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Guisborough United Reformed Church
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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 6th, September, 2009 at 9.30am.

Pentecost 14

Worship is led this morning by the Rev. Catey Morrison

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: 'The fewer the words, the better the prayer.'* Martin Luther. Today we pray for the fellowships of: **Church of the Good Shepherd, Battle Hill LEP; Rev'd Janet; Appleby; St. Mark's, High Howden; Jim Farley; St. Andrew's, Monkseaton.**

Book Club: The book to be read and studied this month is *Esther* – which will then be unpacked by Meg at the Service on 27th, September. *This book deals with the fate of the Jewish community in the city of Susa in the Persian Empire during the reign of Xerxes (485-465 BC). Esther is an unusual book in one respect. There is no explicit mention of God, or even worship or prayer.*

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: The service on Tuesday is 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.

Tuesday: 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 on 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.

Saturday - Sanctuary: The meeting this month is in the **Hinderwell Methodist Chapel on Saturday 12th September at 7.30pm.**

Sanctuary is a Christian initiative taking place in some of the chapels around Cleveland and North Yorkshire. Its main aim is to give people an opportunity to

spend time in fellowship with others and with God. Maybe it will help to deepen our faith a little, as we allow time for God to speak his 'still small voice' into our hearts.

Sunday - The Visit of the Moderator – Rev. Rowena Francis: The Moderator of the Northern Province of the United Reformed Church will be leading worship at our morning service on Sunday, 13th, September.

Rowena, in common with the twelve other Synod Moderators in the United Reformed Church, exercises a pastoral and leadership rôle with regard to ministers, congregations and the councils of the Church. Rowena was brought up in the Churches of Christ in Leicestershire. Her parents became ministers at union and are still active in Oadby, Leicester. Her initial training was as a nurse and midwife. She then trained for ministry and was ordained in 1991. Since then she has ministered in Kettering, in rural Gloucestershire, and then for six years in Coventry, before being appointed to her present post in 2007.

Church Meeting: The meeting will be on Tuesday, 15th, September at 7.15pm. Agendas can be collected from the table at the back of the Church.

Autumn Social Events: The following is the list of events to take place in the autumn. ***Please note that there have been several date changes since the last notice.*** This has been done to avoid clashes with other events.

Tuesday, 29th, September: Quiz Night with Jenny as Quizmaster.

Tuesday, 27th, October: A Musical Evening with Ernest.

Tuesday, 10th, November: Games Night with Ray as Games-master. (Billiards/pool, cards, dominoes, board games, darts, puzzles etc.)

Tuesday, 24th, November: A Meal Out - organiser Rev Ken Harris.

Tuesday, 8th, December: Carol Singing – Some new and some old favourites.

If you have any comments about these proposed events, or changes that may need to be made – then please inform Ray after the service.

A Message from Jenny, Bridge Administrator: just a reminder about my Tearcraft (now known as "Created") party on **Friday 11th Sept** (yes, it's going to be a busy weekend! I'll also be selling it at the Forest Festival on the Sunday!) - drop in with all your friends any time between 1 and 9pm: 6, Tidkin Lane). I'll happily give you a catalogue if you can't make it. **Also**, a poster for the Three Courses Theatre presentation, on the 12th, November, performed in support of the mental health charity **Mind** is on the notice board.

LATE NOTICES: Notices received too late to go into Pews News are on the ***Pews News Late Notice Sheet*** which can be found on the church notice board. *Any particularly important or urgent matters will be announced from the pulpit, at discretion of the minister.*

Sunday, 13th, September at 9.30am: Rev Rowena Francis - Synod Moderator. **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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