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**Guisborough United Reformed Church**

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup>, March, 2009 at 9.30am.**

**Lent 1.**

Worship is led this morning by Rev. Ken Harris – *Communion*.

**Northern Synod's Prayer Cycle for 2009.** Each day we are asked to

pray for specific people, activities and fellowships within the Northern Province.

*Thought for the month: There are many people who think that Sunday is a sponge to wipe out all the sins of the week. Henry Ward Beecher 'Today we pray for the fellowships of: Amble & Warkworth; Rev'd Greg Thompson; St. Andrew's*

*Glanton, Felton & Longframlington; Rev'd Edward Butlin.*

**Today - Ernest Dale's 80<sup>th</sup>, Birthday:** A very happy birthday Ernest from all of your friends in the Guisborough Church.

**Vision 4Life – Bible Year:** Our journey through the Bible Year begins today with us looking at the Gospel of Mark. During the course of the next four weeks members are asked to read the book in full and then we will spend time, during the service of the 29<sup>th</sup>, March, looking at what we have read – and work on unpacking the meaning for ourselves, in our lives in the 21<sup>st</sup>, century. The Rev Ken Harris will introduce this idea today.

**Tuesday: Lunchtime Discussion Group** - The Discussion Group will be meeting in the home of Maureen and David Houston, 30, Thames Ave, at 12.30pm. This week's topic is the Women of the Bible.

**Tuesday: Bridge Association Coffee Morning:** This fund raising event continues to be held in Sunnyfield House on Tuesdays between 10am and 12 noon. The organisers now collect books for selling and could do with two or more bakers – someone who could make a cake for the stall once a month. If you are able to help with any of these requests then phone Jenny, the Bridge Administrator, at the **Bridge office, on 636825**. Alternately, Jenny can be reached on the mobile no 07807 327963 or Shona, the Bridge Development Worker on mob' 07890 228851

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, March,** at 7.30pm. Church Social Event - a talk about *Alpine Flowers* by *Maureen and David Houston*.

**Wednesday - Lent Group Discussions:** This year's ecumenical discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings at St Nicholas Church starting on Wednesday, 4th March for 5 weeks. The discussions will follow the 'York' Course entitled '*These three.....Faith, Hope, Love.*' The topics for the series are: *Believing and Trusting; The peace of God; Faith into Love; the Greatest of These and All Shall be Well.*

There is a booklet to accompany the course to guide the discussions and to aid personal study and prayer – cost £3. See Ray.

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

**Thursday - Christian Aid - Speaking out for Justice:** Christian Aid have organised two lectures on the issue of Speaking out for Justice. The first – with *Stories of Hope from the Democratic Republic of the Congo* – is on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>, March, 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the University of Teesside.

**Friday - Women's World Day of Prayer:** This will take place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>, March with services in St Nicholas' Parish Church at 2.00pm and in Guisborough United Reformed Church at 7.00pm. The speaker at both services will be Mrs Nancy Webb.

**Saturday:** The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by the United Reformed Church, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, is at 8.00am. *There will be short briefing during Coffee Time, after the service, to make catering arrangements for the Prayer Breakfast.*

**Gift Day:** Gift Day is on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>, March. Envelopes for gifts can be found in the pews

**Bridge Association March News Letter:** Copies can be found on the table at the back of the church.

**Commitment for Life – a message from Linda Mead our National Church representative for the Fund** (*Copies of Moving Stories 110 on table at the back of the church*) Dear friends in this month's *Moving Stories* we hear about people dealing with the aftermath of what happened in Gaza. With Lent just one week away I hope you have signed up for Christian Aid's 'Journey to Jerusalem' virtual pilgrimage. There you will hear the actual voices of those living in the Holy Land. To sign up for the pilgrimage and receive your daily message please go to: <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent/journey-to-jerusalem.aspx> or visit our new website [www.cforl.org.uk](http://www.cforl.org.uk) Revd Richard Mortimer represented the URC at the media launch of the event outside Westminster Abbey. See [http://www.urch.org.uk/news/2009/urch\\_on\\_jerusalem\\_pilgrimage](http://www.urch.org.uk/news/2009/urch_on_jerusalem_pilgrimage)

**Today - AGM Reports:** The Annual General Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>, March so written reports will be needed for publication by the deadline of, 1<sup>st</sup>, March – *which is today*.

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

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>, March at 9.30am:** Guisfolk - *Ray T Sec.*

**Coffee after the service in the hall.**

**Any news to Ray T on 01287 637318 or email: [raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk) by Thursdays.**

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