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# Group News

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Dear Friends,

Throughout our life's journey we are always encountering change; in our personal life, our families, our work and in our community. Some of these changes are small, some have more impact; some are for the better and some are more of a challenge. Here on Teesside we are currently going through a time of change with the closure of parts of Wilton Site, as well as the mothballing of the Corus steel plant. No-one can doubt that these changes have a great impact on the lives of many people, families and the wider community, but how we deal with these changes will determine whether these changes can become opportunities.

What is clear is that the long history of steel making on Teesside can never be forgotten, and the quality of that steel will still be on display in many countries around the world. The past cannot be forgotten because of the people who worked within it and were responsible for the high standards achieved.

In recent times many changes have taken place within the industry and none more so than that of the name 'BRITISH STEEL' disappearing, and the name 'CORUS' taking its place. This brought about a much smaller workforce, new methods of steelmaking, as well as having to compete in a world market.

Ken has been privileged to work as a Chaplain during many of these changes. Working alongside the workforce and with the unions has been both a challenge and an opportunity. His work with Occupational Health has given him the op-

portunity to support individuals and families living through these uncertain times. John, through his chaplaincy to the research labs, has also been there to provide support, drawing from his own 14 years of experience working for British Steel -Corus.

The news of the break-up of Teesside Casting Products did indeed throw a dark cloud over Teesside's future. This resulted in many questions being asked, with answers difficult to find. The plant now is going through the process being mothballed, and this has been undertaken by a very dedicated workforce in spite of a very uncertain future.

These events have been a challenge to all the Chaplains. Personally this has made us examine more closely our journey through the period of Lent, and the challenges faced by Jesus as his ministry culminated in his death on a cross. This was, for many back then, the end of their hopes and dreams; in the same way as these recent events provoke similar feelings for many people and their families here on Teesside today. Yet, Good Friday was not the end of the story, it was the beginning of a new venture. We believe that to be the case here today too on Teesside.

As Chaplains, we have always believed that we have been called to play our part in the many parts of the world of work, and today we are proud and privileged to stand alongside this workforce during the changes we all face, and believe there is a future.

*Rev Ken Harris and John Morrison  
Industrial Chaplains to Corus*

# Synod Prayers

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter Sunday. The worship of the Church*

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> April

*St George's, Morpeth; Great Bavington; Widdrington; Rev Ron Forster*

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> April

*Synod Office staff; Andrew Atlinson, Helen Hogg, Wendy Watson*

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> April

*Those working with children and young people; Pilot Companies and their leaders, Pilot Officer Marilyn Armstrong*

*Ecumenical: Mark Bonnington & Brian Howell (Independent Free Churches)*

## Manse Prayers

Manse Prayers are held every Tuesday at 8.45am and everyone is welcome to attend. Venues are as follows:

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> April: *No Prayers*

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> April: Marton (*prayers for Guisborough*)

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> April: Guisborough (*prayers for Marton*)

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> April: Redcar (*prayers for Lingdale*)

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> May: Marton (*prayers for Linthorpe*)

Guisborough: 31 Oakley Close

Marton: 10 Farington Drive

Redcar: 31 Torcross Way

## Mission Partnership

### Day on Prayer

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Andrew's URC, Marton**

This will be a day when you can come and go as you please. Drop in for a long or as short a time as you like. There will be stations for you to learn about different aspects of pray and also to pray quietly for some of the issue facing our churches and the world.

## 'A Cracking Holiday Club'

**An Easter themed holiday club to be held at our Lingdale Church**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April every day 10am-12noon!!**

The children and young people from across the Group are all invited to come and have a very EGGCITING time as we CRACK OPEN the Easter Story through crafts, drama, baking, fun and games!

## Other faiths urged to join Christians on climate

Buddhists, Hindus, Jews and Muslims could strengthen Christians in persuading global leaders to agree to ambitious and sustainable goals at the next international talks on climate change if they joined forces, says the newly appointed general secretary of the World Council of Churches. The Rev Olav Fyske Tveit was speaking to journalists before he was officially installed on 23 February as the general secretary of the WCC, a grouping of 560 million Christians from mainly Anglican, Orthodox and Protestant churches. On many issues, the organization works closely with the Roman Catholic Church, which serves on some WCC committees



# Vision4Life

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## April Word Search

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|------------|------------|
| PRAYER     | HYPOCRITES |
| FATHER     | FORGIVE    |
| KINGDOM    | SECRET     |
| SIMPLICITY | HUMILITY   |

This month the word search is to do prayer... praying with simplicity and humility.

(Matthew, chapter 6, verses 1-15) See item on Book Club.

