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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 2nd, August 2009 at 9.30am.
Pentecost 9.

Worship is led this morning Rev Meg Robb.

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: "Seven days without prayer makes one weak." Allen E. Varlett. Today we pray for the fellowships of: Gateshead mission partnership. Those working in hospitals and hospices.*

Today – Sunday - Book Club: Today we are led by Meg in unpacking and reflecting on the book of Psalms - that is the Psalms of Ascent – numbers 121 – 126. *The Songs of Ascent (120 – 134) are generally thought to have been used in connection with the great yearly pilgrimages to Jerusalem, culminating in the entry to the Lord's Temple – describing the difficulties of a long journey far from home. The first psalm, 121, represents a powerful promise of God's presence and protection on this journey to Jerusalem.*

Today –Sunday: Bridge Association Children's Summer Holiday Club – United Service: The Children's Holiday Club, which has been running for the past week, will conclude 'today' with a United Service, at 3.00pm in the Methodist Church. This will be an act of family friendly worship, where the children will be sharing what they have been doing at the holiday club. There will be a faith tea afterwards so bring some pirate rations! [Preferably biscuits without weevils though....] So come and see what our little pirates have been doing all week. *All are welcome to come along and join in.*

Book Club – for August: This month we will be reading Ephesians which will be unpacked on Sunday, 23rd, August by D.M. and friends. The book of Ephesians has been often described by commentators as "*The Queen of the Epistles*" and for many it is considered the highest reach of New testament though – so something to really engage us in this year's reflections on the Bible.

Donna and Friends: Donna will be leading worship on Sunday, 23rd, August – and offers an invitation to members and friends to join with her and take part in the service. *If you wish to help in any way please see Donna after the service today.*

Tuesday: Bible Study Group – the next meeting will be in September.

Tuesday: Monthly Service at Belmont View Care Home: The service on Tuesday is at 2.30pm and will be held in the lounge on the ground floor. Our commitment, as a church, to give the residents of the home the opportunity for worship is a good example of work and mission in the community - which requires support from members and friends on a regular basis to ensure its continued success. If you are free on Tuesday please come to the home and share in the worship provided by Catey and Ken

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.

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.

Saturday - Annual Flower Festival: This event is on Saturday, 8th August 2009 - at the United Reformed Church, Station Road, Redcar – from 10.00am until 4.00pm – coffee and tea served – 50p entry. This year's theme is '*The Saints.*'

THE BIG READ: The Big Read is a North East Ecumenical Event for Lent 2010. The big Read Book will be Luke and in a letter to all churches the Bishop of Durham, Tom Wright, describes next year's activities. The letter is on the notice board.

LATE NOTICES: Notices received too late to go into Pews News are on the *Pews News Late Notice Sheet* which can be found on the church notice board. *Any particularly important or urgent matters will be announced from the pulpit, at discretion of the minister.*

Sunday, 9th, August at 9.30am: Rev. Ken Harris - *Ray T Sec.*

Coffee after the service in the hall.

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