



Group News

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Dear Friends,

So how did you like the taste of Vision4Life? Did the taster sessions wet your appetite for more? (Please, Meg and Catey... can I have some more?) Or did you come away from the Sunday services over the last four weeks feeling that nothing new had arisen?

Well, in some ways I don't mind which way you are now leaning towards. If you want more, if the taster has left you hungry for more, then good, great in fact! Let's get stuck into the first year beginning in advent this year, when we will be looking again at the Bible, as a whole and at the stories it contains for a whole year! We will be attempting to dig a little deeper and to try to come alongside some of the characters that tell the story of God's love going back to the beginning of history, and from that drawing fresh inspiration for our journeys of faith. Then, going on to encounter 'prayer' and 'evangelism' from new perspectives and old, in order to take us further into our renewed journeys of faith throughout the second and third years of Vision4Life.

And if you thought, no... well, there wasn't really anything new! Well then, great also! This surely means that you are already up for the challenge of approaching first the Bible, then prayer, and finally evangelism, in different ways. Maybe you are already prepared for a little group discussion, trying out different ways of engaging with the Bible, rather than always Meg or myself or Ken or Jan or other local preachers preaching at you from the front. But don't worry it won't all be new ways and new approaches, as we will be aiming to blend current ways of exploring our faith with new ideas.

For Vision4Life is meant to be just that – an enhancement of what we are doing now and not throwing the baby out with the bath water. Our renewed vision is going to come from the faith that we have now, and a willingness to grow that faith together. If we are going to gain life in all its fullness then we are going to need to learn to delve into the Bible from another angle now and then, communicate with God in prayer through ways we wouldn't normally think counted as prayer, and learn to more readily gossip our faith to others, for yes, that is evangelism!

It is exciting when we know for sure that these next three years, beginning this advent, are going to further equip us for the task that lies ahead – our God given mission! Let's do this together, and we need pack nothing for the journey other than ourselves.

God bless!

Revd. Catey Morrison

Synod Pastoral Committee

As one of the Mission Partnership representatives on the Pastoral Committee, it occurred to me that maybe not everybody knows just what it is that the committee does. So, after last night's meeting (3rd June) I decided to put a brief synopsis in the magazine.

Role of Pastoral Committee

Deployment

- Devising a deployment policy that is Synod-wide, missionary-focussed and is fair both to the local and national church.
- Implement the deployment policy through visits to Mission Partnerships and to specific pastorates at the beginning of a vacancy and as scoping is redefined.
- Monitoring and refining of the deployment policy and quotas as target are met or changed.

Ministerial And Church Assessment

- Development.
- Implementation.
- Monitoring.
- Pastoral support.

Vacancy

- Walk with local churches through vacancy procedure.
- Vacancy visit as soon as the vacancy is known about, to offer guidance, reassurance and relevant documentation.

- Appointment of Interim Moderator.
- Permission to seek Ministry, acceptance of profiles, terms of settlement and call of a minister.

Ministries

- Development of new forms of specialised Ministry.
- New opportunities for Ministry eg through Special Category, or CRCW or Lay Ministry.

Pastoral Support

- Sharing of news and good practice.
- Offering of a listening ear.
- Liaising with Resource team for support.

I hope that this will give people some idea of the scope and remit of the committee, - if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.....there's no such thing as a silly question!!

Jan Harper

Group Service

Sunday 6th July

11.00am

Linthorpe URC

Transport will be available from other churches. No other services will be held.

Mission Partnership Wheelie Bin Push – yes, wheelie! – Saturday 19th July

The long awaited opportunity of pushing your ministers for one mile along the Stray in Redcar in two wheelie bins in order to raise money for our friends in Mozambique, will be taking place on Saturday 19th July at 10am! Beginning at the Stray café at 10am, two teams of pushers and pullers will be needed to gracefully transport our two ministers along the Stray in two hopefully 'clean' wheelie bins to finish at the Regent Cinema on Redcar Seafront (just up the road from the church). For those who aren't up to the pushing and pulling, there will be a coffee morning at the church in Redcar from 10am until 12 noon, to which all the pushers and pullers and the ministers, after the event, are also invited! Look out for sponsorship forms to sponsor Catey and Meg's ordeal! Thickly padded quilts are also needed!!!

