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# Group News

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Dear Friends,

Are we listening? Are we hearing what God requires of us in this day and age?

It has been good during this first year of Vision4Life to spend time getting to grips with the bible. After all we, who are of the Reformed tradition, lay great emphasis on the Word of God. But are we hearing what God is saying to us through the scriptures we have considered in our Book Club Sundays?

The United Reformed Church, like any other denomination, has strengths and weaknesses. One of our strengths ought to be our coming together as a Church Meeting. Here the whole church, the whole congregation can enter into the decision making process but... whilst that can be a tremendous strength it can also be one of our greatest weaknesses.

How so??

Well, the strength lies in the fact that gathering together as the people of God we are to do so in order to discern the will of God. Our task is to listen for what God may be saying. We can do so by praying well before the meeting and by entering into the devotions at the start of a meeting and by listening for that still small voice of God's Spirit nudging us during debate. The strength lies in our coming to a mind which is in line with the mind of Christ.

But how often do we come to a Church Meeting without any thought of listening to God? How often do we come wanting to make the decisions ourselves because we have always thought that the final decision rests with the Church Meeting? And some ways that is right for a Church meeting may well discern that a resolution from the Elders' Meeting is not in line with God's will. But our approach in the U.R.C. is not one of democracy for the final outcome should not be that of the people but the decision of God.

In these days in which we live we, who are the people of God, need to be in tune with Him. We need to discern the mind of Christ and allow him to govern His Church. For God is the one who knows the best course of action. And it will be our responsibility to take action once we know what God requires of us.

So when you are preparing for your next Church Meeting pray before hand that together we will discover the mind of Christ. And while you are attending, listen. God will speak through what others have to say. Never come with a preconceived view unless scripture bears it out. Always be prepared for God to speak to you through what others have to offer to a debate. Listen!! Listen then for GOD for it is GOD that we need to hear. If we all do that then we will know our church meetings to be a real strength.

Blessings,

Meg

# Vision4Life

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## Word Search

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|------------------|----------------|
| BABYLON          | GOLDEN SCEPTRE |
| BANQUET          | JEWS           |
| BEAUTY           | OBEDIENCE      |
| EDICT            | PERSECUTION    |
| ETHNIC CLEANSING | PROVIDENCE     |
| EXILE            | PURIM          |
| FASTING          | ROYALTY        |

Find the words which are all connected with the book of Esther. *See below.*

## Quiz

1. Which Christian missionary was the son of Eunice?
2. What was the name of Ruth's mother-in-law?
3. What herb did the Israelites use to smear lambs' blood on their houses?

## Book Club

For **September** you are invited to read the book of **ESTHER** and here is some background information and some guidelines for your reading.

Esther is interesting in many ways and not least because God is never mentioned. Go on, I defy you to find His name in your reading!!! Nevertheless God is not missing as his provision for his people can be seen in almost every page.

The book concerns the Jewish exile in Babylon, which became part of the Persian Empire. Many Jews were scattered throughout the Empire and some, like Daniel, were given influential positions and many had integrated into the cultural, social and religious life of those around them. Some seemed happy to stay this way.

But, as throughout the history, the fate of being born Jewish was sometimes enough for the race to be ostracised and tortured. It is a book about jealousy which, sadly, led to the notion of ethnic cleansing. But it became clear that, in the setting of exile, there were still enough Jewish people aware that fasting and prayer work. Esther, who had become Queen because of her beauty, had a strong character and it was said that she may well have come to such a position 'for such a time as this'. Esther's faith came to the fore and she was not afraid to put it into practice.

Book Club Sunday for this month will be 27<sup>th</sup> September.

# Synod Prayers

*Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September*

Church of the Good Shepherd, Battle Hill LEP and Rev Janet Appleby; St Mark's, High Howden and leader, Jim Farley; St. Andrew's, Monkseaton and Rev Dr. David Peel

*Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September*

St. Columba's, North Shields, St. Cuthbert's, Heaton LEP, St. George's, High Heaton and Rev Liz Blair and Rev Peter Heckels

*Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September*

St. Andrew's, Hebburn, St. Margaret's, St Paul and St. John's, South Shields and Rev Ann Jackson

*Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September*

Assembly Committees; Staff at Church House in London  
*Mark Bryant – (Anglican Bishop of Jarrow)*

