



Group News

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Dear All,

I wonder...

Wondering is very much part of Godly Play as I well know since I've spent some time on a Godly Play course during this part of my sabbatical. And I wonder what you make of play. Many years ago at the start of my teacher training I read a book entitled 'The Purpose of Play' because play is important in the educational process. And playing out the great stories of God can lead us, young children and adults, to wonder about God in greater depth than we sometimes do.

I suppose that many within our tradition can view Lent rather like many view Godly Play. 'What is Lent all about?' we may ask just as we may question the value of Godly Play. But both are there to help us, with God, to plummet to depths within ourselves that as yet have remained untouched. Lent, like Godly Play, is about wondering. It isn't just about denial during Lent and often giving up for Lent is more about dieting in order to preserve good waistlines than it is about giving of time and prayer to God! Or it can be something undertaken without any real thought. But Lent is meant to be a time when we can take the opportunity to wonder... about ourselves and our lives and our world. It is a time when we can truly wonder as we prepare ourselves for the great Easter story. Wondering can lead us into seeing again the awesomeness of God and his wonderful love for each one of us. Wondering can lead us to new life and to resurrection.

Vision4Life is about wondering anew. It is about engaging with biblical texts in new, creative and exciting ways to help us find the heart of what God is saying to his world, to us today. During Lent we can begin that process as individuals by spending more time each day with God... along with our bibles. All that is required is a quiet space each day for a few minutes with a bible to hand. Sometimes I find that God can speak to me in a very powerful way through a few verses of scripture... even though I have read those verses more than a dozen times before. And when God is with us in our wondering we can be led into new and exciting times. So begin your quiet times each day by inviting God to help you wonder.

I wonder what you will do this Lent. I wonder what you will learn... about God, about yourself, about God's kingdom.

I wonder...

Blessings,

Meg

Prayer Page

Synod prayers for March are as follows:

Week beginning 1st March

Amble & Warkworth; Rev Greg Thompson;
Glanton, Felton & Longframlington; Rev Ed Butlin

Week beginning 8th March

Trinity Ashington, L.E.P. (Local Ecumenical Partnership); Rev Barry Welsh
Trinity Bedlington (L.E.P.); Rev John Joughin (Methodist)

Week beginning 15th March

Christ Church North Broomhill L.E.P.; Rev John Pugh (Methodist)
St. Mark's Newbiggin; Rev Carla Hall (Methodist)

Week beginning 22nd March

Blyth; Rev Yvonne Tracey
Seaton Delaval L.E.P.; Rev Malcolm Sellers (Methodist)

Week beginning 29th March

Our Synod link with the Presbyterian Church of Mozambique
Ecumenical Church Leaders: Melvin & Susan Fincham (Salvation Army)

Many of the churches this month fall in S.E.N.E.A. (South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area). Here there is no Mission Partnership or Methodist circuit but a united body where Methodist and United Reformed Churches share together in their wider government and the deployment of ministers. Hence some of the ministers in the L.E.P.s are Methodist. Our United Reformed Church in Morpeth has recently joined the Area.

Manse Prayers

Manse Prayers are held every Tuesday at 8:45am and everyone is welcome to attend. Venues are as follows:

- 3rd March Guisborough
 (prayers for Linthorpe)
9th March Redcar
 (prayers for Redcar)
16th March Marton
 (prayers for Guisborough)
23rd March Guisborough
 (prayers for St. Andrew's)
30th March Redcar
 (prayers for Lingdale)
7th April Marton
 (prayers for Linthorpe)

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

Vision4Life Prayer Meeting

All are welcome to come to a prayer meeting, to pray our way into the Vision4Life resources and pray for our churches as we seek God's vision for our churches over the next three years of Vision4Life. The prayer meeting is to be held at Ken and Dorothy's house (31, Oakley Close, Guisborough) on 12th March and will begin at 7.30pm.

Children's Sleepover (FUN ALERT!!)

The next Mission Partnership Children's Event is a sleepover at our Redcar Church on 4th to 5th April. The event will begin at 6pm on the Saturday and finish after the morning service at 12noon on the Sunday. Parents and other family members are welcome to join us for the 11am Sunday Service in which the children will be taking part in leading us all in worship. Activities will include games, baking and watching a movie, and of course SLEEP!!! Well hopefully, or so the leaders think!



Vision4Life - Bible Page

As part of Year 1 of Vision4Life focuses on the bible perhaps this page will help you to find different ways into the bible... and maybe you'll even enjoy doing so!!!

Match The Couples

Draw lines to match up these married couples, who are all found in the bible, from the Old and the New Testaments.

Priscilla	Abram
Naomi	Isaac
Elizabeth	Boaz
Ruth	Moses
Gomer	Xerxes
Zipporah	Elimelech
Rachel	Zechariah
Sarai	Aquila
Esther	Hosea
Rebekah	Jacob

The Foremothers Of Jesus

Who were they?

If you were at Redcar U.R.C.'s Flower Festival last August you will know. The theme of the Festival was 'Women of the Bible' and the Foremothers of Jesus were on display. There are four of them and they are the only women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus. Use the genealogy found at the beginning of Matthew's gospel to find them.

So... who were they?

Once you discover who they were you could find out something about them. In next month's Bible page there will a short article about why they might be included in the genealogy...and perhaps another question!

Bible Quiz

1. How many books are there in the Bible?
2. Which gospel ends with the words, 'I am with you always to the close of the age'?
3. Which king put Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace?

Answers in next month's Group News

If anyone needs to borrow a concordance, which will help you find the passage or verse you are looking for, please ask one of the ministers.

Gift of Hope

The final film of Hope08, explores how hope can survive even in the midst of the worst tragedy. The film, in which the parents of the late Jimmy Mizen talk openly about trying to come to terms with their loss and how their faith has helped them, was featured in a recent article in the Sunday Mirror. Along with the nine other Hope 08 films commissioned by the Christian Enquiry Agency and Church Army it aims to enable people to explore Christian perspectives in a way that suits them. The films feature on the YouTube and Facebook websites and have been viewed tens of thousands of times.

Churchgoers increased in numbers in 2008

According to the Christian relief and development agency Tearfund. Their research indicates 12.8 million adults in the UK are attending church at least once a year – aside from weddings, funerals and baptisms. The figure, representing 26% of the population, is up from 21% in 2007. The agency's research also showed that 7.3 million are attending church once a month – an increase of two per cent.

Tearfund's Chief Executive Matthew Frost said the figures were 'immensely encouraging, because it shows that people are associating church and a belief in God with hope and joy, and a positive way to spend their time.'

'Speaking Out for Justice'

Thursday 5 March 2009
7.30 - 9.00pm

Room HO.53
University of Teesside
Intersection of Borough Road and Albert Road
<http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/about/travel.cfm>

Stories of Hope from the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Recently there has been a lot of news coverage of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: the war in the east of the country, the escalating refugee crisis, and the moral, ethnic and political conflicts. The picture that is presented is usually one of distress and despair and it is hard to believe that there can be any hope in such terrible circumstances.

Christian Aid believes that there is **hope**, a hope that is grounded in the actions that we take in partnership with those people in the DRC who are striving to make their country a peaceful and just place to live. The people whom we support have joined together to form community organisations whose aim is to work themselves out of the different faces of poverty. There is a lot of positive and constructive activity to share and celebrate.

For only a few days in March, Christian Aid in the North East looks forward to the possibility of a visit from **Gerard Bisambu** from DRC. Gerard will share stories of the work of Christian Aid's partner organisation RECIC (Network for Civic Education in the Congo). We are also delighted to be joined by Christian Aid Volunteer, **Anita Morais**, who has recently visited RECIC with staff member Judith Sadler.

RECIC helped many people prepare for the democratic elections in DRC in 2006 and continues to promote understanding of **civic rights and responsibilities** amongst the local population. The organisation also supports volunteers as they work to combat the effects of erosion on homes, clean up their streets, restore their roads and generally improve the country's infrastructure.

Please come and share light refreshments with Gerard, hear his stories and take the opportunity to view this year's **Christian Aid Week materials**, which include stories from the DRC.



Let us know if you can come by telephoning 0191 2280115, e-mailing newcastle@christian-aid.org or writing to: Christian Aid, 391 West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY

'Speaking Out for Justice'

Formulating a Theology of Development

Paula Clifford

Thursday 26 March 2009

Church House, Percy Main
10.00am – 1.00pm

Paula Clifford is *Head of Theology* at Christian Aid. She was the Archbishop of Canterbury's Adviser on Climate Change during 2007-2008 and is author of the forthcoming publication from Darton Longman, *Angels with Trumpets: the church in a time of global warming*.

The Bishop of Newcastle, the **Right Rev Martin Wharton**, is hosting a presentation by Paula on Thursday 26 March 2009, between 10.00am and 11.30am, during which there will be opportunities for questions and discussion.

From 11.30 am there will be opportunities to talk further with Paula and to view the current resources available from Christian Aid, particularly the **Christian Aid Week materials** that focus on the organisation's work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Places are limited so please register – and let us know if you would like lunch!



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Catey's Carrot Soup Recipe (From Mission Partnership Prayer Day)

Ingredients:

Butter for frying
1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
1lb carrots, peeled and chopped
1 large potato, peeled and diced
1½ pints chicken stock
Salt and Pepper
1 teaspoon sugar

Melt butter in pan, add onion, carrot and potato and cook for 5 minutes. Add chicken stock and bring to the boil. Add seasoning and sugar, lower the heat and half-cover. Simmer for 20-30 minutes until vegetables are tender. Puree the soup in a blender. Return to pan and reheat, adjusting seasoning to taste. Add a swirl of cream if desired when serving.

Fairtrade Fortnight

February 23rd to March 6th

2009 will be a special year, celebrating 15 years of the FAIRTRADE Mark in the UK. **Make it happen. Choose Fairtrade** is aimed at galvanizing campaigners, supporters and the general public to organize events for Fairtrade Fortnight. The two-week campaign will culminate in a world record attempt for the number of people simultaneously eating Fairtrade bananas across the UK. The mass banana eating will take place on 6 and 7 March, with hundreds of events expected to take place around the country during Fairtrade Fortnight.

The Fairtrade Foundation has recognized almost 5000 Fairtrade Churches in this country – these include more than half of our synod's churches, and of course Northern Synod itself has Fairtrade status. Information on Fairtrade Fortnight can be found at www.fairtrade.org.uk/

Ecumenical trip to Taizé: 4th to 12th July - Plans are being made in our region for a pilgrimage to Taizé for young people aged between 18 and 29 There will be some information events about the pilgrimage later in the Spring. Details of costs are not yet finalized but will be roughly in the region of £200 including transport. Anyone interested please contact john.durell@urc-northern-synod.org who will put you in touch with the organizers.

Linthorpe

Pearl Dalglish

Pearl, almost 93 died peacefully on 21st January at home with her daughter in Kelso. Four from Linthorpe were at her funeral. At the end of the order of Service there was the following poem:

When you've loved - and lost - someone dear
you can shed tears that they are gone
Or smile because they have lived.

You can close your eyes and wish they'd come back
Or open your eyes and see all they've left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them now
Or it can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or be happy tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember them and only that they've gone
Or cherish their memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, Be empty and turn your back
Or do what they'd want;
Use your tears as healing then smile, open your eyes
Love and go on.

Coffee After Worship

18th Jan ~ Macmillan Nurses
£9.00 ~ Helen Kettlewell

25th Jan ~ Macmillan Nurses
£21.50 ~ Helen Kettlewell

1st Feb ~ Guide Dogs For The Blind
£11.00 ~ Peggy and John Horbury

Many thanks to those who give so generously to these worthy causes.