Synod Prayers

During July and August Synod is suggesting we offers for the following groups and people.

July - North Northumberland Mission Partnership

Week beginning 6 July

Belford & North Sunderland; rural committee

Week beginning 13th July

Berwick; Crookham; Wooler; Chatton

Week beginning 20th July

St. Cuthbert's, Holy Island Project; holiday visitors

Week beginning 27th July

Ministers: David Herbert, Tony Ritchie, Barry Hutchinson
Ecumenical Church Leaders: Robert Ladds (Anglican Bishop of Whitby)

August - Mid Northumberland Mission Partnership

Week beginning 3rd August

St. James', Alnwick; St. Mark's, Amble & Warkworth

Week beginning 10th August

Glanton, Felton & Longframlington

Week beginning 17th August

Thropton & Rothbury

Week beginning 24th August

Ministers: Joan Grindrod-Helm, Greg Thompson, Edward Butlin, Pamela Ward

Week beginning 31st August

Synod office staff: Andrew Atkinson, Wendy Watson
Ecumenical Church Leaders: Tom Wright (Anglican Bishop of Durham)

Please remember to pray for the **General Assembly** and the Children's Assembly of the *United Reformed Church* which will meet in *Edinburgh* from **11th - 14th July**.

Manse Prayers

Tue 1 st Jul	Redcar <i>Prayers for Lingdale URC</i>
Tue 8 th Jul	Marton <i>Prayers for Linthorpe URC</i>
Tue 15 th Jul	Guisborough <i>Prayers for Redcar URC</i>
Tue 22 nd Jul	Redcar <i>Prayers for Guisborough URC</i>
Tue 29 th Jul	Marton <i>Prayers for St. Andrew's URC</i>
Tue 5 th Aug	Guisborough <i>Prayers for Lingdale URC</i>
Tue 12 th Aug	Redcar <i>Prayers for Linthorpe URC</i>
Tue 19 th Aug	Marton <i>Prayers for Redcar URC</i>
Tue 26 th Aug	Guisborough <i>Prayers for Guisborough URC</i>
Tue 2 nd Sep	Redcar <i>Prayers for St. Andrew's URC</i>

Manse Prayers are open to all. They begin at 8:45am and are held at the following venues:

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

MARTON MANSE OPEN DAY

Saturday, 30th August

Come between 1:30pm and 4:30pm.

See the new kitchen and bathroom, and, weather permitting, enjoy the garden. Refreshments will be served.

Abseil brings in around £300

Well, I completed the abseil on Sunday 15th June and what can I say but it was a long way up, or rather a long way down! For those of you who said the hard bit was the getting up – they were right. I had to keep stopping to catch my breath thinking I didn't know how out of shape I was! Although of course I made it look like I was stopping to wave to my little fan club below – Josh, Abby, Dominic, Nathan & John, and then Joan, Antony and Jacquie from Lingdale, and Tom from Guisborough. And then once I had caught



my breath at the top there was nothing for it but to get on with it and once I had done the difficult bit of backing down off the bridge in no time at all I was lowering myself down through the air to my little cheering party below! Thank you everyone for supporting me through your sponsorship for Zoe's place – please note that it is not too late to give to your donations to your respective church secretaries – and thanks also to my little cheering party, you gave me a reason to get on and do it! I hope to raise around £300 for Zoe's Place. God bless!

Catey xxx

The Ecumenical Fellowship of Aelred of Rievaulx

Theology for Pleasure

Exploring the heart of the Christian faith

If you would like to explore spirituality and worship within the whole Christian tradition, alongside fellow Christians from all denominations, then this course could be for you. It should enrich and stimulate your faith and the course is both relaxing and enjoyable.

Theology for pleasure covers: The Biblical and historical case for unity in creation and the church; an experience of the customs, practices and worship of the major churches; insights into religious music, art and architecture, icons and stained glass; plus important theological issues affecting the church's life and witness.

