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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 13th, September 2009 at 9.30am.

Pentecost 15.

Worship is led this morning by Rev Rowena Francis –

Moderator of the Northern Province of the United Reformed Church.

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: 'The fewer the words, the better the prayer.'* Martin Luther Today we pray for the fellowships of: **St. Columba's, North Shields; St. Cuthbert's Heaton LEP; St. George's High Heaton; Rev'd Peter Heckels, Rev'd Liz Blair.**

Today - The Visit of the Moderator – Rev. Rowena Francis: The Moderator of the Northern Province of the United Reformed Church will be leading worship at our morning service today. We welcome Rowena to our Church and extend to her the hand of Christian fellowship.

Rowena, in common with the twelve other Synod Moderators in the United Reformed Church, exercises a pastoral and leadership rôle with regard to ministers, congregations and the councils of the Church. Rowena was brought up in the Churches of Christ in Leicestershire. Her parents became ministers at union and are still active in Oadby, Leicester. Her initial training was as a nurse and midwife. She then trained for ministry and was ordained in 1991. Since then she has ministered in Kettering, in rural Gloucestershire, and then for six years in Coventry, before being appointed to her present post in January 2007.

Book Club: The book to be read and studied this month is *Esther* – which will then be unpacked by Meg at the Service on 27th, September. *This book deals with the fate of the Jewish community in the city of Susa in the Persian Empire during the reign of Xerxes (485-465 BC). Esther is an unusual book in one respect. There is no explicit mention of God, or even worship or prayer.*

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: Church Meeting at 7.15pm. Please remember to bring minutes, agenda and reports.

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

Churches Together In Guisborough - Christmas Card Design

Competition: As you will know, each year the CTIG sends to all residents in Guisborough a Christmas card bearing details of all the church services taking place in our town over Christmas. At the CTIG meeting last night it was felt that instead of having a scenic photo on the front of the card, it would be nice to have a child's nativity drawing. So we are launching a competition to find a cover design. This is open to all children under the age of 16: please send us an A4 picture of a nativity scene. Either hand in at your church or pop into the Bridge mail box by the United Reformed Church. Don't forget to put the child's name and age on the back of their picture. Closing date: 1st November; a panel of 3 people will choose their favourite drawing the following day and this will go off to the printer mid-November, ready to deliver the cards in time for the Christmas season.

Message from the Bridge Association

Cathy Crabb has asked me to round an appeal on behalf of a young couple we had attending the recent Alpha course. They have just moved into rented accommodation, are expecting a baby and have no entitlement to benefits. They have very little, so if anyone has a spare cooker, fridge or washing machine they are getting rid of, that would be really appreciated.

In a similar vein, Ian at Sunnyfield House has said that they are getting rid of all their crockery and would be happy to give to anyone who needs it - he was asking the Bridge if we needed it (but of course, the Methodist Church has just bought new crockery which we'll be able to use at the Christmas Meal.) So let us know if you can think of someone who would benefit from it. Many thanks, God bless, Jenny

Faith and Feathers: A weekend special to see the birds of Holy Island with fellow Christians. Oct 9th – 11th 2009. The Weekend is led by David Peel, John Durell and Clifford Wilton. Organised bird walks. Worship in the home of the Celtic Saints and free time to explore the island. See the poster.

LATE NOTICES: Notices received too late to go into Pews News are on the *Pews News Late Notice Sheet* which can be found on the church notice board. *Any particularly important or urgent matters will be announced from the pulpit, at discretion of the minister.*

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

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Coffee after the service in the hall.

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