

Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter April 2022



Last Supper- Artist Sieger Koder

*When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."
Luke 22 v.14,15*

Easter Worship

Sunday 10th April 10.30 Palm Sunday- Passion service

Friday 15th April 10.30 Good Friday service

Saturday 16th April- 10.30-12.30 Easter walk

Sunday 17th April- Easter Day

5.45 Sunrise service- meet on the seafront near the Leisure Centre

10.30 Easter Day service including Holy Communion

12 noon Hornsea churches gathering in Memorial Gardens to sing together!



He is not here- Artist Hanna Varghese... "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

Luke 24 v5,6.



Easter Story Trail

Saturday 16th April between 10.30 and 12.30.



There will be activities and things to collect at each station.

It is suitable for all ages but we ask that children
be accompanied by an adult.

There is no need to register this year
(no Covid restrictions in place).

The churches will be open

Contact numbers for further details
01964 532531 or 01964 533576

Please speak to Margaret if you are able to help with welcoming those visiting our church as part of the trail. Thank you.

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PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

Our next Worship series will be entitled Practical Christianity, starting on **Sunday 24th April**. This series is an opportunity for us to explore key areas of the Christian faith and examine our approach to various some of the challenges and considerations we all face. The series will enable us to learn more about ourself, about God and about how we can bring our faith to life.

Sunday 24th April Practical Christianity- the Bible.

Church meeting (A.G.M.) and lunch



During our Practical Christianity series, we will be running a new group, meeting on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings each week. This group will meet each week for an opportunity to share, discuss and explore together the message/learnings/challenges from the previous Sunday, in an informal way around tea and coffee (and possibly Cake!)

Building Redevelopment

The architects' plans have been agreed by the Synods Listed Buildings Committee and The Synods Property Committee following the committee's on-site visit. We are now awaiting the outcome of our 'Vision and Opportunities Grant Application' from Synod concerning finance and funding, and other funding applications are in the process of being made. Updates to follow in due course - watch this space! We will also be giving a full update at the upcoming Church Meeting: -

Church AGM

The **Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 24th April** – after a shorter church service.

We are hoping it will be quite an occasion as we plan to serve soup and cake (bring your own sandwiches if you would like) – our first 'Church Lunch' since lock-down!

There will be the usual business of any AGM plus lots of discussion, around the tables, about the things suggested in the Church Chat and how we can bring them into our worship, prayer and service.

Church flowers

I am writing this on a beautiful spring morning looking at the daffodils and crocus 's in our garden. What joy they bring after a bleak winter. They put a smile on our faces. Flowers are an important part of our church; I am sure you will all have received flowers from church at some time. We enjoy putting them in church every week for you to enjoy them give them out at the end of the service to individual people to enjoy at home. If you would like flowers to be out in church on a date close to your heart, please put your name on the flower list in the hall or have a word with me. You can buy and arrange the flowers yourself or I and one of my flower ladies will be happy to buy them and arrange them for you. Any contributions would be very welcome.

Thank you, take care. Ann J x.

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.

