

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 3rd, August 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost 12.

Worship is led this morning by the Rev. Catey Morrison *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: 'Put your expectations on God and enjoy watching him answer your prayers.'* Jan Carlburg

Today we pray for the fellowships of: St James Alnwick; St Marks Amble and Warkworth.

Bob McDonald: On Thursday Bob moved from Brotton Primary Care Hospital to Winthorpe, near Newark, Nottinghamshire where he will reside in a care home near his daughter. In recognition of his long service to the church, as both as an elder and Church Secretary, he will be presented with a music CD gift voucher and photographs of members - as a memento of his time in Guisborough - which goes back to 1969. Earlier, he was a member of a Congregational church in his home town of Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

We will always remember Bob with affection and wish him well for the future. He will be in our prayers at this time.

Bridge mini-newsletter for August 2008 *First published last Sunday*

- Saturday 9th August, 9.30am – 11.30am: **Coffee Morning and Grand Book Sale** at the Methodist Church. Let us know if you are free to help on teas / coffees or on book stall, or if you can donate baking or books – we're happy to collect if necessary.
- Preparations are going ahead for an **Alpha course** beginning in September. Please be praying about whom you can invite along – and there is still room for more helpers if you'd like to join us. The Alpha Meal - Mon Sept 22nd; then Alpha sessions every Monday after that except half-term week, 27th Oct; away-day probably Sat 8th Nov. Perhaps also a weekend away after Christmas.
- We're looking for volunteers to help us extend **Guiz Kidz** into a monthly after-school session at Sleights Court in North Guisborough – possibly the

third Wednesday of each month, 4.30-5.30pm for 5-7yr olds and 5.30-6.30pm for 8-11yr olds. This is an exciting opportunity to reach out beyond our usual Sunday sessions; we hope to re-use material we've already used on Sundays so no extra planning should be involved. If you'd like to help but child-care is an issue, do let us know as we may be able to arrange baby-sitting (or let us know if you can offer baby-sitting services for someone who would like to take part). Contact Shona or Jenny on 636825 – or speak to Rob Noel.

- Something else we're excited about is our new "CD-style" **calendar / recipe book**, which is almost ready to go to print. We have no funding for this project and will be relying on profits from sales, so if anyone would like to make a special donation towards the printing costs we would be very grateful.

Tuesday: *Bible Study Group* – the next meeting will be on 7th, September.

Thursday: Quiet Time at 11.30am, with *Catey, Meg, Ken* and some of us.

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

Saturday: The Annual Flower Festival is at Redcar U.R.C. on Saturday, 9th August from 10:00am – 3:00pm. The theme is 'Women of the Bible'.

Knitted Bible Exhibition: This event takes place from the 9 – 23rd, August (except Sundays) in St George's URC, York Road, Hartlepool. A poster is on the notice board.

St Cuthbert's Centre – Holy Island: Several events are being organised by the Centre in August, viz:- Modern Russian Icons Exhibition – 16th, 28th, August; Exhibition of Contemplative Art by Captain Colin Brown of the Church Army; Worship in Brinkburn priory Sunday, 10th, August at 3.00pm. Posters on the notice board give details.

Around the Synod: The latest 'Summer' edition of the Synod News Letter can be found on the table at the back of the church.

Commitment for Life: From Commitment for Life, a charity that we support, comes another edition of Moving Stories (no.103) about the response to the crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Copies can be found on the table at the back of the church.

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

Sunday, 10th, August 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 by Thursdays. East Cleveland website at: www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk