

# Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

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

## Advent 1

Worship is led this morning by Rev. Meg Robb

**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: 'Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself.'* Mother Teresa.

Today we pray for the Ministers: Mike Proctor (C of E), Catey Morrison, Meg Robb, Colin Offer, David Whiting. Ecumenical church leaders: John Clayton (Northern Baptist Association Regional Minister)

**Today – Sunday:** The East Cleveland Group Advent Service will be held in Lingdale URC at 6.00pm today. If you have difficulty with transport then please ask Ray or Meg.

**Welcome to the Vision 4Life Bible Year – an Advent Message:** Having signed up, as a church, for the Vision 4Life process we have now received an Advent message about the start of this adventure in faith, which officially begins today. Members on email will have received the statement from Church House, in London, but for other members and friends copies can be found on the table at the back of the church. Full details are published on the URC website: [webcrew@urc.org.uk](mailto:webcrew@urc.org.uk)

**Birthday Card for Bob McDonald:** Bob will celebrate his 97<sup>th</sup>, birthday on 12<sup>th</sup>, December so we are sending him a card – which is now available for signing on the table at the back of the church.

**Church Christmas Card:** A large Christmas card can be found on the table at the back of the church for people wishing to exchange greetings to other members of the congregation in this way. Similar cards have been on display, in recent years, as an alternative to the personal cards that members like to give to each other.

**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:** The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by St Nicholas' Church at 10, Tidkin Lane, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, is at 8.00am

**Carol Singing Concert:** There will be a concert of carol singing on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>, December – hosted by Donna Moore.

**Christmas Fantasia:** The Guisborough Choral Society will be holding a concert in the Methodist Church on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. A notice giving details is posted on the notice board.

### **News from the Bridge Association:-**

**Christmas Day Meal:** we have a great team of cooks but could still do with more helpers and drivers. We have a shopping list if you'd like to offer an item of food. We have plenty of offers of help for Christmas Eve and also a team of people to clear up at the end. And – as ever – monetary donations are always gratefully received.

Final chance to buy our **2009 Calendar Cookbook** for £5 each! I checked: you can post it for 66p, so pop a Christmas card in and that's an economical present to send!

We could do with one or two more helpers and cake-makers for our **Tuesday coffee mornings** at Sunnyfield House – let us know if you'd like to be on the rota once a month. And do remember to call in for a coffee if you're passing: these are still fairly quiet and are not making us a fortune, but they are an invaluable way of meeting and befriending people (our regulars do enjoy the warm ambiance and the delicious baking!) and help to publicise Bridge activities.

**Guiz Kidz** also would appreciate some more helpers in 2009 – particularly if you feel you could help with the planning or leadership side. It's not time-consuming – just one Sunday morning per month – and great fun: lively worship (crafts, games, music, drama) with the 5-11s at the Pursglove Centre.

**Bridge2Parents** hopes to re-start in the New Year with some informal sessions on topics chosen by participating parents. If you'd be interested in learning more – and coming along either as a participant or a helper – speak to Shona.

**Fundraising:** finance seems to be the topic on everyone's lips at the moment, so we may as well join in! In the Bridge we trust that God will provide all that we need to enable us to do His work – and we are extremely blessed by our supporters; over the year we have identified a number of different ongoing fund-raising ideas, so in case you are new to these newsletters, here is a reminder of some of the ways in which you can help us to keep going financially: ***If you can help with any of these projects than contact Jenny, Bridge Admin', on 07807 327963 or 01287 636825.***

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

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>, December at 9.30am:** Rev. Catey Morrison - **communion**

**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)