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Group News

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** July * 2009 * August **

Dear Friends,

Summer can be a strange time. It is time when we have high hopes for good weather, for days when we can sit out in the sunshine in our gardens, drinking cool drinks with ice. Time for having a barbeque perhaps, or making that long-promised trip to the beach which we all live so near! But when exactly is the summer. When do we know that it is definitely summer, and not just the odd fluke warm day? And then after all that hoping, we realise, with a small note of surprise, that we have missed it, or we didn't appreciate it enough when it was summer, and now we are heading firmly towards winter again! And we never did make that trip to the beach, and we didn't really make use of good days, spending time sitting in the garden!!!

I might compare our quest for those summer days to trying to drive to Teesside. You can follow signs on the A19 to Teesside, and they even give you a mileage figure, but when you get closer those signs disappear and you are left wondering where exactly is Teesside? (Or at least I am!) Which bit of Middlesbrough or Stockton or Tees Port were those signs pointing us to? Did I miss it?

It is the same with our bodies. Well, women's bodies at least, given that I am in no position to comment fairly on the opposite sex! But when exactly did our bodies reach a point of perfection before they started sagging, when did it all begin to give a bit?!! We don't know, but certainly we appear to have missed it!

For I was reminded last Sunday that although we don't always feel we are in tune with the action and work of the Holy Spirit, we don't always see the signs of the Holy Spirit at work in us and in our churches, nonetheless the Holy Spirit is here and working amongst us! We haven't missed it!

Although it might not be for us to know HOW the Spirit is growing the church in our time, certainly there is reassurance from Jesus' own words that the Holy Spirit is at work RIGHT NOW! It was from the parable of the farmer who slept at night and went out every morning and saw that the seeds planted in his field had grown, but he never saw it happening, that I gained my reassurance! He probably thought he'd missed it too, but yet God's creative powers were at work just as they are today slowly growing God's heavenly kingdom here on earth!

Sometimes we dream of a day when our churches will be a true image of God's kingdom on earth, but we need to stop waiting for that perfect day and begin to dance to the tune of the Holy Spirit at work today, to the beat of God's time which is NOW! So let's not wait for that perfect day – get the drinks on ice, get the Barbeque out and let's start cooking! Although remember - burnt offerings are no longer needed!

Have a great summer!

Rev Catey Morrison

Vision 2020; Do We Agree?

Ten statements have been put together at a national level regarding the United Reformed Church about the kind of Church/denomination we hope to be in ten years time.

O.K. some of our members will have gone to glory by then and others far too old to be very active but... this isn't just about US but about the future of the kingdom of God. What sort of Church, be it the local Christian community or the denomination as a whole, do we want generations in the future to inherit? So, bearing this in mind, do we agree with the ten statements?

As local churches we are being asked to consider these and to respond by the end of September. Then VISION 2020 will go to General Assembly in 2010 and we will as a denomination, hopefully, commit ourselves to working towards realising the vision during the next ten years leading to 2020... starting NOW!

Each congregation will then need to decide what its part is. This will go along side VISION4LIFE since, hopefully, during the three years of VISION4LIFE (year 1, Bible; year 2, Prayer; year 3, Evangelism), we will emerge better equipped to understand our mission and play our part. A congregation may agree with all ten statements and then commit to playing its part by focussing on one or two or a few in helping the whole Church to realise the vision

Please read and consider the statements, prayerfully and carefully so that your congregation can make a considered response before the end of September. We may decide to agree with all the statements even if we do not see that our role is to realise them all but to cover those most applicable to our situations. Other churches may then work towards realising the other statements. Remember this is a national initiative and each congregation can give to the whole. For some it may be to concentrate on prayer whilst others may play a more active role in turning the United Reformed Church around.

Ten statements of our mission and purpose

1 Identity: *In ten years time* every local church will be able to say who they are, what they do and why they do it.

We will know if we are on the right track by:

- The number of local churches with a 'mission plan' or similar strategy document.
- The number of churches having a welcome pack.
- The number of churches having an Open Day.

2 Spirituality and Prayer: *In ten years time* we will have grown in our practice of prayer and spirituality, nurturing strength for our witness in complex times, and developing our discernment of where God is and what God is calling us to do.

