



Group News

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Dear Friends,

Well I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. We certainly had an interesting one, an adventure you might almost call it, to the Slovak Republic. We eventually found ourselves staying in a little camping cabin half way up a mountain, which certainly helped exercise the muscles of my legs, which have not been used much in the last few months.

I say, “eventually” ending up there because as some of you will know our arrival in the Slovak Republic was an eventful one, with no hire car awaiting us at the airport (our pre-arranged, and pre-paid agreement had been accidentally cancelled by the head office in Prague), and this was 11pm at night! However a wonderfully kind man in the one remaining open car hire office managed to iron out the problem for us, and within the hour get us united with our car.

But that wasn't it! For then after a 3 hour journey across Slovakia we couldn't find the cottage. Well we were in the right location but at 3am and faced with several different dark gravel tracks all heading steeply up the hillside we couldn't quite work out from the directions which gravel track to take! After abandoning the car in favour of our feet, the cottage was found within the next hour, although even then the electricity, which sounded so simple to switch on in the instructions, could not be fathomed, even by John with his electrical/electronic engineer qualifications. And so in the dark we entered the cottage reassuring ourselves that all would seem fine when daylight came. However, even the torchlight could not hide the great number of rat droppings, dead flies and wasps. But we got under the sheets for a few

hours of sleep knowing that all would be indeed be fine come morning.

However, with morning came the realisation that without electricity there would be no water either, and, since the toilet had already been used, an additional smell pervaded the cottage. The discovery of a letter announcing the disconnection of electricity may also have just started to put a damper on the holiday. But my mum and I set to cleaning up the whole place in order to make it clean enough to bring our possessions in from the car, while John went off with a kindly neighbour who could speak Slovak for us and try to sort out the electricity problem. And so, 2½ hours of cleaning later, John returned with good and bad news. The bad news – the cottage was not safe to live in as the chimney stack running up through the house was collapsing (we had noted the fist sized cracks), but if we drove to a supermarket in a town 60km away, we would meet up with another helpful person there who would take us to another village to a camping cabin that we could stay in.

And so we ended up in the camping cabin half-way up a mountain and, other than having very tired legs, we had a wonderful holiday in the Slovak Republic, enjoying the mountains, the scenery, the communist era constructions, and the hospitality of some wonderful Slovak people. I would recommend it anytime! Particularly having the opportunity to have our own faith challenged at the same time! I mean, would I have simply dropped what I was doing to help a strange family in this way? Good Samaritans we know we should be, but are we really ready to be so inconvenienced in our own lives in order to be that Good Samaritan? The man who helped us with

our electricity spent two and a half hours helping us when he was meant to be taking his own family out for the day to a castle, making all the calls on his own mobile phone. The woman who helped us find a new cottage stopped what she was doing to drive 90km to help us!

It is not often that a holiday helps you re-evaluate how you live out your faith, how you apply your faith to your everyday lives. And it was interest-

ing to note, as we drove through the towns in this, one of our poor relatives in the EU, that their many churches were brightly painted – often a cheerful yellow, and well maintained, with the faith shining out from the people. What an example they set for us! How refreshing! I hope your summer break has been a source of refreshment too!

God bless! Catey.

Synod Prayer Diary

- 1 St Andrew's, Hebburn URC. Rev Janet Flawn's ordination anniversary
- 2 St Margaret's URC, South Shields
- 3 St Paul and St John's URC, South Shields
- 4 St George's URC, Sunderland
- 5 West Park URC, Sunderland. Rev Peter Rand's ordination anniversary
- 6 Boldon URC. Rev Edward Butlin's ordination anniversary
- 7 Roker URC, Sunderland. Rev Andy Coyne's ordination anniversary
- 8 Grindon URC, Sunderland. Rev Liz Blair's ordination anniversary
- 9 St Bede URC, Sunderland
- 10 Oxclose LEP, Washington
- 11 Rev Ed Butlin's birthday.
- 12 Lay preachers – Mr C Dawson, Mr W B Robertson, Mr G Smith, Mrs M Young.
- 13 Rev Tjarda Murray's ordination anniversary
- 14 We need to be constantly searching for new ways to relate with our local communities
- 15 Pray for those preparing for Northern Synod's October meeting
- 16 Rev Julie Martin's ordination anniversary
- 17 Remember all church secretaries
- 18 Rev Elaine Brown and Rev Gordon Brown's ordination anniversaries
- 19 Rev Nigel Watson's ordination anniversary
- 20 People find themselves in church because of a funeral, may hear the gospel of peace and hope
- 21 Helen Stephenson's (CRCW) commissioning anniversary
- 22 For all our physical activities together
- 23 All Elders, both serving and non-serving
- 24 Rev Ray Anglesea's ordination anniversary
- 25 We pray for the Youth and Children's Work Committee.
- 26 Rev Mike Proctor's ordination anniversary
- 27 That our Elders' Conferences are relevant, engaging, and constructive
- 28 Pray for the work of ecumenical justice and peace groups. Rev David Whiting's birthday
- 29 Many who carefully, reliably and faithfully prepare the Lord's Table for the Lord's Supper
- 30 The Sunderland and South Tyneside Mission Partnership

