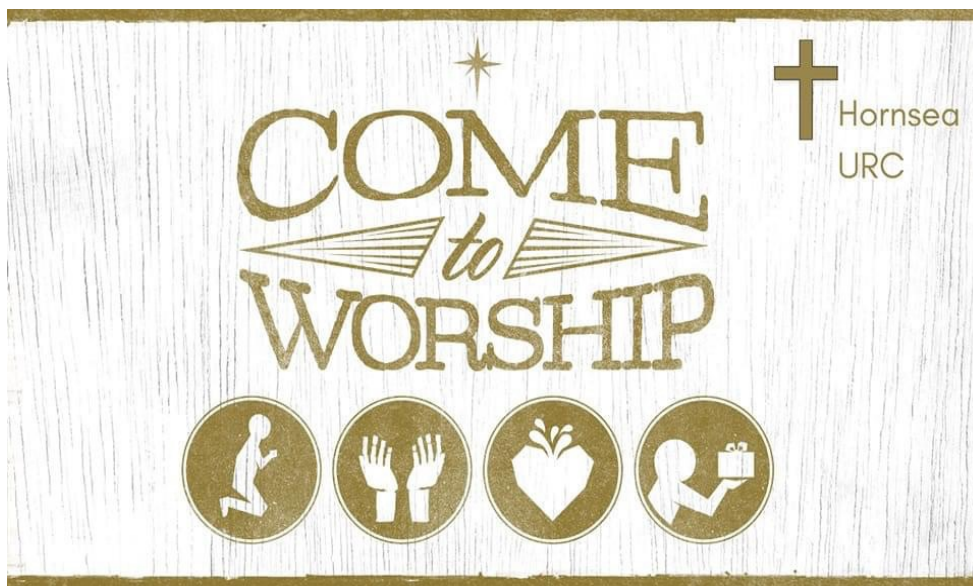


Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter January/February 2023



January/February Worship

Sunday 22nd January -Come to Worship- Bringing your gifts

Sunday 29th January- Come to Worship- Pouring out your heart

Sunday 5th February- Come to Worship- Bowing before Him
(Service will be followed by Church Lunch)

Sunday 12th February- Come to Worship-Communion- What does it mean?

Sunday 19th February- Transfiguration Sunday- Songs of Praise service

Sunday 26th February- 1st Sunday in Lent- Life in all its fullness- Relating

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.

Additional dates for your diary- details in this Newsletter

Wed 25th Jan 2pm and 7pm Bible book club in the Hall

Thursday 26th Jan 2.30pm World Day of Prayer planning meeting in the Hall

Saturday 28th February 12 noon- Making Music- in church

Friday 3rd February 9.30 a.m. Dog walk

Sunday 5th February Church lunch after the service

Saturday 11th February Zoom training -Making sense of the Minor Prophets

Tuesday 14th February Christians together in Hornsea meeting 10a.m. Hollis Room

Regular events

Every Tuesday 2p.m. Faith and Fellowship in the Hall

Every Thursday 9.30- 3pm Coffee/warm space

Every Friday 6pm Pilots

Every Saturday 10 am Christianity Explored group in the Hall

Making Music



Following the music sessions done as part of last years Alternative August services, several people expressed an interest in getting together to sing and play occasionally just for fun.

On **Saturday 28th January at 12 noon** the church will be available for anyone who wants to come along and give it a go.

Songs of Praise service- Sunday 19th February

Do you have a favourite hymn or worship song? If you have a hymn or song that you would like including in our Sunday worship service on the 19th February, please speak to Jill or Steve

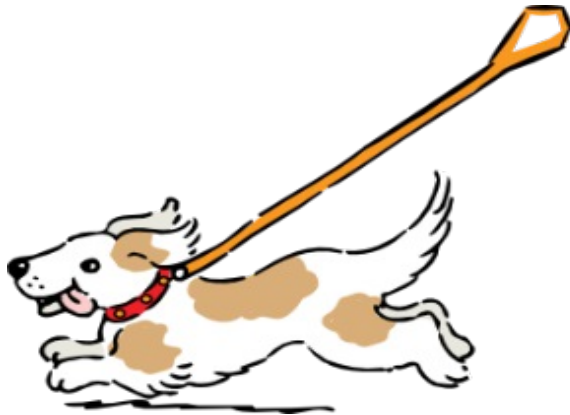
Church lunch

Our next church lunch will be after the service on **February 5th**. All are welcome to stay. We will provide a 'first course', and would be grateful if you could bring anything you would count as 'afters'- cake/biscuit/pudding etc. Any offers of help with washing up gratefully received, please speak to Jean

Flowers

A gentle reminder that the flower rota for this year is on the church notice board in the hall. Please put your name next to any date you would like to have flowers put in church. Please don't hesitate to have a word with me. I am aware some people cannot get to church so please get in touch with me 533852 if you would like flowers arranged. Thank you. Ann J.

