

PEWS NEWS ³¹⁸.

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 5th, April 2009 at 9.30am.

Lent 6. Palm Sunday – Passion Sunday.

Worship is led this morning by the 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: God's Road is all uphill, but do not tire: Rejoice that we may still keep climbing higher.* Arthur Guiterman. Today we pray for the fellowships of: St.

George's, Morpeth; Great Bavington; Widdrington; Rev'd Ron Forster

Holy Week Festivities: From the 6th, – 10th, April there will be services at noon from Monday to Thursday in our church on behalf of Churches Together in Guisborough.

Maundy Thursday: We have our annual Agape Meal at 7.00pm.

Good Friday: Procession of Witness from Salvation Army Citadel. There will be refreshments at the Methodist Church afterwards. Any helpers welcome.

Easter Day: Communion led by Rev Catey Morrison.

Vision4life: Bible Book Club: The East Cleveland Group, are now in the process of launching our very own Vision4Life Book Club. (*As we know it has been Guisborough's choice to read Mark during March.*) We would like to invite you to read just ONE BOOK of the Bible each month and this book of the Bible will be the theme of worship on the fourth Sunday of each month. For April you are invited to read the book of JAMES. (*Guidelines on the book can be found in April's Group News*)

An Open Prayer Request Book: At a recent meeting of the Pastoral Carers it was suggested that we have a prayer request book in the church. Members, friends and visitors may enter requests for prayers to be said at the following services on Sundays and Thursdays. The prayers can be for members of the church family, relatives other individuals and also general or specific prayers for the local community or the world at large. Comments on this idea would be helpful.

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: 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 or 07807 327963.**

Tuesday: Monthly Service at Belmont View Care Home: The service on Tuesday is at 2.20pm for the opening of worship at 2.30pm and will be held in the lounge on the

ground floor. Members who feel able to visit individuals at the home are encouraged to do so. Anyone interested in taking up such a role please speak to Catey or Ken.

Thursday: There will be *no* Quiet Time because of the Holy Week service being held in our church at that time.

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

Quiz Night: This will be on Tuesday, 14th, April at 7.30pm and hosted by Jenny.

Group Elders' Meeting: This will take place on Wednesday, 29th April at St. Andrew's, Marton at 7.30pm – with important matters to discuss.

Synod Quiet Day: Saturday, 18th April. **VISION AND LIFE** The Sanctuary, 21, Westbrook, Darlington. The cost is £10 which includes lunch. *For more details and for booking ring Rev. Ruth Crofton on 01338 763093*

Bridge April News Letter (*Extracts- full text on notice board*)

The young people from **Chatroom** are running our Tuesday coffee morning on 7th April (10-12 at Sunnyfield House) to raise funds for their Youth for Christ Activity Weekend in June. They're going to make it an Easter Special so if you'd like to donate some Eastery cakes etc, they'd be most grateful.

Kemplah Day Centre: we'll be doing an Easter lunch for the elderly people on Weds 8th April which will involve sherry, sugar eggs, chicks etc – the works! We'll be buying them all a little Easter egg too, so if you'd like to make a special Easter gift we'd appreciate very small donations of £1 or £2 which would help us to cover the costs.

We were recently inspected at **Soup and Roll** by Environmental Health and as a result we have been awarded a 4 star rating ("Very Good Standards of Hygiene"). **To existing helpers and cooks:** Shona is hoping to work on the next rota during the Easter holidays, so please let her know (before the holidays) of any dates you are unavailable in May, June and July. As the number of customers grows, we could still do with one or two more **soup cooks** to take the pressure off those already on the rota. If you could make a soup for us just once a month we'd love to hear from you.

The year is charging on at a rate of knots (no, we're not *quite* planning the Christmas Meal yet!) and the **Town Fair** is in our sights: Sunday 7th June. If you have any ideas for a crowd-grabbing publicity / fundraising activity we could do, let us know; or if you'd be free to help man the Bridge / Churches Together stall for an hour between 12 and 4pm.

Do keep shopping via the www.easyfundraising.org.uk website and do your Internet searches via <http://guisbridge.easysearch.org.uk>. It does bring the funds in (we've just had another cheque for £37 from them. Also, the printer cartridges are a great ongoing boost to funds.

We will start planning the **Summer Holiday Club** (w/c 27th July) after the Easter Holidays, so if you'd like to be involved in the planning process, or to sign up for all or part of the week itself, do let us know. (Children aged 5-9ish).

Does anyone have any snowy bridge pictures? 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, 12th, April 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.
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