We will know we are on the right track by:

- The number of churches who have committed to taking part in initiatives to engage more deeply with prayer.
- The number of churches embarking on new ways of exploring mission and spirituality.

3 Christian Ecumenical Partnerships: *In ten years time* we will be more confident in our identity, valuing the *treasures* of our tradition, discerning when to seek ecumenical partnerships, and when and how to seek the further unity of the church.

We will know if we are on the right track by:

- The number of churches in Local Ecumenical Partnerships.
- The number of churches involved in working with ecumenical partners.

4 Community Partnerships: *In ten years time* we will be a church that is more active in the life of local neighbourhoods.

We will know if we are on the right track by:

- The number of churches running some form of community-project.
- The number of churches that work in partnership with local agencies, including people of other faiths.
- The number of church members volunteering in other community-based activities.

5 Diversity: In *ten years time* we will be a diverse church that does more to welcome and include all people equally.

We will know if we are on the right track by:

- The number of churches that have regular training to consider inclusiveness in the congregation and act on it.
- The number of churches that regularly monitor their membership and eldership to ensure inclusiveness.
- Representation of black and minority ethnic groups on all key councils, committees and task groups, at local, synod and general assembly levels.
- Appropriate numbers of black and minority ethnic ministers, church-related community workers, staff and candidates.

6 Evangelism: In *ten years time* we will be more confident to engage in evangelism, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God with friends, families and strangers, through story and action.

We will know we are on the right track by:

- The number of churches taking up the opportunity of the *Vision4Life* or *God is Still Speaking* projects for congregational development.
- The number of churches drawing on synod (staff) resources for evangelism for training and networking.
- The number of congregations planning and carrying out activities whose primary function is to share the gospel.

7 Church Growth: In *ten years time* we will be a growing church with an increasing membership.

We will know we are on the right track by:

- The number of new members in a congregation.
- Growth in URC membership by 2020.
- The number of churches exploring *Fresh Expressions* or new ways of being church.

8 Global Partnerships: In *ten years time* we will be a church that is an active partner in

God's global mission with other churches around the world.

We will know we are on the right track by:

- The number of churches with direct links with a church overseas.
- The number of synods linked to a Council for World Mission (CWM) member church or other global partner.
- The number of churches sharing in Commitment for Life.

9 Justice: In *ten years time* we will be a church that keeps faith with the poor and challenges injustice.

We will know we are on the right track by:

- The number of churches that actively participate in at least one Joint Public Issues Team campaign each year.
- The number of churches engaged ecumenically in action against poverty and social exclusion in their local communities.
- The number of practitioners and campaigners in local churches involved in a network around these issues.
- The number of synods that have endorsed and are monitoring the implementation of the revised ethical investment policy of the URC.

10 The Integrity of Creation: In *ten years time* we will be a denomination where each congregation has taken *significant* steps to safeguard the integrity of creation, to sustain and renew the life of the earth.

We will know we are on the right track by:

- The number of local churches who have undertaken an environmental audit and are implementing some form of resulting action plan.
- The churches that in worship, bible study and prayer give voice to the God whose life and love is expressed in all creation.
- The number of congregations that are engaged with people in their local communities and globally over issues of environmental care, sharing concerns, contributing the insights of the Christian faith, co-operating with others in finding more sustainable patterns of life together.

Modern

God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us.

Fulton John Sheen North American Roman Catholic Archbishop (late 20th Century)

God longs for the salvation of the rich as much as for the salvation of the poor...Salvation for the rich will include liberation from their injustice.

Ronald J Sider North American theologian (late 20th Century)

Synod Prayers

Week beginning 5th July

St Andrew's, Benton, LEP; Rev Peter Rand;
Trinity, Gosforth LEP; Rev David Bedford, Mary Bellshaw

Week beginning 12th July

Jesmond URC in vacancy;
St James URC, Newcastle, St Andrew's URC, Kenton; Rev James Breslin
Assembly 'Energy4Life' weekend
Lay Preachers

Week beginning 19th July

Robert Stewart Memorial URC, Newcastle: Rev Stan May, Ann Honey
Ministerial students and those on TLS courses

Week beginning 26th July

Chaplains; Nigel Goodfellow, Margaret Johnson, David Whiting
John Claydon (Northern Baptist Association Regional Minister)

Week beginning 2nd August

Gateshead Mission Partnership
Those working in hospitals and hospices

Week beginning 9th August

Sunderland/South Tyneside Mission Partnership
Those working with the elderly.

