

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 26th, October, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost 24.

Worship is led this morning by Guisfolk

Today, Sunday, October: 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: 'How often do we look upon God as our last feeblest resource! We go to him because we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired haven.'* George McDonald.

Today we pray for the older people within our churches and communities. Ecumenical church leaders: Leo Osbourne (Methodist Chair of Newcastle District)

Retiring Collection for Romans 1.11 Trust: The Revd. Gerald Phiri and Revd. Prince Nkhoswe preached at Group Churches last week as part of their visit to the East Cleveland Group. It is thought that it might be appropriate to have a retiring collection for those who would like to give to Romans 1.11 Trust and their work with the churches in Zambia. A plate for donations was made available last Sunday and the appeal is still open for any members or friends who not present and unable to contribute at that time. The plate can be found at the entrance of the church.

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.

Saturday: The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by Guisborough Christian Fellowship in 32, Thames Ave, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, is at 8.00am

A Musical Evening: A Musical Evening, hosted by Mike Thompson, will take place on Tuesday, 11th November at 7.30pm.

News from Synod: The November edition is now available on the table at the back of the church. This issue gives an overview of the recent Synod meeting and is very informative on crucial current issues.

Alnwick Garden Retreat: Silence and Retreat Group invite you to a time of reflection at Alnwick Garden on Saturday, 8th, November, 11.00am to 3.00pm. A poster on the notice board gives further details.

Redcar URC - Mini Bazaar: This event will take place on Saturday, 8th, November. Tombola, Cake stall, Bring and buy, Grand Raffle Tickets are 70p including coffee and mince pie

Kemplah House Project (As from last weeks edition) The Bridge have been approached by the people who put on a weekly lunch for the elderly at Kemplah House: their co-ordinator is leaving at Christmas and the project will fold if no-one else will take it on. If we tell you a little about it, will you consider prayerfully whether it's something you think the Bridge should take on and whether you might like to help.

Apparently the Wednesday lunch was started about 30 years ago by a forerunner of the Bridge - churches working together into the community (sound familiar?) - so perhaps it would be "coming home" if we took it on! The people who go there for their lunch are referred by Social Services, health visitors etc - and for many of them it is the only time they get out during the week, so they are heavily reliant on it. A co-ordinator is needed to order the food and the volunteers. With pre-prepared meals the organisation is relatively simple – which is why the Bridge think it is a project we could possibly manage.

If you are able to help with this work, or wish to comment on the idea, please contact Jenny, the Bridge Administrator on 01287 636825 or 07807 327963.

Orders for 2009 Prayer Handbooks and URC Diaries: The new Prayer handbook entitled: "*Hush the Storm*" is priced at £4.50. The pocket diaries come in various forms, viz: red and green with soft covers and blue and black with hard covers – priced at £5.95. In addition there are inserts for personal organisers, also at £5.95 with the leather board organiser cover priced at £5.75. *The diaries contain (i) United Reformed Church Synod information (ii) Full Year planner for 2010 (iii) Road maps and other useful information. An order list is posted on the notice board.*

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

Sunday, 2nd, November 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.

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