Rotas

	Vestry	Porch
1 st Mar	M Gilmour	H Kettlewell
8 th Mar	R Harris	S Mapplebeck C Tovey
15 th Mar	J Harper	J Haverson
22 nd Mar	H Kettlewell	G Kettlewell
29 th Mar	M Gilmour	G Dodds

Coffee/Tea After Worship

1 st Mar	G Williams	RNLI
8 th Mar	G Rathbone	Scouts
15 th Mar	H Kettlewell	Macmillan Nurses
22 nd Mar	P & J Horbury	Guide Dogs For The Blind
29 th Mar	S & D Knox	Children With Liver Disease Foundation

Church Flowers

1 st Mar	Joan Patrick
8 th Mar	TBA
15 th Mar	TBA
22 nd Mar	Betty Harris
29 th Mar	Jan Harper

(in memory of Stan Burnicle)

Scripture Readers

1 st Mar	S Mapplebeck
8 th Mar	Parade
15 th Mar	J Haverson
22 nd Mar	R Harris
29 th Mar	P Bradley

Linthorpe Calendar

Dates For Your Diary

Sat	8 th Mar	10 – 10.30am	Prayer Morning - Jameson Lounge
Tue	10 th Mar	7.30pm	Church Meeting - Jameson Lounge.
Sat	23 rd Mar		Synod
Thu	26 th Mar	7.00pm	Leadership Team - Redcar
Sat	28 th Mar		TLS Taster Day - Alnwick.

Guisborough

As I write everywhere is white with snow. In the sunshine it is very beautiful and the trees look truly magical. Good fun for the children but hard work for the people who have to work in it. I think we appear to have come off very lightly compared with other parts of the country. But those of us from Yorkshire should be tough. We were lucky that it hadn't started when we drove (or at least Catey did), firstly to Bob Macdonald's funeral in Lincolnshire, and a week later to Pearl Dalgleish's in the lovely old town of Kelso. Both of them were long serving and faithful servants of the church (Pearl at Linthorpe). Both of them lived long and very full lives and although we were sad to lose them we felt glad to have known them and will long remember them. The mood was very well caught in the poem Don Beattie gave at Bob's Memorial Service which I have reproduced below.

For some time the Elders have felt we need to do more things together socially. Some of us go to the Methodist Tuesday at Eight; others to the U3A or Dancing. But we don't often do things together as a Church. So Ray has organised a programme of events to fill the gap. The first was a very enjoyable (and informative) evening with Ernest at his house. My fears he might be too

Miss me, but let me go

When I come to the end of the road,
and the sun has set for me,
I want no tears in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, But not too much,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that once we shared,
miss me, but let me go.

This is a journey we all must take
and each must take alone.
It's all a part of God's perfect plan,
a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends that we know.
Bury your sorrows in doing good,
miss me, but let me go.

Read at Bob MacDonald's Memorial Service

highbrow for me proved unfounded. He talked about the different types of music he delights in and with help of excerpts explained something of how they worked. Much of it was new to me. The opera Dido and Aeneas was a rather jolly piece with a very modern production set in a beach resort. The King appeared in his beach robe while the lead singer wore shades and dressed rather like Elvis Presley. You'll have to ask Ernest for the explanation! Then he played Walton's Spitfire Prelude and Fugue, originally film music. Different people heard different things, I heard raindrops, David heard the plot and counter-plot of the story, and yet others heard armadas of planes flying over. Apart from the music, it was a good chatty evening especially as it was a freezing night outside.

The annual Women's World Day of Prayer is almost upon us. On March 6th the women of the World will get together to pray for our universal concerns. Maybe the time has come to think whether this ought to become World Day of Prayer as all of us and not just the women need to work together for the good of all. I know

events titled *Women's* this or that leave some of our men are wondering where they fit into the church. There will be two services. One at 2 pm at St Nicholas'

Date	Vestry	Communion	Door	Flowers
1st Mar	M Robson	D Houston	J Bulmer	M Ward
8th Mar	D Beattie		J Basham	J Reynolds
15th Mar	J Reynolds		M Baird	M Sollett
22nd Mar	M Houston		D Houston	D Cross
29th Mar	R Tunnicliffe		B Ward	D Harris

