

Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter March 2022



Becoming Church Lent Series:

The Book of Acts gives us a fascinating insight into the life, fellowship, and worship of the early church, as it developed post-Pentecost. Based on Acts 2 vs 42 - 47 the verses that form the backbone of this study are very familiar, often referred to as 'Holy Habits', and are always worth spending a little time with, as they speak to us about our own 'habits' and how they might change, or adapt, to the greater benefit of God's call on us to share our faith and make disciples 'of every nation'.

Our BECOMING CHURCH Lent series will take us through 5 services, followed by Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as follows:

- 6th March Becoming Church: Learning and Growing Together
- 13th March Becoming Church: Breaking Bread Together and Prayer
- 20th March Becoming Church: God's power at work
- 27th March Becoming Church: A sense of community
- 3rd April Becoming Church: An outward looking church
- 10th April Palm Sunday
- 17th April Easter Sunday

Acts 2 vs 42 – 47

"They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers.

43 Many miracles and wonders were being done through the apostles, and everyone was filled with awe. 44 All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. 45 They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all, according to what each one needed. 46 Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, 47 praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved."

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.

Lent

Lent (March 2nd- April 14th) offers an opportunity for individuals and worshipping communities to discover new depths to prayer and spiritual growth. Here at Hornsea U.R.C. we are offering a quiet day: -

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?

Lynn will be leading us, and she writes "it will be a relaxed time together including Bible study and times of reflection and response, plus sharing in bread and wine at the end. If I could have a vague idea of numbers by the Weds 2nd (Ash Weds) before, that will help me with resources".

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 February we read the book of Joel and then met to chat and share what we had read and learned.

Join us if you can- for March we are reading the gospel of Mark, and our next meeting will be on March 30th- either at 2pm or at 7.30pm in the hall.

Synod Mission Advocate

Last Sunday you may have met Jon Steel, who was visiting us and joined us for our church chat. As part of the Synod initiative to raise the profile of mission, Jon has begun hosting monthly Zoom get-togethers to ask the question "What is Mission?"

These are a chance for **anyone** in the churches across Yorkshire to chat and reflect on the meaning of 'Mission'. More information, including the Zoom link, can be had from Jon via his new e-mail- missionadvocate@urcyorkshire.org.uk. The next session will be on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm and you will be made most welcome.

Yorkshire URC Synod Discipleship Development Fund

This fund is available to encourage and support individuals within the United Reformed Church engage with a journey of developing personal discipleship. It is available for any URC member or regular URC attender of any age who is not a Minister of Word and Sacraments or Church Related Community Worker. Yorkshire Synod Ministries Committee are pleased to share with you that grants of up to £200 are now available. Individuals can apply for help with the cost of attending an approved discipleship course, activities or retreats offered by

others. Please contact Kath Lonsdale, Convenor of Yorkshire Ministries, kathlonsdale@talktalk.net or 01274 315203 to apply for this grant.

Church Chat

Thank you to all who attended the church chat last Sunday and those who sent in comments. Your thoughts will be prayerfully considered at the Elders meeting on March 9th.

March dates for your diary and for prayer: -

1st Elders from URC and Stewards from the Methodist church meeting together

2nd Start of Lent. Elders visit to Scarborough U.R.C.

3rd Christians together in Hornsea prayer meeting 2.30pm at URC all welcome

4th **World Day of Prayer** 2pm at Sacred Heart Catholic church all welcome

5th Quiet Day at Eastgate Convent 10a.m.- 2p.m

6th Start of Becoming Church series

9th **Synod visit to our building to discuss redevelopment plans.** Elders meeting.

16th Christians together in Hornsea prayer meeting 7.30pm **at URC** all welcome

22nd a Zoom meeting with the Synod Mission Advocate at 7.30pm.

26th Elders Day on zoom and in person in Harrogate- open to **All** *not just* elders

30th Bible book club 2pm or 7.30 pm in the hall

Building Redevelopment

March is an important month for our plans to redevelop the front of the building.

On 3rd March the listed buildings committee will meet to consider our plans; the Synod Property committee are meeting at our church on the 9th March to discuss the plans with us. The Synod finance committee will then meet on the 15th March to say yes or no to the plans. Please pray for these meetings. Mark will be glad to discuss this with you and answer any questions you have.

A Thank you

I would like to thank everyone in Church for the lovely flowers and cards I received on my return from hospital. It was so kind and helped cheer me up. A special thank you also to Carol for ferrying me backwards and forwards for my hospital appointments. It was greatly appreciated.