Week beginning 16th August

County Durham Mission Partnership
University students, lecturers and chaplains

Week beginning 23rd August

Tees and Swale Mission Partnership
Those working in industry and finance

Week beginning 30th August

Teesside South East Mission Partnership
Terry Draney (Roman Catholic Bishop of Middlesbrough)

Manse Prayers

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

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| Tue 7 th Jul | Marton
(prayers for Linthorpe) |
| Tue 14 th Jul | Guisborough
(prayers for Redcar) |
| Tue 21 st Jul | Redcar
(prayers for Guisborough) |
| Tue 28 th Jul | Guisborough
(prayers for St Andrew's) |
| Tue 4 th Aug | Marton
(prayers for Lingdale) |
| Tue 11 th Aug | Guisborough
(prayers for Linthorpe) |
| Tue 18 th Aug | Marton
(prayers for Redcar) |
| Tue 25 th Aug | Guisborough
(prayers for Guisborough) |
| Tue 1 st Sep | Redcar
(prayers for St Andrew's) |

Guisborough: 31 Oakley Close Marton: 10 Farington Drive Redcar: 31 Torcross Way

2010 Trip to Iona

Catey is thinking of organising a trip to Iona during the summer of 2010. Would anyone vaguely interested in going please speak to Catey in order that she can know the likely take up of such a trip to help with planning? It would be planned to take place during the school holidays next year.

Group Day Out

Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Gardens

Plans are underway for a Group Trip to Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Gardens to take place on September 5th 2009. Catey is enquiring regarding prices and group discounts, but would like to know NOW rough numbers of those planning to attend this day trip in order that a coach of an appropriate size can be booked. Numbers from each church to Catey asap please and get praying for good weather!!!

Vision4Life

July Word Search (Psalms of Ascent - 120 to 134)

A	I	D	S	O	R	P	E	T	H	O	W
P	S	A	L	Z	A	W	R	O	L	L	O
P	O	C	U	I	J	O	Y	A	O	F	R
R	E	K	E	O	A	R	D	P	I	E	S
O	R	A	P	N	B	S	E	Z	I	O	H
E	L	P	M	E	T	H	R	E	E	T	E
P	O	S	I	N	G	I	N	G	T	I	D
L	V	T	N	A	I	P	R	O	S	V	E
A	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	A	M
M	P	A	P	R	A	I	S	T	O	L	Y
C	U	R	A	T	H	O	P	R	A	S	E
E	D	D	O	S	T	P	H	Y	N	I	C

Find the words which are all connected with the Psalms of Ascent (120-134).

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| ASCENT | SINGING |
| FESTIVALS | TEMPLE |
| JERUSALEM | THREE |
| JOY | WORSHIP |
| PRAISE | ZION |

July Quiz

- 1 In the parable of the rich man and the poor man what is the poor man's name?
- 2 Which Old Testament book did Jesus read from in the synagogue in Nazareth?
- 3 What is what position did Deborah, Gideon and Samson all hold?

A Time for Creation

“A Time for Creation” will be observed by many British churches between 1 September and 4 October 2009, in the run-up to the next United Nations climate change summit due to take place in Copenhagen at the end of the year. The theme is “Creation in Crisis - a time for prayer and action”. The UN conference will seek to replace the Kyoto Protocol when it runs out in 2012; some are describing the meeting as the “last chance for the planet”. The ‘Time for Creation’ resources provided by Churches Together in Britain & Ireland will include materials to help churches, groups and individuals focus on issues relating to crucial decisions that will need to be taken in Copenhagen. In launching Time for Creation 2009, a CTBI spokesperson declared: “An international treaty is needed that will bind governments to drastic and immediate cuts in carbon emissions. However, this will require courageous and far-sighted political leadership to transform our economy and many aspects of our culture.”

