

Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter March 2023



Our new Lent series, **LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS**, starts on Sunday 26th February and runs right up to Easter Sunday on the 9th April.

As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called 'to work for the flourishing of all people and the flourishing of the whole of creation'. 'Life in all its fullness' is the gift God wants for all of us. But if we are to live that calling well, we will need to find a sustainable, nurturing shape for our own lives, so easily over-busy with the stressful and overwhelming demands of modern living. [CLICK HERE](#)

As we journey through lent together and prepare for Easter, we will examine what this means individually, as a church and as part of the community

Worship services- Life in all its fullness

Sunday 26 th February	Relating
Sunday 5 th March	Praying (followed by church lunch)
Sunday 12 th March	Working (including Holy Communion)
Sunday 19 th March	Playing - Mothers Day
Sunday 26 th March	Growing (remember the clocks go forward!)

Additional dates for your diary- details in this Newsletter

3 rd March	World Day of Prayer
5 th March	Church lunch
8 th March	Christians together in Hornsea prayer meeting
11 th March	Fairtrade get together
14 th March	Eco church get together
29 th March	Bible book club

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

3 items of news from Christians Together in Hornsea: -

Evening Services

The Methodist church are restarting evening worship services on the first Sunday evening of each month, to which we would be warmly welcomed. The first one will be on **April 2nd** at 6p.m.

Garden Church

The first garden church will be on **Sat 25th March**, and will be held in the garden behind the St. Nicholas Parish Hall from 1pm-2pm. This informal act of worship is open to all.

Lent Courses

St. Nicholas Church are running a Lent course to which we would all be very welcome. It is called **Saints Around Us**, and runs on Monday evenings during Lent, 7pm-9pm., in St. Nicholas Church. It is an opportunity to reflect on the life of the saints to whom some of the local churches are dedicated. Each evening starts with light refreshments and ends with a short service of Compline (Night Prayer). The programme is-

27th Feb Nicholas and Margaret of Antioch
6th March Augustine
13th March Helene and Lawrence
20th March the Blessed Virgin Mary
27th March Michael and all saints.

Each session is 'stand-alone' so you can attend as you are able.

Church lunch

Our next church lunch will be after the service on **March 5th**. All are very welcome to stay. We will be having a Lent Lunch of soup and a roll, followed by fruit. Any offers of help would be gratefully received.



Bible Book Club

Our Bible book club continues, always on the last Wednesday of the month, so in March it will be on **Wed. 29th at 2pm and 7pm**. We are reading the book of Ecclesiastes for March. We get together and talk about what we thought of the book, what we liked/didn't like, and what we learnt from it- just like a regular book club. You can come regularly or occasionally; it is very informal. For those who have been asking, the books we have read since we started, (either whole books or sometimes just a part) are-

Exodus, Psalms, Ruth, Hosea, Habakkuk, Ezra, Hebrews, Jonah, Song of Songs, Joel, Isaiah, Esther. Luke, John, Acts, 1&2Corinthians, Galatians, James, 1&2Timothy, Mark, Colossians, Revelation, Philipians, 1,2,3, John, Philemon.



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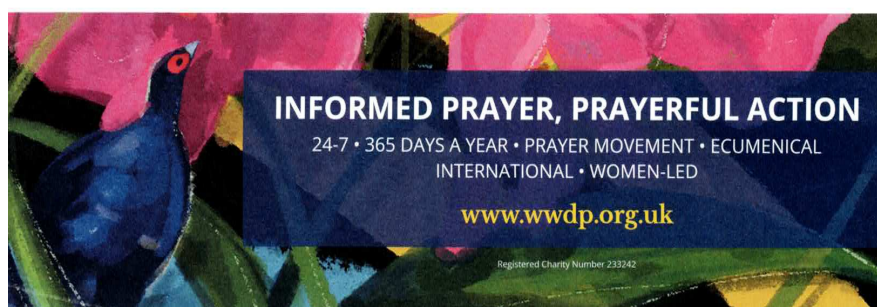
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2.00pm – Lead by Christians Together

7.30pm – Small Gathering to read through the service

ALL WELCOME

Refreshments served



Fairtrade – Highs and Lows

By now, many of you may have heard that Traidcraft – influential pioneers of Fairtrade - have been forced into administration after over 40 years of promoting and trading on Fairtrade terms.

They have worked with small and marginalised producers in developing countries providing training, support and a market for their goods and over the years have enabled thousands of people and communities to work their way out of poverty and to flourish.

There are implications for Hornsea URC in this news as much of our energies and support for Fairtrade have been channelled through the regular sales of fairly traded goods throughout the year, but especially at Christmas and Easter.

Although, fairly trade produce can be sourced from other suppliers it will not be as easy as none have the range of goods Traidcraft offered. Our best hope would be that a buyer is found for Traidcraft, but in these difficult financial times that does not seem probable.

Therefore after 26 years, I have taken the decision to support and promote Fairtrade in other ways: -

Firstly, by channelling our energies through Fairtrade Hornsea – who are surveying all the shops in Hornsea to find out what fairly traded products are available and then holding 'taster sessions' to enable people to find out which they prefer and hopefully become regular supporters of Fairtrade in that way.

Secondly, to be working with Transform Trade [Transform Trade \(transform-trade.org\)](http://transform-trade.org) a global community of farmers, workers, collectives, campaigners, donors and supporters, working together for trade that values people over profit.



Thirdly, engaging with Fairtrade Fortnight and other national/international events.

Central to this year's **Fairtrade Fortnight** is an online series of **Big Fairtrade Get Togethers**. These live events will feature Fairtrade farmers and other experts talking about how we can ensure a sustainable future for our favourite foods. They are free and open to everyone. Dates and times are:

- Mon 27th Feb 6.00-7.00 pm
- Wed 1st March 9.30-10.30 am (for schools)
- Fri 3rd March 1.00-2.00 pm (for schools)
- Sat 4th March 1.00-2.00 pm
- Tues 7th March 9.30-10.30 am (for schools)
- Thurs 9th March 7.30-8.30 pm
- Sat 11th March 1.00-2.00 pm (see below)

To find out more, and maybe to register your interest, log on to:

www.fairtrade.org.uk and follow the link at the bottom of the page.

Fairtrade Hornsea plans to get together for the final session on **Sat 11th March 1.00-2.00 pm**, and you are very welcome to join us in the **Hornsea United Reformed Church Hall** for what we hope will be a lively discussion. Fairtrade tea & coffee will be available, plus some bargain items for sale. Further news and updates on our Facebook page.

Big Fairtrade Get Together #7 - Climate Justice Special

What's happening: Ines Zairi, a Fairtrade tomato farmer in Tunisia and a member of the Fairtrade Africa board, travelled to COP27 to speak up about the impact of climate change. During this session she will reflect on her experience and speak about the reality of the climate crisis for farmers like her. Tim Aldred, Fairtrade Foundation Head of Policy will also join.

Date: Saturday 11 March 1.00 - 2.00 pm

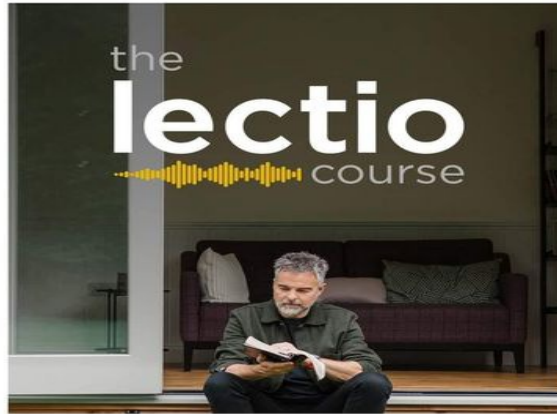


THANK YOU

To ALL who have regularly supported the Fairtrade shop and events over the years.

To the Pilots, back in 1997, who thought they could make a positive difference to families, by setting up a Fairtrade shop in our church.

To Hornsea URC – who's members approved an initial loan of £500 to get things started (now repaid!).



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



You may not recognise this lady – but she is the daughter of one of our special members, Doreen Rogers.



Judy is working for Encounter Worldwide (methodist.org.uk) which offers Christians in Britain and Ireland the opportunity to spend three to twelve months sharing in the Methodist Church's mission, life and culture in another part of the world. It may not be something at we have come across in the hallowed halls of the Yorkshire URC Synod, but one of our ecumenically minded folk has taken that opportunity.

Judy Rogers, a member at St Andrew's Church Skipton, applied before Covid to this scheme which was delayed until late 2022. She did the interviews, the induction and the training; the bags were packed and off she went on Tuesday 10th January. She will be staying with Rev Colin Gertze and his family, in Rehoboth, which is 50 miles south of Namibia's capital, Windhoek.

You can follow her adventures on -

[Malham2Namibia – Encounter Worldwide visit to Namibia \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.malham2namibia.com/)



Annie's Eco Corner

Welcome to the latest Eco Corner article. This month I'm very happy to say that our church is going to participate in the A Rocha Eco- Church project- an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God's Earth. It does not belong to 'us' we are merely it's custodians.

This very exciting initiative will challenge and equip our church to care for God's world. There are lots of resources and ideas to help us 'go green' in all areas of church life- from worship to building management, outreach to personal lifestyles, from simple things like what sort of washing up liquid we use to how the church building is insulated and heated.

It's completely free to register and all the work we do counts towards prestigious bronze, silver and gold awards as we work through the programme; (there's even the opportunity to buy a plaque to display.)

A very small team (5 of us) met up earlier in February for a Zoom meeting hosted by the North West Synod. There was lots of information and suggestions to help us think about our first steps. If you want to find out more about this brilliant initiative, go to www.arocha.org.uk and follow the link to Eco Church.

Our next Eco Church meeting is on Tuesday March 14th at 7pm in the church hall. At that meeting we will be registering the church and signing up, and there will be an initial survey questionnaire to complete so that we have a baseline to start from, and can look at the next steps we can take to continue our 'green' journey.

If you would like to be part of the Eco church group, or would like more information please speak to Jean, Margaret, Lauren, Stephenie, or myself; or just come along to the meeting on March 14th.

I look forward to keeping you updated about our progress in future Newsletters.

God Bless

Ann