

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 14th, September, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost 18.

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: 'Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change; and when we are right, make us easier to live with.'* Peter Marshall. Today we pray for the fellowships of: **Oxclose Washington Local Ecumenical Partnership; Sunderland – George's and West Park.**

Today - Sunday: Walk and Picnic after the service: The walk will start from Great Ayton. From this location there are a number of pleasant routes of varying distances and levels of difficulty – and it is an ideal spot for a picnic. The details of several such walks can be found on the table at the back of the church - from which a final choice will be made after the service - depending on conditions and people attending. The option 1 (*most likely choice*) walk will start from the Royal Oak Hotel. Distance is 2 ½ miles and the going: *mainly level field sections which may be muddy.* In the event of rain, or as a matter of choice, we will be able to use the facilities at the Friends Meeting House on the 'Green' area of the village for the picnic.

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.

Catey – Availability: Catey will be attending a course at Church House in London from 15th to the 19th, September. Anyone needing the services of a minister at this time should contact Meg on 01642326343

Meg's Sabbatical: The first part of Meg's Sabbatical will be from 22nd, September until the end of October. In this time of renewal and

discovery she will be following a theme of: *In the Footsteps of St Paul* – with visits to Greece and Turkey.

Faith and Feathers: A weekend special to see the birds of Holy Island with fellow Christians; This will take place 17th, to 19th, October. A poster on the notice board gives further details.

Alpha Course: The course begins this month and also being promoted nationwide at this time. *A list of dates is posted on the notice board.* Please be praying about whom you can invite along – and there is still room for more helpers if you'd like to join us. The Alpha Meal - Mon Sept 22nd; then Alpha sessions every Monday after that except half-term week, 27th Oct; away-day probably Sat 8th Nov. *Cathy Crabb for the Bridge Association*

Alpha Course- Church Representatives: There has been a request from the organiser of the course, Cathy Crabb, for members who would be able to attend the alpha course to answer questions from a URC point of view? This may only involve a few meetings - so if you are able come forward to explain our church's perspective on faith to 'new comers' to Christianity – then please contact Jenny Tyrie, Bridge Administrator, on 08707 327963

Soup and Rolls Volunteers: There are now some gaps in the Soup and Roll rota, since some regular volunteers are no longer available, and they need to be filled urgently. If you have 3-4 hrs to spare on a Thurs morning - lunchtime, or can make soup or cake - even if just once a month - we'd love to hear from you. Or if you have a friend or neighbour looking for a spot of voluntary work, just mention it to them! Give them the Bridge number, 636825, and we'll do the rest!

Many thanks, God bless, *Jenny and Shona – the Bridge*

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

Sunday, September at 9.30am: Rev. Meg Robb - *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.

Any news to Ray T on 01287 637318 or email: raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk by Thursdays.

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