

# Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>, April 2008. Service at 9.30am.

### Easter 6.

Worship is led this morning by the 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: "If God can work through me, he can work through anyone."* St Francis of Assisi

Today we pray for Ministers: **Ron Forster, John Paul, Philip Gray.**

**Ecumenical Leader: Martin Wharton (Anglican Bishop of Newcastle)**

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

**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

**Sunday – Briony's Baptism:** Next Sunday will be an *All Age* service when Briony Bennison, granddaughter of Dianne, will be baptised into the fellowship of the Church. This is a happy occasion when all members and friends are invited to attend by Dianne, Briony and family.

**The Bridge Association - A Million Hours of Kindness:** This event takes place from Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>, May until Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>, May with a special emphasis on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, May - which is *Servant Saturday*. Throughout the country Christians will be doing various small acts of kindness in the community as part of the *Hope 08* campaign. This aims to demonstrate, in a simple practical way, the caring side of faith in Jesus Christ to the public in general. Guisborough's contribution, as part of the national effort, is to do 300 hours.

**The up dated situation from Jenny, Bridge Administrator, is:-** Youth groups are going out on Sunday afternoon (Maltby Court and Charltons). Litter-picking along cycle path/disused railway line may be Saturday afternoon.

We will also have smaller teams of adults tackling some private gardens we have been requested to help with: belonging to the elderly and disabled. It's a great opportunity to witness - Shona and I have already experienced this as we've been out and about, chatting to people who need our help and are really grateful that we're doing this. We've had some good publicity as the R&C council and Coast and

Country are supporting us with equipment plus extra volunteers - and they've organised some joint press releases for us.

At the moment the number of jobs versus number of volunteers is quite finely balanced - so we could do with one or two more volunteers. Best if people contact me for details - lots of other things happening at different times according to people's availability! **So phone Jenny, the Bridge Administrator, on 636825.**

**Bridge Association – New phone email and May News Letter:** The Bridge Office now has a new phone no. 636825 and a changed email address [staff@guisborough-bridge.org.uk](mailto:staff@guisborough-bridge.org.uk) Copies of the May News letter can be collected from the table at the back of the church.

**Explorations Course – Postponed:** It was intended that a '*Spiritual Explorations*' course would be led by Rev David Peel at Queens Park Stockton from Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>, May for a period of five weeks. **This has been postponed** until the autumn because the dates clash with the *Just 10* campaign being held at Preston Park. **Proposed new dates are: 1, 8, 15, 22, Oct and 5, 12 Nov.** Any comments about the suitability of these dates please give to Ray. (Only 6 will be used)

**Duty Rota: May – August:** The new rota for elders' duties is now posted on the notice board. Some people have already made revisions, last Sunday so, if you haven't had a look as yet, please check the list for any dates when you may be unavailable and if possible make an exchange with another person or inform Ray. This will be most helpful - thank you.

**Commitment for Life – Moving Stories no. 100:** 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. There is a prayer for peace on the notice board, also from Commitment for Life, focussing on the problems in the Middle East.

**Churches Refugee Network Conference:** The conference takes place on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>, May in Birmingham with the theme of; "Walking with Strangers." A poster on the notice board gives full details.

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

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>, May 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](mailto:raytunncliffe@yahoo.co.uk) by Thursdays.