Answers from June edition's Quiz

- 1 Did Jesus say that King Herod was like a bat, a fox or a lion? **FOX (Luke 13:32)**
- 2 Who is the odd one out, and why: Abigail, Michal, Ruth and Bathsheba? **RUTH (She was David's great-grandmother not his wife) (1 Samuel 18:27; 1 Samuel 25:39-44; 2 Samuel 12:24 & Ruth 4:13-22)**
- 3 Whose grandmother was called Lois? **TIMOTHY (2 Timothy 1:5)**

August Word Search (Ephesians)

U	M	A	T	U	R	I	S	H	L	Y	P
L	N	A	H	O	L	Y	S	E	L	M	T
I	N	I	T	H	A	N	N	I	D	E	E
F	A	R	T	U	M	S	H	E	L	T	R
E	T	O	L	Y	R	A	L	A	C	S	T
S	I	P	A	T	F	I	A	L	H	S	T
T	O	R	R	O	C	A	T	A	R	E	O
Y	L	O	M	N	A	B	A	Y	I	N	G
L	O	B	O	L	D	N	E	S	S	I	D
E	N	C	U	E	E	P	R	A	T	L	E
D	E	P	R	R	D	N	O	S	I	O	R
R	T	I	R	I	P	S	Y	L	O	H	P

All the words are associated with the epistle entitled Ephesians.

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| ARMOUR | HOLY SPIRIT |
| BOLDNESS | LIFESTYLE |
| CHRIST | MATURITY |
| FAMILY | RECONCILED |
| HOLINESS | UNITY |

August Quiz

- 1 What natural event helped Paul and Silas escape from prison?
- 2 What happened to Isaiah in the year that King Uzziah died??
- 3 How many people were converted to Christianity by Peter’s first sermon?

Iona - May 2009

The island’s mystique and heritage, both distant and more recent, attracts many back to reflect and wonder-to community and solitude. Imagine the achievement of Columba sailing in a coracle from Ireland with 12 supporters in 653 to establish the monastic tradition in this isolated and windswept spot - or the vision of George Macleod inspiring a group of unemployed craftsmen and a few Church of Scotland trainee ministers to rebuild the ruined monastery in the 1930’s.

The Abbey, now ably administered by the Iona Community resident staff and volunteers, offers a 6-day programme through the season entitled “Gathering Place” when up to 45 guests are invited to live with them in community, participating in a lightly-structured programme with plenty of free time, and twice a day to maintain the rhythm of regular worship. It is made clear we are not here for a conference, a retreat or even a holiday, we've come to share in their community life, so chores can include chopping vegetables, setting and serv-

ing meals, cleaning tasks or helping in the garden.

Our week centred around Images of God in Art (based by Malcolm, the resident warden, around “The Christ We Share” pictures), Images of God in Music (with Laura, an exceedingly young talented interpreter and teacher of new songs), and Images of God Outdoors (a session with Ian, the gardener, who led us to look more deeply into the intricacies of the created world).

During the week there were options on joining the Island Pilgrimage, a boat trip to Staffa, a Big Sing or a Wee Sing, a meal swap with guests staying at the Macleod Centre up the hill, and time spent walking, talking and browsing the Community (and other) shops. It has to be admitted that travel does take a full day: five trains for some of us, plus two ferries and a bus ride across Mull- we travelled with three of our friends from ecumenical fellowship-but it really is worth it and is to be highly recommended (details and programmes available from www.isle-of-iona.com or by phoning 0141 332 6343)

Shirley and John Moorse

Linthorpe

Compassion

One of the ways we at Linthorpe try to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves is by sponsoring a young man who lives in the Philip-pines. His name is Justin and he is now 8 years old. We get regular letters from him...or rather from his mother, who keeps us informed of Justin's progress at school. Justin himself will often draw us pictures which are delightful. This cost us, as a church, £21.00 per month, which the church family support by placing money in an envelope in the collection. We also give extra for a gift on his birthday and at Christmas. A number of the church family also commit to writing letters to Justin, - our turn comes around about twice a year.

