



Our worship in September will be based on resources supplied by the Methodist Church as part of their annual Bible Month.

Bible month gives the opportunity to taste and see the goodness of a bible book; enjoying some of its unique flavours, considering its origins, appreciating its place alongside the rest of Scripture, and savouring the unique contribution it might make to our faithful living and learning today.

The Gospel of John invites us to journey through the superabundant life Jesus offers. John's Gospel opens by presenting Jesus as the Word of God – the source of life and light for all people (John 1:1-18). In Jesus, we encounter God's boundless, gracious love, which brings us into a relationship with him as his children. Through Jesus, the fullness of grace and truth is offered to everyone willing to receive it.

As we consider this abundance in Christ, we will break it down into 4 weeks as follows:

- Sunday 7th September - John 1 Embracing God and all reality.
- Sunday 14th September - John 2 to 12 Signs, conversations, and controversy (including Communion)
- Sunday 21st September – John 13 to 17 Jesus' discipleship course (followed by a Church meeting).
- Sunday 28th September - John 18 to 21 'The hour' and the resurrection and our drama

Services in September will be live streamed and recorded.

On Sunday September 7th there will be a joint **evening service**- 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church- **to start the week of prayer for Christian Unity**

September: -

As well as Bible Month, September includes Fair trade Fortnight, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Bible book club returns, we have our Church Meeting, and a Start Course-

Prayers are being answered

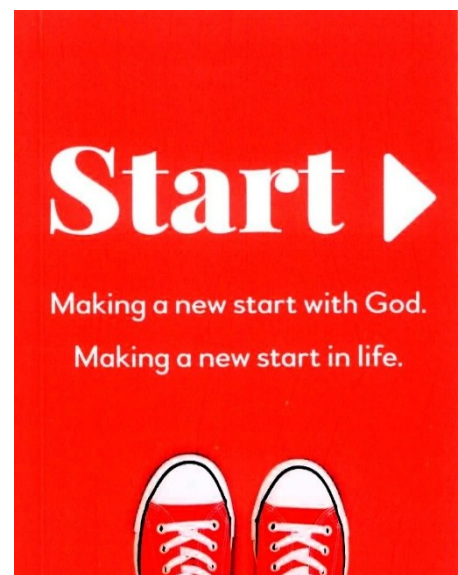
As a fellowship and Christian's Together in Hornsea we have been praying for the establishment of START groups, where people can come and discuss questions they may have about life and faith and what it means for them.

Our prayers have been to:

- Pray for 3 people you would like to see get to know Jesus.
- Pray for the formation of a good team to lead the START sessions.
- Pray for the opportunity (and confidence) to pass on an invitation to someone and/or come along with them to the sessions.

As we enter the month of September it brings these prayers into focus.

- I think most people are still praying for two or three people they would like to see get to know Jesus – **please continue.**
- As I type people are beginning to express an interest of being part of a team, not necessarily leading, but adding to the conversations – **let Margaret, or one of the Elders know, if you would like to be involved.** Teams will come together, to look at and get a feel of what is included before the first sessions.
- Two, fellowships in Hornsea, have forwarded names of people who are interested.



Come on members of Hornsea URC, have you asked anyone yet, you might be surprised at the response! “No, not yet,” may be the response but by asking the question you will have sown a seed, and it is amazing what prayer can do!

There are booklets/information on the Prayer Table in the church for you give to someone.

Could you forward names of people interested in being part of a team and/or taking part in the sessions by SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER to either Margaret, or one of the Elders or email urchornsea@gmail.com

THANK YOU



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2025



**Do it Fair this Fairtrade
Fortnight**

Hornsea is a Fairtrade Town and although it does not have an active steering group at the moment many people are ardent supporters of the Fairtrade movement – not least Hornsea URC.

The Fairtrade Foundation writes:

*This Fairtrade Fortnight will be taking place **22 September – 05 October 2025**. Over these fourteen days we'll be asking each of you to **Do it Fair**. We'll be celebrating the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade and campaign as part of a UK-wide movement calling for a fairer system behind the things we consume every day.*

*With the world in a tailspin, fairness isn't a given. But the power to get there is in our hands. Together, our actions can have a positive impact on real people's lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures. That's Fairtrade. It's not just a label – it's a movement. So, whatever you do, and however you do it: **Do it Fair**.*

So, how can we Do it Fair?

- **Why not make a real effort to purchase as many fairly traded products as you can this month – the Coop has an excellent selection of teas, coffee, sugar and chocolate as well as wine and some nuts**
- **You may want to learn how Fairtrade has, and is, helping many people to have a better life** [Where Fairtrade works - Fairtrade](#), [The impact of our work - Fairtrade](#), [Fairtrade Fortnight 2025](#)
- You may want to sign the petition - [Sign | Fairtrade Foundation](#) – 15,827 people have already and it is not even Fairtrade Fortnight yet! *As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, we're asking the UK government to Brew it Fair. Like all of us, the people growing and picking our tea deserve to be able to plan for their futures, and to protect themselves from the impacts of climate change. Take action by signing our petition and asking your MP to Brew it Fair.*
- Or you may just like to come to Thursday's Coffee Morning @ the URC and enjoy a fairly traded cuppa!

Whatever we choose to do – lets





This guided reading plan, which also includes some helpful notes to help you get the most out of reading John’s Gospel, and some questions and space for your thoughts, will be available in Church for **anyone** who would like one.

