

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 12th, October, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost 22.

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: 'How often do we look upon God as our last feeblest resource! We go to him because we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired haven.'* George McDonald.

Today we pray for the fellowships of: North West Durham Group – St Andrew's blackhill; Bethel Chester le-Street, Christ Church Stanley.

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: The evening is hosted by Jenny Reynolds as Quiz Master.

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

Mission Partnership Prayer Day: The date of the Prayer Day is 29th November at Great Ayton and not 29th October as advertised in the Group News.

Monthly Services at Belmont View Care Home: The next service at the home will be on Thursday, 23rd, October at 2.30pm and **not** Tuesday, 14th, October as in the Group Magazine. We would like as many people as possible to come and join with the residents in this monthly service, which will be held in the lounge on the ground floor. Please arrive about 10 minutes before the start of the service. We are also hoping to involve church members who feel so led to visit individuals at the home. Would interested individuals please speak to Ken or Catey. Visiting can be done at times to suit.

Zambian Visitors to the North of England.

From the 17th - 19th October we will be having the pleasure of hosting two ministers from Zambia within the Group – Revd. Gerald Phiri and the Revd. Prince Nkhoswe, as part of their visit to the North of England with Romans 1:11 Trust, an organization which helps train pastors of the Zambian Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. John and Shirley Morse from St. Andrew's, Marton have agreed to host the visitors on the Friday and Saturday nights, and Ken and Catey will be accompanying them on trips to Teesport and the beach (Zambia is a land-locked country) on the Saturday. You will be able to get to know them as they take part in services across the group on Sunday 19th October, but there will also be opportunity for meeting our guests at a bring and share meal at our Guisborough Church at 6.30pm. It would be great if we could have a good number of people on

the Saturday night to share this fellowship meal with them. *Note: There will be short informal meeting to complete final arrangements for the Quiz Night (Tuesday) and the Bring and Share meal for our Zambian visitors, who will be present in the Church on Saturday.*

Orders for 2009 Prayer Handbooks and URC Diaries: The new Prayer handbook entitled: "Hush the Storm" is priced at £4.50. The pocket diaries come in various forms, viz: red and green with soft covers and blue and black with hard covers – priced at £5.95. In addition there are inserts for personal organisers, also at £5.95 with the leather board organiser cover priced at £5.75. *The diaries contain (i) United Reformed Church Synod information (ii) Full Year planner for 2010 (iii) Road maps and other useful information. An order list is posted on the notice board.*

Orders for Reform Magazine 2009: Orders for the URC's national magazine are due in now. The July edition was a free issue intended to encourage new subscribers to come forward. If, at present, you do not take the Reform then now is the time to consider becoming a regular reader. A list for 2009 subscribers is on the notice board – to which it would be good if we, as a church, could add some new names. The deadline date for orders is Sunday, 19th, October. See Maureen for details.

Bridge AGM: Thursday 23rd October, 7.30pm at Guisborough Methodist Church. If you would like to nominate anyone for the prestigious position of Bridge trustee, contact us at the Bridge Office, 58a Westgate, for a nomination form before the 23rd. *Minutes and limited number of annual reports can be found on the table at the back of the church.*

Stand Up Against Poverty: The Guisborough Quaker Meeting invite us, as fellow Christians, to join with them in a "Stand Up Against Poverty" at the Stump Cross Community Centre on Sunday, 19th, October at 11.30am. On this occasion the **Stand Up and TAKE ACTION PLEDGE** will be read out. A copy of the pledge and other information about this event is posted on the notice board.

GODLY PLAY. Jo Williams, national children's officer for the URC, is to lead a session on Godly Play on SUNDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER, at ST. ANDREW'S, MARTON from 2:30-4:30pm. Everyone is welcome especially those who work with children. We have some Godly Play material housed at Marton. It is a resource for the southern end of the Synod and, hopefully, people will come along to discover how it should be used. It is a privilege to have someone like Jo with us so, hopefully, people will come along and support.

LATE NOTICES: Your notes (*Only late notices - for events in the following week -and urgent matters will be announced*) **Sunday, 19th, October at 9.30am:** Rev. Ken Harris - **Guiz Kids at 10.00am in the Prior Pursglove Sports Centre. No Junior Church.** Ray T Sec.

Coffee after the service in the hall.

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