

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 13th, July, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost 9.

Worship is led this morning by Rev. Ken 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: 'Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.'* Mark Twain 1835 – 1910.

Today we pray for the fellowships of: **Belford and North Sunderland; rural communities; Berwick; Crokham; Wooler; Chatton.**

Today – Sunday - Reform Magazine - July Re-Launch: The National Church magazine is being re-launched in a new form on Sunday, 13th, July. Enough copies are being printed so that every household may have a free copy. If you are not already a subscriber here is great opportunity to read a free trial copy. Please make sure that you collect your magazine today. *Kay Parris Editor Reform Magazine - email: reform@urc.org.uk*

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.

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

Saturday: Miles for Mozambique: A sponsored 'Wheeler Bin Push' will be held on Saturday, 19th, July starting from the Stray Café, Redcar at 10.00am and featuring 'Stars' Meg and Catey as the 'Wheeler's.' Redcar United Reformed Church will be open from 10.00 until noon to provide refreshments. ***The sponsor sheet is on the notice board – so please help support this cause.***

Bridge Association Recycling Collection: As mentioned, in Pews News, last year the Bridge has a re-cycling collection for old mobile phones and printer cartridges, for fund raising. (*Not toner cartridges or manufactured Epsoms*) If you are able to supply any such old items please take them to the Methodist Church between 10 – 12 noon, Monday to Friday, the Bridge Office, 58a, Westgate (*next to URC*), or phone Jenny Tyrie, the Bridge Administrator, on 07807 327963.

Synod E-news: The second edition of this new publication, for July, has just been issued. Printed copies for members, who are not online, can be found on the table at the back of the church.

Bridge July 2008 News ('Summary' – full version on the table at back of the church) (*First published in Pews News on 29th, June*)

- Sunday 20th July (10am – noon) - Phil Crathorne will lead an all-age service in the canteen area of Prior Pursglove. He is a children's worker based in the Midlands and has been to **Guiz Kidz** twice before, so the children will remember him and his co-worker Jenna. Because it is all-age, parents are more than welcome to stay and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.
- **Befriending:** we are beginning to realise that there are many lonely people in Guisborough. We have had requests for befriending from at least **three** different sources – from agencies who are coming to the Bridge, knowing that there is a bank of caring people, ready to give their time to those in need. Please help us to fill that gap in the community – if you can give a couple of hours to befriend a vulnerable person (take them for a coffee, visit them in their home – whatever you feel you can offer), we'd be delighted to hear from you.
- **Advance notice:** let us know if you'd like to help us put on an **Alpha course** this autumn (led by Cathy Crabb) for those who are perhaps new to the Christian faith.
- **Trustee vacancies:** running a charity in 2008 is a responsible task, and it is crucial that we have a team of committed individuals who care deeply about the future of the Bridge and all our work. As we begin to prepare for this year's Annual General Meeting in October, we would like to make it known that there are vacancies on the Executive Committee if anyone feels that God is calling them to this special work. Please don't be put off by the thought of lots of extra work to do – you have two dedicated employees to handle the day-to-day business.

Autumn Events – some advance notices for your diary: As agreed at the Church Meeting on 24th, June, an informal meeting of members was convened, after the service on 29th, June, to discuss the arrangement of future social events. From this exchange of ideas the following activities were agreed, viz:

Sunday, 14th, September there will be a walk and picnic – after the service. (Weather permitting)

Tuesday, 14th, October, at 7.30pm will be Quiz Night.

Tuesday, 11th, November, at 7.30pm will be a Musical Evening led by Mike Thompson.

Tuesday, 9th, December, at 7.30pm will be a Carol Singing Evening.

N.B. Tuesdays have been chosen as the day of the week when most members and friends are usually free.

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

Sunday, 20th, July at 9.30am: Rev. Ken Harris – *The children are invited to a Special Service at the Guisborough Christian Fellowship in prior Pursglove College. - Ray T Sec.*

Coffee after the service in the hall.