

# Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>, May, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

### Pentecost 2

*Worship is led this morning by Dorothy Harris*

**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: A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are built for. John Shedd. Today we pray for the: Development Enabler, Janet Turner; local church communities. Ecumenical church leaders:*

*Mark Bonnington & Brian Howell (Independent Free Churches)*

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

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

**Bob McDonald:** Bob is recovering well, from his operation, in Guisborough General Hospital where he is expected to stay for a further two weeks.

**Guisborough Town Fair:** The fair takes place on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>, June at *Gisborough Hall*. At this event Churches Together in Guisborough and the Bridge Association have a stall promoting the work we do in the town. Donna, who is chairman of CTG will be looking for volunteers to help her man the stall from 11.30 - 1 p.m. after coffee on that day. It is just a matter of being available to chat to people, nothing too scary. The other churches will be covering the rest of the afternoon.

**Weekly Offering Envelopes:** New packs of envelopes for the year July 2008 – June 2009 are now available on the table at the back of the church. Please note your name, on the list, against the numbered pack taken. Thank you.

**East Cleveland Group Messages:** *John Morrison's Sponsored Bike Ride – London to Paris*. Mentioned earlier in Pews News – takes place in July and the form is on the notice board.

**Group Day Out on Lindisfarne:** This event, given as a notice for the past two weeks, is on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup>, September and the list for people wishing to attend is on the notice board.

**Around the Synod:** Copies of the May/June addition are now available and can be found on the table at the back of the church.

### **Messages from the Bridge Association:**

*Volunteers needed for Summer Holiday Club for 5 – 11 year olds.* Volunteers needed to help during the week of 4th-8th Aug – at a venue to be decided. The focus will be on inviting children from North Guisborough. If you're unable to help - either full-time or part-time - help with funding the event would also be gratefully appreciated.

*Tearfund Transform trip to Rwanda:* We'd just like to say a huge thank you to all our Christian friends who have supported Naomi in her fund-raising for her Tearfund Transform trip to Rwanda – we've been really touched by everyone's generosity. It's full steam ahead for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, July.

Naomi has a coffee morning at the Methodist church next Saturday morning and would be grateful for any offers of help or baking. If you are able to help, with either of these events, please phone Jenny Tyrie, Administrator on 07807 327963 or the Bridge Office on 636825.

**Commitment for Life – Moving Stories no. 101:** More news from Palestine about the work of this charity – which we support. Copies of the stories can be found on the table at the back of the church. Through Commitment for Life we receive the message about International Church Action for Peace in Palestine and Israel as shown below.

### **A Message from the National Church, London: International Church Action for Peace in Palestine and Israel 4-10 June 2008 - A call for action and prayer**

This Week of Action reminds us it is 60 years since the events of 1948. During the 2006 and 2007 action weeks thanks were expressed from the OPT for international action and solidarity. We are strongly encouraging churches to use the prayer from the Jerusalem Churches, to be found at <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/events-sections/icappi-2008.html>, to read out in churches on Sunday 8th June. We would then ask churches to let us know they took part so we can let the churches in the Holy Land know.

### ***Wednesday 25 June, 10.30-3.30pm Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories Action Day, Church House***

Speakers will include Nigel Varndell, Jonathan Gorsky, Revd Clare Callanan, a United Reformed Church minister who has taken groups to the Holy Land. Please contact [gill.hillman@urc.org.uk](mailto:gill.hillman@urc.org.uk) if you wish to attend.

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

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup>, June 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](mailto:raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk) by Thursdays.*