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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 12th, April, 2009 is at 9.30am.

Easter Day.

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: God's Road is all uphill, but do not tire: Rejoice that we may still keep climbing higher.* *Arthur Guiterman, Today we pray for Easter Sunday – The worship of the Church.*

Vision4life: Bible Book Club: The East Cleveland Group, are now in the process of launching our very own Vision4Life Book Club. (*As we know it has been Guisborough's choice to read Mark during March.*) We would like to invite you to read just ONE BOOK of the Bible each month and this book of the Bible will be the theme of worship on the fourth Sunday of each month. For April you are invited to read the book of JAMES. (*Guidelines on the book can be found in April's Group News*)

Moira's grandson, Ross: Moira wishes to express her thanks for all the prayers and well wishes offered, by members and friends, on behalf of Ross during the course of his illness and prolonged medical treatment. These expressions of concern have been much appreciated by the family during such a difficult time for Ross – who is now able to look forward to an effective recovery.

An Open Prayer Request Book: At a recent meeting of the Pastoral Carers it was suggested that we have a prayer request book in the church. Members, friends and visitors may enter requests for prayers to be said at the following services on Sundays and Thursdays. The prayers can be for members of the church family, relatives other individuals and also general or specific prayers for the local community or the world at large. *Comments on this idea would be helpful.*

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: Quiz Night presented by Jenny Reynolds at 7.30pm.

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

East Cleveland Group Elders' Meeting: This will take place on Wednesday, 29th April at St. Andrew's, Marton at 7:30pm – with important matters to discuss.

Saturday: Synod Quiet Day, Saturday, 18th April. **VISION AND LIFE** The Sanctuary, 21, Westbrook, Darlington. The cost is £10 which includes lunch. *For more details and for booking ring Rev. Ruth Crofton on 01338 763093*

Mission Partnership – May Gathering Saturday, 9th, May – “Bringing the Bible Alive”: Leaflets about the Mission Partnership *Bible Day* can be found in the pews.

Tales from the Mystery Bus Tour: Sacred and secular buildings provided inspiration for a group of church members on a journey of exploration. The mystery bus tour was organised by the development agency *One Church, One hundred Uses*, on behalf of the Synod. The bus took people around a variety of buildings, in the North East, to show how premises can be used in an imaginative, multi functional way – maximising their potential. This concept has been adopted by Synod as a vision for the future – so churches can become fully integrated into their local communities. A poster on the notice board gives further details.

Water bills could drain church funds There is concern that some United Reformed churches are facing crippling increases in the amount they pay for “surface water disposal”. Traditionally, charities and others who operated community buildings like village halls were not charged, because drainage charges were linked to rateable value, and charities and community projects did not pay full rates. But that has now changed. Ofwat, the water regulator, has given the water companies until 2010 to start billing all users for the disposal of water through public sewers. Through the Churches' Legislation Advisory Service, the United Reformed Church and other Churches have been pressing Ofwat and the government on the issue. It has been noted that: “The results vary hugely across the areas where the new regime has been put in place. In some areas, it doesn't seem to be a problem, but some churches in North West and North East England are suffering crippling increases.” Recent parliamentary answers have indicated that government is concerned about the impact of the new charging regime and there is some hope that they and Ofwat will reconsider. *A local petition has been sent about this issue – but you could now write to your MP.*

Northern Synod Mission & Evangelism Group – Link Person: The Mission and Evangelism Group are asking all churches to provide a link person. The function of this post is to receive relevant information that may be helpful to our fellowship and also to pass on any ideas on mission or evangelism, which have been successful in our own locality, and could be of use to others. If you wish to help with our mission in this way please see Ray.

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

Sunday, 19th, April 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.

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