## Manse Prayers

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

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Sep Redcar (prayers for St. Andrew's)  
Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Sep Guisborough (prayers for Lingdale)  
Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Sep Marton (prayers for Linthorpe)  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep Redcar (prayers for Redcar)  
Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Sep Guisborough (prayers for Guisborough)  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Marton (prayers for Linthorpe)

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

## Trip to Fountains Abbey

Anybody still wanting to go on the Group Trip to Fountains Abbey on 5<sup>th</sup> September can still go – places will still be available to the last minute as the bus is a big 53 seater (for the price of a 30 seater!). So see if your friends or neighbours would like to come too, even if they don't want to join us for our afternoon service before our return home, and they will help to make it cheaper for us all! Don't forget to bring your picnic on the day and bring your National Trust or English Heritage card if you have one!

## Ancient

As through a conquered man our race went down to death, so through a conqueror we ascend to life

*Irenaeus Bishop of Lyon, a theologian (2nd century)*

## Answers to July Quiz

1. In the parable of the rich man and the poor man what is the poor man's name? **Lazarus** (Luke 16:20)
2. Which Old Testament book did Jesus read from in the synagogue in Nazareth? **Isaiah** (Luke 4:17)
3. What position did Deborah, Gideon and Samson all hold? **Judge** (Judges, chs.4-5; Judges, chs.6-8; Judges, chs.13-16 )

## Answers to August Quiz

1. What natural event helped Paul and Silas escape from prison? **Earth Quake** (Acts 16:16-40)
2. What happened to Isaiah in the year that King Uzziah died? **He had a vision of the Lord** (Isaiah 6:1)
3. How many people were converted to Christianity by Peter's first sermon? **About 3000** (Acts 2:41)

## The Holy Spirit in Action Today

Here in the west we tend to believe that God doesn't work in 'the open' but secretly so that only the believer recognises events as the work of the Holy Spirit, rather than seeing them as 'natural occurrences'. Here is a story sent to me via the Internet. Its purpose? To encourage us all in our faith. I have two more stories for future issues of Group News. There must be many more that are known to members of the Group. Why not let us all know about them? If necessary tell me and I will write them up but with the contributor agreeing with my account. Remember, there is a widespread loss of Faith across the country with congregations falling and Churches closing, your experiences could help to strengthen the local Church and encourage us all both locally and perhaps nationally!

Do we really believe that God is outside time and can therefore affect the past knowing what the future should be, providing we humans don't mix it up? Think about Isaiah 65 v. 24: 'Before they call I will answer.' That was written almost 2,500 years ago. Richard Harris (817286)

This beautiful story was written by a doctor who worked in Central Africa

One night I had worked hard to help a mother in the labour ward; but in spite of all we could do, she died, leaving us with a tiny, premature baby and a crying two-year-old daughter. We would have difficulty keeping the baby alive; as we had no incubator (we had no electricity to run an incubator). We also had no special feeding facilities.

Although we lived on the equator, nights were often chilly with treacherous drafts. One student midwife went for the box we had for such babies and the cotton wool that the baby would be wrapped in. Another went to stoke up the fire and fill a hot water bottle. She came back shortly in distress to tell me that in filling the bottle, it had burst (rubber perishes easily in tropical climates). And it is our last hot water bottle!' she exclaimed.

As in the West, it is no good crying over spilled milk, so in Central Africa it might be considered no good crying over burst water bottles. They do not grow on trees, and there are no drugstores down forest pathways.

'All right,' I said, 'put the baby as near the fire as you safely can, and sleep between the baby and the door to keep it free from drafts. Your job is to keep the baby warm.'

The following noon, as I did most days, I went to have prayers with any of the orphanage children who chose to gather with me. I gave the youngsters various suggestions of things to pray about and told them about the tiny baby. I explained our problem about keeping the baby warm enough, mentioning the hot water bottle, and that the baby could so easily die if it got chills. I also told them of the two-year-old sister, crying because her mother had died.

During prayer time, one ten-year-old girl, Ruth, prayed with the usual blunt conciseness of our African children. "Please, God" she prayed, "Send us a hot water bottle today. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, as the baby will be dead, so please send it this afternoon."

While I gasped inwardly at the audacity of the prayer, she added, "And while You are about it, would You please send a dolly for the little girl so she'll know You really love her?"