20 ways to build peace

- 1 Take your share of responsibility for the world
- 2 Send letters & e-mails
- 3 Welcome strangers
- 4 Be a good friend
- 5 Don't make others wrong
- 6 Smile at people when you walk
- 7 Live simply so that all can simply live
- 8 Don't fight, forgive
- 9 Learn new ways
- 10 Stand up against bullying
- 11 Help those in need
- 12 Be peaceful inside yourself
- 13 Be tolerant
- 14 Join in
- 15 Talk about peace
- 16 Share what you have
- 17 Care for your environment
- 18 Aim so everyone wins
- 19 Be open minded
- 20 Listen well

As used by Catey in a sermon

Meg and Catey's Garden Party

Saturday 15th September!

You are all warmly welcome to come to Meg and Catey's Garden Party and BBQ at the Redcar manse (31 Torcross Way, Redcar). Feel free to drop by from 10.30am until 1.30pm for a chat, a cup of coffee, a piece of cake, and, around lunchtime, a hot dog!!! We both look forward to seeing you there!

Training for Learning and Serving/ Service (TLS) Course

Thank you so much to everyone in the East Cleveland Group – and beyond – for all your prayers, love support, help and encouragement over the past year. You have all been very much appreciated!!!

I am pleased, and so relieved to say that I have passed all the required tasks (including my three written assignments, which consisted of 1 biblical short answer, 1 biblical essay and 1 contextual essay). I am now officially a second year foundation TLS student and begin studying again in September.

There will be more tutorials with David Whiting, my excellent tutor, and maybe more most welcomed visits by David Peel (TLS Training Officer) and Jan Harper (Lay Preaching Commissioner) who are both superb role-models.

My TLS support network team consists of Pam Munkley, co-ordinator, Lesley Bustard, TLS student and Chris Eddowes, Accredited Lay Preacher; and all our organists have been very helpful, too, guiding me when necessary. Meg and all at St. Andrew's have been exceptionally kind and considerate towards me and are helping me continually, and without their backing I would never have got this far!!!!

THANK YOU ALL !!!

My TLS weekend away will be from Friday 14th to 16th September and I look forward to meeting up again with all my 'new' friends.

All my love, respect and genuine thanks,

Jean Lamplugh

Fancy a pilgrimage to Iona?

The idea is emerging of an East Cleveland Group trip to Iona to be arranged to take place in spring/summer next year. This is an idea only at the moment! However if this is to happen then places would need to be booked this Autumn, with deposits paid, or in other words we would need to get on with organising it or Iona Abbey will get filled up! So would you like to go? Have a think about it as if you haven't been before it can be an enlightening experience where God draws close! In order to organise this trip we are looking for one person at each church to be the designated liaison person, to take deposits etc. For now we just need expressions of interest which you can do by adding your name to a list and we will take it from there!

Catey and Meg

ADVANCE NOTICE

Regional Christian Aid Service Coulby Newham Friday, 30 November

For the last two years there have been regional Christian Aid events held in the North East at Advent. Since both were held in the north of the region, at Newcastle and Hexham, a request was made for something in the south this year. Therefore, two services have been arranged, one in Sunderland Minster on Thursday 29th November and the other in **St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham on Friday 30th November.**

The theme is 'Flesh of our Flesh', and is linked with World Aids Day. The preacher will be **John Bell** of the **Iona Community** and the service is being arranged by local church folk from the Middlesbrough area. There will be a reception with refreshments before the service which will begin at 7.00pm.