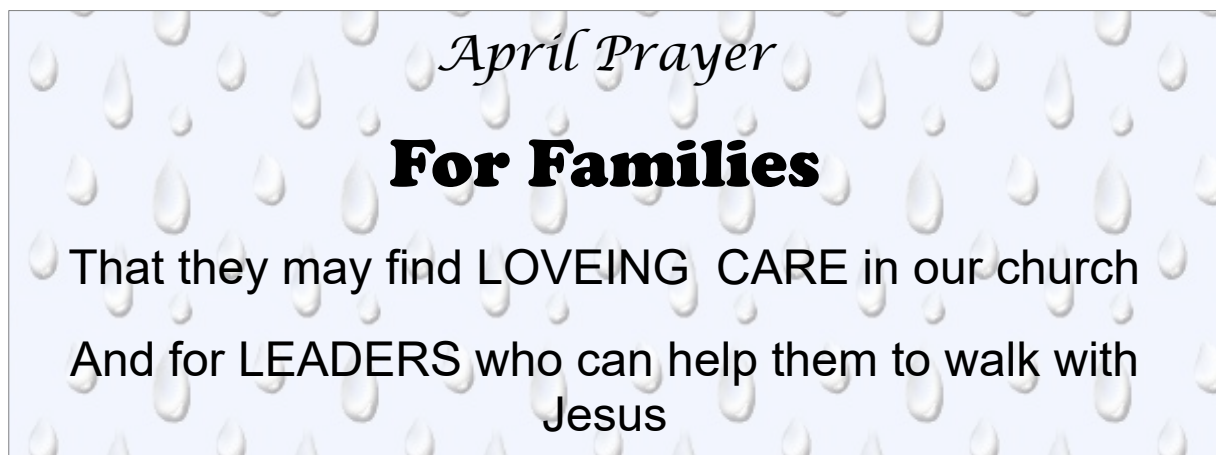
Bible Book Club

In March we read the gospel of Mark and then met to chat and share what we had read and learned. We held an evening meeting of book club as well this month, so join us if you can- for April we are reading the first 18 chapters of the book of Exodus. Our next meetings will be on Wednesday April 27th- either at 2pm or at 7.30pm in the hall.

Praying as a Church

Thank you to all who attended the church chat last Sunday and those who sent in comments. Your thoughts were prayerfully considered at the Elders meeting on March 9th. One thing that became evident was how many of us have similar thoughts and desires for the church. They are not just a 'wish list' but part of God's plan for our witness and service in this community. We need to bring these requests and plans before God in prayer to listen for guidance and inspiration and be amazed...At the Elders meeting we thought it would be a good suggestion to have a **Monthly Prayer Card** which covers some of the ideas/issues raised. One of the most common requests to arise from the Church Chat was for Families.

For April we would like to ask you all to pray for: -



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Presented to Hornsea
primary school
children by**



June 2022

You may remember that last month we reported that Christians Together in Hornsea were hoping to be able to present a Commemorative Mug to every child at Hornsea Burton and Hornsea Community Primary school.

Well, this is the design and the order has been placed ...

There are over 600 pupils and we have had a substantial donation towards the cost already.

If you would like to sponsor a mug, the amount to be at your discretion, – please put it in an envelope marked Platinum Jubilee Mug and pop it into the collection box in church or give it to any elder.

Many thanks.



The Yorkshire Synod's BIG DAY'S OUT are back!

Open to ALL the church family, friends and relatives + anyone who meets in our church or hall.

We have been enjoying the BIG Day Out as a synod for a number of years now it is an opportunity to bring together church families from across the synod for a day of laughter, fun and worship.

Lightwater Valley has a wide range of rides and activities to suit all ages. This includes soft play areas, outdoor adventure parks, treetop trampolines, a carousel, crazy golf, swan boats and a relaxing train ride that travels through the entire park. There is also a forest area with woodland walks and nature trails.

If you find yourself needing a moment, or looking for someone to talk to, or fancying a warm drink then head to the Show Barn. A small team of people will be in the Show Barn throughout the whole day. There will be a time for worship together at some point during the day. This will be inclusive to all.

The synod will also be running a short program out of 2 marquees in the park for you to get involved in if you wish. JPIT will be talking to us about climate change and we will be celebrating 50 years of the United Reformed Church. And keep your eyes open for wandering nativity characters.... Food and drink are available at the park but there are also plenty of picnic areas so feel free to bring your own lunch.

The entry fee is much reduced to £15 per person 3+ and the Synod is subsidising the cost of our coach – making the cost about £5 a head, if we fill the coach.

September may seem a way off but an early commitment will mean that we can book a 53-seater coach (and apply for the subsidy) and start saving up – final payments can be taken up to the 3rd September. Booking forms available in church or from Margaret Knapton



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 wellbeing 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/>