

Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter
February 2022



Trio – ‘The Responsibility Is Ours’

What are we responsible for? Find out at our service on February 6th!
A chance to chat together after the service on the 20th too.

Apart and Together Worship in February

Services will take place in the church building and also broadcast live on Zoom this month: -

February 6th Trio service

February 13th Commitment for Life Service

February 20th the service will be followed by our **Church chat**

February 27th

If you miss any of the services you can find them on our dedicated YouTube channel - just search Hornsea URC on YouTube to find us.

Church Chat

Please come to the service on the 20th February and stay for our church chat, we would love to see you there and it will of course include cake! This is our first opportunity to get together for some time and chat about the future of our church and **all** are welcome.

The Leprosy Mission

Thank you to all who raised money for the Leprosy Mission last year.

You raised £569.85 for the Unconditional Appeal which was doubled by the UK Government.

We then sent a cheque for £400.00 at the end of December.

The total raised in 2021 was an amazing £1539.70 which will help transform the lives of people with leprosy. Your continued support is really appreciated.

The 2022 campaign is **Greater Heights** and monies raised will go to build a new research centre at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. The current research centre was badly damaged in the earthquake of 2015 and will not pass the upcoming Nepal government inspection.

The research centre has an exciting research project underway at Anandaban which could enable leprosy to be diagnosed on a smartphone! At the moment diagnosis requires a skin smear or biopsy and this can be tricky in remote mountainous areas.

The new research could be a gamechanger. More cases of leprosy could be found and treated in the early stages than ever before, meaning that thousands of people could be saved from preventable disability.

So, our challenge this year is to buy bricks to help rebuild the research centre!

Watch this space for fundraising ideas and events!

Coffee morning is back!

Spread the news! Coffee morning is running again on Thursdays between 10am and 12 noon. Do call in for a chat and a 'catch up'. You will be most welcome.

Bible Book Club

In January we read the book of James and then met to chat and share what we had read and learned. We were delighted to be joined by a couple of members of the 'Church without walls' this time.

Join us if you can- for February we are reading the Joel and our next meeting will be on February 23rd- do let us know if you would be interested in joining us on Zoom, or meeting in the evening. We would love to accommodate all who are interested.

Quiet Day

Our Quiet 'day' will be held on Saturday 5th March at the convent on Eastgate, starting at 10am and finishing with lunch together. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided. If you have never been to a quiet day before why not give it a try? Details next Newsletter.

February dates for your diary and for prayer: -

1st February- Faith and fellowship group meet.

4th February- Pilots meet. Please pray for our young people.

6th February- TRIO service.

8th February- Faith and fellowship group meet.

9th February- Elders meeting. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the Elders.

11th February- Pilots meet. Please pray for our young people.

13th February- Commitment for Life service

15th February- Faith and fellowship group meet.

18th February- Pilots meet for a social evening before their half term break.

20th February- Church chat- we meet together for a chat for the first time since 'lockdown.'

21st February- Fairtrade Fortnight begins- see below

22nd February- Faith and fellowship group meet.

23rd February- Bible book club at 2pm.

Fairtrade Fortnight

By choosing Fairtrade we are choosing a better future for all of us and the whole planet.

Action on climate change is in our hands.

How is it in our hands you may ask - and how can we change what is happening to the climate?

1. Fairly traded products guarantee a fair price and living wage for **everyone** in the supply chain (eliminating exploitation).
2. All fairly traded products have to meet **environmental and sustainable** targets – many being organic (minimising harm to the planet).
3. Fairtrade **gives people on the margins a voice** (through cooperatives and mutual support).



How is it in our hands? All we have to do is **choose to buy fairly traded products** – there are LOTS of products available on the stall at church and in the supermarkets with the Coop leading the way.

How can we change what is happening to the climate?

Fairly traded products are gentler on the environment than intense, industrial production using fewer resources and chemical interventions. So, by **choosing to buy fairly traded products** we have a much kinder footprint on our planet.

