

Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 29th, June, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

Pentecost 7.

Worship is led this morning by the Rev. Catey Morrison.

Vision 4Life - Decisions

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: 'Real revival comes only from God. He alone is the fountainhead. A spiritual awakening cannot be scheduled, worked up or humanly engineered. Lewis Drummond. Today we pray for the Ministers: Peter Rand; David Bedford; Roger Mill (CofE) Nigel Watson, James Breslin Ecumenical leaders: Robert Ladds (Anglican Bishop of Whitby)*

Today – Sunday: Chat about Social Events: There will be an informal chat during coffee, after the service, about how we can organise future social events. *Please take the opportunity to stay back and give us some ideas.*

Tuesday: Bible Study Group – no meeting this week.

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

Saturday: The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by St Nicholas' Parish Church, for the **Bridge Association** and the Churches in Guisborough, is at 8.00am. The venue is 10, Tidkin Lane the home of Graham and Audrey Johnson. *Do come along and join us in praying for our work.*

Sunday: East Cleveland Group Anniversary Service: All churches within the Group will be meeting together in Linthorpe United Reformed Church, Middlesbrough to celebrate the 16th, anniversary of its formation, on Sunday 6th, July at 11.00 am. **“There will no service at Guisborough next Sunday.”** If you need a lift please indicate on the list posted on the notice board. There is also a section for people able to offer lifts for others.

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council – Pride Awards 2007-08

This is the third year of the Council's PRIDE Awards, (*mentioned in Pews News last year*) providing the opportunity for members of the public to nominate individual staff working for Redcar and Cleveland Council and its partners to receive an award. A poster on the notice board gives full details of this award and nomination forms are on the table at the back of the church for anyone wishing to put forward the name of a candidate

East Cleveland Group Website: (*From last Sunday's news*) The Group website, set up in March, is now fully functional with up to date information about the five churches. Pews News can be downloaded from the site which can be accessed at: www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk, or by finding our church link on the Synod website at: <http://www.urc-northernsynod.org.uk>

Miles for Mozambique: A sponsored 'Wheelie Bin Push' will be held on Saturday, 19th, July starting from the Stray Café, Redcar at 10.00am and featuring 'Stars' Meg and Catey as the 'Wheelers.' Redcar United Reformed Church will be open from 10.00 until noon to provide refreshments. ***The sponsor sheet is on the notice board – so please help support this cause.***

Bridge July 2008 News ('Summary' – full version on the table at back of the church)

- **Training Opportunity for Christian Youth Workers in the North East:** Nigel Pimlott from FYT [www.fyt.org.uk] is coming to Guisborough Methodist Church to deliver 2 sessions on *spirituality in youth work* giving us a chance to share and also providing us with techniques and tools to use in our work: **Wednesday July 2nd either 1.30 to 4pm or 7 to 9.30pm.** Anyone with a passion for working with young people who would like to attend is very welcome. Having attended some training sessions with Nigel we feel he delivers effective training with humour and enthusiasm. For more details you can ring us on 01287 636825 / 07890 228851 or email staff@guisborough-bridge.org.uk
- Sunday 20th July (10am – noon) - Phil Crathorne will lead an all-age service in the canteen area of Prior Pursglove. He is a children's worker based in the Midlands and has been to **Guiz Kidz** twice before, so the children will remember him and his co-worker Jenna. Because it is all-age, parents are more than welcome to stay and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.
- **Befriending:** We are beginning to realise that there are many lonely people in Guisborough. We have had requests for befriending from at least **three** different sources – from agencies who are coming to the Bridge, knowing that there is a bank of caring people, ready to give their time to those in need. Please help us to fill that gap in the community – if you can give a couple of hours to befriend a vulnerable person (take them for a coffee, visit them in their home –whatever you feel you can offer), we'd be delighted to hear from you.
- **Advance notice:** let us know if you'd like to help us put on an **Alpha course** this autumn (led by Cathy Crabb) for those who are perhaps new to the Christian faith.
- **Trustee vacancies:** running a charity in 2008 is a responsible task, and it is crucial that we have a team of committed individuals who care deeply about the future of the Bridge and all our work. As we begin to prepare for this year's Annual General Meeting in October, we would like to make it known that there are vacancies on the Executive Committee if anyone feels that God is calling them to this special work. Please don't be put off by the thought of lots of extra work to do – you have two dedicated employees to handle the day-to-day business.

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

Sunday, 6th, July – East Cleveland Group Anniversary Service – Linthorpe United Reformed Church at 11.00am - 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.
East Cleveland website at: www.eastclevelandurc.org.uk