

# Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>, March, 2008. Service at 9.30am.

### Easter 2 - Low Sunday

Worship is led this morning by Guisfolk

**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: 'One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)*

*Today we pray for: Retired ministers within the Synod, Ecumenical Church Leaders: Graham Carter (Methodist Chair of Darlington District)*

**Tuesday:** *The Bible Study Group:* There will be no Bible Study this week. The next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday in April. A notice will be given nearer the time.

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

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

**Gift Day:** The total amount raised amounts to £4,560, at the present time. This is an increase on the total for last year and is an excellent response, from members and friends, making a significant contribution to the 2008 budget.

#### **Making Mission Partnerships Work:**

This leaflet is part of the outcome of a Consultation Day, on Mission Partnerships, held at Ushaw College in October of last year. The intention is to help and encourage Mission Partnerships to function in ways that suit them best. It is important that we fully understand the purpose of this new form of church organisation. From the experience of the first few years of the partnerships much has been learnt – and these ideas are laid out clearly in the leaflet. *Copies are on the table at the back of the church.*

**News from the Synod:** The March edition of this leaflet is now available on the table at the back of the church.

**St Cuthbert's Centre – Programme for 2008.** A poster outlining the main events to be held at the Centre, on Holy Island, is now on the notice board.

#### *'Life Together, Relating Together and Worshipping Together.'*

These are booklets which relate to the *Safe Church* presentation made at the recent Synod meeting. *Copies are on the table at the back of the church.*

**East Cleveland Group - Day at Lindisfarne:** Saturday, 13 September This is a day for anyone from within the East Cleveland Group. Watch out for lists which will go up in our churches just after Easter so that you can sign up and book your place.

**Next General Secretary:** *The new URC General Secretary* is to be the *Rev Roberta Romminger*, well known to many within our Synod as a former minister at Wideopen and Kingston Park. Currently Moderator of Thames North Synod, Roberta grew up in California and served as a minister of the United Church of Christ before moving to this country in 1985. Following the announcement of her appointment, Roberta said *"I am passionate about the vision of a Church that is enthusiastically engaged with the world. I believe God speaks and acts in the world today. The Church's life should reflect this God, who is committed to hope, justice and human flourishing. Among the members of the United Reformed Church, are many creative, inspiring and intellectually and spiritually alive people. It is a privilege to be called to lead them"*. She will take up the post in July, and be inducted at General Assembly which will meet at Edinburgh.

**Training, Learning and Service:** A TLS flyer giving an outline of the TLS courses now on offer – is now posted on the notice board.

**1Church: 100 Uses:** A CD containing an e version of the report from *1Church: 100 Uses* presented to the recent Synod meeting, is available for viewing. Contact Ray for the CD which has interesting and creative ideas for the future use of church buildings.

**Bridge Association News Letter:** Copies of the April edition of the Bridge News Letter can be found on the table at the back of the church.

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

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup>, April at 9.30am:** Rev. Meg Robb. *Communion - Ray T Sec.*

#### Coffee after the service in the hall.

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