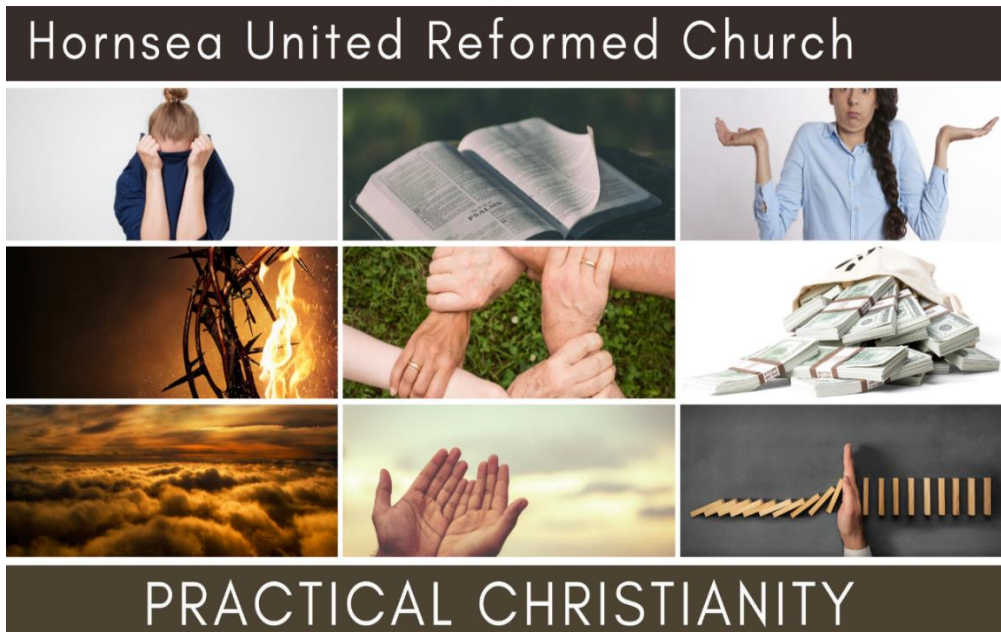


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Our current Worship series is entitled Practical Christianity. This series is an opportunity for us to explore key areas of the Christian faith and examine our approach to some of the challenges and considerations we all face. The series will enable us to learn more about ourselves, about God and about how we can bring our faith to life.

Our series will continue through May as follows:

- 1st May Practical Christianity: Doubting
- 8th May Practical Christianity: Pray (including Holy Communion)
- 15th May Practical Christianity: Money
- 22nd May Practical Christianity: Community
- 29th May Ascension Sunday Practical Christianity: Purpose

In addition, we are joining with our friends at the Methodist for a 'Tea and Praise' service on Sunday 8th May at 5pm in our church. All are welcome.

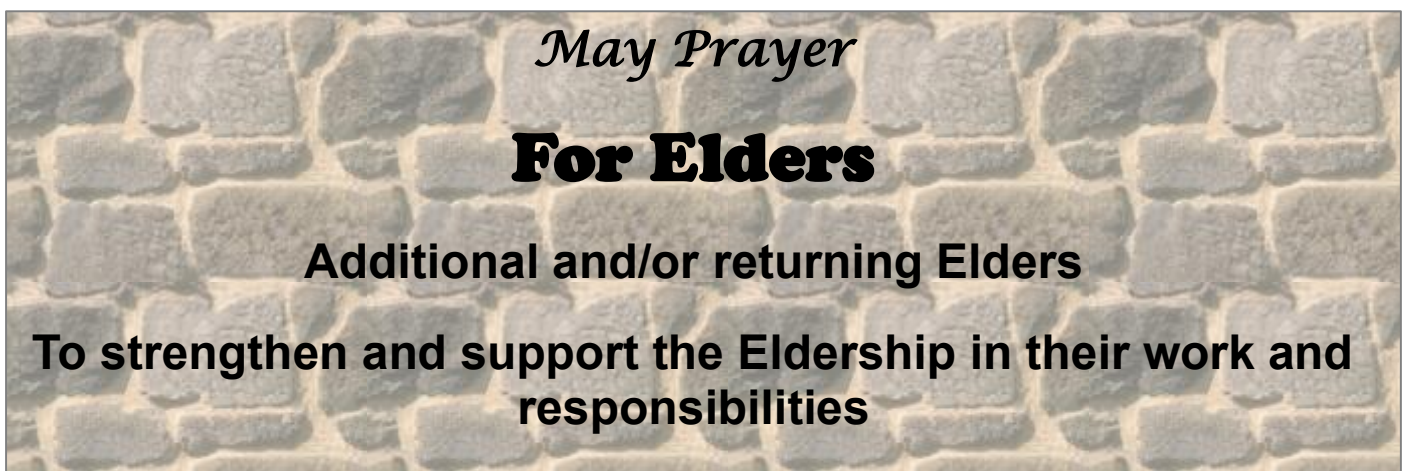
Practical Christianity Explored

During our Practical Christianity series, we are running a new group, meeting **on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm and Saturday mornings at 10a.m. each week**. This is 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!). Please do come along.

Bible Book Club

In April we read the first eighteen chapters of Exodus 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 May we are reading the book of Hebrews. Our next meetings will be on Wednesday May 25th- either at 2pm or at 7.30pm in the hall.

For **May** we would like to ask you all to pray for the Elders, and for our next meeting on Wednesday May 11th. Thank you. These prayer cards will be in the pews for you to take away-



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations- Can you help?

