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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 25th, January, 2009. Service at 9.30am.

Epiphany 3.

Worship is led this morning by the Rev. Catey Morrison.

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 present moment always reveals the presence and the power of God. Jean Pierre de Caussade. (from Abandonment to Divine Providence) Today we pray for the fellowships of: South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area Martin Warton (Anglican Bishop of Newcastle)*

Monday: Jean Winter of Lingdale URC: Mrs Jean Winter, a stalwart of our Lingdale Church, died last Sunday. Her funeral is on Monday, 26th, January at 2.15pm, in St Aiden's Church, Boosbeck. After the service there will be refreshments served in Lingdale URC.

Monday - New Rector's Collation and Induction – St Nicholas' Parish Church: The Collation and Induction of The Reverend Graham Pacey as Rector of the Parish of Guisborough will take place in St Nicholas Parish Church on Monday, 26th January 2009 at 7.30 pm. The ceremony will be conducted by The Right Reverend Richard Frith, Bishop of Hull and The Venerable Paul John Ferguson, Archdeacon of Cleveland. *This will be followed by a Faith Supper in the Parish Hall. Please bring contributions for the supper to the hall between 6pm & 7pm.*

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.

Charitable Donations: During 2008 we have, as a church, donated £1,345. 91 to the charity, 'Commitment for Life.' The offerings from the Christmas Day service and the December Farmers Market Day amounted to £79.37 and were donated to *Nightstop* - a charity which cares for homeless young people in the local area.

Saturday: Memorial Service for Bob McDonald: A Memorial Service in celebration of the life and work of Bob McDonald, who died on the 8th, January, will be held on Saturday, 31st, January at 11.30am. Bob served our church as a member, elder and church secretary for many years. During this time he gained the respect and affection of all those who knew him. On this occasion we have the opportunity to give him a fitting memorial as we come together to celebrate his long and faithful life in Christ. It is the wish of Bob's family that donations to the RNIB can be made rather than floral tributes so there will be a retiring collection for this purpose. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Any members or friends of the congregation wishing to make a contribution to the service, such as: to share memories of Bob, say a prayer or give a reading - are encouraged to do so. Please see Catey or Ray after the service.

Bob's family are supplying some refreshments but it would be helpful if members and friends could bring along some additional food. The details of this arrangement can be agreed at 'coffee time' after the service today.

Musical Appreciation Evening: Tuesday, 3rd, February, at 7.30pm. The evening will be hosted by **Ernest Dale**. *It would be helpful if we could have some indication of the number of people able to attend – for the purposes of deciding on the most suitable venue etc. Please give your name to Ernest or Ray if you are coming to the evening - thanks.*

Spring and Summer Social Events: The details of forth coming events are now posted on the notice board – so please take a note of the dates.

Synod Events:

An Invitation to meet - Rev Michael Jagessar, Secretary for Racial Justice and Multicultural ministry: The Rev Jagessar will be visiting the Synod Office on Tuesday, 27th, January where there will be a gathering between 11.00am and 2.00pm followed by a sandwich lunch. Contact Wendy Watson on 0191 2321168 if you wish to attend.

One Church 100 Uses: 'One Church 100 Uses' is hosting a Mystery Bus Tour of buildings, both churches and secular, in and around Newcastle on Saturday, 7th, February. The purpose will be to give inspiration about how churches can develop their facilities and engagement with the wider community.

Who is My Neighbour: 'N. E. Christian Churches Together' invite you to learn about a church response to social disorder linked to gangs, drug guns and knives. Wednesday, 11th, February at 7.00pm in Brunswick Methodist church, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Time to Heal: This is a day with teaching, reflection and a healing service. It takes place on Saturday, 21st, February, 10.00am – 3.00pm at St John's Church, Nevilles Cross, Durham City. *(This event is nearly fully booked – so get in quickly if you want a place.)*

In and For the World: An introduction to "The Nature and Mission of the Church" Wednesday, 25th, March, 10.00am – 3.30pm at North Road Methodist Church, Durham.

Posters for each of these events are on the notice board.

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

Sunday, 1st, February 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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