Annie's Eco Corner



Hello, and welcome to my first corner of 2022. I know it is a little late, but we didn't have a January Newsletter, so Happy 2022!

I hope you were able to recycle all your Christmas cards, wrapping paper and food waste into the appropriate bins, and you have taken old and unwanted gifts to the charity shops? Alternatively, you could save any unwanted gifts and reuse them next Christmas or for birthdays- just remember not to give the present back to the person from whom you received it!

We are all being made increasingly aware of the effects that chemical ingredients in household cleaning products can have on us and the environment-just think of the horrible chemical smell you get from proprietary oven cleaners; you need all the windows and door open whilst you use it. A lot of the chemicals are toxic to ourselves and to the environment and wildlife, and they find their way into our waterways via our sinks and drains, and can even end up in our oceans affecting marine ecosystems. Consequently, I have been investigating natural cleaning products and recipes I have found to make you own 100% natural, chemical free products.

A recent one I have found is for a kitchen cleaner, (I also use it in the bathroom, on sinks and taps too), using only two ingredients, plus a couple of empty bottles: -

You will need-

Citrus peel- any mixture is fine

White household vinegar- just make sure it is household vinegar and not the stuff you put on your chips!

Citrus peel contains essential oils which have natural antibacterial properties, and vinegar is a natural deodoriser and degreaser. Store the peel in an empty glass jar with lid. If you can't fill the jar at once you can store it in the freezer and just add more peel until it is full. Once full, add the vinegar to the top of the jar so it covers all the peel, and put the jar in a dark cupboard (I keep mine under the sink), for about 2 weeks- longer is fine, so don't worry if you forget about it.

Strain the vinegar off. It's good to squash the peel as you do so as it extracts as much of the oil from the peel as possible. Throw the peel into your compost bin. Check the vinegar is as sediment free as possible- you may need to strain it again. Add the same volume of water as you have strained vinegar, i.e., 50/50 dilution. Pour the mixture into a spray bottle (reused of course) and label the bottle so you know what it is.

Test it out- you can use it on sinks, kitchen hob, cupboards, worktops, but **DO NOT USE ON GRANITE, MARBLE, OR NATURAL STONE**-vinegar can damage the surface. Always check in an inconspicuous place if unsure. I'm planning on trying out a vinegar free recipe very soon, so I'll let you know what it's like.

Also, on a positive note, you can now recycle 'soft plastic' at both Tesco's and the Coop. Items like bread bags/plastic bags/pet food sachets etc. can now be taken for recycling. My green bin is now pretty much empty, apart from the cat litter I have for my three cats, which I can't recycle.

Happy Cleaning! Love and blessings Ann.

World Day of Prayer 2022

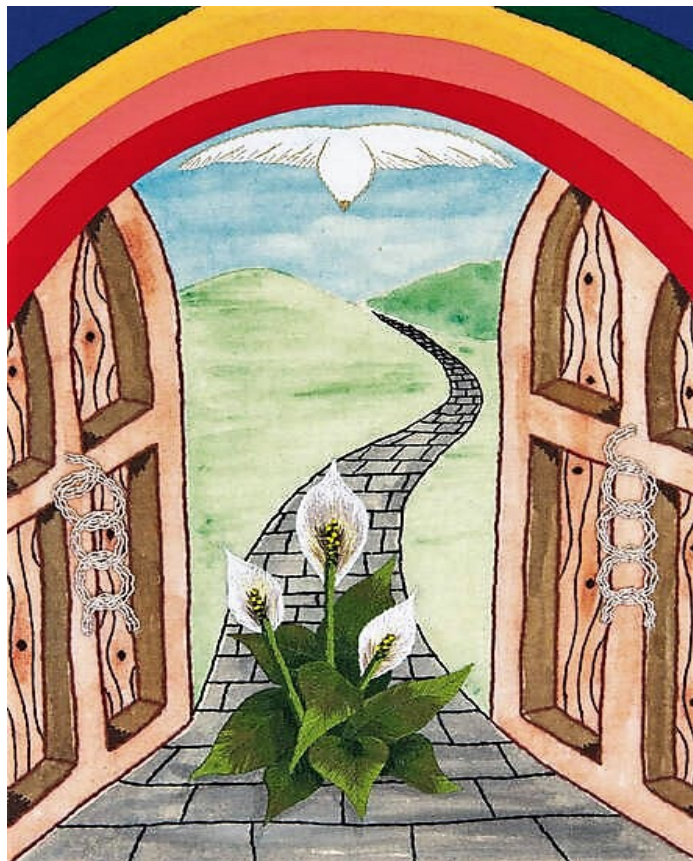
On Friday 4 March 2022 services will take place around the whole world, beginning in Samoa and moving on through New Zealand and Australia, across Asia, Africa and Europe and finally the United States and South America before finishing in American Samoa.