Please keep Justin and his family in your prayers, as we do, and pray also for the work of Compassion, a Christian organisation, not only in The Philippines, but in a great many other areas across the world.

Jan Harper

Coffee After Morning Worship

May 31st ~ Children With liver Disease Foundation
£15.00 ~ S & D Knox

Grateful thanks to those who give so generously to support this and all the other causes.

Rotas

	Vestry	Porch
5 th Jul	M Gilmour	S & D Knox
12 th Jul	J Haverson	S Mapplebeck & C Tovey
19 th Jul	J Harper	M Tilley
26 th Jul	R Harris	G Dodds

Scripture Readers

5 th Jul	M Warren
12 th Jul	Parade
19 th Jul	J Harper
26 th Jul	M Gilmour

Church Flowers

5 th Jul	D Knox
12 th Jul	B Harris
19 th Jul	J Patrick
26 th Jul	TBA

Communion Preparation

19 th Jul	H Kettlewell
	J Haverson

Coffee/ Tea After Worship

5 th Jul	H Kettlewell	Macmillan Nurses
12 th Jul	G Rathbone	Scouts
19 th Jul	S & D Knox	Children With Liver Disease
26 th Jul	J & P Horbury	Guide Dogs For The Blind

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has been nominated as "the most respected living Christian" in a national poll of church-goers conducted for Premier Christian Radio. When asked "Which living Christian, currently in the public eye, do you respect the most?" the majority of respondents suggested the Archbishop of York.

Linthorpe Calendar

Dates For Your Diary:

Sat	4 th Jul	10am- 10.30am	Morning Prayers (Jameson Lounge)
Tue	7 th Jul	12.30 & 5.15pm	Credit Union (Office)
Tue	7 th Jul	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting (Jameson Lounge)
Sat	11 th Jul	7.00pm	Faith Supper & Bible Quiz (Walker Hall)
Tue	14 th Jul	12.30 & 5.15pm	Credit Union (Office)
Tue	21 st Jul	12.30 & 5.15pm	Credit Union (Office)
Tue	28 th Jul	12.30 & 5.15pm	Credit Union (Office)

Group Scout Report

The Explorer Scouts spent a Spring Bank Weekend (Friday to Monday) camping at the County Camp site at Ravengill. They enjoyed fine weather and a good clear night for there over-night hike on the Saturday night.

Cub Scouts Jack Milward and Callum Jones did very well taking on the daunting task of standing in front of the congregation for the first time for the bible readers. - Well Done!!!

Cub Scout Ryan Grey has attended the scouts for several weeks as part of his moving on award: he moved into the scouts at a going up ceremony on the 2nd July. Ryan was also presented with his Chief Scouts Silver award the highest Cub Scout Award.

The Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts will be closing down at the end of July due to lack of leaders. The present warranted leaders Craig Maplebeck and Gary Huskinson with over 45 years service between them as leaders in the group,

and helpers Pauline and Amy Huskinson have decided to call it a day.

We have been reducing numbers and 3 of the remaining 10 will be moving into the scouts before the end of July. The remainder have been given notices with day and times of nearby groups meetings with the option of joining our Scout Group at the appropriate age.

Information on 2010 Middlesbrough gang show has been circulated with several of our scouts interested in taking part. We have received information on dates and venue for the 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden and we are hoping to have 2/3 of our group attending with help from the Fred Lappin memorial fund.

The Group summer draw will be drawn mid July results will be published and sent out as soon as possible after the draw.

Scouts will meet during the summer as long as at least 4 turn up!

Ivor Huskinson (Group Scout Leader)

Guisborough

I managed to miss the Sunday when we unpacked Joel. Sean and I were visiting my brother and sister-in-law in the Midlands. We spent a gloriously sunny Saturday afternoon watching a re-enactment of trial by combat. There was a clashing of swords on shields, shouting and the warriors seemed to tire quickly in the heat. There was lots of cheating to get the children shouting out. It was great fun to watch but I'm still very glad we don't settle disputes this way anymore.