As often with children's prayers, I was put on the spot. Could I honestly say "Amen"? I just did not believe that God could do this. Oh, yes, I know that He can do everything; the Bible says so. But there are limits, aren't there? The only way God could answer this particular prayer would be by sending me a parcel from the homeland. I had been in Africa for almost four years at that time, and I had never, ever, received a parcel from home.

Anyway, if anyone did send me a parcel, who

### Modern

You are not tempted because you are evil; you are tempted because you are human.

*Fulton John Sheen North American Roman Archbishop (Late 20th century)*

would put in a hot water bottle? I lived on the equator!

Halfway through the afternoon, while I was teaching in the nurses' training school, a message was sent that there was a car at my front door. By the time I reached home, the car had gone, but there on the porch was a large 22-pound parcel. I felt tears pricking my eyes. I could not open the parcel alone, so I sent for the orphanage children. Together we pulled off the string, carefully undoing each knot. We folded the paper, taking care not to tear it unduly... Excitement was mounting. Some thirty or forty pairs of eyes were focused on the large cardboard box.

From the top, I lifted out brightly-coloured, knitted jerseys. Eyes sparkled as I gave them out. Then there were the knitted bandages for the leprous patients, and the children looked a little bored. Then came a box of mixed raisins and sultanas - that would make a batch of buns for the weekend.

Then, as I put my hand in again, I felt the..... could it really be?

I grasped it and pulled it out. Yes, a brand new, rubber hot water bottle. I cried. I had not asked God to send it; I had not truly believed that He could.

Ruth was in the front row of the children. She rushed forward, crying out, "If God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly, too!"

Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, she pulled out the small, beautifully-dressed dolly. Her eyes shone! She had never doubted! Looking up at me, she asked, "Can I go over with you and give this dolly to that little girl, so she'll know that Jesus really loves her?"

"Of course," I replied!

That parcel had been on the way for five whole months, packed up by my former Sunday school class, whose leader had heard and obeyed God's prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the equator. And one of the girls had put in a dolly for an African child - five months before, in answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old to bring it 'that afternoon'.

'Before they call, I will answer.' (Isaiah 65:24)

## Thy Will Be Done

You asked for my hands  
that you might use them  
for your purpose.  
I gave them for a moment  
then withdrew them  
For the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth  
to speak out against  
injustice  
I gave you a whisper that I  
might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes  
to see the pain of poverty  
I closed them for I did not  
want to see.

You asked for my life  
that you might work  
through me  
I gave a small part that I  
might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated  
efforts to serve you,  
only when it is convenient  
for me to do so,  
only in those places where  
it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who  
make it easy to do so.

*Joe Seremane – South Africa*

**Hopes of a common date for Easter** have risen again following an international ecumenical seminar organized by the Institute of Ecumenical Studies at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv earlier this year. Participants, who included Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant theologians from a variety of European countries, endorsed a compromise proposed at a World Council of Churches consultation in 1997. The hope was expressed that the years 2010 and 2011, when the coincidence of the calendars will produce a common Easter date, would serve as a period during which all Christians would join their efforts "to make such coincidence not to be an exception but rather a rule" and prepare for an Easter date based on exact astronomical reckoning and celebrated by all Christians on 8 April 2012.

# Guisborough

I hope you all enjoyed the summer.

July started, for me, with 2 weeks in the Dumfries area, on an archaeological dig. I mostly did some gardening and cleaning of Bronze Age burials, working alone and as part of a team. I was able to work and socialise with some younger students, always an education. I found the largest piece of Medieval pottery ever found on Ingleston motte site. I wouldn't let myself believe it was anything really exciting, as I carefully cleared the soil from around it. Once exposed to water and sunlight the glaze shone and revealed it for what it was, a piece of a storage jar from 1250 A.D. Moments like this come rarely among the painstaking scraping of soil or heavy digging and lifting of rocks. They are the reward for all the work and motivate the whole team, lifting spirits.

The swine flu pandemic provided some interesting times once I returned to work. The virus took off locally before the government was quite ready and I had a hectic day answering the phone to worried young people, while still visit-

ing the elderly and seeing the usual complaints in the surgery.

As the advice line and website opened, the pressure eased and we could concentrate on those with complications.

I had a chance to put some medical skills into practice, helping Junior Church complete a model of the Eastern Mediterranean out of a material not dissimilar to Plaster of Paris. It looks very fine all painted green and blue.