## Bible Quiz for April

1. How did David show Saul how close he had come to killing him?
2. What food did the ravens bring to feed Elijah?
3. Why did Jesus curse a fig tree?

### Answers to March's Bible Quiz

1. Who said, 'Send, I pray, some other person'? MOSES, Exodus 4:13
2. Which prophet saw a vision of God in heaven with seraphim above him? ISAIAH, Isaiah 6
3. How old was Jairus's daughter when Jesus healed her? TWELVE, Mark 5:42; Luke 8:42

## Book Club for April Matthew, chapter 6, verses 1-15

Prayer is very strange. It's hard to explain and we don't really know how it works but many people do testify to the power of prayer. Is it then that sometimes we shy away from prayer because we feel it is out of our realm and beyond us? But this passage tells us that we don't have to make a great issue regarding prayer for prayer is really about a relationship with God. Relationships which are healthy and develop positively are those where quality time is shared and prayer is very much about spending time with God. And the power that comes from prayer is not down to us but to God.

This passage also shows that prayer does not

need to be complicated and that the prayer Jesus taught his disciples show that. It is a simple prayer, short and to the point whilst covering many aspects of our walks with God.

Perhaps when reading this passage you could consider whether your prayer life is simple and effective and also whether your relationship with God is healthy.

On Book Club Sunday we'll unpack the Lord's Prayer and also look at whether we, in the church, can sometimes be like the Pharisees Jesus spoke of and full of outward show rather than being full of God's Spirit and love.

# Linthorpe

## Coffee After Morning Worship

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Macmillan Nurses  
£8.00 ~ H Kettlewell

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Children with liver Disease  
£10.00 ~ S & D Knox

A cheque for £58.50 was sent recently to the RNLI from Mrs. G Williams, as a result of donations from coffee after morning worship.

Many thanks to those who stay after worship and give so generously to these causes.

## Rotas

|                      | Vestry     | Porch                  |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>  | R Harris   | M Tilley               |
| Apr 11 <sup>th</sup> | J Haverson | G Kettlewell & C Tovey |
| Apr 18 <sup>th</sup> | J Harper   | H Kettlewell           |
| Apr 25 <sup>th</sup> | M Gilmour  | S & D Knox             |

### Church Flowers

Apr 4<sup>th</sup> TBA  
Apr 11<sup>th</sup> J Rutherford  
Apr 18<sup>th</sup> F Rix  
Apr 25<sup>th</sup> TBA

### Scripture Readers

Apr 4<sup>th</sup> M Gilmour  
Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Scouts  
Apr 18<sup>th</sup> M Warren  
Apr 25<sup>th</sup> F Rowe

### Communion Preparation

Apr 4<sup>th</sup> M Gilmour

# Redcar

## Jack's Diary

While reclining in the sun on my ottoman, my thoughts turned to sharing. Wouldn't the World be a better place if everything was shared with those less fortunate; share money, share food, share land. I'm all for people sharing their pasties and sausage rolls with me!

There's a little chap who visits us, he hasn't been around long, some relation, I think, a Grandson - Noah is his name. He is quite prepared to share a piece of carrot with me (which of course I don't want) but he will not share biscuits, he needs to go to some training classes. Unfortunately because I'm a dog of no independent means I have nothing to share except my love, everybody say ah!

### Commitment 4 Life Sundays Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April

On these Sundays an extra offering will be taken for the Palestinian territories.

Deuteronomy Ch26 v12

Every third year give the tithe, a tenth of your crops to the Levites, the foreigners, the orphans and the widows, so that in every community they will have all they need to eat.

*Catherine Milburn*

## Redcar Calendar

|                          |         |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr  | 10.00am | Good Friday Service led by C Morrison |
| Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 7.30pm  | Elders meeting – at Redcar Manse      |

### Weekly

|          |               |               |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Thursday | 9.30am        | Prayers       |
|          | 10.00-11.30am | Pop-in Centre |

# Guisborough

Why is it so difficult for us to recognise that other people enjoy different things from us. I remember my father was very dismissive of the music I enjoyed as a teenager and still do today. I enjoyed such a wide and varied selection that he said I had no taste at all.

People who know us and love us make plans for our entertainment that can be so wide of the mark. Yes I really do want to fly a bird of prey rather than spend three hours in a spa as my brother had at first arranged. My husband does not share my need for the outdoors and will quite happily spend a whole day in a darkened room with a computer.

We talk with our friends about T.V. programmes and gone are the days when we had limited choice and all watched the same. When someone asks “Did you see X-factor last night?” it would be all too easy to turn round and say “You don’t watch that hyped rubbish, do you?” (other T.V. programmes are open to ridicule.)