Our most recent social event was a historic walk around Guisborough led by Roger Darnton, a local historian, who was a mine of information. We managed a quick cup of coffee after the service before setting off along Westgate in blazing sunshine. I think even those who have lived in Guisborough a long time felt they learned something. It was surprising to realise how many

places have changed as well as how much still remains of the past. I will miss the next social event, a walk and picnic at Danby Moors Centre. I shall pray for good weather and hope everyone enjoys themselves. As it happens the walking group were at Danby this month and the rain held off for us, just about. We had a couple of birthday girls leading the walk and we enjoyed a small celebration on return to the car park.

I am looking forward to the Group Service and hope there is a good turnout. I've been told there's a good chance (if no fog) I'll be back from Orkney in time. I will be interested to see what the Group Worship Team have made of Galatians. I find the theme of Christians not being subject to the law (Jewish or secular) really interesting. We are called to a standard above mere legalism and are set free and empowered to live a fuller life.

I have been fighting anxiety recently. Spring is always a lean time for locums. Practices are careful with their finances and, with the recession, this year has been leaner. I have struggled to leave it to God to sort out but sure enough my prayers have been answered. I am trying to learn that there is always work for me to do but not all of it attracts a salary. I have often been a bit sceptical about the idea that "God will provide" and thought that a more practical approach was needed. Step by step I am learning that I do what I can and God will do the rest.

It is hard to write for an issue which will cover 2 months ahead. I shall be working harder than ever, making hay while the sun shines. I also hope to spend 2 weeks digging at

archaeological sites in Scotland, work of a different kind but still rewarding. Many of our congregations will be away leaving us thin on the ground. I hope the summer will bring relaxation to those who need it and new adventures to those hungry for them.

Donna Moore.

	Vestry	Communion	Door	Flowers
5 th Jul	M Baird	J Basham	D Beattie	L Reeves
12 th Jul	J Reynolds		M Burrows	D Kane
19 th Jul	M Robson		D Cross	M Houston
26 th Jul	D Moore		R Tunnicliffe	R Tunnicliffe
2 nd Aug	J Basham	M Baird	J Bulmer	M Sollett
9 th Aug	M Robson		B Ward	C Walker
16 th Aug	D Beattie		M Burrows	F Thompson
23 rd Aug	R Tunnicliffe		J Reynolds	J Reynolds
30 th Aug	M Houston		D Houston	D Cross

Guisborough Calendar

Sat 4 Jul	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast – St Nicholas Church hosts at 10, Tidkin Lane
Tue 7 Jul	7.15pm	Elders Meeting
Sat 11 Jul	10am – 12 noon	Farmers’ Market – Church Open Day. Volunteers welcome
Sun 19 Jul	10.00am	Guiz Kids – Guisbro’ Churches JC’s joining together at Prior Purselove Sports Centre
Mon 27 to Fri 31 July		Guisborough Bridge Association - Children’s Holiday Club. This club is for 5 – 9/10 year olds and meets at the Methodist Church – along with other outdoor venues. The theme of the week is: Pirates. Phone Jenny on 07807 327963 or the Bridge Office 01287 636825 to book in.

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.

Ancient

How will you love him who so loved you first? Why, in loving him you will be an imitator of his kindness. And do not marvel that a human being can imitate God. By the will God he can.

An anonymous letter to Diognetus (2nd century)

God made man lord of the earth, but he was small, being but a child. He had to grow and reach full maturity.

Irenaeus Bishop of Lyons, a theologian (2nd century)

Redcar

Commitment for Life

Contributions towards our Commitment for Life Partners in the Occupied Palestinian Territories will be taken on 12th and 19th July.

Moderator's Visit

The Moderator, Rowena Francis will visit and preach at our morning service on Sunday 6th September.

Bible Book Club

What a difference the Bible Book Club together with our Bible Study group has made to our understanding of the Bible. I had never studied 'James' before and when I read it I couldn't believe has relevant it is to life today, in fact I felt quite excited about it!

With Meg we studied 'Ruth' and although I thought it was a story I knew well, it was amazing the way Meg made it come alive.

Through our studies with Meg and visiting Turkey I am coming to see how St. Paul travelled, bringing the Gospel of good news to so many.