Across England, Wales and Northern Ireland services will take place in large urban centres, such as Central Hall Westminster, and in remote village churches.

In Hornsea, the service will be held at: -

**Sacred Heart Church,
25A Southgate,
Hornsea HU18 1RE
at 2.00pm**

It is an amazing day with millions of people joining a wave of prayer around the whole world – we do hope you can join in too.



For I know the plans I have for you...

Jeremiah 29 v.11

Yorkshire Synod Weekly Prayer for Mission

Try to set aside a few minutes with God, each day. Read the focus for each day as a way to begin your prayer. You can ask the Holy Spirit to lead your thoughts and help you to find words to pray, but the words are not so important. Don't worry if you miss some days out, or just pick it up every now and again. God enjoys meeting you whenever it is

Sunday

Remember how God has been active in the world throughout history including calling the United Reformed Church into being 50 years ago. Thank God for the original vision of uniting Christians in this country, to be better witnesses to Christ.

Monday

Think back on how God has been active in your life. Can you remember a specific time or incident when you felt God was acting in your life, or was more real to you than normal? Give thanks to God.

Tuesday

God is still active in the world today, and also speaking to, and leading Christians and the worldwide Church. Ask God to remain present and real to us in this current time of change that can be frustrating, confusing, and painful.

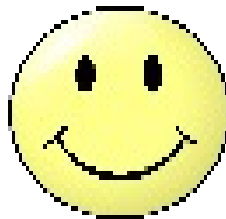
Wednesday

Think about where you see God is being active in your life at the moment. What might God be saying to you this week? Ask God to give you 'ears to listen'.

Thursday

Thank God for still having a purpose and a mission in the world and plans for the future. Ask God to show your church and the synod what our next steps might be, what new paths we might take.

Friday



God hasn't finished with you yet. Ask God to show you what next steps Jesus might be asking you to take, in your faith or in your life.

Saturday

End the week with a prayer you find helpful about mission, for example the LYCiG prayer:

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, power to our witness and joy to our worship. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community

Lord of all, as you walked this earth sharing love, grace and mercy, we pray that we will place our footsteps in yours and walk where you lead as we live out your life in our daily living.

For Jesus' sake, Amen.



A TIME FOR HEADSPACE FOR THE ADULTS
AS PEOPLE WILL BE RUNNING ACTIVITIES
TO OCCUPY THE CHILDREN

FAMILIES AT 3

STARTS TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL
TUESDAYS FROM 3PM UNTIL 5PM
ALL ARE WELCOME

REFRESHMENTS

CRAFT ACTIVITIES
PAINTING, SAND AND WATER PLAY,
QUIET ACTIVITIES - LIKE JIGSAWS,
BOARD GAMES, READING CORNER ETC.

GET HELP WITH HOMEWORK,
READING AND SPELLING

BABIES AND
TODDLERS,
NURSERY TO AGE 11
AND ABOVE TOO.