from being at the mercy of those who want to comment on our life, and to know that we can be in a place which is private.

As Christians we are aware of the forgiveness we have received in our own life. As human beings we make mistakes and should be able to deal with these in our own way with a respectful privacy. The phrase comes to mind-

"There by the grace of God go I". We do not know where we will find ourselves and it would be comforting to know that we may be treated with gentleness and to trust that we will receive God's forgiveness as we would forgive others

Every blessing

Jill

March Coffee and Porch Rota

	Coffee	Porch
1st	Mrs Bosworth & Mrs Clifton	The Seal family
8th	Mrs J Robinson & Mrs K Thorpe	Mr & Mrs Hipwood
15th	Mr & Mrs Williams	Mrs C Rutherford & Mrs P Taylor
22nd	The Seal family	Mrs J Fletcher & Mrs C Kyle
29 th	Mrs Bosworth & Mrs Clifton	Mrs M Clubley & Mrs A Jordan

A Message from Val

Thank you -to all those who transported me to hospitals during the problems with my hand, to those who provided me with meals and invited me to lunch. Not forgetting all those who prayed for me.

God Bless you all

Val

Church Lunch**Sunday March 1st****After the service****All Welcome**

Tuesday Faith and Fellowship group invite you to join them on Tuesday evenings at 7p.m.

During Lent we will be following a study based on the Hymn: 'How Great Thou Art'

Bible Study on Wednesday mornings

We are invited to join our friends at the Methodist Church for their Bible Study sessions for Lent. These are at 10 a.m. at the Methodist Church and led by Revd. John Brown.

Quiet Space

On Saturday mornings in Lent, between 10a.m. and 12 noon the church will be open for quiet prayer.

Bible Book Club

The Bible book club will meet as usual on the last Wednesday of the month, which will be Wednesday 25th March at 3 p.m.

(Please listen to announcements of which book we will be reading during Lent, which will be decided by the group when they meet on 26th Feb)

Living Well Telephone Support Network

As part of our church outreach we run the Living Well Project which is our way of engaging with those who are not part of our church family but nevertheless need some sort of support. Our Telephone Support Network has been in operation for eight years and in that time has helped several hundred clients and volunteers alike.

We could not have survived without the dedication of our volunteers who regularly sign up to the rota for the weekly call sessions. Our team is a happy group who enjoy chatting to our clients knowing that their calls can brighten someone's day.

The Living Well Project is happy to help anyone and it is immaterial whether the client has a different faith to ours or none at all. As a church we know Jesus would approve of our desire to help others.

We have referrals from healthcare professionals, family members and even self-referrals. Our client list is steadily increasing and we are always in need of volunteer telephone callers who could spare a couple of hours to chat to people and help relieve any feelings of loneliness just to let them know they are not isolated or forgotten. These calls really make a difference to people.

In this day and age of global communications it is a fact that too many people are feeling the stress of a rapidly changing world when communities are losing village shops, post offices, banks and bus services. In fact, the reality is they are becoming disconnected.

Knowing someone will ring every week to make sure everything is alright is a source of comfort to our clients. **Could you help to make a difference?** If so, you can leave a message on 01964 536544 or better still speak to either Kathy or myself.

June

We have some gifted people within our church family. Here are a couple of poems written by Margaret Hodgetts: -

Forgotten Values

A silver cloud, the golden sun, stars twinkling in the sky,
The simple things of nature don't change as time goes by.

But we no longer notice the beauty all around,
We are more concerned today with the value of the pound.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could once more find
time to relax, enjoy these things, let ourselves unwind.

Spring Flowers

One morning in the early spring,
I gazed upon a sight,
That made my very soul take wing,
My heart surge with delight.
Flowers of many different hues,
Fairly filled the ground.
Reds, yellows, purples, blues,
Like jewels in a crown.
As I looked at the flowers,
the beautiful spring collection,
I praised Mother Nature for her powers.
The art of true perfection.

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Church meeting held on Sunday 23rd February, where we reviewed the past year in the church. This was immediately followed by a church meeting in which we were looking forward to year ahead. Here are a few highlights, the official minutes will be available later: -

The Annual Reports booklet will have given you a good understanding of the past year with reports from all the different areas of our church life, there has been much to be thankful for.

An updated list of Church Officers will be posted on the notice board in the hall so that you can see who is responsible for which area.

Each year we give away a percentage of the churches disposable income and the meeting voted that this should be divided equally between Water Aid and Christian Aid. The money we gave in lieu of sending Christmas cards has already been spent on twinning our church toilet- details on the picture in the hall.

Looking ahead to this year, Steve Seal gave us a glimpse of some exciting services to come. We will be having some visiting Ministers, though there are fewer to call on this year. On 20th September Jamie Kissack will return to take our service in his new role as Moderator!

We have two quiet days planned for this year. You are invited to speak to an Elder about these days and how they could help you best, or indeed what you feel the church year ahead should look like.