Guisborough Calendar

Tue 3 Mar	7.30pm	Church Social Event - Alpine Flowers – A Talk by Maureen and David Houston.
Wed 4 Mar	7.30pm	Guisborough Churches Together – Lent Bible Study Course – at St Nicholas' Church
<i>Fri 6 Mar</i>		<i>Womens' World Day of Prayer – Speaker Mrs Nancy Webb</i>
	2.00pm	<i>St Nicholas Parish Church</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Guisborough United Reformed Church</i>
Sat 7 Mar	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast – at the United Reformed Church.
Wed 11 Mar	7.30pm	GCTogether – Lent Bible Study Course – at St Nicholas' Church
Thu 12 Mar	7.30pm	East Cleveland Group Vision 4Life Prayer Meeting – 31, Oakley Close, Guisborough.
Sat 14 Mar	10 – 12 noon	Farmers' Market – Church Open Day. Volunteers welcome.
Sun 15 Mar	9.30am	Gift Day Service
Sun 15 Mar	10.00am	Guiz Kids – Guisbro' Churches JC's joining together at Prior Purseglove Sports Centre.
Tue 17 Mar	7.15pm	Annual General Meeting
Wed 18 Mar	7.30pm	GCTogether – Lent Bible Study Course – at St Nicholas' Church
Wed 25 Mar	7.30pm	GCTogether – Lent Bible Study Course – at St Nicholas' Church
Thu 26 Mar	7.30pm	Mission Partnership Leadership Team Meeting – Redcar URC.

Weekly

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Bible Study
Thursdays	9.30am – 11.45am	Coffee Morning
Thursdays	11.30am	Prayers and reflections with Catey, Meg, Ken and some of us

Parish Church; and another in our own church at 7pm. Mrs Nancy Webb will give the reflection at both. I hope as many as are able, Men as well as Women, will attend and enjoy these services.

I wish you all safety and good health in this hard weather.

Maureen

Church leaders reject talk of separate Christian Pakistan province

Church officials in Pakistan have rejected a call for the delineation of an enclave exclusively for the country's Christian minority in the overwhelmingly Muslim-majority nation.

Guisborough Choral Society

Conductor - Michael Summers

presents

Durufle Requiem Four Motets by Durufle

Saturday 25th April 2009 - 7.30pm

St Nicholas Parish Church, Guisborough

Guests

Gillian Plummer (Mezzo-soprano)

Robert O'Connell (Baritone)

Trevor Blease (Organ)

Tickets £9, (£8 concessions, £1 under19)
from Greensleeves and The Bookshop, Chaloner St

Lingdale

The Future of *Your* Church

Our most recent Elders' meeting was more sombre than usual, coming as it did, only a few days after Jean Winter's funeral. While we will miss Jean as a friend her death also brought home to us how small our congregation has become.

A typical Sunday evening will see seven attending worship and of those seven three are serving Elders, one a non-serving Elder and one only nine years old. We have to face the reality that such a small congregation cannot sustain a fully functioning Church in the long term.

While we are not suggesting that the Church will close this year, of even next, we have to acknowledge the fact that if the congregation does not increase the closure will be a distinct possibility in the next five years,

The Church was founded to serve the spiritual needs of the people of Lingdale and if that is no longer required then it will

have served its purpose and can close its doors with a job well done, but if the people of Lingdale still need their Church but, for some reason, are not using it, we need to know why? Are we doing things that but you off coming to Church or are we not doing something that would mean you would want to attend? Do you need transport? Would you like to come but think it's not needed?

While donations of money are always gratefully received the people are the Church and without the people the church will not survive.

The Minister and Elders will be considering the way forward in the near future but we cannot do it without your help. Please tell us what you want for the future of *your* Church.

Comments by the end of April please to either Brian (652326), Jacquie (678696), or Susan (654093).

Lingdale's Organ

Following our recent Music Fund appeal for our Church Organ with its woodworm problem, I am delighted to inform everyone that the organ has now been treated for woodworm. However, ideally it needs a lot more work doing on it in terms of restoration due to the damage caused, but at least the woodworm has been halted in its destruction for the foreseeable future. We are not able at present to do that work due to lack of finances and only a small response from our appeal. However, we are planning to spend the money raised in our appeal on a decent keyboard or clavichord, as a back-up instrument in addition to our struggling organ.

