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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 30th, August 2009 at 9.30am.

Pentecost 13.

Worship is led this morning by Rev Ken Harris.

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: "Seven days without prayer makes one weak." Allen E. Varilett. Today we pray for the fellowships of: Teesside South Mission Partnership. Terry Draney (Roman Catholic Bishop of Middlesbrough)*

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.

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

Saturday - East Cleveland Group Trip is to Fountains Abbey on Saturday 5th, September. Catey, the trip organiser, gives late comers an opportunity to go: "Anybody still wanting to go on the Group Trip to Fountains Abbey on September 5th can still go – places will still be available to the last minute. Going at 8.00am – see Catey for details.

Saturday: The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by St Nicholas' Church in 10, Tidkin Lane, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, is

The Visit of the Moderator – Rev. Rowena Francis: The Moderator of the Northern Province of the United Reformed Church will be leading worship at our morning service on Sunday, 13th, September.

Autumn Social Events: A poster listing Autumn Social Events can be found on the notice board. Please note the date changes from the list published last Sunday.

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You are warmly invited to our next Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 5th September at 8am, being kindly hosted by Graham and Audrey Johnson of St. Nicholas Church at 10, Tidkin Lane. Yes, we know they did the last one but the URC needed a swap, so we're there again this month!!

A **huge** thank you to all those who helped make our Pirate themed 'Landlubbers'

Holiday Club a great success: from those who helped on the day [Arrrh!] but also those who responded to our requests for items weird and wonderful. Although a number of the adults were exhausted by the end of it [yes that would be Shona!] the response of those who came along was fabulous to see. More than 30 children joined in as Crew members as we found out more about Paul's journeys and his teachings on Jesus. The mixture of craft, drama, games, and songs went down really well and we still can't get some of the songs out of our heads. The Service on the Sunday afternoon was a lovely conclusion and we are already looking forward to next year!!

Guiz Kidz at the Pursglove Centre: **Sunday 20th September**, 10.05-noon. We urgently need more leaders who can help with the planning of our Guiz Kidz sessions. And if you're able to help with an ecumenical **Glitter and Glory** party on Oct 31st do get in touch as soon as possible.

Calendar 2010: The consensus seems to be that most people would like last year's desk-top format again – apologies if you prefer the type you can write on; but that one is more expensive to print and we have no funding, so we'll go with the majority decision this year). Rather than have recipes again, we thought it would be nice to use the back of the calendar cards to put some info about each project; this is where we'd like some input from volunteers if possible. If you have been closely involved in one (or more!) of our projects, we'd love to have some of your thoughts written down about your experiences - particularly from a Christian angle) - even if just a sentence. Or if you have a Bible verse or passage that you think would go particularly well with one of our projects, let us know (*in the next couple of weeks*) and we can include this. Or a favourite Christian poem or piece of prose - anything you think would be good.

Bumps and Babies: please help us to publicise this new initiative to begin at the Methodist Church every Thursday afternoon after Soup and Roll from 17th September. It's a chance for expectant ladies and mums with babies under 12 months to meet for fellowship and mutual support. Posters are available if you'd like one to display. We'd still appreciate more donations of baby toys and books (up to 12 months).

Annual General Meeting: as we plan for this meeting on **Monday 9th November**, we'd like to invite nominations for trustees from churches who do not already have a representative on the Executive Committee (this ensures that *all* churches' views are heard regarding the way the Bridge develops). Sadly, Jason Griffiths and Ken Harris have to step down this year after 6 years of dedicated commitment – though we hope they will stay on as church reps on the Management Team.

Bridge Photos: Has anyone taken that perfect bridge photo this summer while on holiday!?! By now, I should have you trained to plan your holidays around the best destinations for bridges! If so - do send them to us as soon as possible; if we get inundated we can always save them for next year! With every blessing, Jenny and Shona

The September – December Duty Rota: The new duty rota from September until the end of the year is now on the notice board. Will all people who do Sunday duties please check the details. If you are unable to do a particular date then please exchange with another person or inform the secretary. Thanks everyone, Ray.

LATE NOTICES: Notices received too late to go into Pews News are on the ***Pews News Late Notice Sheet*** which can be found on the church notice board. *Any particularly important or urgent matters will be announced from the pulpit, at discretion of the minister.*

Sunday, 6th, September 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 by Thursdays.

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