Please put this in your diary and be prepared for Meg to ask some of you play some part in the preparation. There will be more details in October's Group News.

A Bird's Eye View Of Assembly

I shall always remember my first time! I had no idea what to expect although I very conscientiously read the appropriate papers before going to Manchester. I knew most of those who were also going from the Northern Synod, and they were mostly old hands at the job. 'Don't try and do everything' they advised, 'you'll end up with exhaustion and a mammoth headache!'

The arrangements were perfect. On arrival at Manchester station (worth a visit in itself), the assembly bus was waiting outside just as the directions had said. All of the Northern Synod personnel were billeted in the same block at Manchester University so if I was going to get lost, a fair bet, there would be someone around to guide me. I was impressed with my room, we never had anything like en-suite when I was at college; mind, that was a millennium ago! Students obviously have greater expectations these days.

Business started at 3pm that afternoon, Saturday, with the induction of the new Moderator, Rev Stephen Orchard, and the make up of the Constitution. If that sounds dull, well trust me, it wasn't. In fact none of it turned out to be dull despite what I might have expected. Perhaps because the procedures were new to me, I found the whole process fascinating; even the finance bits!

Having been around in the Synod for 2 to 3 years now, I was able to put faces to names that I knew, and that was good. Sharing meals with friends old and new was also an enjoyable part of each day.

One of the highlights of the whole experience took place on Saturday evening, when instead of the usual business we had a gospel choir who came to help us celebrate the 200 years since the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in this country. I can't begin to tell you how inspiring it was....but suffice it to say that I was on my feet and clapping and dancing with everybody else by the time 9pm came. I've never been to a gospel concert before; and if you never have either, then I can only encourage you to find one and go. It was uplifting and joyful and left everyone breathless and happy.

The debates were interesting too, not to say

heated at times. There are always some people who speak more than once, or twice...

The sexuality debate you might have thought would be heated, like the last time it was on the agenda, but in fact it was treated with sensitivity and gentleness. Likewise the debate on assisted dying, which saw us break into small groups to allow people to share their stories. Those of you who know me will understand my horror at this point, but I had no problems with the group to which I was assigned. Everybody was able to speak in an atmosphere of encouragement and acceptance.

There is more that I could say, but only at the cost of taking over the magazine... so I'll stop there, and if you want to know more just ask me. Suffice it to say that the whole experience was thoroughly enjoyable and I look forward to going again if I'm given the chance. Although, hopefully, the next one won't be finishing the day before I'm due to fly out on holiday!

Jan Harper

Student Fund

Sydney, the student from Zimbabwe that we helped to fund during his last few months at University, completed his course in June. Free from the commitment of studying in Teesside he was able to travel to London to stay with his sister. In the capital the possibilities of work could be greater.

Sydney wishes to thank all you for your kindness and support for without that he would have not been in a position to finish his studies. He received far more than money and food, etc. but his faith in God blossomed, too.

Your generosity left just over £100 in the student fund and it has been decided to give this to the University Chaplain to begin a fund that he can use for students who are in need. In this way other students may also benefit from your generosity.

ICE (In Case of Emergency)

Isn't it true that we all carry our mobile phones with hundreds of names/numbers stored in the memory? However, nobody, other than ourselves know which of these numbers belong to our near and dear ones. Let us for a moment create a scenario.

We are involved in an accident, or been taken ill, and the people tending us get hold of our mobile phone but don't know which number to call to inform our family members. Amongst the numbers stored, which one is the contact in case of emergency? For this reason we should have one or more numbers stored under the name ICE in our mobile phones.

It was a paramedic who said that he and his colleagues went to scenes of accidents, and found there were, increasingly often, patients with mobile phones, but they had no idea which number they should call to tell the patient's family. He thought that it would be a good idea if there was an internationally recognised name for this purpose.