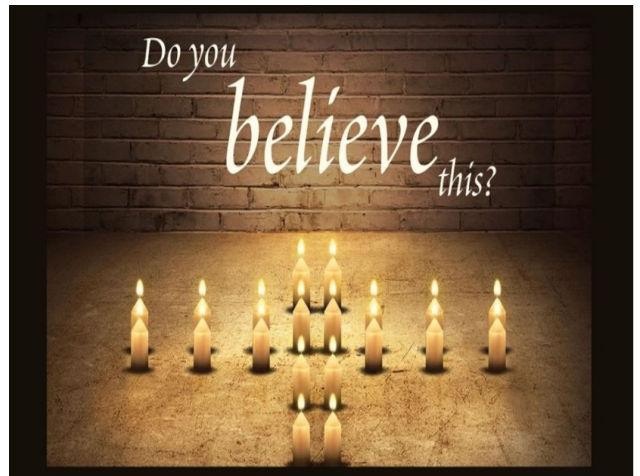
Bible Book Club

In September we will be reading the Gospel of John, and we will meet on Wednesday September 24th at 1.30p.m. all are welcome- come and share what you have discovered!

Since its origins, Christianity has been marked by theological, cultural, and historical divisions. These separations have often led to misunderstandings and tensions between denominations. However, at the heart of the Gospel lies a powerful call to unity: *“That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you”* (John 17:21).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a direct response to this call. It reminds us that despite our differences, we share a common faith in Jesus Christ. It also provides a platform for ecumenical dialogue, enabling believers to draw closer through prayer, studying the Word, and concrete actions.

In 2025, the theme **“Do you believe this?”** invites every Christian to reflect on the depth of their faith and how it can inspire acts of reconciliation. This reflection is particularly meaningful in today’s context, where the world needs unity and hope more than ever. The prayers and reflections for this year have been prepared by the brothers and sisters of the **monastic community of Bose**, located in Italy.



In Hornsea-

We start with a joint act of worship in the Methodist Church at 6p.m. on Sunday 7th September.

Then we meet daily at 9.30 a.m. prompt for around half an hour, each daily prayer led by different churches, in the following venues-

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| Mon 8 th | U.R.C |
| Tues 9 th | Sacred Heart |
| Wed 10 th | St Nicholas |
| Thurs 11 th | Methodist Church |
| Fri 12 th | URC |
| Sat 13 th | Methodist Church |
| Sun 14 th | Church without walls (Parish Hall) |

You are invited to attend any or all the sessions.



Alternative August

Week Three

A reflection and prayer
inspired by the reading
from – Luke 5:17-26

What is friendship - What is love

What is compassion - What is faith

What can friends do - What can love do

What can compassion do - What can faith do

What can my friendship do - What can my love do

What can my compassion do - What can my faith do

What can Jesus do as my friend

What can Jesus' love do with me

What can Jesus' compassion do with me

What can Jesus' faith do with me.

When the door is closed - When the way is barred,

When all seems impossible - When hope is lost

When love has grown cold

Let us draw close to you

Let us seek you out.

Let us trust in your love

Let us draw others to you.

Let us raise others up to your loving arms,

Let us lower them down into your presence.

Increase in us compassion, love, faith, and friendship.

Amen.

Church Meeting-

Our next Church Meeting will take place after the service on **Sunday 21st September**.

Please stay if you can, to discuss our church life, reflect on the recent past, or ask questions about upcoming events.

If you have anything you would like to put on the agenda, please speak to Jean or any of the Elders.

Your voice is important; the Elders would be delighted to see you there, whether you are a church member or not. Only church members are allowed to vote, if we have something to vote on, but ALL are welcome to come.

Prayer at Hornsea U.R.C.

You will be aware that we have a 'prayer book', and you are asked at Sunday services if you have a name that you would like to be written in the book. These names are sent out by e mail to a group of 15 people who have offered, and are committed, to pray through the week for these people/situations. If you would like to be part of this 'prayer network' please let Jean have your e mail address.

A few years ago, we also had a 'prayer partners' scheme, where people were partnered with each other and met for a short time during the week to pray together. The idea of this was to help us be more comfortable with praying together. This 'official' scheme is no longer in place BUT if you would value having a 'partner' to pray with, please ask someone! This Newsletter 'article' could be the opener to a conversation...

Pray for Ukraine by baking bread-a different way of praying suggested by Tearfund:

Bread is often regarded as sacred in Ukrainian culture. Ukraine is an incredibly fertile nation – producing nearly 10 per cent of the world's wheat. Bread and salt placed on an embroidered towel is a symbol of welcome there.

Bread is an important part of Christian celebrations in the country. At Easter, for example, families bake a *Paska* loaf, then take it to church to be blessed before going home to eat it.

As a prayerful act of solidarity with Ukraine, you could bake a loaf of bread.

Once you have baked the bread, place it on a tea towel. Lay your hands over it and say a prayer for Ukrainian families. Break the bread with your hands (in many Eastern European and Central Asian cultures bread is too sacred to be cut with a knife), then say another prayer for peace in the region.



Looking Ahead- We will be celebrating Harvest on October 5th this year. You are invited to bring harvest offerings if you would like to. This service will be followed by a church lunch- more information in the next Newsletter.

Each month Christian's Together in Hornsea pray for streets and neighbourhoods in our town and we would like to invite you to join in this month:

Acklam Drive
Alexandra Road
Ambaston Road
Ashcourt Close
Ashcourt Drive

These are not exclusive - feel free to pray for streets where you live or streets you pass while out walking, shopping, etc.

If you live in a village – why not draw up a list of your streets and pray for the people, businesses, activities that take place there?

Thank you.