

# Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>, March, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

### Lent 5.

Worship is led this morning by Dorothy Harris

**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: 'One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)*

*Today we pray for the fellowships of: Christ Church North Broomhill LEP; Widderington.*

**Tuesday:** Bible Study Group will be holding their meeting at noon. See Maureen, Ernest, Donna or Dorothy Harris for details of venues.

**Tuesday: AGM:** The meeting will be at 7.15pm. The AGM booklet is now available, to members, and can be found on the table at the back of the church – or from Ray.

**Notice of election of Officers and Elders:** The notice is on the church notice board. Other candidates can be added to the list, with their permission.

**Synod News:** *Around the Synod* - News Letter from the Provincial Moderator; ***Pastoral Highlights:*** Copies of the February edition now available. Read about what the committee at doing on our behalf in the North East. *Copies of both these news item are on the table at the back of the church.*

**Gift Day:** This will be on Sunday next, the 16<sup>th</sup>, March this year. Envelopes for donations are now in the Pews.

**Ernest Dale:** Ernest has suffered a fall at home resulting in his confinement in hospital with a broken hip. He remains cheerful, in spite of his injury, and will be recovering in Ward 1 of the James Cook University Hospital until he is able to be discharged. Our thoughts and prayers need to be with Ernest at this time, as it is most unfortunate that this has happened so soon after his earlier accident last year.

**Commitment for Life:** A letter of thanks has been received acknowledging our recent donation £625.91 towards the fund's support for Christian Aid's work in the four partner counties and for campaigns led by the World

Development Movement and other agencies. Commitment for Life continues to fight for the justice and fairness for many poor and oppressed people worldwide. Copies of *Moving Stories 98 –Feb 08* about the Fund's work in Palestine can be found on the table at the back of the church.

**Bridge March 2008 News** (*Copies are on the table at the back of the church- the extract below is a summary*) From the Bridge Administrator, Jenny and Development Worker, Shona.

*Hope 08:* we're still eagerly anticipating the flood of response sheets that were circulated last month! If you've mislaid yours and would like to be involved in some way, just let me know and I'll give you another! Can we urge you to start praying about who you could invite to the **J. John Just 10** talks – due to begin at Preston Park on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is ideal for you to bring non-Christian friends or family to; we'd be happy to help organise lifts or baby-sitting – no-one should be excluded on the grounds of personal circumstances. If you don't want to attend the talks yourself but feel you could offer a free baby-sitting service for the 10 Wednesday evenings to allow a young parent to go, do let us know.

*Parenting Project:* We are applying for funding for this new project. If you're interested in participating in a Parenting course or feel you have useful experience that would enable you to help deliver it, get in touch with Shona. We'd also love to hear from anyone who might be interested in providing emotional support to new parents; the first 3 months of parenthood can be a very lonely time.

*Fundraising:* we're investigating a number of new fund-raising initiatives. Most of this area of work we tend to do in our own time as it rather defeats the object to use paid Bridge time to fund-raise, so we do appreciate all the support we can get!

We've registered with a website ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)) where you can raise funds when you shop online.....

**Saints and Heroes:** Theological Consultancy Day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A poster is on the notice board.

**Reaching out to Your Community** – a day at Grindon on April 26<sup>th</sup>. A poster is on the notice board.

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

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>, March 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](mailto:raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk) by Thursdays.*