Following the disaster in London the East Anglian Ambulance Service has launched a national 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) campaign. In an emergency, paramedics and hospital staff would then be able to contact your next of kin quickly, by simply dialling the number stored under ICE. For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3

Manse Prayers

Manse Prayers are open to all. The start time has been changed to **8.45am**

Tue 4 th Sep at Marton	Prayers for Guisborough URC
Tue 11 th Sep at Guisborough	Prayers for Lingdale URC
Tue 18 th Sep at Marton	Prayers for Linthorpe URC
Tue 25 th Sep at Guisborough	Prayers for Redcar URC
Tue 2 nd Oct at Marton	Prayers for St. Andrew's URC
Tue 9 th Oct at Guisborough	Prayers for Guisborough URC
Tue 16 th Oct at Marton	Prayers for Lingdale URC
Tue 23 rd Oct at Guisborough	Prayers for Linthorpe URC
Tue 30 th Oct at Marton	Prayers for Redcar URC
Tue 6 th Nov at Guisborough	Prayers for St. Andrew's URC

Venues Marton: 10 Farington Drive; Guisborough: 31 Oakley Close

£ Money Matters £

There was a misprint in Group News for July/August when the figure of £12 per member per week was mentioned as a requirement to meet M&M. The average figure used by the Synod is £6.30 per member per week in a series of bands, starting at £5.37 and rising to £7.26.

This is important because the biggest single payment in most of the accounts of our Group Churches is the Ministry & Mission contribution. Have you ever considered the amount of time spent in deciding how this money is to be raised from all the churches in the country to pay ministers salaries and pension fund contributions? There are several methods which can be used and the Synod has been trying to bring some equality to the amounts payable by each Church following the suspension of Districts in 2002.

The Synod issued figures for all Churches for 2008 in June and invited treasurers and anyone else to come and discuss the allocation at a consultation at the end of June. I know that pages of figures, while very interesting to me, are very daunting for many but how else is the information to be communicated? Our Synod Treasurer, Rev David Walton, has worked immensely hard on this. Our Synod Moderator, Rev Rowena Francis, is constantly reminding us that we are not, as a Synod, paying anything like enough for the Ministry we are enjoying. At the same time, it is good to report that our Group churches are up to date each month.

However, in the Group we have paid and are paying as follows:

2005	£50124
2006	£51550
2007	£45293 ¹

¹ due to using Synod reserves, now exhausted

We are still working on 2008 where the initial figures ask for £44491. It cannot be right to be paying less and less when we have two Ministers in post. Please think about it when your treasurer brings up the matter of the 2008 figure for your Church.

Jane Tomlin (Group Treasurer)

Guisborough

The East Cleveland Group Joint Service in Redcar United Reformed Church, on Sunday 1st July, was a welcomed opportunity for the five churches to gather together in faith and fellowship. As the service coincided with the fifteenth anniversary of the Group's formation we were able to reflect on how far we have moved forward, during this period, through an address given by Jane Tomlin – recalling a time of change and of subsequent events. The following dramatic dialogue – presented by Meg Robb and Catherine Milburn – on the issue of commitment to Christ – reminded us of the constant challenge this can be, for us all, in the materialistic conditions of modern life – but safe in the knowledge that we have our Lord as our guide. It was good to see and hear Catey, restored to good health, leading us in prayer – and we pray for her continued recovery.

Coming together on such occasions is good but for me the real unifying force, within our Group of churches, is the magazine. For fifteen years, under the editorship of Roger Wheeler, we have been drawn into fellowship of each other's churches by reading, month by month, of the many and varied events happening in and around East Cleveland. Roger is to be congratulated and thanked for his great commitment and hard work over such a long period of time.

The magazine is a forum for us all where we can say, not only what has happened, but also express our views on matters of importance and concern. This latter opportunity needs to be used more of-

ten, so we can encourage each other in faith and commitment in our mission to serve the Lord Jesus.

Speaking to each other about faith has not been a strong point within our churches. This has been recognised by the Rev David Peel, the Synod Education Officer, who in response is to start a new course entitled "*Explorations*"; which has the declared aim of building up our knowledge and confidence, so we are more able to speak freely to others about our experience of how we encountered Jesus. The pilot course will take place in Durham in the autumn, with a new series coming to our Mission Partnership in May and June of next year. There are limited places available, so book early.

In June Ernest Dale, our organist, suffered a fall and was admitted to hospital where he had a heart pacemaker fitted. With further treatment it is good to see that Ernest has recovered well and now back to his old self. Donna Moore and Mary Sollett's husband, Ernie, have also suffered periods of ill health – so we remember them in our prayers.

