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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 29th, March, 2009. The Service is at 9.30am.

Lent 5.

Unpacking the Gospel of Mark

Worship is led this morning by the Rev Meg Robb.

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: There are many people who think that Sunday is a sponge to wipe out all the sins of the week. Henry Ward Beecher. Today we pray for the fellowships of: Guisborough Churches Together.*

Today - Vision 4Life – Bible Year: Our journey through the Bible Year begins today with us looking at the Gospel of Mark. During the course of the last five weeks members have been given the opportunity to read the book in full so that now we will spend time, during the service, looking at what we have read – and work on unpacking the meaning for ourselves, in our lives in the 21st, century.

Vision4life: Bible Book Club: (*Edited extract from the April Group News*) “If you weren't aware, we, in the East Cleveland Group, are now in the process of launching our very own Vision4Life Book Club. (As we know it has been Guisborough's choice to read Mark during March.) We would like to invite you to read just ONE BOOK of the Bible each month and this book of the Bible will be the theme of worship on the fourth Sunday of each month.

For April you are invited to read the book of JAMES. (*Guidelines on the book can be found in April's Group News*)

.....Try reading the whole book through in one go. Then read a little each day. Why not note down questions or comments? Your questions can then be placed, anonymously if you'd prefer, ***in the box that will appear shortly at church***, to help those preparing worship for the fourth Sunday. And don't worry if you don't have the time to read each month's book, as the service on the fourth Sunday in the month will be designed to ensure that everyone can learn and take part, young and not so young, and regardless of whether or not you have had time that month to read it

An Open Prayer Request Book: At the meeting of the Pastoral Carers, on Thursday, it was suggested that we have a prayer request book in the church.

Members, friends and visitors may enter requests for prayers to be said at the following services on Sundays and Thursdays. The prayers can be for members of the church family, relatives other individuals and also general or specific prayers for the local community or the world at large. *We wish to ask for your views on this matter, which may be expressed in a short briefing held immediately after the end of the service.*

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.

Tuesday: Monthly Service at Belmont View Care Home: The service on Tuesday is at 2.20pm for the opening of worship at 2.30pm and will be held in the lounge on the ground floor. Members who feel able to visit individuals at the home are encouraged to do so. Anyone interested in taking up such a role please speak to Catey or Ken.

Wednesday - Lent Group Discussions: This year's ecumenical discussions are being held on Wednesday evenings at St Nicholas Church from Wednesday, 4th March for five weeks. The discussions will follow the 'York' Course entitled '*These three.....Faith, Hope, Love.*' This final week's topic is: '*All shall be well....*' There is a booklet to accompany the course to guide the discussions and to aid personal study and prayer – cost £3.

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

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

Holy Week: From the 6th, – 10th, April there will be services at noon from Monday to Thursday in our Church on behalf of Churches Together in Guisborough.

Maundy Thursday: We have our annual Agape Meal at 7.00pm.

Good Friday: Procession of Witness from Salvation Army Citadel.

Easter Day: Communion with the Rev Catey Morrison.

News from the Synod & Synod Pastoral Highlights: Copies of the April edition of Synod News can be found on the table at the back of the church. In addition, Highlight of the Synod Pastoral Committee meeting is posted on the notice board.

Bridge News Letter: A copy 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, 5th, April at 9.30am: Rev. Meg Robb - *Ray T Sec.*

Coffee after the service in the hall.

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