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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 20th, September, 2009 at 9.30am.

Pentecost 16.

Today - The World Council of Churches
International Day of Prayer for Peace

Worship is led this morning by Rev. Catey Morrison.

Today, Sunday: 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: 'The fewer the words, the better the prayer.'* Martin Luther. *Today we pray for: St. Andrew's, Hebburn; St. Margaret's, St. Paul & St. John's South Shields; Rev'd Ann Jackson.*

Book Club: The book to be read and studied this month is *Esther* – which will then be unpacked by Meg at the Service on 27th, September. *This book deals with the fate of the Jewish community in the city of Susa in the Persian Empire during the reign of Xerxes (485-465 BC). Esther is an unusual book in one respect. There is no explicit mention of God, or even worship or prayer.*

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.

Churches Together in Guisborough – Children's Christmas Card Design

Competition: (As first published last Sunday) As you will know, each year the CTIG sends to all residents in Guisborough a Christmas card bearing details of all the church services taking place in our town over Christmas. At the CTIG meeting last night it was felt that instead of having a scenic photo on the front of the card, it would be nice to have a child's nativity drawing. So we are launching a competition to find a cover design. This is open to all children under the age of 16: please send us an A4 picture of a nativity scene. Either hand in at your church or pop into the Bridge mail box by the United Reformed Church. Don't forget to put the child's name and age on the back of their picture. Closing date: 1st November; a panel of 3 people will choose their favourite drawing the following day and this will go off to the printer mid-November, ready to deliver the cards in time for the Christmas season.

Harvest Meal – catering preparation: There will be a short briefing, during coffee time after the service, to make arrangements for the Harvest meal on Sunday, 4th, October. If you are unable to stay on for this meeting but can help, then please see Ray. Thank you.

Quiz Night: The Quiz Night is on Tuesday, 29th, September at 7.30pm – with Jenny Reynolds as Quizmaster.

Clearing the cellar: The hall is to be refurbished. A first job is to clear the cellar. Tom Cross is organising the work and needs some volunteers to assist. Please see him if you can help.

Orders for Prayer handbooks 2010 and URC Pocket Diaries: There is a list on the notice board for people wishing to order a prayer handbook or pocket diary. The hand book entitled "*Gathered to the heart of God*" is priced at £4.90 and the diaries (in different colours or bindings) cost £5.95.

Commitment for Life: The September edition of *Moving Stories 117* coming from Linda Mead, our national representative for Commitment for Life - the society which we support, gives the latest information about some current events in Palestine. Copies are on the table at the back of the church.

A Message from the Bridge Administrator about two local 'Non Bridge' events.

Hi folks - Shona and I are planning to do a 5 mile sponsored walk on Saturday 3rd October for Open Doors. The project is called Walk to the Water and aims to provide crucial boreholes for persecuted women in Nigeria. You can read more about it in the Open Doors magazine this month or by visiting www.opendoors.org/walk. I felt very much drawn to the plight of these villagers when I read about it; but we don't want to ask people to dig too deep into their pockets, so we're suggesting a maximum donation of £5 (£1 per mile - we're asked to walk to a water source). We'll be setting off after the Prayer Breakfast - if anyone wants to join us, they'd be very welcome. If you'd like to sponsor us, just let us know and we'll put your name on the form - and also let us know if we can Gift Aid your donation.

The other thing I've been asked to tell you about is Sue Turton's coffee morning on Friday 25th Sept, 10am - 1pm at 5, Lowcross Ave - part of the Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning Ever event. So if you're free, do come along and support the invaluable work of the Macmillan nurses who look after cancer patients in their homes. Many thanks, God bless, Jenny

LATE NOTICES: Notices received too late to go into Pews News are on the *Pews News Late Notice Sheet* which can be found on the church notice board. *Any particularly important or urgent matters will be announced from the pulpit, at discretion of the minister.*

Sunday, 27th, September at 9.30am: Rev. Meg Robb - 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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