One very happy event was the baptism of Adam Ross Westwick, the grandson of Vera and Don Beattie and son of their daughter Gail and husband Tim. The Rev Ken Harris conducted the ceremony on Sunday 22nd July. A well attended congregation, including thirteen children, were witnesses to this joyful sacrament and blessing.

The refurbishment of the ground floor flat started in August. When finished, the area will serve as an office and base for the Bridge Association, part of

Guisborough Calendar

Sat	1 Sep	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast – at the United Reformed Church
Sat	8 Sep	10 – 12 noon	Farmers' Market – Church Open Day. Volunteers welcome.
Sun	16 Sep	10.00am	Guiz Kids – Guisbro' Churches JC's joining together at Prior Purseglove Sports Centre.
Thu	20 Sep	7.15pm	Church Meeting
Sun	23 Sep	9.30am	Harvest Service
Week beginning Monday 24 th September: Church Meal out – <i>day to be</i> announced.			

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

the 'Churches Together in Guisborough'. It will also be used by ourselves, and so is a flexible new facility within the buildings. The work has been made possible by an £8,000 grant from Synod, who recognised the value of this exciting ecumenical project. Effectively this means that the church will become a base for community work within the town and has the great benefit of raising our profile in the local area.

This month Catey will lead us in worship at our Harvest Festival on Sunday 23rd September. In the week following there will be a 'Church Meal Out' in the evening, a fine opportunity for people to come together informally in fellowship. Last year the Harvest Meal after the morning service worked well – so we hope to do this form of thanksgiving again in 2008.

Also, in September, the Guisborough Methodist Church is holding a Flower Festival. This is one of a number of events held during the year to celebrate the Centenary of their move into their present building, so uniting the Primitive and Wesleyan fellowships together. We, as Church, have been invited to the Preview on Thursday 20th September at 7.00pm. The Festival has the theme of 'Seasons of Life' and runs until Sunday 23rd September.

A centenary celebration to attend, harvest celebrations and a building project in progress – it all seems like a busy start to the autumn season.

Ray Tunnicliffe

Guisborough Methodist Church
Westgate

Centenary Flower Festival

Seasons of Life

20th – 23rd September 2007

Thursday 20th September 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
Preview Evening
Musical Interlude - Harpist Anita Aslin
Admission by ticket £8 (including finger buffet)

Friday 21st September 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Church open for viewing with music all day
Refreshments available

7.30 p.m. - Apollo Male Voice choir
Tickets £7 (concessions £5) including refreshments

Saturday 22nd September 9.30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Church open for viewing with music all day
Refreshments available

Sunday 23rd September 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Church open for viewing with music
Worship 10.30 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.
Preacher Rev Graham Smith
Faith Lunch

For further information and tickets
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Kirchentag

At the beginning of June this year, Donna, Ken and I attended the Kirchentag in Cologne, Germany. We arrived late Tuesday evening, Wednesday begin at 9am with breakfast in the kitchen café in the Evangelical Church in Troisdorf. We had a very good breakfast and we were welcomed by clergy from all the churches and the Mayor of Troisdorf. We brought greetings from Redcar and Cleveland and Guisborough Churches together.

Later that day we attended the opening ceremony of the Kirchentag in Cologne, along with people from all over the world. It was very hot and we could not understand the language but we joined in the singing and felt the atmosphere.

We travelled to Cologne by train and took part in Bible studies and discussions, the translations were very good. It was a great atmosphere with lots to do.

In Troisdorf we were entertained by several Catholic Churches, we attended a service in the Oberlar Catholic Church. After the service we were entertained to a buffet outside the church and a chance to chat with people. On Sunday morning we joined with the Evangelical Church for worship.

Ken gave greetings at both services, we were all asked quite often for our impressions of the Kirchentag and the Troisdorf churches. We found everyone so kind and friendly. On Sunday evening we were invited to a barbecue in another Catholic Church attended by all churches.

Our hosts took such good care of us and found time to take us sightseeing. One memorable visit was to Marie Lacc Monastery set in beautiful countryside. The buildings were impressive and the lives of the monks very interesting.

The Christians in Troisdorf are keen to keep in contact with our Churches Together in Redcar and Cleveland; we hope to welcome some of them in Guisborough next year. Our only regret was that Catey, Madge and Ernest were unable to with us due to illness.

