

# Guisborough United Reformed Church

Founded 1811

Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

## PEWS NEWS .291.

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>, September, 2008. Service at 11.00am.**

### Pentecost 20

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: 'Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change; and when we are right, make us easier to live with.'* Peter Marshall.

Today we pray for the **Ministers and CRCW; Ann Jackson, Susan Kent (C of E), Peter Jordan, Andy Coyne, Helen Stephenson.** **Ecumenical church leaders: Tom Wright (Anglican Bishop of Durham)**

**Today - Sunday: Harvest Festival:** Today we give thanks for God's great gift to us in the bountiful plenty of nature and of the harvest in all of its various forms. After the service everyone is invited to join together for the Harvest Meal in the church hall. **Churches Together in Guisborough - Harvest Service:** Today in the Salvation Army Citadel at 6.15pm.

**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.

**Wednesday:** The *Explorations* course led by David Peel begins on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7:00pm at Queen's Park, Stockton.

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

**Thursday: Bridge Association - Tear Fund "One-Stop-Shop":** *Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 7.30pm at the Methodist church.* Tearcraft sale - also information about Tearfund's Christmas initiative; at least one guest speaker (Naomi will share some of her experiences in Rwanda); perhaps some films; and Fairtrade refreshments. If anyone would like to help me with the refreshments, that would be great – and to make a plate of Fairtrade cakes (easy – just use Fairtrade chocolate, coffee, dried fruit, bananas, brown sugar) – do let me know. *Jenny, Bridge Administrator (07807 327963)*

**Saturday:** The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by the Salvation Army, Westgate, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, is at 8.00am

**Synod Children's Event:** There will be a children's event happening alongside synod meeting on October, 11<sup>th</sup> entitled 'My Story'. The intention is to look at VISION4LIFE at the level of the children. Details will be announced later.

### A Message from the Bridge Association – New Appeal

1. As many of you know, Isabel Stuart the new Methodist minister is hoping to lose lbs and gain £s for the church finances by a sponsored slim. Never wanting to lose out on an opportunity for Bridge fund-raising, we debated between us (Jenny was willing!!!) and finally we decided I will begin a **sponsored slim** for the Bridge. The slimming will be in 10lb chunks so if you would like to sponsor me for the first 10lb I would welcome the extra motivation. Unlike Isabel I don't feel I can "match fund" the sponsorship but doing the challenge in 10lb chunks we hope that it won't break the bank for anyone to sponsor us (Isabel or me) for each section of 10lb. *Thank you, Shona, Bridge Development Worker. A sponsor form is on the notice board.*

2. You may remember that this time last year we enthusiastically cut out **Evening Gazette "Wish" tokens** and after a lot of equally enthusiastic pasting from myself we earned the princely sum of £44(!) The Gazette are repeating the offer this year - apparently with a larger sum available - and I have applied to register the Bridge again. So if you already get the Gazette, please save your tokens for us. *However*, if you don't get the Gazette and would like to support this appeal, can I cheekily suggest that you'd be better sticking 40p a day in a jar and collecting it for the Bridge over the period of the appeal - I honestly think we'd earn more that way. Otherwise the Gazette is the major benefactor!

We understand that there is a lot of pressure on people's purses in these credit-crunching times, so please don't feel obliged to take up any of these ideas if you don't feel able at this time; we firmly believe that if God wants the Bridge to continue He will continue to provide the resources we need - as He has done so faithfully for over 7 years now. Your prayers are appreciated. *God bless, Jenny, Bridge Administrator.*

**Quiz Night:** This will take place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, with Jenny Reynolds as Quiz Master. *Jenny would welcome any additional quiz material/questions.*

**Synod Pastoral Committee Highlights:** A copy of the committee highlights, for September, can be found on the notice board. These notes outline the activities of the working group throughout the Synod area - which is the North East of England. Please acquaint yourself with all is happening locally.

**Bottle Tops @ Synod:** St Andrew's URC., Monkseaton are collecting green plastic bottle tops to help a child gain a new wheelchair. Churches are asked to help by collecting as many as possible for the Synod meeting on 11<sup>th</sup>, October. Our Synod rep will take them there.

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

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>, October 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. East Cleveland website at: [www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk](http://www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk)*