

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 7th, December, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Advent 2

The Children's Nativity with 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: 'If Christianity has never frightened us, we have not learnt what it is.'* William Temple –Archbishop of Canterbury

Today we pray for the fellowships of: Gateshead – Brighton Road; Cromer Avenue; Denewell Avenue.

Monday - Advent Studies: A series of Bible studies, exploring the meaning of Advent led by the Rev Ken Harris at 31, Oakley Close, Guisborough from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

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 - Carol Singing in the Church Hall: There will be Carol Singing In the Church Hall - '*Just Carols.*' Come on Tuesday to sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols in an evening hosted by Donna Moore - which will begin at 7.30pm. Mulled wine will be served and there is a request for members to bring some mince pies. *Final arrangements will be made at coffee after morning worship.*

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.

Church Christmas Card: A large Christmas card can be found on the table at the back of the church for people wishing to exchange greetings to other members of the congregation in this way. Similar cards have been on display, in recent years, as an alternative to the personal cards that members like to give to each other.

Commitment for Life: Copies of Moving Story no. 107 are now available. This publication gives up to date information about the work of the charity in Palestine – and the difficulties experienced by the people of the occupied territories – from an organisation we support financially.

Synod December E-News: Printed copies of E-news, for members who are not online, can be found on the table at the back of the church.

News from the Bridge Association:- (*First published last Sunday*)

Christmas Day Meal: we have a great team of cooks but could still do with more helpers and drivers. We have a shopping list if you'd like to offer an item of food. We have plenty of offers of help for Christmas Eve and also a team of people to clear up at the end. And – as ever – monetary donations are always gratefully received.

Final chance to buy our **2009 Calendar Cookbook** for £5 each! I checked: you can post it for 66p, so pop a Christmas card in and that's an economical present to send!

We could do with one or two more helpers and cake-makers for our **Tuesday coffee mornings** at Sunnyfield House – let us know if you'd like to be on the rota once a month. And do remember to call in for a coffee if you're passing: these are still fairly quiet and are not making us a fortune, but they are an invaluable way of meeting and befriending people (our regulars do enjoy the warm ambiance and the delicious baking!) and help to publicise Bridge activities.

Guiz Kidz also would appreciate some more helpers in 2009 – particularly if you feel you could help with the planning or leadership side. It's not time-consuming – just one Sunday morning per month – and great fun: lively worship (crafts, games, music, drama) with the 5-11s at the Pursglove Centre.

Bridge2Parents hopes to re-start in the New Year with some informal sessions on topics chosen by participating parents. If you'd be interested in learning more – and coming along either as a participant or a helper – speak to Shona.

Fundraising: finance seems to be the topic on everyone's lips at the moment, so we may as well join in! In the Bridge we trust that God will provide all that we need to enable us to do His work – and we are extremely blessed by our supporters; over the year we have identified a number of different ongoing fund-raising ideas, so in case you are new to these newsletters, here is a reminder of some of the ways in which you can help us to keep going financially: ***If you can help with any of these projects than contact Jenny, Bridge Admin', on 07807 327963 or 01287 636825.***

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

Sunday, 14th, December at 9.30am: Rev. Catey Morrison - *Ray T*
Coffee after the service in the hall.

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