

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 2nd, March, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

Worship is led this morning by Rev Meg Robb.

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: 'One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)*

Today we pray for the fellowships of: Trinity Ashington LEP; Bedlington LEP.

Tuesday: Bible Study Group will be holding their meeting at noon. 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 12 noon. The project was mentioned in the February News letter and this is a reminder that volunteers are needed. All that is needed is 3 or 4 people each week and some cakes etc. If you would like to be on the rota for this – again, like Soup and Roll, just once a month would be a big help – can you let us know as soon as possible. Phone Jenny, Bridge Administrator, on 07807 327963

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

Saturday, Farmers Market - Church Open Day from 10.00am to 12 noon. Volunteers needed to act as stewards.

AGM: This will be held on Tuesday, 11th, March at 7.15pm. Minutes and agendas will be available next Sunday. Please deliver any written reports, for the meeting, to the secretary by today, please. Thanks from Ray.

Notice of election of Officers and Elders: The notice is on the church notice board. Other candidates can be added to the list, with their permission.

Synod News: *Around the Synod* - News Letter from the Provincial Moderator; ***Pastoral Highlights:*** Copies of the February edition now available. Read about what the committee at doing on our behalf in the North East. *Copies of both these news item are on the table at the back of the church. A Quiet Day on Holy Island, a retreat organised to consider the*

topic: *Contemplating the Creator and the Created*, Wednesday, 5th, March. A poster about this is on the notice board.

Gift Day: This will be on Sunday, 16th, March this year.

NEW BEGINNINGS TOUR

A small group of children from Uganda will be visiting the Methodist Church on Monday 17th March at 7pm. The children will share their stories and lives in Uganda through dancing, drumming, singing, testimonies and by answering questions. The presentation will last about an hour, followed by refreshments. They ask no fee for coming, but do bring leaflets about sponsoring the children and a variety of African crafts for sale. Please put this date in your diaries as it promises to be a lively and entertaining evening, and the children would very much welcome your interest and support.

Bridge March 2008 News (*Copies are on the table at the back of the church- the extract below is a summary*) From the Bridge Administrator, Jenny and Development Worker, Shona.

Hope 08: we're still eagerly anticipating the flood of response sheets that were circulated last month! If you've mislaid yours and would like to be involved in some way, just let me know and I'll give you another! Can we urge you to start praying about who you could invite to the **J. John Just 10** talks – due to begin at Preston Park on April 23rd. This is ideal for you to bring non-Christian friends or family to; we'd be happy to help organise lifts or baby-sitting – no-one should be excluded on the grounds of personal circumstances. If you don't want to attend the talks yourself but feel you could offer a free baby-sitting service for the 10 Wednesday evenings to allow a young parent to go, do let us know.

Parenting Project: We are applying for funding for this new project. If you're interested in participating in a Parenting course or feel you have useful experience that would enable you to help deliver it, get in touch with Shona. We'd also love to hear from anyone who might be interested in providing emotional support to new parents; the first 3 months of parenthood can be a very lonely time.

Fundraising: we're investigating a number of new fund-raising initiatives. Most of this area of work we tend to do in our own time as it rather defeats the object to use paid Bridge time to fund-raise, so we do appreciate all the support we can get!

Ø We've registered with a website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) where you can raise funds when you shop online.....

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

Sunday, 9th, March at 9.30am: Dorothy 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.