Catey

Flower Rota

1 st Mar	Mrs M Saunders
8 th Mar	Miss J Scarth
15 th Mar	Mr T Waller
22 nd Mar	Mrs J Scott
29 th Mar	Mrs P Green
5 th Apr	Mr A Thompson

Lingdale Calendar

Wed 4 Mar	7.00pm	Elders' Meeting
Sun 5 Apr	4.45pm	Annual General Meeting - all welcome
Weekly		
3 rd Sunday of month	5.00pm	Messy Church/Kids Club
4 th Wednesday of month	2.00pm	Worship at Prospect Place

Memories of Jean Winter

‘See I am making all things new’ (Revelation 21:5) could be a description of a great deal of Jean’s life, because Jean was always creating new things. She’d produce abundant flowers and veg from tiny seeds – often stored in the fridge; she’d make beautifully crafted pieces of furniture, the results of 30 years at woodwork classes; she’d turn out the most wonderful pies and cakes; and with her talents for needlework, upholstery, even computers – Jean was always taking the raw materials and turning out something new.

Jean’s story began in Keighley, 81 years ago, where Jean was born and brought up with her sister Dorothy and brother Donald. Jean was bright, right from the start. She loved school and would have liked to have gone further with her English – but even with a scholarship, the family couldn’t afford it. So Jean went out to work – for a while as a children’s nurse, but most memorably, in the Land Army. The Land Army was Jean’s opportunity to travel around the country driving lorries and threshing machines. And of course, it was on one of these forays up here in Cleveland that she met Alf, with his white blond hair – Alf who became the love of Jean’s life. They were married in Keighley parish church in 1951, and then began their life together in Lingdale. Undoubtedly the best things to blossom out of those years were the children, Susan and Richard, who have some very happy memories of their childhood. And later, this family expanded to include Philip and Diane, then Ruth, Rob, John, Hayley and Paul.

Meanwhile, Jean continued to work, enjoying working at the motorcycle place in Redcar, doing meals on wheels – but best of all, working as a milk recorder for the Milk Marketing Board. Jean loved this, driving round all the farms as far as Humnanby and Scarborough. Jean also loved her church life, firstly at St Aidan’s in Boosbeck and at St Chad’s in Lingdale – later

she also came to the United Reformed Church in Lingdale. Jean used to say that she liked to share herself round a bit. And here she’s a good example to all of us, because what mattered to Jean was God – for she had a strong faith – and the people she was with, not which particular church she happened to be in.

Jean sang in the church choir and the Young Wives choir, and was a budding actress in the Boosbeck Glee Club. She was always busy, a strong person physically and mentally, and it took a lot to phase her. The hardest thing of course was when Alf died – and I know that Jean never stopped missing him and she carried him in her heart for the rest of her life. Life never *was* the same, but this didn’t mean that Jean gave up. She carried her love and her grief, and still went on making every day count. Always eager to learn new things she even got to grips with a computer – though she never quite mastered the mobile phone!

Jean was generous with what she had. She contributed to many charities, especially those involving dogs, and animals in general. She made good friendships and there are many who, along the way, benefited from Jean’s love and care. Jean was someone who, like each of us, was made in God’s image. Not perfect, but with times when that likeness could easily be seen – in her love, her honesty, her generosity, her creativity. In losing Jean, we are losing a true woman of faith from our church. We miss her dearly.

Iraq Christianity ‘facing total annihilation’

Roman Catholics in Germany have warned that Christianity in Iraq is faced with annihilation and that little is heard about it. At a conference on Christian persecution a number of speakers, including Catholic leaders and lay people, warned that Christian persecution is still an issue in the 21st century.

Modern

Intercession is the most intensely social act that the human being is capable of.

Douglas V Steere North American Quaker and Philosopher (Late twentieth century)

Redcar

Jack Prime's Move South

I had a wonderful conversation with Jack Prime recently, following his move last November to a bungalow in Mildenhall, Suffolk. He has settled nicely into his bungalow and is finding it a lot easier to cope with, and is enjoying having his family around nearby. He is even planning on finding somewhere to go for some cooking lessons, something which he plans to now learn - once he has got over the exhaustion of moving house that is! Jack's new address is 10, Ship Gardens, Mildenhall, Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk IP28 7DL for those who would like to write to him.