Sean and I were the leaders for the August outing of the walking group. We set out the weekend before it was due, to check the route. It was a glorious day with fantastic views. We did take a wrong turning, as someone charged ahead and could not be called back when I realised our mistake. We ate lunch at Eston Nab, looking out over the industrial landscape of the Tees Valley. We wondered how long it would remain as we saw it, especially as we had seen how quickly nature had reclaimed the old ironstone mines.

This theme came up again the next week as we walked with the group, unfortunately in low

## Guisborough Calendar

Sat	5 Sep		East Cleveland Group Trip to Fountains Abbey. See Catey for details.
Sat	5 Sep	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast - for 'The Bridge' – hosted by St Nicholas' Church, at 10, Tidkin Lane.
Tue	8 Sep	7.15pm	Finance and Property Committee Meeting.
Sat	12 Sep	10am – 12noon	Farmers' Market – Church Open Day. Volunteers welcome.
Tue	15 Sep	7.15pm	Church Meeting.
Sun	20 Sep	10.00am	Guiz Kids – Guisbro' Churches JC's joining together at Prior Purseglove Sports Centre.
Tue	22 Sep	7.30pm	Quiz Night.

### 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.

cloud and intermittent rain. Once we came to the Nab, by the ditch and rampart of the Iron Age hill fort, the wind hit us and we were drenched by horizontal rain as we tried to admire the view.

Lunch was snatched in the shelter of some Birch scrub but it turned fine for the last leg back to the cars.

Guisborough folk are unpacking Ephesians ourselves this month.

The task was rather daunting but once four of us met, ideas came to the surface.

We could rely on volunteers to help with readings and other parts of the service.

It should be a real team effort as we are being built together. We all have our gifts to bring from youngest to oldest.

One of our youngest was hit by a car recently. Hopefully no bones broken and our latest news is he is making a good recovery. Get well soon Dillon, we miss your cheeky grin.

*Donna Moore*

## Guisborough Choral Society Concert

Conductor Michael Summers

**Saturday 10th October 2009**

**7.30pm**

**St Nicholas Parish Church, Guisborough**

*Programme includes*

Mozart Requiem

Britten Choral dances from Gloriana.

*Guests*

*Soprano* - Katherine Bean

*Alto* - Lucy Appleyard

*Tenor* - Mark Anyan

*Bass* - Robert O'Connell

*Organist* - Keith Brown

Yarm School Chamber Orchestra.

**Tickets** £10; £8 (concessions), £ 2.50 (under 19yrs)

From Guisborough Bookshop and Greensleeves Music Shop, Chaloner Street Guisborough, and on the door.

## Guisborough Rotas

Date	Vestry	Communion	Door	Flowers
Sep 6th	B Ward	D Cross	J Basham	H Burrows
Sep 13th	D Moore		J Bulmer	E Dale
Sep 20th	R Tunnicliffe		M Robson	B Ward
Sep 27th	J Reynolds		M Burrows	G Jordan

# St Andrew's

## Family News

It is good to see **Bill McKendrick** looking so well after his recent operation.

## Congratulations...

...to **Marian Moodie** and **David Ward-Penny** David on the occasion of their marriage on Sat. 15th August. It was so good to have a wedding in our church and was a lovely day for all their family and friends. We send them our very best wishes and prayers for their future together.

...to **Ben Wheeler** who passed his A-levels (BBB) and is now looking forward to studying music at Newcastle University.

## Advance Notice

Una and Joan are having a Coffee Morning at 8, Towthorpe, Nunthorpe on 1st October 2009 from 10.30am until 12 noon.

Tickets £1.00 will be available at a later date from Una and Joan.

## Shoe Boxes

The young people are once again taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal this year.

Details of this will be available later from Shona but please hold on to those empty shoeboxes!

## Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship commences its autumn season when it meets on Wednesday, 2nd September, 2009 at 7.30pm when we will hear a talk from Jack Moodie on 'Tales from Custom and Excise'.

Everybody is most welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.

## Thank You

The joint concert held at St Clare's RC Church, Brookfield on 10th July featuring the Harrison Singers and Band raised £650.00.

£250.00 will be given to Zoe's Place and St Clare's and St Andrew's will each receive £200.00.

Many thanks to everyone who made this such an enjoyable evening.