Do you, or anyone you know, or group you belong to, have a portrait or photograph of the Queen? We are hoping to borrow one to use as part of the Jubilee celebration decorations in our building. If you can help, please let Ann Jordan know.

Thank you, Ann

Telephone Support Network

It would be wonderful if any members let me know of any church member who would appreciate a telephone call because they feel isolated, not being able to get to church for whatever reason. Our outreach is for all, not just for the community. We serve members as well as non members. 01964 54039/07940176756 or jubri@uwclub.net.

Many thanks, June

Residential Care Homes Worship

Stuart House and Mere Hall residential homes have asked if it would be possible for some people to come and lead worship for them sometimes.

Tina, from the Parish Church, has brought this request to the Christians Together meeting to see if we can make it happen.

If we could get together a group of about six people, from various churches, to come along and sing hymns, that the residents could join in, with perhaps a reading and a prayer and if you have a bit more time to stay for a chat with the residents afterward - that would be fantastic.

It is hoped to visit each home once a month – the more teams, the lighter the commitment.

It is very worthwhile for all taking part and if this is something you feel called to support, please have a word with Margaret K, Val or any elder.

Many Thanks.

Platinum Jubilee Mugs

HAVE ARRIVED!



These will be given to children in Hornsea Burton and Hornsea Community Primary schools as a gift from all the churches in Hornsea.

If you would like to make a donation towards these – could you put it in an envelope marked **Jubilee mugs** and place it in the collection box as you enter the church.

Many thanks for your support.

Buy a brick for Leprosy



The Leprosy Mission want to build a new Research Centre at Anandaban Hospital.

High on a hill at Anandaban in Nepal a pioneering work is taking place. In a crumbling lab on a mountain top, the team are making scientific breakthroughs that will have a global impact.

But the lab is now at risk of closing. It's too small, not fit for purpose and was severely damaged in the terrible earthquakes of 2015. It won't pass the upcoming Nepali Government inspection. Without this lab, the chance to end leprosy in our lifetime will be lost forever.

The research team desperately needs to develop an early diagnostic test for leprosy. This is vital to diagnose leprosy on the spot, so we can cure people as quickly as possible. They are already testing pioneering new treatments to prevent people suffering physical disabilities because of leprosy. To save more people from the devastating effects of leprosy, we must build a new world-class research centre at Anandaban, on the roof of the world.

Steven was telling us on Sunday of his upcoming 'significant' birthday and that he would be donating an appropriate amount to buy bricks for Anandaban.

Would you like to 'Buy a Brick' for Anandaban? £1 per brick.

There will be a box for donations at the front of church and we will build a wall to see how far our donations are going!

All monies donated for the rest of the year will go towards the building of the new research centre.

Thank you, Carol



Annie's Eco Corner

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to this month's green corner. I have two important things to make you aware of this month. Firstly-

The Big Plastic Count 16th-22nd May

The U.K. produces more plastic waste per person than almost any other country, only the United States is worse. The Big Plastic Count is the U.K.'s biggest ever investigation into household plastic waste. The evidence obtained from the survey will be used to push the government, supermarkets, and manufacturers to take much needed, urgent action to tackle the problem of the U.K.'s plastic waste.

The count will be held over the same week all over the U.K. - 16th-22nd May and you can obtain all the information you need and sign up at-

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up>

When you sign up, you get a digital electronic pack e-mailed to you, or you can ask for a pack to be sent out by post (recycled paper and plastic free of course). You can also download the digital pack and print off your paper copy of the 'how to' guide and tally sheet.

Please join me, because we need as many households as possible to take part. Let's get to the truth about plastic waste and what actually happens when it goes to be recycled.

The second thing to tell you about is our-

Green Eco Fair Saturday 10th September

Put this date in your diary/on your calendar! We are inviting local businesses and initiatives who are trying to 'do their bit' to help address climate change to take part. They can be using local resources, using minimal packaging, addressing waste issues, using alternative sources of energy, anything that helps towards the issue of climate change.

*Hopefully there will be presentations from different organisations and also a selection of local trade and business stalls at the fair. I have also contacted our **Green Apostle** at Synod, who will hopefully be able to attend. She will be able to update us on what the Synod is doing to support churches to fulfil their 'creation custodianship', and how our church can move forward in that role. There will be a lot more information to come about this event, so we will keep you updated over the coming months.*

God Bless. Ann



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

Val shares with us this poem she came across: -

MEMORIES LINGER

We met, we married a long time ago
We worked long hours wages were low
No telly, no radio, no bath, times were hard
Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard.

No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors
We had coal on the fire and never locked doors
Our children arrived, no 'pill' in those days
and we brought them up without 'State Aids'

No Valium, no drugs, no LSD
We cured our pains with a good cup of tea
If you were sick you were treated at once
Not fill in a form and come back in six months.

No vandals, no muggers, there were nowt to rob
In fact, we were rich with a couple of bob.

People were happier in those far off days
Kinder and caring in so many ways
Milkmen and paper boys used to whistle and sing
And a night at the flix was our one mad fling.

Oh, we had our share of troubles and strife
But we had to face it 'That is Life'
But now we are old and look back through the years
We don't think of the bad times, the troubles and the tears.

We remember the blessings, our home and our love
We shared them together and thanked God above.

If you have anything you want to include in next month's Newsletter, please see one of the Elders or e mail Jean- jeanbarrett001@gmail.com. Thanks.