Catey

A Trip to Remember

It was a dark and cold morning when we set off for Darlington at 6.30am. We were not alone. The station platform steadily grew busier and busier with an expectant air of anticipation. Right on time the Tornado arrived to cheers and flash bulbs. What followed was truly amazing. On our trip to London the route was lined with people of all ages and in differing numbers, some standing in packed station, others in groups in the middle of fields, on top of bridges, from young families

who stood in awe to lone photographers in the middle of nowhere. They all had one thing in common a quick glimpse of a by-gone age. King's Cross was a huge surprise people lining every platform and vantage point to welcome the new Tornado - it took us 40mins to leave the platform!

It was a great tribute to the eighteen years of hard work bringing a dream to reality and many thousands of people showed their appreciation.

Grand Concert

to be given by the

Renaissance Singers

Saturday 14th March at 7pm

in aid of The Bible Society.

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of music

Tickets £4 including refreshments.
Available from Norma Creek

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March

Afternoon service - 2.30pm

St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church
Warwick Road

Evening service - 7.00pm

Newcomen Methodist Church
Mersey Road

Redcar Calendar

Weekly

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

St Andrew's

Women's World Day of Prayer

is to be held on

Friday 6th March 2009 at 7.00pm

St Cuthbert's Church, Marton

All are welcome and refreshments will be served after the service.

Quiz with Pie and Pea Supper

to be held at St Andrew's U R Church

**Saturday 28th February 2009
7.30pm**

Raffle

Tickets £4.00

available from Una Sutherland and Joan Swan

Please come along and support

Proceeds are in aid of church funds

Flower List

If anyone wishes to add their name to the 2009 Flower List, there are still a few vacancies.

Ladies Fellowship

At our January meeting Catey talked to us about her personal experiences of the adoption procedure which was quite amazing. Our next meeting in February was a guided holiday tour of Guernsey which we appreciated as it was freezing outside. Many thanks to both for such interesting talks.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March, 2009 at 7.30pm when we will have a talk from a representative from Coatham House.

Churches Together in Marton and Nunthorpe March Prayers

Instead of the first Friday Prayers, each week one of the churches on our Churches Together patch will be the prayer focus.

Week beginning:

1st March St Cuthbert's

8th March Pioneering ministry, Coulby Newham

Rev Nick Green is the pioneer, attached to St Cuthbert's

15th March St Mary's

22nd March Nunthorpe Methodist

29th March St Bernadette's

St Andrew's Calendar

Sun 15 th Mar	9.30am	Annual General Meeting
Mon 16 th Mar	3.00pm	Worship at Elmridge
Wed 18 th Mar	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

Ancient

Christians are not distinguished from the rest of mankind by country or language or customs.

Letter to Diognetus from an anonymous author to an unknown person (Second Century)

A Modern Miracle?

Sometime in the early 70's Revd David Watson or one of his associates addressed a meeting in a church in Darlington (possibly our St George's). They were the Anglican Leaders of the 'new' Charismatic movement. A group from our congregation went to hear him and found ourselves in the balcony. The church was packed and it became very, very, hot.

At some point we were invited to stand; why I cannot now remember, but many of us stood. The heat became intolerable and perspiration was actually dripping off my nose. This was explicable because my head was bowed. I realised that if someone did not open a window and allow some fresh air into the Church I would soon collapse. Someone else had the same idea as I was suddenly aware of a cool draught blowing over me. In memory it was very refreshing and cooled me completely. Needless to say I sighed with relief.

The meeting finished and I turned to the person sitting beside me and commented on how fortunate we were that someone had the sense to open a window. He looked a bit taken aback. I added the cool draught came at just the right moment. He looked even more taken aback and added, what cool draught? In some exasperation I said the draught when someone opened a window. He replied "What window?" I looked around and indeed there were no windows open or shut!!

Richard Harris

Preachers

	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar
Marton	9.30am C Morrison	C Morrison Parade	M Robb AGM	M Robb Family Serv	C Morrison
	6.30pm				
Lintho	11.00am J Harper	C Morrison Parade	J Harper Communion	M Robb	C Morrison
	6.30pm				
Guisbo	9.30am K Harris Communion	Guis Folk	K Harris Gift Day	D Harris	M Robb
Redcar	11.00am K Harris Communion	C Eddowes	K Harris	C Morrison	J Harper
Lingdale	6.00pm C Morrison	K Harris Communion	C Morrison Messy Church	K Harris	M Robb

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