Dorothy Harris

Guisborough Rota

Date	Vestry	Communion	Door	Flowers
2nd Sep	R Tunnicliffe	G Jordan	M Robson	F Thompson
9th Sep	D Moore		J Bulmer	E Dale
16th Sep	B Ward		J Basham	D Collins
23rd Sep	M Baird		M Burrows	G Jordan
30th Sep	M Houston		D Houston	S Verrill

Lingdale

Alpha Course

Last March Meg asked me if I would consider becoming an Elder, although I was very honoured to be asked I did not feel I was ready to take on such a role. I felt I needed to explore my own faith a little more and Meg agreed to look into my doing some sort of course. It wasn't until September that the opportunity arose with the Alpha course being run in Guisborough at the Methodist Church. I had no idea what to expect and one friend nearly put me off by saying, as I already went to church, I would find it too basic. She couldn't have been more wrong, although the course looks at some fundamental questions it was certainly not a basic course, I found it interesting, stimulating and very thought provoking. The course came to an end just before Christmas but we had all enjoyed it so much that we continued with a fortnightly Beta group until May of this year. After

completing the course I felt able to say yes to becoming an Elder, not because the course had answered all my questions but because it had shown me where to look for the answers. If you get the opportunity to join an Alpha course this September please give it a go as I am sure everyone would get something positive from it, no matter how long you have been going to church.

Operation Christmas Child

I know we have only just finished our "summer" but I have already got the advance information for Operation Christmas Child. As in previous years Samaritan's Purse are sending gift filled shoe boxes to children who may otherwise not get any gifts this Christmas. Please consider filling one or two this year – I should have the leaflets by next month for further details.

Susan

Lingdale Calendar

Wed 12 Sep 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Weekly

Wednesday 11.00am – 12noon Coffee
12noon – 1.00pm Soup and Roll

Flower Rota

2 nd September	Mr B Dove
9 th September	A Thompson
16 th September	Mrs M Saunders
23 rd September	Miss J Scarth
30 th September	Mr T Waller
7 th October	Miss S Griffiths

Redear

Garden Party

A wonderful afternoon was spent at the home of Elaine and Terry Robinson on August 11th where tea was served in the garden and there was even a train to tour the garden, driven by Jenny. The sum of £80 was raised for Church funds and many thanks must go to Elaine, Terry and Jenny.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mr Walter Bangley** who celebrated his 90th birthday on July 14th.

Love and Best Wishes from the Church family.

Thank you

We would like to thank Trevor Jones from Stanway and Garnet for the donation of a fridge. It is already in use!

Jack's Diary

Alix took me to Locke Park on Wednesday. I like Locke Park, lots of bushes and trees and stinky stuff to roll in. While walking I spied two boys fishing but more importantly they were having a picnic. I thought to myself, I must lose Alix, which I did without much trouble and then I ran with great haste back to the boys who invited me to sit with them and share their tomato sandwiches (I would have preferred corned beef). I kept hearing Alix shouting and whistling but I pretended not to hear her, too busy eating and fishing, but she eventually found me and took a photograph of me and my new friends. What a lovely afternoon.

Proverbs 15 v17 – Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.

A friend is not embarrassed to give you a comforting hug when you most need one..

Organised by Churches Together

Songs of Praise

Sunday 2nd September

6pm

St Cuthbert's Church, Kirkleatham

We will be singing many Wesley hymns in celebration of the life of Charles Wesley,

Fellowship at Redcar

At Redcar Fellowship meeting on 18th July a smashing time was had by all. One of the members brought along some items of crockery so that Lol Smith could achieve a long held desire to practice the art of removing a tablecloth whilst leaving the crockery still standing on the table. She started with two items which was just as well as they crashed to the floor! Believing that practice makes perfect she tried again with three items leaving one precariously balancing on the edge of the table. Throwing caution to the wind the remaining crockery was placed on the table but the third attempt bore the same result as the first two attempts. Luckily Loretta had the foresight to have a brush and shovel ready. So if anyone has any old crockery they no longer require the Redcar Fellowship could willingly dispose of it.