Church Fellowship

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Prayer diary for March. This month please pray and give thanks for all the areas of the church included in our Reports booklet

1 st	Please pray for our service this morning and those leading it.
2 nd	The worship coordination team
3 rd	All who serve coffee at our services
4 th	All who welcome people in the porch
5 th	The flower arrangers and distributors
6 th	The World day of Prayer
7 th	The prayer network
8 th	Please pray for our service
9 th	The faith and fellowship group
10 th	The Bible book club
11 th	The friendship hour
12 th	The Pilots group and the leaders
13 th	Junior church and their leaders
14 th	Tuesday Open House
15 th	Please pray for our service this morning and those leading it.
16 th	The treasurer, our finances and how we use them
17 th	The Church secretary

18 th	The Fundraising and social committee
19 th	The property committee and our stewardship of the building
20 th	Church lunches- those who prepare and serve and those who enjoy!
21 st	Thursday coffee mornings- those who prepare and serve and those who enjoy!
22 nd	Please pray for our service this morning and those leading it.
23 rd	East Yorkshire Mission and care group
24 th	The Living Well project
25 th	The pastoral visiting team
26 th	North Holderness Churches together group
27 th	Traidcraft organisation and the producers they help
28 th	The Elders
29 th	Please pray for our service this morning and those leading it.
30 th	Give thanks for all who have served this church in the past
31 st	For new people in the church

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
(INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)**

Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk



The interdenominational movement of the World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held on **Friday 6th March** with the title **Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk**. We will join an estimated 3 million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this year by the women of Zimbabwe.

Starting in Samoa as the sun rises, and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are encouraged to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that has plagued their country for many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future and invite us to support them as they continue their often turbulent journey to reconciliation.

This year the service will be held in the Methodist Church and led by members from all six worshipping communities in Hornsea. Come along at 1.30pm to find out about Zimbabwe before the start of the service at 2.00pm.

It is an amazing service – be a part of it if you possibly can.



An Invitation to

'Starfish & Chips with a Bishop on the side?'

7pm on Saturday 14th March
St Nicholas Parish Hall

The evening will begin with Revd. Andy Simpson talking about his
medical mission trip

to Uganda with the Starfish team.

Followed by a fish & chip supper from Whiteheads
and then an 'Ask the Bishop' session.

tickets are £12 for two (so folk can come and bring a friend too).

There will be a bucket collection for the work of Starfish – follow
them on Facebook

Team Starfish: Uganda 2019

Yorkshire Assembly

The Spa Scarborough

Wednesday 6th May 11.30 – 4.00pm

Speakers:

Revd. Kevin Watson (Synod Moderator)
Sir Thomas Ingleby, Ripley Castle
'All in a Knight's Work'

Worship

Revd Janine Atkinson, Worship Leader
Mrs Margaret Wood, Accompanist

Musical Entertainment

'Simon and Jon do Flanders and Swan'

This is a fantastic annual event
enjoyed by church fellowships across the Yorkshire Synod

Traidcraft

The New Spring/Summer Catalogue is now available with lots of NEW products (why not pick one up from the Traidcraft Stall on a Thursday or from Church) here is one of them.

Traidcraft's SPOTLIGHT ON:

The London Tea Company

We know how much you love our own brand, Great Taste Award-winning tea range, however, we do often have customers asking if we could offer a Fairtrade range of herbal teas.

Well, herbal tea lovers of the world, you're in luck... This month, we've launched a range of herbal teas, sourced from our friends at The London Tea Company – including calming chamomile, settling pure peppermint and their renowned raspberry inferno blend, which is sure to tingle the taste buds with its subtle kick of chilli.

Blending, brewing and drinking teas since 2003, The London Tea Company are on a mission to bring excitement and creativity back to tea.

Their mission is simple; to share quality, creativity and their passion for England's capital city with the like-minded people who drink their tea.

All of The London Tea Company's delicious, refreshing teas are free from artificial flavourings, colourings and preservatives. They are also a certified B Corporation; a business which balances purpose and profit, legally required to consider the impact of their decisions on their workers, customers, suppliers, community, and the environment.

They're also a social enterprise, reinvesting up to 50% of their profits into farmer communities, supporting workers from some of the most marginalized parts of the world.

Of course, The London Tea Company are fully Fairtrade, too, supporting growers and surrounding communities by paying a guaranteed minimum price for their crop, as well as a Fairtrade Premium which is invested back into the growers' businesses and local communities. Many of the farmers and workers who supply The London Tea Company live in some of the most marginalised parts of the world and are facing the challenges of increasing fuel and food prices, climate change and rapidly changing market pricing. The guaranteed minimum prices which these growers receive, enable them and their communities to develop their businesses and infrastructure and to help them improve their conditions and dignity.

Committed to sourcing the right teas in the right ways, The London Tea Company have the environment's best interests at the heart of everything they do and are dedicated to reducing their carbon footprint through selecting their teas and extracts from trusted partners.

- Let me know if you would like to place an order.
- I have a supply of Traidcraft's Transparent Arabica coffee – featured in the January Newsletter too.
- and DON'T forget your Real and fairly traded Easter Eggs and chocolate for Easter

March Events: -

Sunday	1	12.00 pm	Church Lunch
Wednesday	4	2.00 pm	Friendship Hour
Friday	6	1.30 for 2.00pm	World Day of Prayer @ the Methodist Church
Saturday	7	10.00 am	League of Friends Coffee a.m.
Wednesday	11	7.30 pm	Elders Meeting
Thursday		12 th - 15 th	C of E 'Come and See' Mission
Friday	13	10.30am	NHCT @ Methodist (New Room)
Saturday	14	10.00 am	Andy Simpson (Uganda Medical Mission)
Wednesday	18	2.00 pm	Friendship Hour
Saturday	21	7.30 pm	Music Society Concert
Sunday	22	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday
Saturday	28	4.00 pm	Tear Fund Tea Time Quiz @ The Town Hall
Sunday	29	Clocks go Forward	British Summer Time

The next issue of this Newsletter is the issue for April. Please speak to Jean or Margaret **NOW** if you wish an item included so space can be reserved. After the deadline, **SUNDAY 22nd**, it is too late to save space. Issue available Sunday 29th March. Please give your material to Jean or Margaret or e mail to mjtbarrett@hotmail.com or s.knapton749@btinternet.com