

Hornsea United Reformed Church
Apart but Together News – September 2020

My Dear Church Family,

It does seem a long time since we all met at the church in our usual way, the good thing is that we have been able to keep in contact using the Zoom services and receiving the Newsletter.

The Elders have been meeting on Zoom and it was felt that we would give it another month before we revisited the question of opening the building.

June and the Living Well team have plans to use the hall to start telephoning those who may be isolated, which is very important, and we as your Eldership will look again in September at any further opening. We hope this is not a disappointment to you, but we are very aware of the safety aspect for everyone in their own personal situations.

Finally, be assured that you are in our thoughts and we know that God is with us even though we are not within the familiar walls of the church. I leave you with a thought - we are the church and as long as we keep our faith, we will be assured that together we will once again gather to worship the Lord.

Every Blessing

Jill

Harvest Basket

“All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.”

September 13th is our Harvest Festival service. This will be on zoom and online as we are not yet returning to our church building. So, we have sent you a basket of fruit and veg!



Normally we would bring donations to church but as this isn't possible this year maybe you could donate to a foodbank or to your favourite charity instead?

We may not be together but we have a lot to be thankful for; please remember in your prayers:

- Farmers who grow and harvest our food
- Transporters delivering food to keep the shelves in our shops full
- Shop workers ready to serve us with a smile – (usually!)
- Foodbanks and charities trying to make sure no one goes hungry
- And, of course, each other and all that we share together.

Apart but together worship for September

September 6 th	Rev. Steven Knapton	Back to School Sunday
September 13 th	Steve Seal	Harvest Celebration
September 20 th	Rev. Jamie Kissack	Yorkshire Synod Moderator
September 27 th	Carol and Val	T.R.I.O. Sunday

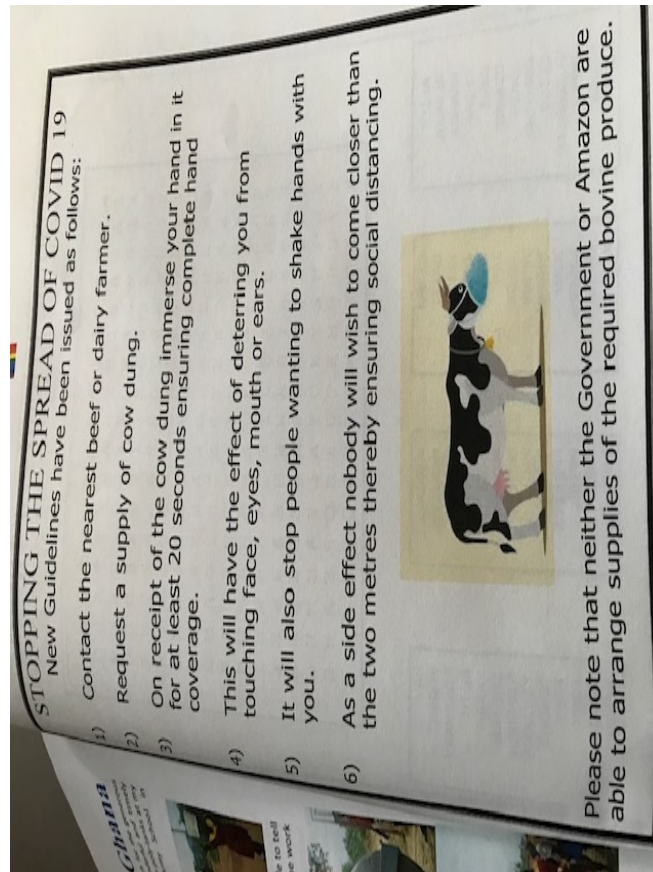
If you are still not sure how to access our online services, you can find them at <https://hornseaurc.org.uk/apart-but-together-worship>.

Email urchornsea@gmail.com if you would like further information on the Zoom services.

Bible book club- an invitation from Steven

One of the things I have missed through this time has been the Bible book club. Personally, I have been so grateful to hear from different people their insights about each of the books we have read. It has helped me to think more about my own understanding of the words and made me do some digging amongst the many commentaries on my bookshelves. So, the plan is, this month of September, we will read the two letters written to Timothy, a young Christian who was put into a challenging job helping to lead a Christian fellowship. Hopefully we will meet, either by Zoom or in person depending on the Covid restrictions, on the Wednesday in the last week of September. If you have not had a go before, why not have a go at reading 1&2 Timothy which you can find towards the end of the New Testament?

Advice passed on by Kathy!



From Marion and John

Marion and John would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers from church and all good wishes received on our Golden Wedding Anniversary which was on the 15th August. We were not sure how our celebrations would go but everything worked out great. Downside was not being able to celebrate with everyone at Church. Take care and hopefully we will all be together soon.

From Audrey Brown

Just a little note to thank all the Elders and many friends for cards, flowers, telephone calls and visits after my recent operation. I really can't thank you all enough.

Prayer Network- an invitation

The prayer network is a small group of people who regularly pray for anyone in need. If you feel you would like to be involved in this, you would be most welcome. We are not meeting together at present; any request for prayers will come to you by phone or e mail, then you can pray as and when you like. For more information please contact Kathy (534603) or Jean (532857).

[Hornsea URC - Don't Miss the Boat Summer Worship Series- Survey](#)

During August this year, we have been running a summer worship series based on Boat stories from the Bible. This has been delivered on Zoom and has also explored different ways of worshipping, learning and growing together.

Your thoughts, ideas and opinions are important as following COVID restrictions we consider how to share in Worship together.

If you have **not** been able to answer this survey online, please complete this paper copy and return it. We can arrange for collection if you contact an Elder.

Thank you

1) How likely is it that you would recommend these Worship services to a friend or colleague?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Not at all likely											extremely likely

2) Overall, how would you rate these services?

<input type="radio"/> excellent	<input type="radio"/> fair
<input type="radio"/> very good	<input type="radio"/> poor
<input type="radio"/> good	

Any other comments?

3) We've explored different ways of worshipping together in this series. What did you like about this worship series?

4) What did you dislike about this series?

5) We used Zoom to deliver the live services. How well organised and accessible was this for you?

<input type="radio"/> extremely organised and accessible	<input type="radio"/> not so organised and accessible
<input type="radio"/> very organised and accessible	<input type="radio"/> not at all organised and accessible
<input type="radio"/> somewhat organised and accessible	

Any other comments?

6) What elements of these services should we take forward for future worship services?

<input type="checkbox"/> prayers	<input type="checkbox"/> opportunity to share together
<input type="checkbox"/> singing	<input type="checkbox"/> readings
<input type="checkbox"/> teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> video presentations
<input type="checkbox"/> discussions (break out groups)	<input type="checkbox"/> weekly task/considerations

7) Based on your preferences, rank these elements of the service (1-8, with 1 being the most important)) in order of importance to you-

prayers	opportunity to share together
singing	readings
teaching	video presentations
discussions (break out groups)	weekly task/considerations

8) Prior to each service, how much of the information that you needed did you get?

<input type="radio"/> all of the information	<input type="radio"/> a little of the information
<input type="radio"/> most of the information	<input type="radio"/> none of the information
<input type="radio"/> some of the information	

9) On average, was the service length too long, too short or, about right?

<input type="radio"/> much too long	<input type="radio"/> too short
<input type="radio"/> too long	<input type="radio"/> much too short
<input type="radio"/> about right	

10) Is there anything else you'd like to share about the series?