Dudley Burgess

Flower Festival

The Flower Festival held on August 18th raised £406 for Church funds and was a great success.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Redcar Calendar

Wed 5-Sep 7pm Elders Meeting

Wed 26-Sep 7pm Church Meeting

Sat 29-Sep The Bible Society have arranged a concert by the 'White Rose Singers' at Redcar URC. Tickets obtainable from Norma Creek.

Weekly

Thursday 9.30am Prayers

10.00-11.30am Pop-in Centre

Linthorpe

Coffee After Morning Worship

8th July – Mencap

£11.00 – *Jean Nunn*

15th July – Macmillan Nurses

£19.00 – *Helen Kettlewell*.

12th August – Macmillan Nurses

£16.00 – *Helen Kettlewell*:

19th August – Guide Dogs For The Blind

£12.00 – *John & Peggy Horbury*

Grateful thanks to those who give so generously and regularly for these and other worthy causes.

Rotas

	Vestry	Porch
Sep 2 nd	J Haverson	S & D Knox
Sep 9 th	J Haverson	S Mapplebeck/G Kettlewell
Sep 16 th	J Harper	G. Dodds
Sep 23 rd	H. Kettlewell	J Haverson
Sep 30 th	A. Piercy	H Kettlewell

	Readers	Flowers
Sep 2 nd	J Haverson	tba
Sep 9 th	Parade	tba
Sep 16 th	J Harper	Joan Patrick
Sep 23 rd	S Mapplebeck	Gladys Williams
Sep 30 th	P Bradley	tba

St Andrew's

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jonathan Etwell** who gained a 1st Class Honours Degree in Law at Teesside University. He will be continuing his studies in law at York. Well done Jonathan!

Congratulations also go to **Ben Wheeler** on his GCSE results (2A*, 7A and 2Bs). He is going to Prior Purseglove College next term.

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will start the new session on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30pm with a talk from Pat Rutherford from Redcar. We look forward to seeing "old faces" and hopefully some new ones.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

The Junior Church is once again taking part in the shoe box appeal. Shona will be giving us all the details soon.

St Andrew's Calendar

Sun	9-Sep	After Worship	Traid Craft Stall
Sun	30-Sep	After Worship	Traid Craft Stall
Thu	25-Oct	10.30am-noon	Coffee Morning in aid of church funds at the Swans – Raffle, Bring and Buy. Tickets £1.00 available shortly.

Weekly

Wednesday	9.30am	Prayers
Friday	6.15pm	Boys Brigade

Coatham House

Please remember we are still collecting dried goods, tins and toiletries for Coatham House, Redcar. A box is available in the vestibule every Sunday to receive donations. Staff and residents are extremely grateful to receive these items on a regular basis.

Traidcraft

'That's me on the packet' said Joyce Chibouro, smilingly looking at the Fairbreak Cookies wrapper (the 70p biscuits). And there she is - Joyce, a sugar farmer, married with a small son, preparing to use electricity in her home in Chinangwa in Malawi. She is a member of Kasinthula Cane Growers Ltd which supplies Traidcraft and is really enjoying the benefits of Fair Trade.

'The programme is doing good things here', she says. 'The village where I live now has clean water from a bore hole and is now going to receive electricity. We never believed that this would be possible!'

I know that some of you find Traidcraft sugar expensive at £1.05 for 500grams. Have you ever thought that sugar *ought* to be expensive? - Then perhaps we should not use so much of it in everything we eat from the obvious cakes and biscuits to baked beans and soups. Just look at the label! Sugar used to be a luxury until it started to be produced on an industrial scale by multinationals and we became addicted to it so much so that obesity is now an enormous problem. Perhaps we should buy only fairly traded sugar and because of the cost, use it very sparingly. Just a thought.

Meanwhile continuing thanks to St Andrew's for so much support and to Guisborough Church for a splendid result in August. There will not be any sample Christmas cards this year but the new catalogues will be available this month. Please ask.

Jane Tomlin

George Warman

George, an only child, was born on 30th March, 1910. His parents ran a Newsagent and Tobacconist shop in Highgate, London. Young George held his father in high esteem for he was an extremely able man despite having been blinded from the age of seven. In addition to running the shop, he also tuned pianos. When his parents retired, the family moved to Potter's Bar; where for George, home was just a ten minute walk from the station, scene of the recent train crash. It was from this station that young George commuted to work in the city of London.