## Pam Munkley

Born in Barton House, Yarm Road, in Stockton, Pam began life in what is now known as Teesside. At the age of six, along with her parents, Audrey and Douglas, and her sister, Barbara, she moved to Clitheroe, where she spent many happy years. She was a happy child with many friends... friends from school and friends from Brownies. When she was twelve the family returned to live in Norton and then she went away to school, a Quaker School near Pontefract. Being away from home didn't always suit her and, as an older boarder, she was always happy to take the younger ones under her wing, especially those who were different or on the margins.

After school she went to Secretarial College in Darlington and then began her working life in a Solicitor's Office. She met John and when they married they lived in Manchester and Bedford before coming back to Teesside. After a short stay with her parents, when Carole was born, she and John found a house in Gypsy Lane in Marton. It was a house that she loved from the start and here she made the house into a home

## Holiday at Home Scheme

From Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August to Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September **Churches Together** are hosting a holiday at home scheme. The idea is to invite people who do not have the means or opportunity to go away on holiday to come any or all days throughout the week to experience a holiday atmosphere. Activities, lunch and occasional outings will be provided. 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 – St Andrew's URC

Friday – St Bernadette's at St Andrew's

Saturday – Nunthorpe Methodist

Please pray for this event.

### Churches Together In Marton & Nunthorpe Prayer Focus

*For week beginning*

6<sup>th</sup> Sep Marton Methodist Church

13<sup>th</sup> Sep: St Cuthbert's, Church of England,

20<sup>th</sup> Sep: Pioneering Ministry in Coulby Newham

27<sup>th</sup> Sep: St Mary's, Church of England,

4<sup>th</sup> Oct Nunthorpe Methodist Church

and so began her life with children. Carole was followed by Gavin and then by Gayle and her home was always open for their friends. Having desired a career in teaching it wasn't too long before she fulfilled her desired to work with children. When Gayle was about three she began child-minding and this continued until the start of her illness... and even then her grandchildren would visit frequently.

Her child-minding was something she loved but this work also helped her to provide for her family after her marriage sadly ended. The break-up was not easy for her but her inner strength saw her through as she continued to bring up her own three, now teenagers. Known as loving,

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request the pleasure of the company of

The Elders and the Congregation of  
St Andrew's, Marton

at the Commissioning as Lay Preacher of

**Miss Lesley Bustard**

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 at 2.30pm**  
Refreshments in the School Room afterwards

caring, bubbly, giving, happy and cheerful she loved her family and her home. And she was a home bird at heart, although she enjoyed holidays in Scotland, Cornwall and trips to the Lake District. She wasn't one for going abroad, partly because she didn't like flying but also because she liked her home ground.

Pam's home was one where children were always welcomed but her love for children was not confined to home. It saw her become a Rainbow Leader and Junior Church Leader in St. Andrew's U.R.C.. Her church work was also important to her. Her practicality saw her as an efficient hall bookings secretary and she made an excellent elder. And she moved beyond the confines of St. Andrew's to become a valuable member of the Synod Children's Work Group.

Her faith was important to her. She knew herself to be a child of God, welcomed by him and also welcoming others in his name. Children... babies, toddlers, school-children, teenagers... were all welcomed along with her adult friends, some of whom can testify to her being like a mother to them but doing so appropriately without smothering them.

Pam... the daughter, the sister, the mother, the grandma and the friend who cared eventually became to one who needed care. And she did not resist that. At times she was a tremendous inspiration to those who visited her recently at home for here was someone whose face showed a peace, a serenity, a beauty beyond understanding. And having young grandchildren around

regularly in toddler, Olivia, and babies Poppy and Millie she accepted with grace and her gentle humour the comparison between the needs of grandma and of grandchildren. In some ways she became the child again and as a child clings to the last minute before bed asking for just another minute, Pam squeezed the last ounce out of life often saying to me, 'I'm asking for just another week'. But coupled with all of that she was ever the responsible adult, too, sorting out her affairs and checking that all was flowing well within her household.

Pam loved people and her family were a blessing to her and she told me that she was truly blessed by them in their care for her. Her three children recall how, as youngsters, Pam would try to discipline them and although she was firm she was never harsh. It is remembered with laughter how she chased Gavin with a slipper... but, of course, she never caught him!! Whatever problems Carole, Gavin and Gayle presented to Pam, as children do to their parents, they are a tremendous credit to her. She knew herself to be truly blessed when they became the carers and I told her that they had learned their craft of caring from her. In many ways they demonstrated that the loving, caring and giving that was Pam has and will live on in them. She was pleased to see each of her children settled in good relationships and their three partners, Tony, Danielle and Jason all looked on Pam as much more than a mother-in-law. And they will, no doubt, pass on her love to her grandchildren, including those yet to be, and in this way they will know something of their grandma.

