



Our next worship series is entitled "Whole Life Worship" and will begin on 2nd June.

The thrust of this series is about how we connect our Sunday services with our Monday to Saturday life – looking at biblical foundations and considering practical ideas. Sunday worship has the potential to transform our daily actions.

In a busy life, as we re-dedicate it all to God on Sundays, we hope to ensure that each Sunday is about breathing in the Spirit of God, so we can breathe out the Spirit throughout the week. This series will offer ways to focus on energising and releasing us to live for Christ out in the world.

As part of the series, we will be offering daily prompts direct to your email reflecting on how Christ can be glorified in our gathered worship together, and our scattered, daily worship, wherever we are Monday to Saturday.

Sunday Worship

Sunday June 2nd Worshipping engages our whole lives (followed by Church Lunch)

Sunday June 9th Worshipping offers us fresh insight (Including Holy Communion)

Sunday June 16th Worshipping transforms our everyday actions

Sunday June 23rd Worshipping inspires our everyday speech

Sunday June 30th Worshipping focuses our wavering hearts (followed by Church Meeting)

Our services are 'live streamed' so that you can join us from home, and 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.

Regular Events

Tuesdays at 2 p.m.	Faith and fellowship group meet in the Hall. All welcome.
Thursdays 9.30 a.m.	Coffee morning all welcome
Fridays at 6 p.m.	Pilots meet (in term time)
Saturdays at 10 a.m.	Exploring Christianity group meet. All welcome

Coming up in June: -

Sunday June 2nd Church Lunch will follow our service, please stay if you can.

Saturday June 8th The return of a gospel choir, started in our church twenty years ago, now based in Lincolnshire. They are returning for a concert on 8th June, doors open at 7 p.m. tickets £10 from Margaret or book online. Profits to the charity **"For The Love Of Gospel"**.



Wednesday June 12th 2.30p.m. Christians Together in Hornsea prayer meeting in Hall

Saturday June 15th 10a.m.-12 noon **Church chat- Taste and see.** Details in this newsletter

Saturday June 22nd 10a.m.-12 noon -Coffee and bacon rolls at the Methodist Church.

This is a Christians together in Hornsea event, for Christian Aid.

Please support, by helping to serve/ wash up, or by eating and drinking!!

Tuesday June 25th 10 a.m. Christians Together in Hornsea meeting in the Hollis room, Parish Hall. All welcome

Wednesday 26th Bible book club is back! We meet at 2-30 p.m. and 7p.m. in the Hall.

Do join us in the afternoon or evening, whichever is best for you, to have an informal chat and a cuppa. In June we are reading the first 24 Chapters of the book of Genesis.

Thursday June 27th A C.T.I.H. event- a prayer walk. Meet at the Methodist church at 7p.m

Sunday June 30th **Church Meeting** follows our Sunday worship.

150-year Celebrations

Time is ticking away to our 150th birthday celebration. Things are progressing behind the scenes. We have taken into account a lot of your ideas which were discussed at the last church chat.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to contribute any photos, memories or poems etc. to add to our displays. Were you or any members of your family married or baptised here? Did you attend Pilot's?

Please have a word with me if you have anything to contribute. We are all looking forward to celebrating our wonderful church with you.

Thank you, Ann J.

Celebrating Life Events

Steven writes:

So often it can seem as if the church is open on a Sunday and that is it. Yet there are many other times and events we can celebrate. Life is more than Sunday!

There is the delight of new birth, and our church is there, if you wish to celebrate with you in that joy.

One way we can share is through a service of thanksgiving and blessing. It is a time of joy and delight as we celebrate the birth of a child and ask God's blessing on them and their family. Promises are made by all of us. It does mean that when the baby is an adult, they can choose to be baptised for themselves. That baptism could be, as with an infant, through the sprinkling of water or by total immersion.

Or we can share in a service of infant baptism. Promises are made by all of us and by the parents on behalf of the baby. The baby is baptised by the sprinkling of water to show God's love for us all. We can only be baptised once in our church.

The love two people have one for another is a cause for celebration and our church is registered for the celebration of traditional marriage between a man and a woman. We can also celebrate such a joyous event by a service of blessing for any couple who have been married.

Life inevitably also has an end and here in church we are only too well aware of the pain that death brings. A funeral service is an opportunity to give thanks for life and indeed for the life of each unique individual. Time for reflection, music and prayers can be part of such a remembering. It is also a time for acknowledging not only loss but a sense of thankfulness for all that has been. It is a space to reflect but to consider what lies ahead in the loving promises of God for all believers in Jesus Christ.

A note from Allan

My dear friends,

A big thank-you from me, for your support following my loss.

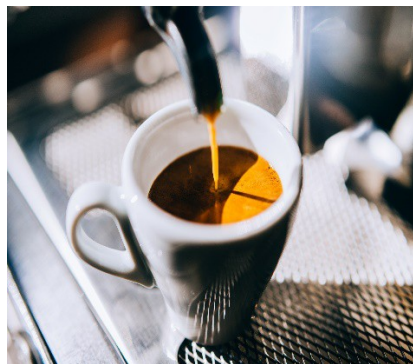
Most of you will have known Margot as the wonderful, kind and vivacious person she was. Others new to the U.R.C. may never even have met her, but whoever you are, you have helped to make her life in Hornsea and the U.R.C. an idyllic time.

On behalf of both of us, and Margot's and my family, I say a big thank-you, no-one could have done better. (Bears of Asia will receive £200, thank-you.)

