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### *Guisborough United Reformed Church*

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*Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb*

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>, February, 2009 at 9.30am.**

#### **Epiphany 6.**

Worship is led this morning by Dorothy Harris.

**Today, Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>, February: Guiz Kids at 10.00am in the Prior Pursglove Sports Centre. No Junior 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: 'I have more trouble with myself than any other man I have ever met.'* Dwight. L. Moody. Today we pray for the fellowships of: **St Cuthbert's Holy Island Project; Rev. Barry Hutchinson; Education and Training Officer, Rev David Peel.**

**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:** Elders meeting at 7.15pm.

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

**Church Social Event:** A Talk about *Alpine Flowers*, by Maureen and David Houston, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, March, at 7.30pm. **Note:** *there are some small A6 leaflets listing forthcoming social events, which can be found on the table at the back of the church.*

**AGM Reports:** The Annual General Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>, March - so written reports will be needed for publication by the deadline of Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup>, March.

**Note:** *Now that all Church meetings are held on Tuesdays it is necessary to have the agenda reports and minutes available earlier than the Sunday before the meeting, so that all members are assured of receiving a copy and given a reasonable period of notice of the meeting. Thank you for your help with this new arrangement. Ray.*

**Bob McDonald's Memorial Service Donations:** A total of £202 was collected by the retiring collection after Bob's Memorial Service, which was held on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>, January. It was the wish of Bob's family that that these donations should be divided between the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the church. The allocation of these monies was as follows, viz:

Cheque for RNIB £50; cash for RNIB £76; cash for Church £76.

**Fairtrade Fortnight – 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, March:** The slogan of this year's fortnight is: 'Let's Make it Happen.' Suggested actions for individuals are: 1. try one of the thousands of Fairtrade products. 2. Find out what's happening near you at [www.fairtrade.org.uk/events](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/events) 3. break a record by joining people all over the world

eating a Fairtrade banana between noon on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, March and noon on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup>, March. Register online at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** This will take place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>, March with services in St Nicholas' Parish Church at 2.00pm and in Guisborough United Reformed Church at 7.00pm. The speaker at both services will be Mrs Nancy Webb.

**Lent Group Discussions:** This year's ecumenical discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings at St Nicholas Church starting on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March for 5 weeks. The discussions will follow the 'York' Course entitled '*These three.....Faith, Hope, Love.*' The topics for the series are: *Believing and Trusting; The peace of God; Faith into Love; the Greatest of These and All Shall be Well.* There is a booklet to accompany the course to guide the discussions and to aid personal study and prayer.

**Rev William Hinners' Grave:** Members who went on the church walk in September will remember seeing the grave of our first minister in All Saints Churchyard, Great Ayton. The plot was rather overgrown with vegetation and the branches of a large tree. However the church authorities have, at our request, kindly cleared the area – so that now visitors can have easy access – as described by Roger Arkell, Hon Custodian: (Leaflets about Rev Hinners (Rev 09) are in church)

*".....We try to manage the burial ground as a Country Churchyard, but sometimes parts of it get ahead of us! I am sorry that you were subjected to this! I have cleared away the undergrowth and cut back the tree so the site is now visible and accessible, but have deliberately left a canopy of leaves to complement the simplicity of the stone itself, otherwise I feel the overall affect would be rather stark. There remains some work to be done in the better weather, principally the clearance of the rubbish from the site, which can be a problem for us.*

*If you would like to visit the church in the better weather (we open at the beginning of April) I would be happy to take you round if you can let me know a date."*

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

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, February at 9.30am:** Rev Catey Morrison. - *Ray T Sec.*

#### **Coffee after the service in the hall.**

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