We live in a time of sneering, even what we read comes under attack, Dan Brown or Harry

Potter, “Why don’t you read a proper book?” We attack others choices as if they have attacked us. We would do better to concentrate on enjoying what we enjoy and not looking down on others.

In the same way we fail to recognise that others have different political or religious beliefs to ourselves. When I was young and foolish, I once said to a friend “all of this party’s voters are just in it for themselves”. I’m sure you can guess? Yes, she voted for this party. I had to back track very quickly but I should never have made such a sweeping judgement.

I have been reading a book of Rowan Williams’ sermons lent to me by my tutor. There is one called “Different Christs?”, which was preached to a theological college. It covers the conflicts that are bound to occur when several people come together to study theology. We each have our own ‘vision of Christ’ and this may not be the same as others and could lead to enmity. He had heard fellow students say to one another, “You shouldn’t be here if you believe that” and felt that this was sad. He suggests that if we concentrate on our own vision and living up to all

## Guisborough Calendar

|     |        |                   |  |
|-----|--------|-------------------|--|
| Thu | 1 Apr  | 7.00pm            | Maundy Thursday Agape Supper.  |
| Fri | 2 Apr  | 10.00am           | Procession of Witness - starting at the Salvation Army Citadel, Westgate.              |
| Sat | 4 Apr  | 8.00am            | Prayer Breakfast – at the Salvation Army, Westgate.                                    |
| Sat | 10 Apr | 10.00am – 12 noon | Farmers’ Market – Church Open Day - volunteers welcome.                                |
| Sun | 18 Apr | 10.00am           | Guiz Kids – Guisbro’ Churches JC’s joining together at Prior Purseglove Sports Centre. |
| Tue | 20 Apr | 7.15pm            | Elders Meeting   |
| Wed | 28 Apr | 12.30pm           | Mission Partnership Leadership Team Meeting - St Andrew’s, Marton.                     |

### Weekly

|           |                  |   |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| Tuesdays  | 12 noon          | Bible Study   |
| Thursdays | 9.30am – 11.45am | Coffee Morning  |
| Thursdays | 11.30am          | Quiet Time – prayers and reflections with Catey, Meg, Ken and others. |

that means for us we will be less busy attacking others. We should hold firmly to our beliefs and defend them as necessary but should not use hasty and dismissive words against others who are only doing the same. Christ tells us to love our enemies and that also means those who don't see things the way we do.

As I write this we have learnt that Mary Robson has had a fall and fractured her hip. She hasn't been walking well since the icy weather and how distressing to be laid up in pain

just as we are enjoying the signs of Spring. As many of our members are walking well on new hips, we pray for a similar return of independence and mobility for Mary.

*Donna Moore*

| <b>Rotas</b> |               |                  |             |                |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Vestry</b> | <b>Communion</b> | <b>Door</b> | <b>Flowers</b> |
| Apr 4th      | D Beattie     | R Tunnicliffe    | M Robson    | H Burrows      |
| Apr 11th     | D Moore       |                  | J Bulmer    | D Moore        |
| Apr 18th     | J Reynolds    |                  | M Burrows   | B Ward         |
| Apr 25th     | D Cross       |                  | J Basham    | S Verrill      |

# *St Andrew's*

## **Coffee Morning**

Una and Joan are having a coffee morning at 8 Towthorpe, Nunthorpe on Thurs. 15th April 10.30a.m. till noon. There will be a bring and buy stall plus a raffle. Tickets £1.00 available from Una and Joan S. Hope you can come along. Proceeds are for church funds.

## **Get Better Soon**

We send our love and best wishes to Jane who is now back home following a few days in hospital with a broken shoulder.

Get well soon Jane.

## **Ladies Fellowship**

At our March meeting Mr Roughley from the Leprosy Mission brought us up to date on the work of the mission worldwide. It was amazing how people recovered from this unsightly and ostracizing illness with simple treatment. It is a very worthwhile charity and several of our members took home the collecting boxes.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th April at 7.30pm when Meg will be recounting her recent trip to Sinai.

## **Easter Breakfast**

We are intending to have an Easter Breakfast on Sunday 4th April at 8.30am. If you intend to come along and have not added your name to the list on the notice board please ring Una or Joan Swan.

## **Churches Together In Marton & Nunthorpe**

### **April Prayers**

Each week one of the churches on our Churches Together patch will be the prayer focus. Please use the list below in your own prayers.

