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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 1st, February, 2009. Service at 9.30am.

Epiphany 4.

Worship is led this morning the Rev Catey Morrison *Communion*

Northern Synod Prayer Cycle for 2009: Each day we are asked to pray for specific people activities and fellowships with the Northern Province. *Thought for the month: 'I have more trouble with myself than any other man I know' – Dwight L Moody.* Today we pray for the fellowships of: *Berwick; Crookham; Erskine; Belford; St Cuthbert's, North Sunderland; Chatton; Synod Treasurer, Danny Pidgeon.*

Tuesday: Musical Appreciation Evening: Tuesday, 3rd, February, at 7.30pm. The evening will be hosted by *Ernest Dale.*

Tuesday: Bible Study Group – the meeting time is at noon and details are by arrangement. See Maureen, Ernest, Donna or Dorothy Harris for information on venues.

Thursday: Quiet Time at 11.30am, with *Catey, Meg, Ken* and others.

Saturday: The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by the Methodist Church, at 11, Swallow Close, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, at 8.00am.

Spring and Summer Social Events: The details of forthcoming events are now posted on the notice board – so please take a note of the dates.

Vision 4Life Planning Group: Members are invited to join a small working party, which will be meeting later in the month, to develop strategies on how we will use the material for the 2009 Bible Year - and other ideas - for our church in the Vision for Life process. *Please see Ray after the service if you are able to help.*

Synod Events: (*First published last Sunday*)

One Church 100 Uses: 'One Church 100 Uses' is hosting a Mystery Bus Tour of buildings, both churches and secular, in and around Newcastle on Saturday, 7th, February. The purpose will be to give inspiration about how churches can develop their facilities and engagement with the wider community.

Who is My Neighbour: 'N. E. Christian Churches Together' invite you to learn about a church response to social disorder linked to gangs, drug guns and knives. Wednesday, 11th, February at 7.00pm in Brunswick Methodist church, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Time to Heal: This is a day with teaching, reflection and a healing service. It takes place on Saturday, 21st, February, 10.00am – 3.00pm at St John's Church, Neville's Cross, Durham City. (*This event is nearly fully booked – so get in quickly if you want a place.*)

In and For the World: An introduction to "The Nature and Mission of the Church" Wednesday, 25th, March, 10.00am – 3.30pm at North Road Methodist Church, Durham.

Posters for each of these events are on the notice board.

Bridge Association February 2009 News (*Abridged*)

We pay tribute in this edition to our dear friend **Tony Ford**, one of the founder members of the Bridge, who sadly died on January 9th. We give thanks for his life and for all the support he gave to the Bridge; and hold Anca and her family in our prayers.....

Guiz Kidz at the **Pursglove Centre:** Sunday 15th February, 10-noon.

Our **Tuesday Coffee Mornings** at Sunnyfield House are still very quiet, though the customers we do have greatly enjoy the friendly atmosphere and warm fellowship they experience. So do come along and join us for a coffee (10am – noon) and a chat; we could also do with one or two more people to join either the helpers or bakers rota on a monthly basis.

We have booked Saturday 14th Feb (Valentine's Day special – heart shaped baking requested!), Sat 18th July and Sat Oct 17th for **Coffee Mornings** at the Methodist Church. We'd be grateful if you could pop these dates in your diaries and let us know if you can help out either on the day itself or by baking a cake.

Another advance date: 27th July for our **Summer Holiday Club** (for children aged 5 – 9 ish) – mornings only. It was great fun last year, and very well supported by all our churches.....

Soup and Roll still needs some extra helpers/bakers as we have lost some regular volunteers and could do with 4 or 5 folk to bolster the team - even if only once a quarter! Or let us know if you could be on the Emergency Call-out team, for such occasions as we suddenly get 2 or 3 cancellations.

From January the **Kemplah Day Centre** became part of the Bridge, and we are thoroughly enjoying our Wednesday lunches for approx 25 elderly people. We are grateful to the existing volunteers who have been so supportive during the period of transition, and it is lovely to have some of our Bridge volunteers coming onto the rota.

The **Christmas Day Meal** was once more a huge success, attended by 78 guests and helpers (a few last-minute absences caused by the awful flu many of us succumbed to!) "*One of my best Christmases ever*" and "*Why didn't we get involved before; we've loved it*" – just 2 comments from our new helpers this year; a real boost to all of us at the Bridge that this event is a real blessing to the helpers as well as the guests..... The powerful message this year seemed to be that 'giving is a real blessing to the giver', and I think we can say this is true of everything we do in the Bridge as we start a new year of showing Christ's love to our community. *Jenny and Shona*

LATE NOTICES: Your notes (*Only late notices - for events in the following week -and urgent matters will be announced*)

Sunday, 8th, February at 9.30am: Rev. Ken Harris - *Ray T Sec.*

Coffee after the service in the hall.

Any news to Ray T on 01287 637318 or email: raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk by Thursdays.

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