

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 19th, October, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost 23.

Worship is led this morning by Rev Ken Harris

Today, Sunday, October: Guiz Kids at 10.00am in the Prior Pursglove Sports Centre. No Junior Church.

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: 'How often do we look upon God as our last feeblest resource! We go to him because we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired haven.'* George McDonald.

Today we pray for the Ministers: Ann Shepherdson (Meth); Val Towler; Jan Maxwell; Steven Orange, Ray Anglesea.

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.

Thursday: Monthly Service at Belmont View Care Home: The service on Thursday is at 2.30pm and will be held in the lounge on the ground floor. Members who feel able to visit individuals at the home are encouraged to do so. Anyone interested in taking up such a role please speak to Catey or Ken.

Thursday: Bridge AGM: Thursday 23rd October, 7.30pm at Guisborough Methodist Church. If you would like to nominate anyone for the prestigious position of Bridge trustee, contact us at the Bridge Office, 58a Westgate, for a nomination form before the 23rd.

Message from the Bridge Association: If you weren't able to be at our Tearfund evening on the 2nd, there is another chance to view the new Tearcraft range at my home, 6 Tidkin Lane on **Friday 24th October.** Feel free to drop in any time between 1pm and 10pm and bring as many friends as you like!

Kemplah House Project

We have been approached by the people who put on a weekly lunch for the elderly at Kemplah House: their co-ordinator is leaving at Christmas and the

project will fold if no-one else will take it on. If we tell you a little about it, will you consider prayerfully whether it's something you think the Bridge should take on and whether you might like to help.

Apparently the Wednesday lunch was started about 30 years ago by a fore-runner of the Bridge - churches working together into the community (sound familiar?) - so perhaps it would be "coming home" if we took it on! The people who go there for their lunch are referred by Social Services, health visitors etc - and for many of them it is the only time they get out during the week, so they are heavily reliant on it. One of the organisers said to me that when it snowed last year, the Social Services buses cancelled; she went round in her car to tell the clients they couldn't come that day, and many were in tears at the prospect of missing their only bit of social interaction. So we feel drawn to the project as a real area of need in our community.

A co-ordinator is needed to order the food (ordered fortnightly from WRVS - all frozen), take delivery at Kemplah; and organise the rota of volunteers. There are about a dozen volunteers currently - most doing once every 3-4 weeks, so more would obviously be appreciated. They get there about 9.30am to set up tables and put the food in the ovens (all easy food - packet soup and frozen main meals and puddings - no cooking skills required I'm reliably informed!) The clients arrive about 11am and leave by 1.15pm. It's usually all done by 1.30pm.

Orders for 2009 Prayer Handbooks and URC Diaries: The new Prayer handbook entitled: "*Hush the Storm*" is priced at £4.50. The pocket diaries come in various forms, viz: red and green with soft covers and blue and black with hard covers – priced at £5.95. In addition there are inserts for personal organisers, also at £5.95 with the leather board organiser cover priced at £5.75. *The diaries contain (i) United Reformed Church Synod information (ii) Full Year planner for 2010 (iii) Road maps and other useful information. An order list is posted on the notice board.*

Reform Magazine: Final day for ordering your copies – see Maureen.

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

Sunday, October at 9.30am: Guisfolk. - 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. East Cleveland website at: www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk