

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 1st, June, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost 3.

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

Northern Synod's Prayer Cycle for 2008. Each day we are asked to pray for specific people, activities and fellowships within the Northern Province. *Thought for the month: 'Real revival comes only from God. He alone is the fountainhead. A spiritual awakening cannot be scheduled, worked up or humanly engineered. Lewis Drummond. Today we pray for the fellowships of: St Andrew's Benton Local Ecumenical Project; Trinity Gosforth Local Ecumenical Project.*

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

Tuesday: Bridge Association Coffee Morning: This fund raising event is now being held in Sunnyfield house on Tuesdays between 10am and 12noon. The project was mentioned in the February News letter and this is a reminder that volunteers are needed. So if you're free, come along to support us or bring some cakes! Spread the word! Phone Jenny, Bridge Administrator, on 07807 327963

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

Saturday: The Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Methodist Church in the Church, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, will be held at 8.00am. *Note: This is a change from the listed venue of St Nicholas'*

Guisborough Town Fair: The fair takes place on Sunday, 8th, May at *Gisborough Hall*. At this event Churches Together in Guisborough and the Bridge Association have a stall promoting the work we do in the town. Donna, who is chairman of C.T.G., is looking for volunteers to help her man the stall from 11.30 -1 p.m. - after coffee on Sunday next. It is just a matter of being available to chat to people, nothing too scary. The other churches will be covering the rest of the afternoon.

Saturday - A Reflective Walk Across Holy Island: On Saturday, June 7th there will be a guided, reflective walk across the Holy Island Pilgrims Poles beginning at 11.00am, followed by lunch and worship in St Cuthbert's Centre. All are welcome and it would be helpful to have some numbers for catering purposes. We shall ask for donations to offset expenses. Children will be as welcome as adults. *Rev. Barry Hutchinson, Director, St Cuthbert's Centre, Holy Island. 01289389254*

WaterAid Appeal - Dear Friends,

Help end water poverty: The End Water Poverty campaign, which WaterAid supports, has been targeting the G8 to agree a global action plan for sanitation and water since 2007, but we now need to build even more pressure in the lead-up to the summit in July.

We need more signatures targeted at the Japanese Prime Minister, Yasuo Fukuda, who is this year's G8 host. Click below and become one of almost a **million** action-takers!

We need to show it's time for change! Sanitation and safe water are basic human rights. Everyone in the world should have access to them. But without these services thousands will continue to die each day. The solutions are simple but the G8 need to commit to this action plan. Please tell them: *it's time for change*. To take action today, go to www.endwaterpoverty.org/action. *Barbara Frost, Chief Executive, WaterAid*

Bridge June 2008 News – Edited Summary – full copies on the table at the back of the church.

- The **Million Hours of Kindness** weekend (3rd to 5th May) was a wonderful witness – we've had some lovely messages of thanks. One lady said we reminded her that "God is always near." Thanks go to the Hooleys for hosting the celebration BBQ at the end of the weekend. We would like if at all possible to stay in touch with some of the people we helped - after all, those weeds will keep growing throughout the summer! So if you'd like to offer the odd couple of hours here and there at your own convenience to keep a garden in check, let us know and we'll put you in touch with the relevant people. We found that those with young children found it a particularly valuable way to introduce their families to the idea of serving their community in God's name – the whole family could get involved.
- Our special **Guiz Kidz** session at the Priory was also a great family occasion. Our next Guiz Kidz session will be back at the usual venue of the Pursglove Centre on 15th June from 10am - noon.
- **Summer Holiday Club:** thanks to all those who have responded, we now have enough volunteers to make this viable. It'll be from August 4th – 8th (mornings only, if that makes it easier for people to volunteer their services) – possibly more than one venue as we'd like to involve North Guisborough and don't really want to disrupt any ongoing activities at the Methodist Church such as Soup and Roll. We'd also be grateful for any offers of funding for this event.
- **Youth Training:** Nigel Pimlott from the Frontier Youth Trust will be coming to lead 2 training sessions on Spirituality in Youth Work. The 2 sessions will be on Wednesday 2nd July: 1.30pm – 4pm and 7-9.30pm. Anyone with any interest or involvement in youth work will be very welcome at either session. Nigel is an excellent speaker and if anyone would like to look at his book *Glimpses* please just ask.
- **Chatroom:** we could really do with one more helper on the team as this project is flourishing at the moment. We have at least 20 young people aged 12-14 yrs coming regularly to the Youth Centre at Laurence Jackson on Wednesday lunch-times. They're a lively but likeable bunch of youngsters, receptive to hearing about Jesus and how to apply His teaching to their lives. Sara Jordan of the GCF coordinates Chatroom with unparalleled organisational skills – so if you'd like to hear more, get in touch (either with her or us).

Cafe Service, Sunday 1 June Come & hear Guisborough's own musical talent Charlotte Johnson, local Prior Student. She will share & perform songs she has written. & Roger Jordan will share a bit about what Scripture teaches regarding worship. A relaxed evening of worship & song. Great for the whole family. Hot drinks & cakes will be available. Guisborough Methodist Church Hall 7:15-8:45pm.

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

Sunday, 8th, at 9.30am: Rev. Catey Morrison – *Vision 4Life – Bible Coffee after the service in the hall.*

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