Peace and happiness to you all, Allan.

Church Chat- Taste and See- Saturday 15th June, 10a.m-12 noon.

Have you ever wanted to try speaking through the microphones at church, try doing the Bible reading, or wanted to know how to work the coffee machines? Maybe have a go in the new lift, ask about doing flowers on a Sunday- or anything else! Now is your chance. Come and join us to give things a try. There will also be space to chat, to tell the Elders what you would like to be discussed at the next Church Meeting at the end of the month, and what you enjoy or don't enjoy about church. Of course there will be refreshments!



Opportunities to serve-

It is a couple of months since we posted an article asking for people to consider if they felt called to helping out with some administrative roles within the church.

It is not a requirement that you **do** these things personally but that you make sure they have been done and the outcomes recorded in the correct place.

Thanks to those who have expressed an interest in the Fire Safety Coordinator – but we could still do with some help for: -

- 1) Annual Checks coordinator – a person to ensure all annual checks for gas, electric, fire, clock and lift are carried out, records kept and certificates filed or displayed as required.
- 2) Health and Safety inspections – a person to work alongside the caretaker (who will do weekly observations) to carry out quarterly checks with the caretaker, record and file results and consult with the property committee to ensure outstanding issues are resolved.
- 3) Property Committee Expenditure recorder – to follow on after the building project is completed and all monies paid. To monitor and record the expenditure of the property committee, to report back to the Elders and Treasurer quarterly, or sooner if required, and the Church Meeting annually.

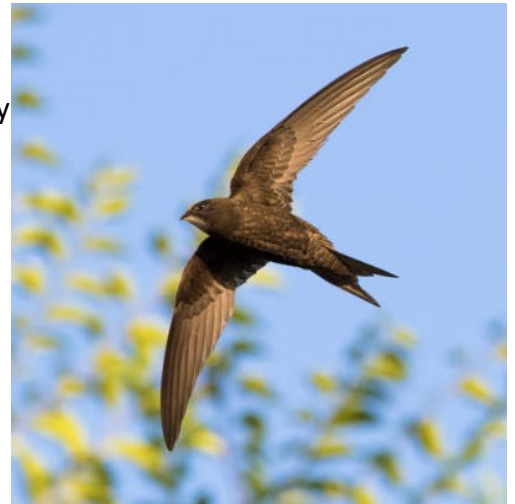
Many thanks in anticipation of your prayers

Swift Action

It was one of my Mums delights to spot the first Swifts of summer – in fact it became a bit of a competition between us – one of which I rarely won! I still share this delight and enthusiastically announce my first sightings to Steven and can lose many an hour just watching their graceful flight.

Swifts are similar to but very different from Swallows and House Martins.

The Swift is a medium-sized aerial bird, which is a superb flyer. They are plain sooty brown, with a white throat, but in flight against the sky they appear black. They have curved wings and a forked tail and very small feet and legs. They are very poor at walking, and you will never see them perching on wires or in trees.



Sleeping, eating, bathing and even mating on the wing (while flying), Swifts rarely touch the ground. They are also the fastest birds in level flight, with an impressive top speed of 69mph. Swifts are summer visitors, spending their winters in Africa - migrating 3,400 miles twice a year, stopping off to refuel in places like Portugal and France along the way.

They come to Britain to breed. Swifts pair for life, returning to the same site each year for a little nest renovation before laying and incubating their eggs. They like to live in houses and churches, squeezing through tiny gaps to nest inside roofs. But as more old buildings are renovated and gaps in soffits closed up, Swift nest sites are fast disappearing. This, in part, resulted in Swifts being added to the red list in the 2021 UK Conservation Status Report. Red is the highest conservation priority, with species on this list needing urgent action. Species on this list, such as Swifts, are globally threatened, with big declines in breeding populations and ranges.

I recently read about Hannah Bourne-Taylor, in the A-Rocha UK's Spring/Summer Newsletter and her response to Swifts being put on the RED LIST.

In 2022 she launched a petition urging the government to make swift bricks compulsory in new-built houses. Her 'Feather Speech' and campaign raised awareness of the plight of swifts and by April 2023 she had more than the required 100,000 signatures and her petition was debated in Parliament in July.

The government's response? They considered it a matter for the local authorities.

Her work is still ongoing and making progress – look out for the A-Rocha Newsletter in church to read more.

Only days later a Facebook feed from the United Reformed Church popped up on my phone – which read:

Swifts have a new home at Shanklin United Reformed Church (URC's) thanks to two cousins.

Robin Harley, Countryside Officer for Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole Council, contacted his cousin the Revd Brian Harley, Minister of Shanklin URC, when he spotted that the church's clock tower and bell chamber would be a perfect nesting site for the birds.

Bob said: "Our swift population is in trouble and declining.

"Swifts have adapted to living in holes in buildings, but these are being blocked-up as we move from timber to UPVC fittings, and these don't shrink and crack to create small nooks-and-crannies for wildlife. New artificial spaces are needed if we want to save our swifts."



Their answer: to give the birds a new home at the church, installing a Shanklin nesting box behind the tower's wooden louvres, above the clock and bell housing.

It got me thinking Has it you?

Prayer FOCUS



Please pray this month for our local schools, teachers, support staff and students.

Pray for those moving on to another school, college or workplace.

Pray for those taking exams.

Coming up next month-

News about our Alternative August worship plans!

If you have anything you would like to be included in the July Newsletter, please e mail-

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