The course, which began in 1990 runs for one academic year, meeting weekly during term time on Tuesdays at St Leonard and St Mary Parish Community Hall, Malton and commencing this year, on Wednesdays in the Rievaulx room, Northallerton Methodist Church from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The start dates are 9th/10th September 2008. Car parking is available at both centres.

There is no obligation to produce any written work and there is no examination. The course is for pleasure but an impressive certificate is awarded to participants who complete the year.

For more information please contact

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Linthorpe

Scout Report

Cub Scouts

Twelve Cubs and four Leaders/helpers attended Spring Bank Cub Camp which was held at Raven Gill. Due to leaders restriction to holidays they cut this years camp to four days from Friday 23rd to Monday 26th May. Many of the activities helped towards badges and awards. The weather was a little cold but no rain and enjoyed by all.

Scouts

The Scouts held a three day Spring Bank Camp at Raven Gill from Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th May. The main aim was for the Scouts to complete the Outdoor & Outdoor plus awards which included cooking for six or more people, fire lighting, pitch-

ing a hike tent, and building a bivouac from natural materials.

Explorer Scouts

Four Explorer Scouts took part in a Hike after Church Parade on 8th June as part of their training for a later expedition.

Iain Rigg (Beaver Leader) and Samantha Reynolds (Assistant Beaver Leader) have now completed the first part of getting their Warrants at the warrants panel on 5th June and should be starting their training in September.

The Scout Group Summer draw will be drawn on Thursday 17th July. Tickets are available from Peter Bradley or any leader.

Ivor Huskinson (Group Scout Leader)

Coffee After Morning Worship

18th May - Macmillan Nurses
£13.20 - H Kettlewell

25th May - Guide Dogs For the Blind
£12.50 - P & J Horbury

1st Jun - Children's Liver Disease Foundation
£13.00 - S & D Knox

A very big thank you to those who stay for coffee and support these worthy causes.

Rotas

Scripture Readers

6th Jul M Warren
13th Jul Parade
20th Jul J Harper
27th Jul J Haverson
3rd Aug P Bradley
10th Aug R Harris
17th Aug M Gilmour
24th Aug F Rowe
31st Aug R Harris

Church Flowers

6th July D Knox
13th Jul J Patrick
20th Jul B Harris
27th Jul TBA
3rd Aug TBA
10th Aug P Dalgleish
17th Aug TBA
24th Aug J Harper
(in memory of June Mankin)
31st Aug M Tilley

Coffee/Tea After Worship

6 th Jul	H Kettlewell	Macmillan Nurses
13 th Jul	V Walker	Brownies
20 th Jul	P & J Horbury	Guide Dogs For The Blind
27 th Jul	S & D Knox	Children With Liver Disease Found'n
3 rd Aug	P & J Horbury	Guide Dogs For The Blind
10 th Aug	S & D Knox	Children With Liver Disease Found'n
17 th Aug	H Kettlewell	Macmillan Nurses
24 th Aug	P & J Horbury	Guide Dogs For The Blind
31 st Aug	S & D Knox	Children With Liver Disease Found'n

6th Jul

13th Jul

20th Jul

27th Jul

3rd Aug

10th Aug

17th Aug

24th Aug

31st Aug

Vestry

R Harris

M Gilmour

J Harper

H Kettlewell

R Harris

M Gilmour

J Harper

A Piercy

J Haverson

Porch

G Dodds

S Mapplebeck

G Kettlewell

M Tilley

A Piercy

G Dodds

G Kettlewell

J Haverson

M Tilley

H Kettlewell

Linthorpe Calendar

Thu 3 Jul Mission Partnership Leadership Team meeting at Guisborough
Tue 8 Jul 7.30pm Elders' Meeting
11th – 14th July United Reformed Church General Assembly at Edinburgh

Guisborough

D says if an idea is worth anything it's worth stealing. Perhaps it would be more Christian to say If an idea is worth anything it's worth passing on. So what have I found worth passing on recently?

Coming back from visiting family in Caithness we drove through that amazingly beautiful stretch of coast just north of Inverness. We have friends who come from that part of the world. They often suggest we call in at Dornoch. A pretty little town about the size of Great Ayton, only with a red large sandstone Cathedral in the middle. It feels warm and friendly and bustling with life, but that's something you will have to go and see for yourself. What I want to pass on are some things I found in the parish magazine. Things that made me think churches and people are much the same everywhere.

