

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 4th, May, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Ascension

All Age Worship is led this morning by the **Rev. Catey Morrison.**

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: A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are built for. John Shedd. Today we pray for the fellowship of: St Mark's

Local Ecumenical Project, Coulby Newham which is to close.

Today – Bryony's Baptism: In the *All Age* service Bryony Bennison, granddaughter of Dianne, will be baptised into the fellowship of the Church. This is a happy occasion for all – the family of Bryony, members and friends.

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. They now need one or two more people to help once a month on Tuesdays. If you are able to help then phone Jenny, the Bridge Administrator, on 636825 or 07807 327963.

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

Friday – St Mark's Church, Local Ecumenical Project – Closing Service: The final service of St Mark's will take place on Friday at 7.00pm. Attendance at the service is by invitation only. A message of thanksgiving and support, for their service to the Lord in Coulby Newham, has been sent to the fellowship of St Mark's assuring them that they are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

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

Commitment for Life – Moving Stories no. 100: More news from Palestine about the work of this charity – which we support. Copies of the stories can be found on the table at the back of the church. There is a prayer for peace on the notice board, also from Commitment for Life, focussing on the problems in the Middle East. In addition there is a letter from a Commitment for Life Worker in Palestine giving graphic details of an unfortunate incident in the lives of the people of this country.

The Rev. Phillip Bishop's Farewell Service: Philip Bishop, of St Nicholas' Parish Church, retires this year and his *Farewell Service* takes place on Sunday, 18th, May. There will be a slightly shorter morning service than normal, on that day, to allow as many people as possible from our church to attend this event, which is due to begin at 10.30am. This will be followed by a faith lunch to which we are also invited. If people can't make this service then there will also be opportunity to say farewell to Phillip at the *Christian Aid service at 6.15pm on Sunday 11th May.*

Also from the Bridge: (*Extract from the May News Letter*) We are holding a special *Guiz Kidz* session on Sunday 11th May, from 2.30-4.30pm at the Priory. We'd welcome more helpers – and would be grateful if you could help publicise the event amongst your neighbours who may have children between 5 and 11 years.

Parenting Project: we know of one mother, due to give birth in the next few weeks, who would appreciate some support. If anyone would like to help us launch this side of our parenting work, do get in touch. We have been granted **£1000** from the Easy Access Fund through the Tees Valley Community Foundation, which – along with a generous donation from a Bridge supporter – is funding our parenting work.

Rev Chris Eddy has asked if anyone can give a home to a young Hongkong Chinese Christian man who is coming to Guisborough to work. Contact Chris on 623245 if you'd like more information.

Summer Holiday Club: would anyone be interested in helping us to run a club for primary-aged children for one week in the summer – in a church hall?

Fundraising: To date we have raised £18.55 through www.easyfundraising.org.uk [this includes £8.21 through searches that have been made through the site's search engine www.easysearch.org.uk (our address is <http://guisbridge.easysearch.org.uk>)] 15 people have signed up so far, so if you haven't registered can we urge you to do so: it's free money for the Bridge!

From Synod – Conflict Resolution Training: A poster giving details of conflict resolution course can be found on the notice board.

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

Sunday, 11th, May at 9.30am: Rev. Meg Robb - *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.