

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 11th, May, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost

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

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: A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are built for. John Shedd.*

Today we pray for the: Education & Training Officer, David Peel; Universities, Colleges & Schools in the Synod; Bellingham Local Ecumenical Project; Falstone & Keilder; Wark Local Ecumenical Project. Minister: Janet Flawn

Today – Sunday: Christian Aid Dedication Service: The service starts at 6.15pm in St Nicholas' Parish Church.

Tuesday: *Bible Study Group* – the details of the next meeting to be announced.

Thursday: *Quiet Time* at 11.30am, with Catey, Meg, Ken and others.

The Rev. Phillip Bishop's Farewell Service: Philip Bishop, of St Nicholas' Parish Church, retires this year and his *Farewell Service* takes place on Sunday, 18th, May. There will be a slightly shorter morning service than normal, on that day, to allow as many people as possible from our church to attend this event, which is due to begin at 10.30am. This will be followed by a faith lunch to which we are also invited. If people can't make this service then there will also be opportunity to say farewell to Phillip at the *Christian Aid Service in St Nicholas' Church this evening at 6.15pm.*

The Bridge Association Report on the Million Hours of Kindness - Weekend
A HUGE thank-you to all who helped to make this weekend such a success. We nearly made Dai's estimated calculation of 300 hours - we've counted 260 hrs done by Bridge volunteers: gardening, litter-picking, clearing guttering, laying flagstones etc. Prayers were answered and the predicted thunderstorms and torrential downpours stayed away!

We forged some useful relationships this weekend, and would like - if possible - to continue lending support to some of the elderly people we met. They were so grateful to have their gardens tidied up, and of course those weeds will keep coming back throughout the summer! So what we suggest is perhaps having a bank of volunteers who - on a very informal and flexible basis - might be prepared to do the odd couple of hours garden-tidying here and there through the summer. We won't

organise it centrally or commit people to specific times - it'll be simply a case of seeing that the sun is shining and you have a free couple of hours - perhaps on a Saturday afternoon or an early evening. You could get in touch with the "client" yourself and offer to go round for a couple of hours. It's something children can be involved in too: we know that a lot of our families valued having an act of service where the children could be involved.

We know there were Bridge volunteers who would like to have been involved this weekend but were away - this is a chance for you to get involved now if you would like to.

We stress again: the intention is not to put a burden on anybody - we're all so busy - but just to offer the odd hour here and there at your own convenience. We'll circulate clients' addresses as required. It would be nice to stay in touch with them - and it's an opportunity for an ongoing witness.

Many thanks, God bless, Jenny and Shona (Administrator and Development Worker)
Memories Day at Lingdale United Reformed Church: A special *Memories Day* recalling the history and events of Lingdale Village will be held on Saturday, 17th, May, for 10.00am until 4.00pm. This follows a similar event held successfully three years ago and includes new memories, photographs, records and objects from times past. A poster on the notice board gives further details and refreshments are provided for visitors.

London to Paris Bike Ride in Support of Christian Aid: In July of this year John Morrison will take up the challenge of a sponsored bike ride from London to Paris to raise money for Christian Aid. The ride will begin in London on 23rd, July and cover a total distance of 300 miles in four days. A letter posted on the notice board, and copies on the table at the back of the church, outlines his aims in this venture. If you would like to sponsor John then add your name to the form - also on the table with the letters. In addition, John has presented us with the competition of a **Big Quiz** - also to raise money for this cause. Entry is £1 with a £10 book voucher for the winner and a booby prize - and a closing date of Monday, 9th, June. Entries can be given to Catey, posted to John at 31, Torcross Way, Redcar. TS10 2RU or handed to the sec.

East Cleveland Group Day out on Lindisfarne: This event takes place on Saturday, 13th, September. If you are interested please sign your name on the list posted on the notice board. St Cuthbert's Centre, which has been booked, in case of inclement weather, can accommodate a maximum of 45 people so it is recommended that you make an early decision to book your seat. Cost is £7.50 + transport (lunch included)

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

Sunday, 18th, May at 9.30am: Rev. Catey Morrison - **Guiz Kids at 10.00am in the Prior Pursglove Sports Centre. No Junior Church.- 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.