

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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

Advent 3

Worship is led this morning by Rev Catey Morrison - Communion

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: 'If Christianity has never frightened us, we have not learnt what it is.'* William Temple – Archbishop of Canterbury

Today we pray for the fellowships of: Gateshead – Ryton; Winlaton, Local Ecumenical Partnership; Synod committees.

Monday - Advent Studies: A series of Bible studies, exploring the meaning of Advent led by the Rev Ken Harris at 31, Oakley Close, Guisborough from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

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.

Church Christmas Card: A large Christmas card can be found on the table at the back of the church for people wishing to exchange greetings to other members of the congregation in this way. Similar cards have been on display, in recent years, as an alternative to the personal cards that members like to give to each other.

Commitment for Life: Copies of Moving Story no. 107 are now available. This publication gives up to date information about the work of the charity in Palestine – and the difficulties experienced by the

people of the occupied territories – from an organisation we support financially.

Synod December E-News: Printed copies of E-news, for members who are not online, can be found on the table at the back of the church.

Christmas Services:

Sunday, 21st, December: A Carol Service – led by Guisfolk.

Wednesday, 24th, December: A Christmas Eve Service in the Belmont Residential Home at 2.30pm.

Thursday, 25th, December: A Christmas Day Service led by the Rev. Ken Harris at 10.00am.

Elder Duty Rota: The new rota for January to April is now on the notice board. Please would members check the list and indicated any dates for which you are not available – or make an exchange with another elder. Thank you, Ray.

Message from the Bridge Association:

Hi folks - preparations are going well for the Christmas Day Meal - thanks to all who have offered support in so many different ways.

We need 8 gravy boats for the tables (well, I think we have one in the Methodist kitchen already), so if you have one you could lend us, could you pop it into the kitchen for us? If you see 8 already in the corner it means we've got enough and don't need to borrow it thank you!

Also, we're reducing the calendar cookbooks to £3 or £4 for the last couple of weeks before Christmas (whatever people would like to donate - let's just get them all sold!) If you need any more to sell at your church, just let Shona or myself know.

Many thanks, God bless, Jenny – Bridge Administrator on 07807 327963 or Bridge office 01287 636825.

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

Sunday, 21st, December at 9.30am: Carol Service - Gusifolk - 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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