



Standing still?

It may feel just now that, like the church clock, we are standing still and one day we will be 'back to normal.' At the moment the clock repairers are unable to travel due to Covid restrictions, so the clock will be repaired, just not yet.

Similarly, we will all meet up together again, just not yet. What, I wonder, will our new 'normal' be?

We may have had to pause our usual activities but we have not stopped. Our Pilots have received regular activity bags and we have, thanks to our technical team, been able to live stream our Sunday services so that those in the building and those online can worship together.

You will see in this newsletter the activities and services planned for October and November and some thoughts about celebrating Christmas. Rest assured, the Elders are not just 'marking time' but listening to God and trying to discern the way forward for next year. Please pray for us as we meet on October 24th.

Thank you. The Elders

Don't forget to put your clock back 1 hour on
Saturday night 24th October



As we are unable to have coffee and a chat after services, why not give someone you have seen in church or on Zoom a ring afterwards, and share together?



Pumpkin Walk 31st October –

This is a Churches Together initiative. Would you like to: -

a) Carve a Pumpkin – either in your own time or come along and join a team on Saturday 31st at 10.00am in the Parish Hall. All pumpkins must have a heart carved somewhere in your friendly/happy design.

b) Help fill Craft Bags for those taking part on Friday 23rd at 1.30pm in the Methodist Church – we will be filling some for our Pilots and Junior Church too – date to be confirmed.

c) Be a welcoming face at our church or in the Memorial Gardens on the evening between 5.00pm and 7.00pm



Apart but Together – Bookmarks for Remembrance

On one side of your bookmark is a field of poppies.

November 11th is the day we use to remember the sacrifice of all those who have given their lives in wars and conflicts. It is right to remember and give thanks for their sacrifice which has shaped our world and our lives.

On the other side of your bookmark are the bread and wine of Holy Communion. When we share Holy Communion, we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross.

He will continue to shape our world and our lives if we let Him.

In your prayers this month please remember:

Those we do not know by name but who gave their lives for our country.

Those known to us who have helped shape our lives and make us the people we are today.

Especially those who taught us about God and helped us grow in faith.

And give thanks to God for His son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Carol

Worship in October and November

Our services continue both live on Zoom and in our church building so you can choose whichever you feel most comfortable doing. (Please bear in mind this is subject to change, as we have to follow Government guidelines).

Our Zoom services can be accessed via an e mail link. If you do not receive an e mail invitation please contact us on www.urchornsea@gmail.com

We have done everything we can to make the church Covid secure and if you choose to come to the building you will be asked to follow all the 'rules' to help us, including wearing a mask and maintaining a distance from others.

October - October is Bible Month and we are reading the book of Ruth: -

4 th Oct	Ruth	Chapter 1
11 th Oct	Ruth	Chapter 2
18 th Oct	Ruth	Chapter 3
25 th Oct	Ruth	Chapter 4

<u>November</u>	1 st Nov	All Saints
	8 th Nov	Remembrance
	15 th Nov	Shoebox service
	22 nd Nov	Christ the King
	29 th Nov	Advent Sunday

Remembrance service

Our act of remembrance will be a little different this year. There will not be a parade or a gathering in Memorial gardens. We have been invited to send a representative to the service at St Nicholas Church as numbers allowed in their building are limited, and Jill Fletcher will be there for us.

We will meet together either on Zoom or in the building at 10.30 a.m. as usual on 8th November, when we will remember those who lost their lives in war. Our offering that day will go (with the collection at St Nicholas Church) to the work of the British Legion.

Please note-would you kindly contact me if you have a name, a photograph, a story or anything that is important to you, that you would like including in our service.

Thank you.

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Operation Christmas Child

On 15th November we will have our 'Shoebox service' when we will hear about Operation Christmas Child, and what the gift of a shoebox filled with small toys and toiletries means for the recipients. If you have been preparing a box Kathy will be happy to receive it, or a donation to the transport costs.

Bible Book Club

In October the Bible book club are reading the book of Ruth, and we will meet up at the end of the month to discuss together and to decide on the next book to read. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. Why not give it a go? Details from Carol or Margaret.

Christmas is not cancelled!

The clamour of Christmas will be hushed a little this year and churches have a wonderful opportunity to get across the true meaning of Christmas.

Following meetings with the Methodists and Churches Together we have come up with a few ideas – but we are hoping you have more – just let one of the elders know.

Thoughts so far

1. **Advent Windows** – this is a Hornsea tradition and wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get 24 windows illuminating the Christmas story! Just like the Advent calendar – one window will be revealed each day through Advent until all 24 are displayed. If you could decorate one of your windows and illuminate it, from the day you are allocated, and then each night following through to Christmas please let Margaret K know – *before the end of October please so that a map can be produced*. Our church is taking part too.
2. **Knitted Nativity Window Spotting** – the idea is to display a character, from the Nativity story, in shop windows for people to find. Always good fun.