

# Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 2008. Service at 9.30am.

**Epiphany 4. Poverty Sunday**

**Ash Wednesday this week on the 6<sup>th</sup>, February.**

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: 'Where would you be if God took away all your Christian work? Too often it is our Christian work that is worshipped and not God.* Oswald Chambers

*Today we pray for the fellowships of: Church of the Good Shepherd Battle Hill Local ecumenical project; St Mark's High Howden.*

**Tuesday:** Bible Study Group will be holding their meeting at noon. See Maureen, Ernest, Donna or Dorothy Harris for details of venues.

**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.

**The Wedding of Fiona and Stephen:** Doreen and Tom Cross wish to offer an invitation, to members of the church, to attend the wedding of their daughter, Fiona, in our church on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>, February at 1.30pm. This invitation also extends to the reception in Gisborough Hall – starting with drinks at 2.30pm, meal 4 – 4.30pm and Evening Party 7.30 pm to Midnight. As seating, in the church, is limited a pew will be reserved for up to six people. If you wish to attend please inform Ray.

**Bridge Association News Letter – and Hope 08 in Guisborough:** Copies of the Jan News Letter along with details of Hope 08 in Guisborough can be found on the table at the back of the church. *May I draw your attention to the Bridge appeal for help in its funding raising activities and also Hope 08 to which we, as a Church, have agreed to do something in this area of faith - at some point during the year.*

**Lent Group Discussions:** This year's ecumenical discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings at St Nicholas Church starting on 13th February for 5 weeks. The discussions will follow the course 'The Lord's Prayer - praying it, meaning it, living it' from *York Courses*. There is a booklet to accompany the course to guide the discussions and to aid personal study and prayer. Richard Henblest, treasurer of, CTG, writes: *"I have some of these and if any member of your congregations would wish to buy one in advance of the discussions, please contact me. My phone number is Guisborough 634569"*

**Bridge Association – Parenting Group Idea:** here is a message from Shona Joselin., (*In PN last Sunday*) the new Bridge Development Worker. If you have any views on this proposed project please contact Shona on 07890 228851. ***It is important that the Bridge gets feedback on new initiatives – so that their viability can be assessed. So please make your views known to Shona, or myself.*** Thanks. Ray.

Hi all, One of the ideas that I mentioned in my job interview was possible parent support work and parenting groups. I thought it might be an idea to float the idea through the different Church newsletters [and through the Bridge contacts] to see what interest and take up there might be. The long term aim would be: to provide new parent support [both with practical and be-friending/emotional support]; to enable parenting skills training/small groups to be offered widely throughout the community; and to maybe use those who engage with leading and developing this work to set up a parent 'drop in' or listening service to run alongside or as part of the Listening group.

With regard to the new parent support work I will try to explore these ideas with Surestart and the local PCT to assess the need and whether it would be an appropriate community project for us. It is something that seems to be much in the news with post-natal depression and press coverage of a new mum taking tragic drastic action. With our skilled team of listeners the be-friending seems a natural development and our wonderful cooks always seem willing to bake and prepare food!! ... thus we have some of the basics to begin to develop this area.

*Please let me know your thoughts, God bless, Shona*

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

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>, January at 9.30am:** Rev. Catey Morrison- *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.*