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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 5th, July, 2009 at 9.30am.

Pentecost 5.

Worship is led this morning Rev. Meg Robb. *Communion*

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: 'Prayer is where the action is.' John Wesley. Today we pray for the fellowships of: St. Andrew's Benton LEP; Rev'd Peter Rand; Trinity Gosforth LEP; Rev'd David Bedford; Mary Bellshaw*

Book Club: The book to be read this month is Psalms - that is the Psalms of Ascent - numbers 121 - 126. These will be unpacked by Catey on Sunday, 26th, July. *The Songs of Ascent (120 - 134) are generally thought to have been used in connection with the great yearly pilgrimages to Jerusalem, culminating in the entry to the Lord's Temple - describing the difficulties of a long journey far from home. The first psalm, 121, represents a powerful promise of God's presence and protection on this journey to Jerusalem.*

Summer Camp at Crathorne: This weekend 13 young people from with the East Cleveland Group are enjoying a camp at Crathorne. We hope that they have a good time. Catey and Jackie Coultard, from Lingdale URC, are the organisers.

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**. 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.

BRIDGE JULY 2009 NEWS (ABRIDGED)

SATURDAY 18TH JULY: BRIDGE COFFEE MORNING AT THE METHODIST CHURCH (930 □ 11.30AM). ONE OR TWO MORE HELPERS AND LOTS AND LOTS OF CAKES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

YOUTH-WORK: OUR BRIDGE YOUTH-WORK SEEMS TO BE ENTERING A NEW PHASE AT THE MOMENT. SARA JORDAN WRITES OF OUR FORT ROCKY WEEKEND: 'THE WEEKEND WAS RUN BY *YOUTH FOR CHRIST* ... WE JOINED ABOUT 60 OTHERS AT WHITHAUGH PARK IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS FOR AN EXCELLENT WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, ADVENTURE & SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION. MIDGES ABOUNDED, AND WE HAD A COUPLE OF MINOR SQUABBLES, BUT OVERALL, WE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER WEEKEND! THE TOTAL COST WAS £2475. SINCE WE DIDN'T RECEIVE THE GRANT MONEY WE APPLIED FOR, WE THOUGHT THE BRIDGE WOULD HAVE TO COVER THIS ENTIRE AMOUNT LAST MINUTE. BUT THANKS TO FUNDRAISERS & GOD'S PEOPLE, £1500 CAME QUICKLY TOGETHER. PRAISE THE LORD! THE KIDS WERE POSITIVE, RECEPTIVE AND WELL-BEHAVED. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED & PRAYED FOR US. GOD MOVED AND REALLY BLESSED THE WEEKEND. THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ALREADY ASKING, "CAN WE PLEASE GO NEXT YEAR?" "

We have also been recently granted £11,050 - over 2 years - by the Community Development Foundation (who funded Chatroom4U) for some *Faiths in Action* work to develop our inter-denominational activities. Part of this funding will go towards hiring a Christian youth-worker for 6 hours per week. This could not be more timely as Sara begins her maternity leave in late September. Finding someone as gifted (in both practical and spiritual terms) as Sara will be difficult, but if you know of anyone who might be able to fill this position, please let us know. We would dearly love to be able to recruit one or two more **Guiz Kidz** leaders who can help with the planning of our monthly sessions. Shortage of leaders means we are unable to hold a session in July; and it is not unusual for poor Rob Noel to be planning GK with us by email from the other side of the world owing to his hectic work commitments! If you'd like to learn more about what is involved, do get in touch.

WE ARE NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 5-11YR OLD CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME TO OUR PIRATE-THEMED **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB** (W/C 27TH JULY). WE STILL NEED TO GATHER IN LOTS OF OLD MAPS, STRIPED MATERIAL AND CARDBOARD BOXES FOR PIRATE SHIPS. PLUS ANYTHING ELSE "PIRATEY" YOU CAN THINK OF!

BUMPS AND BABIES: A NEW INITIATIVE TO BEGIN AT THE METHODIST CHURCH EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON AFTER SOUP AND ROLL FROM SEPTEMBER, AS WE PURSUE OUR AIM TO REACH OUT TO *EVERY* SECTION OF GUISBOROUGH'S COMMUNITY. THIS WILL BE SOMEWHERE WHERE PREGNANT LADIES AND NEW MUMS CAN MEET FOR SOME FELLOWSHIP. WE'D APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS OF BABY TOYS (UP TO 12 MONTHS). *Blessings, Jenny and Shona*

Message from the Bridge -Holiday Club Materials Needed: Hi folks - do you eat lots of Pringles, because we need 30 tubes for lighthouses? We also need more material (especially striped), felt, large cardboard boxes for pirate ships and old maps. Toy parrots? Let us know if you can help - we can pick up if necessary. Many thanks, God bless, *Jenny, Bridge Administrator.*

Synod Pastoral Committee High Lights: Copies of the June edition can be found on the table at the back of the church.

2010 Trip to Iona: Catey is thinking of organising a trip to Iona during the summer of 2010. Would anyone vaguely interested in going please speak to Catey in order that she can know the likely take up of such a trip to help with planning? It would be planned to take place during the school holidays next year.

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

Sunday, 12th, July 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 Message board at:
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