The Minister's letter shows an earthy realism about human nature -

The long, bright nights are with us - no excuse for not finding the time to go for that long walk of an evening or to get out into the garden. Except that most of us are pretty good at finding excuses when it comes to avoiding (a) exercise or (b) what needs to be done. Those letters for example we really ought to write and make - we never quite get round to them because there are so many other things that need doing and those other things get in the way. It's the same with clearing out the loft and the diet we promised we'd start

And it can be the same when it comes to our faith. We know what we need to do, what we ought to do, we know too what's good for us. But somehow we never quite get round to getting started on turning the theory into practice. Perhaps we haven't been to church in a while. We keep promising ourselves each Sunday that we're going to go this week - and then we let silly things get in the way of actually turning up.

Or perhaps we keep meaning to set aside a bit of

time in the day when we're quiet and can make room for God — but before we know it the day's over and we've hardly remembered God's there never mind spoken to him....

Although it's something we all do, making excuses really isn't any excuse at all! Why not spend a few minutes thinking about what you've been putting off - then make a start on doing it! You'll feel better for it. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today. Make the most of each day and live life to the full just as God intended you to.

There were no reports of sponsored bike rides or abseiling from bridges; but someone was doing a sponsored trek round Iceland (Any takers Donna?)

They are starting their own Bridge Project, a little more ambitious than ours but in very much the same spirit.

It will be a learning process for us all, and as such is on an initial three year, full-time basis. The project is not to be 'church building based' but person and community orientated, outside the church's existing walls and operating outside established patterns, in the streets, homes and community buildings.

We want to communicate anew with those presently unconnected with the churches, to develop new partnerships with existing community organizations and the general public. By going out, meeting, socialising and listening to the people in our area. We hope to develop new forms of worship which will be attractive to a much wider range of people.

Our aim is to reach out to young people and the older generation and help them to develop personally, socially, spiritually and economically in a flexible person-centered project responding to people's needs as we identify them on the ground ... to breakdown barriers of age and culture and to build bridges between those within and without the churches by offering caring in relaxed in formal settings.

To help get things going they have appointed a Community Outreach Worker but for the most part plan to depend on small teams of lay volunteers. We can only wish them well.

One final thing – the Community Council reports were bound in with the magazine – you know the police, the campaign to keep the rail link open . Things that keep people in touch with what's going on. Now that's something we might learn from them!

Maureen

Date	Vestry	Communion	Door	Flowers
6th Jul,	Service at Linthorpe URC,		No service at Guisborough	
13th Jul,	D Moore	M Robson	M Burrows	F Thompson
20th Jul,	M Robson		G Jordan	C Robertson
27th Jul,	M Baird		R Tunnicliffe	D Kane
3rd Aug,	J Basham	J Reynolds	J Bulmer	M Sollett
10th Aug,	M Robson		B Ward	C Harker
17th Aug,	D Beattie		M Burrows	J McGregor
24th Aug,	R Tunnicliffe		J Reynolds	D Moore
31st Aug	M Houston		D Houston	D Cross

Guisborough Calendar

Thu 3 Jul	7.00pm	Mission Partnership - Team Leaders meeting at Guisborough.
Sat 5 Jul	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast – Hosted by St Nicholas’ Church at 10, Tidkin Lane.
Sun 6 Jul	11.00am	East Cleveland Group Anniversary Service at Linthorpe URC.
Sat 12 Jul	10 - 12 noon	Farmers’ Market – Church Open Day. Volunteers welcome.
Sun 20 July	10.00am	All children from Guisborough Junior Churches to go to a Special Service with Guisborough Christian Fellowship in Prior Purselove College.
Tue 29 Jul	7.15pm	Elders Meeting.
Mon 4 Aug to Fri 8 Aug		Guisborough Bridge Association - Children’s Holiday Club The club is for 5 - 11 year olds and meets at the Methodist Church except for Thursday when there will be an outdoor event (weather permitting) at the Prior or in North Guisbro’ on the King George V Field. The theme of the week is: Secret Detectives. Phone Jenny on 07807 327963 or the Bridge Office 01287 636825 for booking in.

Weekly

Tuesdays	12.00 noon	Bible Study
Thursdays	9.30am – 11.45am	Coffee Morning
Thursdays	11.30am	Quiet Time – prayers and reflections with Catey, Meg, Ken and others.

Take Heart

Do not despair when things look grey,
just hold your courage high,
it might be bad but stick it out
you’ll win through by and by.

For life is full of ups and downs,
not roses all the way,
and even though a cloud appears,
keep smiling come what may.

Don’t think that you’re the only one
who’s had it really rough,
there’s a lot of people in the world
who’ve had more than enough.

But strength is given by unseen hands,
if you will stop and pray,
and God will lead you through the storm
towards a brighter day.

Redcar

Redcar Bible Society

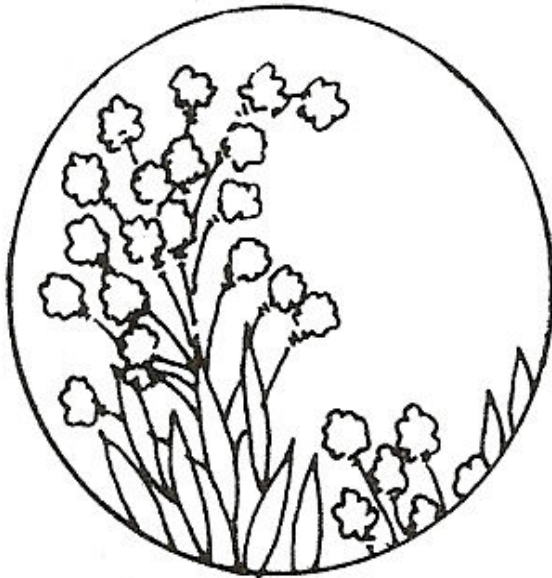
Mrs May Pepper is having an 'Open Day' at her home, 35 Thirlmere Road, on July 23rd 10am – 8pm with cake stall.

Everyone welcome.

Redcar Calendar

Weekly

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



FLOWER FESTIVAL

THEME - WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
STATION ROAD, REDCAR

SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST 2008

Viewing & refreshments 10am - 4pm

Sunday 10th August

Viewing 10am - 11am

Prior to Sunday service at 11am

PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS

Lingdale

Late Summer Coffee Morning

Saturday 30th August 2008

10.00am – 12noon

Usual stalls including cakes, tombola, and books.

Donations welcome.

Flower Rota

6 th Jul	Mr s J Scott
13 th Jul	Mrs P Green
20 th Jul	Mr A Thompson
27 th Jul	Mrs H Dunstan
3 rd Aug	Mrs P Griffiths
10 th Aug	Miss S Griffiths
17 th Aug	Mrs J Coulthard
24 th Aug	Mr B Dove
31 st Aug	Mr A Thompson
6 th Sep	Mrs M Saunders

Preachers

	6-Jul	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	3-Aug
Marton	9.30am	D Gibson	C Morrison	M Robb Communion	K Harris
	6.30pm				
Lintho	11.00am	L Bustard	C Morrison Communion	J Harper	J Lamplugh
Guisbo	9.30am	K Harris Communion	K Harris	D Harris	C Morrison Communion
Redcar	11.00am	C Morrison	M Robb	C Morrison	C Morrison
Lingdale	6.00pm	K Harris Communion	C Morrison	M Robb	K Martin
	3-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug
Marton	9.30am K Harris	D Elliott	D Harris	C Morrison	M Robb
	6.30pm				C Morrison Communion
Lintho	11.00am J Lamplugh	P Hebron	K Harris Communion	J Harper	M Robb
Guisbo	9.30am C Morrison Communion	C Morrison	M Robb	K Harris	C Morrison
Redcar	11.00am C Morrison	C Morrison	M Robb	K Harris	J Harper
Lingdale	6.00pm K Martin	C Morrison	M Robb	M Robb	K Harris

Group Service

Group Service Linthorpe URC Sunday 6th July 11.00am

Transport will be available from other churches. No other services will be held.

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