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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 3rd, May 2009 is at 9.30am.

Easter 4.

Worship is led this morning by 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: 'I suppose that every age has its own particular fantasy: ours is science. A seventeenth-century man like Blaise Pascal, who thought himself a mathematician and scientist of genius, found it quite ridiculous that anyone should suppose that rational processes could lead to any ultimate conclusions about life, but easily accepted the authority of the Scriptures. With us, it is the other way around ... Malcolm Muggeridge, Jesus Rediscovered. Today we pray for the fellowships of: Bellingham LEP; Falstone & Kielder; Wark LEP; Rev'd Janet Flawn*
Vision 4Life Bible Year – May Book Club: In the Group magazine Meg says: "This month we'll be looking at one of the Minor Prophets since Joel is our book for this month. As with many of the prophets Joel's message was one of seeking God's ways of living this earthly life but he pointed, too, to the day when God would pour out his Spirit on all people..." Please read the book of Joel for the unpacking of its message on Sunday, 24th, May.

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

Tuesday: Monthly Service at Belmont View Care Home: (Postponed from last week) The service is on Tuesday at 2.20pm for the opening of worship at 2.30pm and will be held in the lounge on the ground floor.

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. (Clash with Bible Day noted)

Saturday - Mission Partnership Gathering Bible Day - Bringing the Bible Alive: All members are invited to attend the Mission Partnership Gathering on Saturday, 9th, May, from 10.00am to 4.00pm, in St Columba's URC, Marsh House Avenue, Billingham. Here we will be able to explore the Bible, within the context of this first year of Vision 4Life, and relate it to our life of faith. *Leaflets in the pews give full details.*

Meal Out: The Meal Out will be on Tuesday, 12th, May – with the venue at the Board Inn, Leaholm. Menus are now available. Please put your name on the list posted on the notice board so that Ken can book for the number of people who will be present.

Discovering Guisborough: On Sunday, 24th, May there will be walk around the town entitled: 'Discovering Guisborough' - where we can learn about the detailed history and interesting, and little known features of the borough. **Leader: Roger Darnton.** We meet with Roger for coffee, after the service, followed by the guided walk starting at around 11.00am. The walk will take about an hour - plus. *(Weather permitting)*

Advance Notice of East Cleveland Group of Churches Outing: Saturday, 5th, September: Church Trip. The organiser is Rev Catey Morrison. The venue is: Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Water Gardens. This trip out is to be an East Cleveland Group outing.

Please put your name on the trip list (*notice board*) if you wish to attend. It will be helpful, for organisational purposes, if these entries can be made on Sunday, 3rd, or no later than Sunday, 10th, May. Thank you.

Churches Together in Guisborough – Troisdorf Visit: CTG are organising a trip to Troisdorf, our twin town in Germany, to join in the celebration of the "Long Night of the Churches" in September. The trip is from the 23rd, to 28th, September. Please contact Dorothy Harris if you wish to go.

Bridge Association May News Letter (*abridged – full text on notice board*)

- Saturday 9th May – 7.30pm - the Guisborough Methodist Worship group are doing a **Sanctuary** event at Moorsholm Methodist chapel. Do come along and help us reach out to the rural community in contemporary worship.
- Thank you so much for your support of **Bridge2Youth / Chatroom's** special Tuesday coffee morning on 7th April; they raised £85 which is more than we usually manage on Tuesdays! The disappointing news is that we have been turned down by one of the funders we approached to help finance the Youth for Christ Activity weekend away for our young people in the Scottish Borders (June 12th – 14th). Please pray with us that the other grant-awarding body does agree to help; and if anyone would like to give a donation to help us finance this worthwhile trip, we would be most grateful.
- Do you remember last year's highly successful **Million Hours of Kindness**? Well, we managed 260 hours! We are not planning another organised weekend this year, but we wondered if anyone would like to offer any time to tidy a garden. We have been approached by one old lady whom we helped last year - asking if we can help her again with her tiny patch this year. If you would like the opportunity to renew last year's links – just let us know and we will contact the person whom you helped out last year to see if their garden is in need of some more TLC! Or if you are willing to give a few hours to assist anyone else who may approach the Bridge, let us know and we will put you on the "supply list". Remember – all help given can be at your own convenience – at a time (and in weather!) that suits you.
- Even further away... at the last Churches Together in Guisborough, we were asked if we'd mention the season of **Advent** to Bridge members. If you have any ideas for ecumenical Advent activities (with the theme of "waiting") – particularly those that would help us to reach out to the wider community – bring them to your minister or to us, and we'll pass them on.

With every blessing, Jenny and Shona

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

Sunday, 10th, May at 9.30am: Dorothy Harris - **Coffee after the service in the hall.** Any news to Ray T on 01287 637318 or email: raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk by Thursdays. East Cleveland website at: www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk Message board at: www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk/message_boards.htm