I must congratulate who-ever had the Vision4Life and I do hope we will continue to learn from the idea.

Norma Creek

In Aid of The Bible Society

May Pepper will host an

Open Day at her home

35 Thirlmere Road, Lakes Estate, Redcar

Wednesday 22nd July

from 10.00am until 8.00pm.

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits with Stalls.

Please come and support this

Contact Norma Creek for further details.

The Bible Society presents

'The White Rose Singers'

in concert.

Saturday 26th September

7.00pm

Tickets £4 are available from Norma Creek.

Please support this concert and enjoy a wonderful evening of song and entertainment.

Redcar Calendar

Sat 5th Sep

Group Trip to Fountains Abbey - further details later

Sun 13th Sep

Church Meeting follows a short morning service

Sat 19th Sep

Harvest Coffee Morning (Details to follow)

Sun 27th Sep

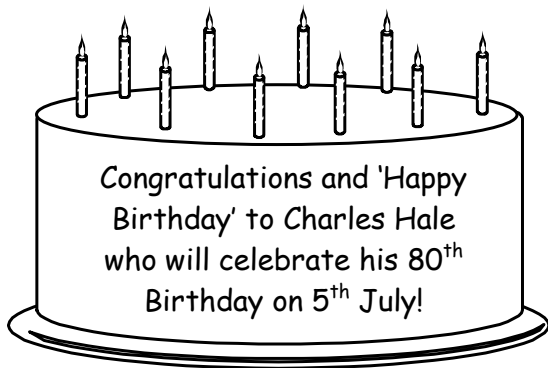
Back to Church Sunday Details from Catey

Weekly

Thursday

9.30am Prayers

10.00-11.30am Pop-in Centre



Beetle Drive

A big thank you, to Evelyn Robertson, for organising and running a most enjoyable Beetle Drive.

The evening raised £56 for Church funds.



Flower Festival

Theme - The Saints

At

United Reformed Church,
Station Road, Redcar.

Saturday 9th August 2009

Coffee and tea served

from 10am - 4pm

50p

Going to?

Have a clear out!!

Now is your chance to sell unwanted goods.

All kinds of everything table top sale

at

United Reformed Church hall, Redcar
on August 1st. 2009
11am to 2pm

Tables £6 – Refreshments available

Interested?

For information ring 01642 479038 /
01642 486451



Fresh Expressions

The URC has joined Fresh Expressions, the initiative which encourages new forms of church for a fast changing world. It was initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Methodist Council in the wake of the Mission-shaped Church report. URC general secretary Roberta Rominger said: "We want to attract those who don't come to church, by offering something new and different alongside more traditional forms of worship. The Fresh Expressions initiative is a real opportunity for Christians of all persuasions to join together in mission and to share the Christian good news at a key moment in the life of our nation." To discover more visit www.freshexpressions.org.uk

St Andrew's

Strawberry Tea

The Strawberry Tea held on Saturday 13th June raised £200.00 for church funds.

Many thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed a lovely afternoon. A special thank you to the young people who helped and made the afternoon so successful - Natalie, Leanne, Jade, Abigail and Dominic. Also many thanks to Albert.

Holiday at Home Scheme

From Monday, 31st August to Friday, 4th September Churches Together are hosting a holiday at home scheme. The idea is to invite people who do not have the means to go away on holiday to join throughout the week when we will provide activities, lunch and occasional outings. This will be funded by a small charge to our 'holiday-makers'.

Base camp will change each day as each church takes a turn to host so the plan is as follows:

- Monday – St. Mary's hall
- Tuesday – St. Cuthbert's centre
- Wednesday – Marton Methodist
- Thursday – Nunthorpe Methodist
- Friday – St. Andrew's U.R.C.

We will need volunteers to help transport people and to help with the provision of lunch and activities, etc.

Holiday Memories

Please remember items for Doreen's Holiday Stall for our annual Bazaar. She will be very grateful.

Christian Aid Walk

Sponsorship for Grant and Steven's recent walk for Christian Aid raised £202.00. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and in particular to Grant and Steven.

