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### *Guisborough United Reformed Church*

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, February, 2009 at 9.30am.**

**Last Sunday after Epiphany – Transfiguration Sunday**

**Ash Wednesday this week, 25<sup>th</sup>, February.**

Worship is led this morning by the Rev Catey Morrison.

**The 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 had more trouble with myself than with any other man I have ever met.'* Dwight L. Moody. Today we pray for the fellowships of: **St. James's, Alnwick; Rev'd Joan Grindrod-Helm, Leo Osbourne (Chair of Newcastle District)**

**Tuesday: Lunchtime Discussion Group** - The Discussion Group will meet in the home of Maureen and David Houston, 30, Thames Ave, at 12.30pm. This week's topic is the Women of the Bible.

**Tuesday: Service at Belmont Care Home.** The service for the residents will take place at 2.30pm. Members and friends are invited to join in with this worship and are asked to arrive at the home at about 2.20pm.

**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.

**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, 4th 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.

**Christian Aid - Speaking out for Justice:** Christian Aid have organised two lectures on the issue of Speaking out for Justice. The first – with *Stories of Hope from the Democratic Republic of the Congo* – is on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>, March, 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the University of Teesside. This is followed by the lecture: "*Formulating a Theology of Development*" which is on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>, March at 10.00am in Church House, Percy Main, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

*Posters on the notice board give further details.*

**AGM Reports:** The Annual General Meeting is 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.

**Messages from the Bridge Association:**

**Fairtrade Big Brew:** This fund raising event for *Fairtrade Fortnight* will be held in the Emmanuel Church Hall, Saltburn on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 10am until 4pm. The organisers ask you to come along to see a selection of Tearcraft Gifts, Jewellery, Kitchen Ware and Traidcraft Crafts, Cards and Foods. A poster on the notice board gives further details.

**Fairtrade Coffee Morning:** At Guisborough Methodist Church on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>, February, with sales of Tearcraft and Traidcraft goods.

**Street Angel Project:** A meeting to find support for an initiative to form *Street Angel Projects*, in local towns, is to be held at Sedgefield Methodist Church on 16<sup>th</sup>, March at 7.30pm. The outline idea is: *An evening to explore setting up a "Street Angels" project in your town, with Paul Blakey of Halifax "Street Angels" Would you like to make a difference within your community? Would you be willing to work with others reaching out to those in need? You could be a Street Angel.* A poster on the notice board gives further details.

Veronica Harnett of **St. Paulinus** would like to tell us about a fund-raising event for the **building of the new Catholic Church:**

"Alice, Bethany, Jessica and Louise are having a "lunchtime pancake party" on Sunday 22nd Feb from 11.30am - 2pm at 14, Lowcross Avenue Guisborough. This is part of their school enterprise where they have to raise money for charity. They have decided to start with their pancake party to raise funds for the building of the new church. We are trying to help them get as many people as they can along. We are looking for help from anyone who can:

*Donate a raffle prize; donate any ingredients; help with any baking; come along and spend lots and lots of money.*

Carolyn Schofield, of the Guisborough Christian Fellowship, would like to promote an event for **Global Poverty Prayer Week:** "Hi this is to let you know the Esk Valley House Group from GCF are having a 'Pancakes and Prayer' event on Tuesday 24th February at Gaynor Ayres' house (Holly Cottage, Briar Hill, Danby) from 7.30 to 9.30ish. All are welcome to join in our shared meal and focus on praying about global poverty. You can contact me for further details (01947811654), please publicise as you feel appropriate."

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

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup>, March at 9.30am:** Rev. Ken Harris - *Communion* - Ray T Sec.

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

**Any news to Ray T on 01287 637318 or email: [raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk) by Thursdays.**

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