

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 18th, May, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Trinity

Worship is led this morning by the Rev. Catey Morrison

Today, Sunday, 18th, May: There is no Guiz Kids this month.

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: A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are built for. John Shedd. Today we pray for the: Children's Officer, Hannah Middleton; young people within the Synod.*

Bob McDonald: Bob has broken a hip in a recent fall at home. This is most unfortunate – but the injury has been successfully treated and he is now having a period of convalescence in the Priory Ward at Guisborough Hospital. I am sure that our thoughts and prayers will be with Bob at this difficult time and - no doubt - he would welcome visitors to see him in the hospital.

Today- Sunday: The Rev. Phillip Bishop's Farewell Service: Philip Bishop, of St Nicholas' Parish Church, retires this year and his *Farewell Service* takes place today. This morning's service will be a slightly shorter than normal to allow as many people as possible from our church to attend this event, which is due to begin at 10.30am. The worship will be followed by a faith lunch to which we are also invited.

Tuesday: *Bible Study Group* will be holding their meeting at noon. See Maureen, Ernest, Donna or Dorothy Harris for details of venues.

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

London to Paris Bike Ride in Support of Christian Aid: In July of this year John Morrison will take up the challenge of a sponsored bike ride from London to Paris to raise money for Christian Aid. The ride will begin in London on 23rd, July and cover a total distance of 300 miles in four days. A letter posted on the notice board, and copies on the table at the back of the church, outlines his aims in this venture. If you would like to sponsor John then add your name to the form - also on the table with the letters. In addition, John has presented us with the competition of a *Big Quiz* – also to raise money for this cause. Entry is £1 with a £10 book voucher for the winner and a booby prize – and a closing date of Monday, 9th, June. Entries can be given to Catey, posted to John at 31, Torcross Way, Redcar. TS10 2RU.

East Cleveland Group Day out on Lindisfarne: This event takes place on Saturday, 13th, September. If you are interested please sign your name on the list posted on the notice board. St Cuthbert's Centre, which has been booked, in case of inclement weather, can accommodate a maximum of 45 people so it is recommended that you make an early decision to book your seat. Cost is £7.50 + transport (lunch included)

Around the Synod: Copies of the May/June addition are now available and can be found on the table at the back of the church.

Synod Website: From the end of May there will be introduced a password protected "member's area" on the Synod website, which will be the most appropriate place to keep in-house and administrative material. Most of the downloads area will be transferred there, and there will be potential for putting up more material that may be useful to particular people within our churches, but not of general interest to outside visitors to the site. Contact Ray if you need details of this.

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.

A Message from the Bridge Association: We really need to know if we've enough volunteers to help us out on a summer holiday club for around 30 5-11yr olds - the week of 4th-8th Aug - venue to be decided. Shona has a great idea for a theme that has worked very well before; in this Hope 08 year it's another opportunity to witness and to introduce Jesus to some children who may not have had that opportunity before. We will focus on inviting children from North Guisborough.

If you're unable to help - either full-time or part-time - help with funding the event would also be gratefully appreciated. But so far we've only had one volunteer express an interest, and obviously we need a good team to be able to put it on. Shona and I are prepared to commit the week to it. But please don't feel pressured if you're too busy in other areas - if God wants this programme to take place, I am convinced He will send the right people.

The other thing worth mentioning is the Town Fair on 8th June. We have a joint Bridge / Churches Together stall; if you'd like to help man it (person it?!?...sorry!) for an hour - let us know and we can do a rota. If you have any ideas for any good little games/fundraising activities/promotional things - we'd love to hear them. We've done Name the Teddy for the last two years - time for a change? Or if you'd like to promote your own church's activities - that's fine too. The stall is for all of us - we can share nicely!! *Jenny Tyrie, Administrator. Phone 07807 327963 or Bridge Office on 636825.*

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

Sunday, 25th, May at 9.30am: Dorothy Harris. - *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.