St Andrew's URC and St Clare of Assisi
Joint Concert

Friday 10th July, 2009

7.30pm

St Clare's, Low Lane, Brookfield
featuring

Harrison Singers and Band

Tickets £4.00 including refreshments
from Peter Etwell and Joan McKendrick.

Raffle (Prizes welcome)

Proceeds for both churches and Zoe's Place

St Andrew's Calendar

Mon 13 Jul	3.00pm	Worship at Elmridge
Wed 15 Jul	2.30pm	Communion at Kirkley Lodge
Mon 17 Aug	3.00pm	Worship at Elmridge
Wed 19 Aug	2.30pm	Communion 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

Surprise, Surprise

A sincere thank you to all who kept Suzanne's secret 60th birthday party for me quiet – and for all who turned up at St Andrew's!!! W O W !!! (Bob didn't know either so it came as a wonderful surprise to us both).

Thank you very much for the lovely cards, plants and many personal gifts and for the generous donations for cancer charity which reached an amazing £200). We didn't know about that either! Words fail me!!! – Now that's a first!!!! (Who gave me the beautiful tall crimson orchid – no one seems to know!). Cheers and much appreciation!

Jean Lamplugh

Cleveland Show

Churches Together have booked a space at the **Cleveland Show** which is to be held at Stewart Park on **Saturday 25th July 2009**.

Nick Green has a double decker bus which he will use within his pioneering ministry in Coulby Newham. He is happy that the bus be used on that occasion.

We will need a rota of volunteers to staff the bus throughout the day so please think about whether you could take a turn.

Prayers for Churches Together

Instead of First Friday Prayers the new pattern of prayer is as follows. Each week one of the churches on our Churches Together patch will be the prayer focus. Please use the list in your own prayers.

Week beginning

5 th July	St Bernadette's, RC Church	2 nd August	Pioneering Ministry in Coulby Newham
12 th July	St Andrew's URC	9 th August	St Mary's, CofE, Nunthorpe
19 th July	Marton Methodist	16 th August	Nunthorpe Methodist
26 th July	St Cuthbert's, CofE, Marton	23 rd August	St Bernadette's, RC Church
		30 th August	St Andrew's URC

Lingdale

Craft Club

Please note there will be no Fun Time Craft Club in August - back as usual on the 20th September.

Late Delivery

June Group News - apologies for the late delivery of the June Group News, although it arrived at Church on time it then went missing until the 21st!

Flower Rota

5 July	Mrs P Green
12th July	Mr A Thompson
19th July	Mrs H Dunstan
26th July	Mrs P Griffiths
2nd August	Miss S Griffiths
9th August	Mrs J Coulthard
16th August	Mr B Dove
23rd August	Mr A Thompson
30th August	Mrs M Saunders
6th September	Miss J Scarth

Lingdale Calendar

Weekly

3rd Sunday of month 5.00pm Craft Club followed by Kids Praise at 6pm.
 4th Wednesday of month 2.00pm Worship at Prospect Place

Preachers

		5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	2-Aug
Marthon	9.30am	K Harris	M Robb	M Robb	M Robb Communion	C Morrison
	6.30pm					
Lintho	11.00am	J Harper	M Robb Parade	M Robb Communion	M Robb	C Morrison
Guisbo	9.30am	M Robb Communion	C Morrison	D Harris Guiz Kidz	C Morrison	M Robb
Redcar	11.00am	M Robb Communion	C Morrison	C Morrison	C Morrison	M Robb
Lingdale	6.00pm	M Robb Communion	C Morrison Communion	C Morrison Craft & Family	K Harris	C Morrison
		9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	6-Sep
Marthon	9.30am	C Morrison	D Harris	M Robb Family Serv	C Morrison	M Robb Church Meet
	6.30pm	M Robb Communion				
Lintho	11.00am	C Morrison	J Harper Communion	M Robb	C Morrison	J Harper
Guisbo	9.30am	K Harris Communion	M Robb Guiz Kidz	Guis Folk	K Harris	C Morrison Communion
Redcar	11.00am	M Robb	N Johnson	K Harris	J Harper	R Francis Communion
Lingdale	6.00pm	M Robb Communion	M Robb Family Serv	K Harris	N Johnson	R Francis

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