And now we are reminded that Pam trusted God, her Father. For her pain is no more and she is at peace. She has been welcomed by her heavenly Father. And having known a life of simplicity here on earth I finish with an adaptation of Psalm 131.

Lord, her heart was neither proud, nor haughty her eyes.

She did not go after things to great nor marvels beyond her.

Truly she set her soul in silence and peace.

At rest, like a child in its mother's arms, so is her soul.



# Redcar

## Bible Society

Over £300 was raised for the Bible Society at May Pepper's 'Open Day'.

The next event for this worthy cause will be a concert by the *White Rose Singers*, to be held in our own Church on 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm.

Tickets £4.00 from Norma Creek.

## Flower Festival

The Flower Festival in August on the theme of 'Saints' raised £245 for Church funds, many thanks to all who helped in any way.

Special thanks to Norma Creek for organising the lovely weekend.

## Tea at 21!

In July Elaine, Terry and Jenny Robinson welcomed us into their home for a delicious afternoon tea raising £85 for Church funds. Many thanks to the Robinson family.

## All Kinds of Everything Table Top Sale

Rita, Krysia and Jim organised this new venture for our Church. Jim made home-made soup and bacon 'butties' the day raised £260 for Church funds.

## Congratulations...

...to **Jenny Robinson** on her passing A-levels in Art (A), Maths (C) and IT (C). Jenny has a place on the one year foundation course at Middlesbrough College of Art and Design for next year.

## Jack's Diary, but in this case mine!

Bob and I popped through to Great Ayton a couple of Sundays ago, Bob was going to watch the cricket (having been part of the team for some thirty years) and Jack and I were going for a nice long walk, but Jack had other ideas!

We had only strolled about twenty yards when he lay down and wouldn't budge, then quite suddenly he literally dragged me back to the cricket and there we stayed for the rest of the afternoon – Jack doing what he had wanted to do in the first place watch the cricket with the 'Hedgerow Boys' (Bob and his pals).

I have to admit there is something very restful about village cricket on a balmy day, listening to the voices of the team members giving gentle encouragement to each other, the banter from the 'Hedgerow boys', the clattering of dishes as the ladies prepare tea and of course enjoying the beautiful scenery. And does Jack understand cricket? I know I don't but I love it and village cricket makes Jack and me feel happy.

Psalm 103 v 1, 4, 5

Praise the Lord my soul (who) blesses me with love and mercy. He fills my life with good things.

*Catherine Milburn*

## Redcar Calendar

Sat	19 Sep		Harvest Coffee morning – more details to be announced later
Sun	11 Oct	10.45am	Harvest Festival
<b>Weekly</b>			
Thursday		9.30am	Prayers
		10.00-11.30am	Pop-in Centre

## Street Angels

At 6pm on 6<sup>th</sup> September there will be a United Service at Newcommen Methodist Church, where there will be a chance to learn more about 'Street Angels' which may be something we would like to see happening in Redcar.

# Lingdale

## Congratulations...

... **Dawn Curnow and Anthony Whitney** whose wedding was held at Lingdale URC on **Saturday, 15th August.**



Our Harvest Supper will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, with the Harvest Service at 6pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome to both events.

All donations made to the Harvest Service will be distributed amongst the older residents of the village

### Flower Rota

6 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss J Scarth
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr T Waller
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs J Scott
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs P Green
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr A Thompson

## Lingdale Calendar

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sep 7.00pm Elders Meeting.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 7.00pm Church Meeting.

### Weekly

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

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

## Preachers

	6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	4-Oct
<b>Marton</b>	9.30am M Robb Church Meeting	K Harris Parade	D Harris	Book Club Esther C Morrison Family Service	M Robb
	6.30pm				
<b>Lintho</b>	11.00am J Harper	J Lamplugh Parade	J Harper Communion	C Morrison	M Robb
<b>Guisbo</b>	9.30am C Morrison Communion	R Francis	C Morrison	M Robb	K Harris Harvest 11.00am
<b>Redcar</b>	11.00am R Francis Communion	C Morrison	C Morrison	M Robb	N Johnson
<b>Lingdale</b>	6.00pm R Francis	C Morrison Communion	C Morrison Craft & Family	M Robb	N Johnson

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