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April

*Pioneering Ministry in Coulby Newham*

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> April

*Mary's, Church of England*

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> April

*Nunthorpe Methodist Church*

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> April

*St Bernadette's RC Church*

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> May

*St Andrew's United Reformed Church*

Please pray for the Holiday at Home scheme:

19<sup>th</sup> April at St Andrew's

21<sup>st</sup> April at St Bernadette's

23<sup>rd</sup> April at St Mary's

## Coatham House

## Thank You

Please note that we are still collecting items for Thank you to all my friends for prayers and kind thoughts, for visits, flowers and cards. I am progressing well. Hope to see you all soon.

Coatham House. They still desperately need toiletries, tea, coffee, soap powder, tinned and packet food. A box for collecting these items is always in the vestibule every Sunday.

*Joyce Aldus*

### St Andrew's Calendar

|                            |        |  |
|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | 6.30pm | Maundy Thursday Service  |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  | 8.30am | Walk of Witness from Marton Methodist Church via St Andrew's ending in a joint service at 9.30am at Nunthorpe Methodist Church |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  | 2.30pm | Service at Kirkley Lodge   |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> April  | 8.30am | Easter Sunday Breakfast  |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> April | 2.30pm | Worship at Elmridge  |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April |        | Holiday at Home Scheme at St Andrew's  |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> April | 2.30pm | Communion Service at Kirkley Lodge   |

#### Weekly

|              |               |  |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| Wednesday    | 9.30am        | Prayers  |
| Sunday       | After Worship | Traid Craft Stall (Last Sunday in month)           |
| Boys Brigade |               | Details available from ministers and church elders |

### Citizens for Sanctuary

**Citizens for Sanctuary** is one of many campaigns run by the Citizens UK, and seeks to improve the treatment of people seeking sanctuary in the United Kingdom. In the run-up to the 2010 general election, Citizens for Sanctuary is lobbying MPs and Prospective Parliamentary Candidates to sign up to a pledge on the treatment of asylum as an issue in the political arena: asking for sensitive treatment in election campaigning (including making clear the difference between sanctuary and economic migration, and not seeking to gain electoral advantage by pandering to fears about people seeking sanctuary); asking for use of the word 'sanctuary' over 'asylum'; promoting tolerance and neighbourliness between local communities; safeguarding the long-term future of sanctuary; and, very significantly, supporting policies that will end the detention of children and families for immigration reasons. The campaign is supported by the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and many other faith-based and secular organisations. See [www.sanctuarypledge.org.uk](http://www.sanctuarypledge.org.uk)

#### Ancient

God would not be true to himself if man did not die once God had pronounced sentence against him. On the other hand it would not be fitting that rational beings who have shared in God's Word should perish and return to non-existence.

Athanasius Bishop of Alexandria, Church Father (4th Century)

# *Lingdale*

## Flower Rota

4 Apr Mrs P Griffiths  
 11 Apr Miss S Griffiths  
 18 Apr Mrs J Coulthard  
 25 Apr Mr B Dove  
 2 May Mr A Thompson

## Coffee Morning

Thank you to all you attended and baked - over £40 was raised for Church funds!

## Lingdale Calendar

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 11.00am Good Friday Service led by C Morrison

### Weekly

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month 5.00pm Craft Club followed by Kids Praise at 6pm.

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month 2.00pm Worship at Prospect Place

## Modern

Forgiveness needs to be accepted, as well as given, before it is complete.

C S Lewis Christian apologist (Late 20th century)

# *Preachers*

|                 |         | <b>Easter Day</b>       | <b>11-Apr</b>                 | <b>18-Apr</b>                 | <b>25-Apr</b>           | <b>2-May</b>            |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Marthon</b>  | 9.30am  | C Morrison<br>Communion | M Robb                        | MarthonWT                     | C Morrison<br>Book Club | M Robb                  |
|                 | 6.30pm  |                         |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| <b>Lintho</b>   | 11.00am | C Morrison<br>Communion | M Robb                        | M Robb<br>Communion           | C Morrison<br>Book Club | K Harris                |
| <b>Guisbo</b>   | 9.30am  | M Robb<br>Communion     | C Morrison<br>Sinai Present'n | D Moore                       | M Robb<br>Book Club     | C Morrison<br>Communion |
| <b>Redcar</b>   | 11.00am | M Robb<br>Communion     | C Milburn                     | C Morrison<br>10.45 @ Zetland | K Harris<br>Book Club   | C Morrison<br>Communion |
| <b>Lingdale</b> | 6.00pm  | M Robb<br>Communion     | N Johnson                     | C Morrison<br>Craft & Family  | M Robb<br>Book Club     | N Johnson               |

Material for the Magazine to church editors by Sunday 11th April please

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