

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 21st, December, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Advent 4

A Carol Service led by Guisfolk

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

Today we pray for Ministers: Gordon and Elaine Brown.

Catey: Catey has been unwell recently but is now making a steady recovery. We offer our prayers and good wishes for her as she gets back to full fitness.

Tuesday: Bible Study Group will be holding their next meeting in January. See Maureen, Ernest, Donna or Dorothy Harris for details of the dates and venues.

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

Christmas Services:

Today - Sunday, 21st, December - at 9.30am: 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.

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 with 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. 108 and a special letter are now available on the table at the back of the church. (A new issue since the one mentioned last week) 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. And also a message from Linda Mead, who organises and distributes the stories for Commitment for Life, viz:-

Seasons Greetings, Some of you may have seen the letter from Diana coming through other channels .It is an important letter, so please bear with me as I felt it was right to share it with you all. I am also attaching an extra 'present', a letter from an accompanier just returned and sent out by EAPPI. As we approach this special time I am sure our thoughts are with those in Bethlehem but let us also remember Gaza with its rallies and restrictions on fuel and food. Wishing you all a New Year in which a just peace comes to the region. Shalom, Linda.

East Cleveland Group Website: The website now has a professionally programmed message board/forum facility. This means that members and friends can log on to leave messages and prayers – which will be available for viewing by other people in the Cleveland area. Click on www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk/message_boards.htm to go to the message board page. There is a bit of registration involved for new users to the boards. This can't be avoided, unfortunately, as it protects the integrity of the boards and individuals' on-line privacy. Antony Coulthard, of the Lingdale Church is the Webmaster and has spent some time organising this facility – so for all people who are online please use what is another modern way of spreading the 'Good News.'

Rev. Norma Johnson: Norma sends us all a greetings card, which can be seen on the table at the back of the church. Norma and George will be moving house in the New Year – to reside in Marske by the Sea as from 29th, January. It will be good to see them amongst our fellowships again.

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*.

Methodist Church History: A book entitled: *The South Side Story*, in celebration of the centenary of the opening of their church building in Westgate, is now available in the Guisborough Bookshop. Hopefully we should have a similar publication for our Bi-Centenary in 2011.

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

Sunday, December at 9.30am: Rev. Catey Morrison - *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*