Dog Walkers



Many in our church family regularly walk their dogs, so if you would like to walk together, (with or without a dog) we will be starting a short walk from the Floral Hall on

Friday 3rd February at 9.30 a.m.

Bible Book Club

In January we have been reading the book of **Esther**. (Some of us may have yet to start!!- there is still time, it's only a short book). We will meet to chat and share what we have read and learned. It is great to hear other people's ideas and thoughts about what we read; none of us are 'experts' but we all have something to offer.

Join us if you can- our next meeting will be **on Wednesday January 25th at 2pm and 7pm-** in the hall.

Building project Update

You may be asking "Where are the builders?"

Our plans for the development of the church entrance were discussed and agreed last year, and the plans displayed on the church noticeboard before Christmas. Much work has been done behind the scenes, obtaining grant money from various bodies.

One hold up has been the requirement to commission a report to say the trees in the garden would not be adversely affected by the planned ramp, which has now been done and submitted.

The U.R.C. Yorkshire Synod have been very supportive from the outset, and met again recently to look at financing some of the work. Their feeling was that we should progress in a 'phased way', given the current economic climate, so that we do not overstretch ourselves financially. This seemed good to us as well, so new Architects drawings have been done to 'split' the project into phases.

The bottom line is that work will start with the lighting in church, as this is a priority to meet current regulations. This phase will also include work on the ramp outside and the removal of the internal wall to enlarge the 'porch'.

The plans are on display again on the porch noticeboard, and if you have any questions, please see Mark or Margaret.



Imagine being stuck at home due to poor mobility or illness; there are no regular visitors e.g., milkman, paper boy or postman, therefore you are unable to have a conversation with anyone no matter how brief. After a while this situation would make you feel extremely lonely and isolated and ultimately depressed. To some this is a reality, they experience it week in, week out. A simple phone call could make such difference to a lonely person. It may reassure them that someone is thinking of them and they are not forgotten. This is where our Living Well telephone support network plays a part. A weekly call can help lift the spirits knowing there is a lifeline to the outside world. The Living well Telephone Support Network was established in 2012- just one week before Dame Esther Rantzen set up her Silverline for elderly people. We have managed to keep our service going through the pandemic and lockdown, and although our client base has dwindled due to people being called to a better place, or now residing in a care home, where our calls are no longer required; alas, so too has our team of volunteer callers

If you are a good listener and could spare a couple of hours a week either on a Monday afternoon or a Friday Morning, please get in touch with us and join our happy band of callers. Alternatively, if you know of someone who is in need of and would benefit from a weekly call,

please contact us on-01964 35644 and leave a message

or call in at one of our Thursday Coffee Mornings at the Hornsea United Reformed and leave your name and number with one of the helpers.

This service operates under strict data protection guidelines so all information is classed as confidential and cannot be shared with anyone outside the volunteer team. It can be extremely rewarding to know you have brightened some one's day just by sparing the time for a chat. We are also able to sign post clients to the agencies if needed, e.g., council services or charities like Mind, Bereavement services; Citizen's advice etc. Come and join us and help brighten someone's life.

June Barton

Letter to the Editor

How lovely to get 'feedback', this from Allan: -

'Dear Marion,

At a glance of the first page of December's Newsletter I thought I was looking at Gonzo of Muppet fame, second glance however made me realise it was the crib. I'm still wondering though, did the shepherds bring a Monkey Wrench and was baby Jesus destined to become a mechanic? - No wonder He took up preaching!

A lovely Christmas picture Marion, keep up the good work.

Peace, Allan'

Prayer

A note from Ilena I wanted to share with you. - "I think the word for 2023 is prayer, pray, petition, intimacy ..."

In all things

Without ceasing

With honesty

Alone

With others

With Jesus

Silent

Written

Spoken

In praise

In worship

In repentance

In forgiveness

In petition

Intimately

With Thanksgiving

And Faith.

Lord let this be my (our) prayer.

Amen.

Prayer partners and Prayer Network

The prayer partners scheme is still in operation, as is the prayer network. Both are open to ALL, and we would welcome new people. The prayer network is a group of people committed to pray for any names or situations we are asked as a church to pray for, which are sent to you in confidence. The prayer partner scheme involves being 'paired up' with another church member for the week and arranging to meet up and pray together. For more information speak to Jean.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

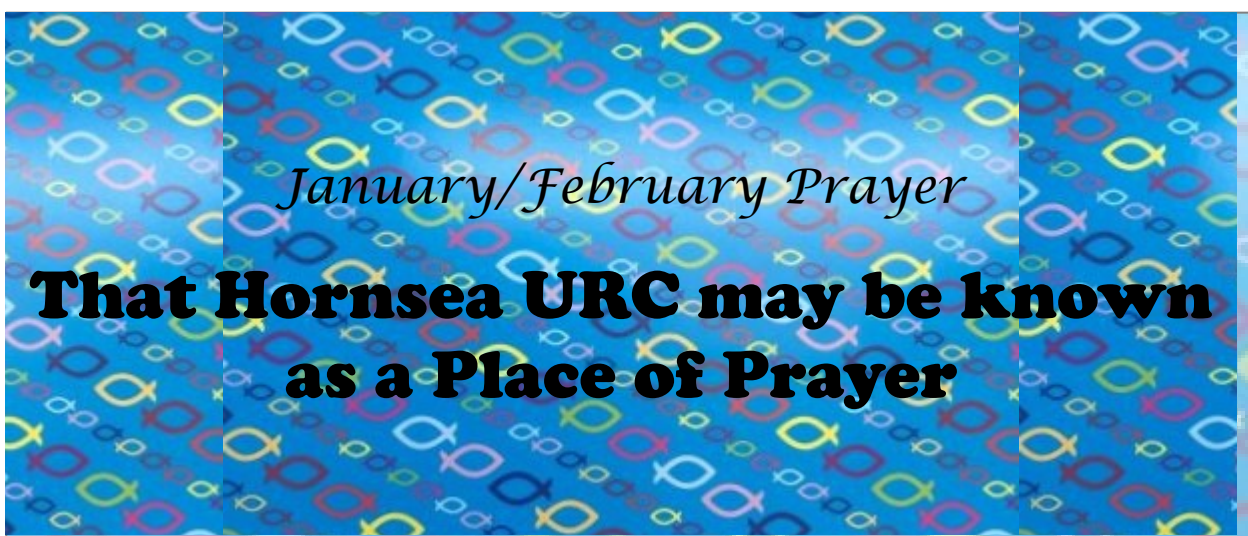
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. However, some areas observe it at Pentecost which will be the case in Hornsea – BUT – if you would like to have a look at the material - prepared by the churches of Minneapolis please follow this link - [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

The World Day of Prayer

Will be taking place in Hornsea URC this year on Friday 3rd March – it has been prepared by the women of Taiwan and entitled "I have heard about your faith" - again if you would like to find out more – follow this link - [Homepage - World Day Of Prayer \(wwdp.org.uk\)](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) even better, why not come along to the planning meeting on Thursday 26th Jan @ 2.30pm @ the URC.

Exploring Prayer

This term the **Pilots** are exploring prayer: - what is it; when/how do you pray; why is it important etc. Please support them and the whole family of the church by joining in with the prayer for January/February.



Making Sense of the Minor Prophets

On **Saturday 11th February**, between 10.00am and midday Dr Alison Gray, one of the Old Testament lecturers from Westminster college, will lead a zoom session for us on this day entitled

“Making Sense of the Minor Prophets: An overview and a deep dive into preaching on Jonah”

This is a date for the diary for anyone interested in joining this session. Whether you are a minister, lay preacher, worship leader or just interested in this topic please consider keeping this date free. Registration is now open via office@urcyorkshire.org.uk. The link and pre information will be sent to those registered nearer the date.



You are invited...

The Lectio Course: How to Hear God by Praying the Bible
is a five session series with Pete Greig and special guests exploring the ancient practice of Lectio Divina.

GEAR is hosting the course on Zoom in March, and all are welcome.
Join us every Thursday from 7.30-9pm.

To join us, and receive the Zoom details,
please email Matt:
chairman@gear.org.uk



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