

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 24th, February 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Lent 3

Worship is led this morning by Rev Catey Morrison

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: 'Where would you be if God took away all your Christian work? Too often it is our Christian work that is worshipped and not God.* Oswald Chambers
Today we pray for: Ministers/Church Leaders: Janet Appleby (CofE,) Peter Heckels, Liz Blair, Jim Farley, Ecumenical Church Leaders: Melvin & Susan Fincham (Salvation Army)

Today – Sunday: Visit of Shona Joselin - the New Bridge Association Development Worker: Shona will be speaking to us about her work for the Bridge..

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

Wednesday: Lent Group Discussions: This year's ecumenical discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings at St Nicholas Church. They started two weeks ago and will continue for a further three Wednesdays. People can join at any week, as each talk can be understood independently of the others. The discussions are following the course *'The Lord's Prayer - praying it, meaning it, living it'* from *York Courses*. There is a booklet to accompany the course to guide the discussions and to aid personal study and prayer. Richard Henblest, of the CTG, can supply copies. Phone him on 634569.

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

The Carbon Fast: This project, for Lent, is promoted by the Tear Fund. The Poster on the notice board explains how we can save resources during this period. There are leaflets, on the table at the back of the church, explaining this in more detail.

Saturday: The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by the United Reformed Church, Westgate, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, is at 8.00am. We will need volunteers to help with the catering. Perhaps the details can be arranged after the service today.

A message from Jenny Tiery, Bridge Administrator, about her daughter's trip to Rwanda.

Naomi has just heard that she has been accepted onto the Tearfund Transform trip to Rwanda this summer. She'll spend 6 weeks assisting in the work of supporting local orphans and widows by providing help in repairing houses, building mud huts; working in the tree nursery, visiting foster homes and local families and participating in the local church life – preaching, worshipping, sharing testimonies and spending time with the young people.

Naomi needs to raise £1700 for the trip (gulp! that's lot of coffee mornings!) so if anyone would like to sponsor her, that would be gratefully appreciated!

Finally, please pray that God will keep her safe (I don't often do the over-anxious mother thing!) and richly bless her during her time in Rwanda, and that her experiences will help to equip her for a life of full-time Christian ministry. Thank you and God bless.

Perhaps we, as church, can help – what do you think? - Ray

Hope 08: As a church we have been invited to play a part in *Hope 08*- the purpose of which is described like this: *Churches across the United Kingdom are constantly at work serving and communicating with 58 Million residents and many visitors to the United Kingdom. 'Hope' proposes to support this work, by facilitating intensified, united, focused prayer and a year of activities, communicating the Gospel through words and actions, creating a lasting legacy of both physical and spiritual change in the lives of communities and individuals.*

The Bridge Association have listed a number of ideas they intend to promote during the year. Copies of these events can be found on the table at the back of the church. The elders propose that we ask members to consider supporting the “A Million Hours of Kindness” mentioned in their *Hope 08* statement.

Also it is thought that we, as a church, should do at least one activity where we can help and make contact with the local community. If you have any ideas for such a project please note it on the list, posted on the notice board, inform an elder or raise the issue at the AGM on 11th, March

AGM Reports: Written reports for the AGM booklet need to be given to the secretary by Sunday, 2nd, March.. Thanks for your help with this. Ray.

Holy Island Trip: A church trip to Lindisfarne has been organised for Saturday, 13th, September. This is an advanced notice – so please note the date in your diaries. An interesting and varied programme of activities has been arranged - so it should be very good day out.

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

Sunday, 2nd, March at 9.30am: Rev. Ken 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.