Margaret Hodgetts

World Day of Prayer 2022

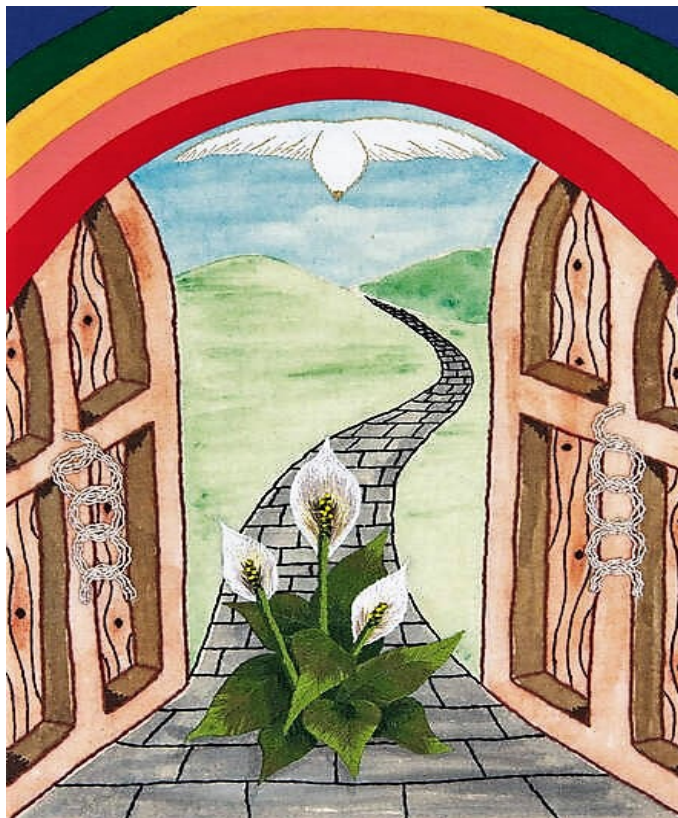
On **Friday 4 March** 2022 services will take place around the whole world, beginning in Samoa and moving on through New Zealand and Australia, across Asia, Africa and Europe and finally the United States and South America before finishing in American Samoa.

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.





Annie's Eco Corner

Hello Everyone,

February certainly goes quickly; it's surprising how just those 2 or 3 fewer days make the end of the month come round sooner.

As many of you will know I now have a new Canine Partner puppy called 'Dawn', in memory of Sharlah's mum (no pressure I'm assured!), but if she has any of Dawn's spirit, she will be a feisty pup!

We are, amongst other things, working on toilet training, which has meant I'm thinking about poo- a lot! I've begun to consider how we dispose of doggy poo when we take our dogs out, and as there are approximately 500 million plastic poo bags used worldwide every year, that's a lot of poo and poo bags to think about. They are an essential piece of kit for any responsible dog owner, but how much do we actually think about what happens after it goes in the bin?

Of course, the poo itself will rot down and decompose but what about the plastic bag? Lots of poo bags are labelled as 'decomposable' which sounds great, but in reality, all that means is the bag will break down into ever smaller pieces, but never fully disappear. What we need to do is use bags which are labelled as 'compostable' and fulfil European standard EN 13432. These are made from cornstarch, so will completely decompose and leave no trace at all. Whilst they are a little bit more expensive, they are completely eco-friendly and much better for the planet.

I hope some of you managed to try out the 'recipe' for the eco friendly surface cleaner made from citrus peel and white vinegar? If not, or you prefer something ready-made, the Leafy Seadragon's multi-surface cleaner has been tried and recommended for everyday use. You can refill your own bottle, or if you don't have a suitable bottle, you can buy one to fill and then keep refilling it in the shop.

Their laundry liquid has also been tried and tested and found to be very good. Its suitable for those who have sensitive skin and often struggle with the 'Big Brand' detergents, it can work out cheaper and the cleaning power is just as comparable.

Now the weather is slowly improving (strong winds notwithstanding), we can start to spend more time outside in the beautiful world we have been given to enjoy and care for.

Every blessing

Ann.

Pancake Day on Tuesday 1st March



What will you have on your pancakes? Lemons, oranges, honey, sugar, chocolate or bananas all taste good. Please buy Fairtrade versions, and wash down with a lovely Fairtrade cuppa - here's why: -

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?



- Fairly traded products guarantee a fair price and living wage for **everyone** in the supply chain (eliminating exploitation).
- All fairly traded products have to meet **environmental and sustainable** targets – many being organic (minimising harm to the planet).
- 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.

'SWOP SHOP' will be open every Sunday morning in March for you to try a new brand of fairly traded tea, coffee, chocolate, washing up liquid etc.

Christian's Together in Hornsea Held a very successful launch of Families at 3 on Tuesday 22nd February with almost 30 people taking part. All had a fabulous time and there was much enthusiasm for next week's session.

The aim of Families at 3 is to give families a space to just 'be'. There are games, crafts, jigsaws and books suitable for all ages along with refreshments and plenty of space to just chat or do your own thing.

Sessions are weekly on Tuesday evenings, in school term time, between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. There is no charge and you can come and go when it suits you (e.g. 2 families came at 3.00 and left at 4.00 to go to swimming lessons).

If you know of a family who would benefit from such a space or if you would like to be part of the terrific team from all the churches, who simply support the activities - just have a word with Margaret K or Carol K who have both volunteered to be a part of Families at 3.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – at the last meeting of Christians Together in Hornsea the idea of purchasing a Commemoration Mug for every Primary School pupil in Hornsea was suggested. The people attending thought this would be an excellent idea as the mugs would be a gift from Christian's as well as reflecting the Queens faith and service over 70 years.

As a member of a church congregation would you be willing to sponsor a mug? We can discuss this at our next Church Chat.



A prayer for Ukraine

Holy God,

We hold before you all who live close to war and conflict; and all who live close to the threat of war and violence.

We remember especially at this time, people in Ukraine and Russia. We pray for non-violence and peaceful resolutions of conflict.

Give us hearts of hospitality and sanctuary, forgive us all our hostility and hatred.

Bring all people to the humanity you give us, and to the reconciliation and healing for which you gave your life.

Strengthen us all to work with you to build justice and peace, reconciliation and healing, in our hearts and homes, in our streets, in all communities, neighbourhoods and nations.

Bless all who live lives for the peace and well-being of others, and make their service fruitful.

In the name of Christ.

Amen

By the Revd Inderjit Bhogal, Honorary President, The Fellowship of Reconciliation <https://for.org.uk/>