

Hornsea United Reformed Church Newsletter February 2025



During February we will be looking at the letter of James for our Sunday Morning worship series.

James is a challenging and bracing letter, one that reminds us that our faith needs to express itself in action. Unless we live holy lives – and lives that seek justice for others – then our faith risks being a sham, and we need again to seek God’s mercy. The series will cover 4 weeks, as follows:

Sunday 2nd Feb - James chapter 1 - Doers of the Word

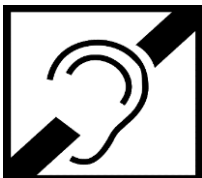
Sunday 9th Feb - James chapter 2 - Faith and Works

(including Communion and Baptism)

Sunday 16th Feb - James chapter 3 v1 to chapter 4 v12 - Speech and Wisdom

Sunday 23rd Feb - James chapter 4 v13 to chapter 5 v20 - Living for the Lord

Each service will be 10.30am in the church and broadcast live on YouTube.



We do have a loop system installed in church. If you have any difficulty hearing the service, please speak to the technical team.

A Thank you from Jean Robinson – for the beautiful roses she received from the church she says, “They made my day and I am enjoying watching them blossom into beautiful blooms”.

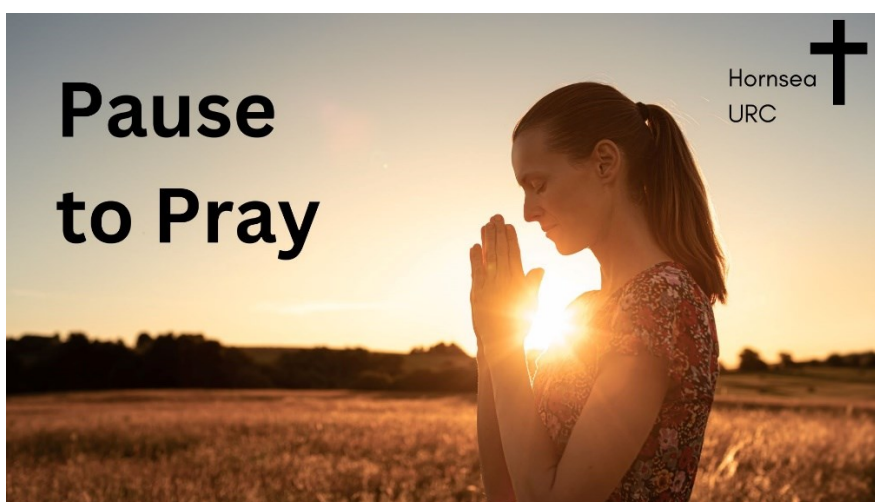
Thank you for your continued support of the Leprosy Mission.



This year we sent £320 for Anandaban Hospital to help with repairs after the landslide, and at the end of the year we sent £512 from our collecting boxes and donations. So, a wonderful total of **£832** for the year.

Thank you- your donations help change the lives of people with leprosy.

As reported in the last Newsletter, we are now in a time of pausing and praying-



Many of our regular events are paused- except for Sunday worship, Coffee morning and Pilots.

Prayer is our focus. We have set aside time to pray individually and as an Eldership. We will pray and listen and hopefully discern God's will for us as a church.

Prayer will be a greater focus in our worship and the church will be open at various times for people to come in and pray.

We hope that you will join us.

God speaks to every member of his family, you and me, - it may be in the quiet times, or in our 'dreams' or in the chaos of life but every now and then we get a flash of inspiration – don't keep these to yourself share them with others – especially if it involves what could be happening at Hornsea URC.

You will find a folder on the prayer table in church- please bring any Bible verses, pictures, thoughts you may want to share, and put them in. You do not have to put your name on if you do not want to.

We do not know what 2025 holds for us, where our prayers will lead, it may be scary, it may be exciting, but we know we will not be on our own.

With God everything is possible.

Something to look forward to ...



Last year, without success, we tried to give members of our congregation the opportunity of spending a day at Wydale Hall, a Retreat and Conference Centre, situated between Pickering and Scarborough on the edge of the North York Moors.

It is a wonderful place of peace and prayer - it allows you to step back from the noise, responsibilities and demands of our busy lives, and to seek Jesus whilst surrounded by a loving community and beautiful scenery.

It is a place to 'just to be' and this year a day each month has been set aside for individuals or groups to spend time quietly with God - no agenda, no input, just space for you to retreat into. The hall and grounds will be open, the coffee will be on, lunch will be provided, and there is a space for all.

We hope this is something you would like to experience, either under your own steam or as a 'car full' from the church. Below are the dates, costs etc. and if you would like to find out more visit <https://www.wydale.org> or look out for the Wydale Brochure in the church (usually on the small blue table as you enter the church).

If you would like to make up a group or find out more about Wydale – just have a word with Jean, Margaret or Steven, Carol, Jill, Margaret P, to name but a few, who have all had the privilege of experiencing Wydale.

Private Retreat Days:

9:30am – 4pm

£21.00 including lunch and refreshments

Tuesday 11th March

Thursday 10th April

Thursday 15th May

Thursday 12th June

Wednesday 16th July

Thursday 11th September

Friday 10th October

Tuesday 11th November





How would you like to be greeted like this 'Kia orana'

which when translated into English means 'May you live a long and wonderful life'.

This is the language of the Cook Islands - a group of 15 remote islands found in the Pacific Ocean near New Zealand and Australia.

The women of these islands have prepared the service for the 2025

World Day of Prayer based on Psalm 139: 1 – 18

'I made you wonderful'

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action.

On the first Friday in March, prayer begins on the international dateline, in Samoa, as the sun rises. As the earth rotates a great wave of prayer begins to build. It sweeps across the Pacific, touching Fiji and New Zealand, rolling on through Asia: Japan, the Philippines, Korea and Bangladesh. The countries of Africa and the Middle East. The wave reaches the shores of Europe then across the Atlantic to the Caribbean, the Americas and on to the Pacific again until the sun finally sets over American Samoa where the final service will take place. A worldwide circle of prayer is complete.

Where is Hornsea in this wave of prayer?

You can surf this wave

at 2.00pm at the Parish Church on Friday 7th March

It is a truly amazing service and experience to be a part of

'Kia orana'