George served an apprenticeship in the textile trade and worked for Luvisca Ltd., a manufacturer and wholesaler of high class gentlemen's shirts, scarves, ties, etc.. It was whilst working in the London branch of the firm that he became interested in young Mary Wildish, his secretary, whom he married in 1939. Mary came from Croydon, the opposite side of London to Potter's Bar, so fate dealt them a kindness in them working for the same firm. George and Mary had a long, happy marriage, celebrating their Diamond Wedding. Sadly, Mary died three years ago but her one sister, Nora, now a widow, still lives in Blean near Canterbury and she and George often spoke on the telephone.

1939 was a memorable year to George for more than just his wedding. His firm, Luvisca, moved him to the Braintree factory in Essex and war broke out. He served in the local Home Guard until he was called up. During the war he served in North Africa, Palestine and Italy with the Eighth Army as a tank radio operator before becoming a tank commander.

Once the war was over he returned to Braintree, to Mary and a new addition to the family for his son, Mark, was born during the war. For a few years he settled down returning to work for Luvisca and providing for his family. But in 1949 he had to move his family to Manchester for work since Luvisca's Braintree factory was closing down. Fortunately one of his wartime crew owned a lingerie factory in Manchester and he made George its manager. Here he stayed until he was 57 and this factory also closed. Undeterred he found work as a personal assistant in a coat factory which supplied garments for such outlets as Marks and Spencers. The only drawback, apart from its eccentric owners, was that the factory, being in St. Helen's meant a daily journey there. When he finally retired he and Mary moved to Middlesbrough where their son, Mark, had settled. Mark was now married with children and so George and Mary could enjoy their grandchildren. George was immensely proud of his grandchildren and often spoke of them with great affection.

He was an interesting man and very sociable. Before the war he had been secretary of a badminton club and he was very involved in Scouting. Indeed he claimed to be one of the original cast of Ralph Reader's very first Gang Shows performed at the Scala Theatre in the West End of London. He had an interest in scientific and technical matters and enjoyed factual videos and DVDs. He liked listening to music, classical in particular. He was widely read although his deteriorating eyesight made reading a frustrating business. Just before his last stay in hospital he had purchased a Times Atlas which he carefully studied with his magnifying glass. At the age of 97, he found great pleasure in this and would say, 'I always wanted a decent atlas'.

Church life, too, was important to George. He was an active member of Wilbraham Road Congregational Church in Manchester where he organised many social activities such as bazaars, jumble sales and garden parties. He also served as a deacon. This activity continued when he came to St Andrew's URC in Marton. He and Mary were regular in attendance until Mary became ill and George too frail to attend regularly. But before poor health and age prevented them both he and Mary were busy bees and George became an elder. He has been described by a present church member as an institution.

He belonged to a different era when jumble sales and numerous other social activities were very much part of church life. He grew up believing that women had

their place in society and never really understood the change in the status of women that occurred during his life-time. He always felt that a good education would be wasted on a girl and that such investment was for boys only. And yet, it was George who was tremendously proud of his grand-daughter's academic achievements when she gained two very good degrees.

Family was important to George. He may have grown up in a different era but he always knew the constancy and importance of love – love for God and love for family and friends.

George may not have understood modern technology but his love extended to the next generation. In his day when his son had been born a message was sent that mother and baby were doing well with no hint of whether the child was a boy or a girl! No matter, George was happy that all was well. Before he died he was aware that a scan had shown that his next great grandchild is to be a girl!! This amazed him but he'd have been just as happy to know that the baby was doing well. Male or female all were special to him. And he revelled in his young great-grandson delighting in being with him.

George was one who gave to the people of this world, and his love will live on in the memories of all who had the pleasure of knowing him

Meg

Preachers

	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep
Marton	9.30am J Harper	M Robb Harv. P'de.	C Morrison	MartonWT	C Morrison Communion
Lintho	11.00am J Harper	M Robb Harv. P'de.	C Morrison Communion	M Robb	C Morrison
Guisbo	9.30am K Harris Communion	C Eddowes	M Robb	C Morrison Harvest	M Robb
Redcar	11.00am M Robb	C Morrison	K Harris	C Price	M Robb
Lingdale	6.00pm M Robb	C Morrison Communion	K Harris	C Morrison	Ling Folk

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