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Guisborough United Reformed Church

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Ministers: Rev Catey Morrison Rev Margaret Robb

Sunday, 31st, May 2009 at 9.30am.

Pentecost

Worship is led this morning by 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: 'I suppose that every age has its own particular fantasy: ours is science. A seventeenth-century man like Blaise Pascal, who thought himself a mathematician and scientist of genius, found it quite ridiculous that anyone should suppose that rational processes could lead to any ultimate conclusions about life, but easily accepted the authority of the Scriptures. With us, it is the other way around ... Malcolm Muggeridge, Jesus Rediscovered.* Today we pray for: **Pentecost – the Mission of the Church.**

Today – Sunday: Discovering Guisborough: Today there will be walk around the town entitled: 'Discovering Guisborough' - where we can learn about the detailed history and interesting, and little known features of the borough. **Leader: Roger Darnton.** We meet with Roger for coffee, after the service, followed by the guided walk starting at around 11.00am. The walk will take about an hour - plus. (Weather permitting)

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: Bridge Association Coffee Morning: This fund raising event continues to be held in Sunnyfield House on Tuesdays between 10am and 12 noon. The organisers now collect books for selling and could do with two or more bakers – someone who could make a cake for the stall once a month. If you are able to help with any of these requests then phone Jenny, the Bridge Administrator, at the **Bridge office, on 636825.** Alternately, Jenny can be reached on the mobile no 07807 327963 or Shona, the Bridge Development Worker on mob' 07890 228851

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

Saturday: The *Prayer Breakfast* hosted by the Methodist Church at 11, Swallow Close, for the Bridge Association and the Churches in Guisborough, is at 8.00am

Saturday: Mission England – 25th Anniversary: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Mission England – Billy Graham's Evangelical Tour - on **Saturday 6 June 2009 at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Roker Sunderland** for what should be a wonderful time of reminiscing and reflection on the legacy of the event. There will be testimonies and memories shared by those who were involved and impacted by the mission.

Saturday - Vision4Life workshop – a Synod Event: This will be held at St James's, Newcastle on **Saturday June 6th at 2.00 pm** – and specifically there is an invitation to each congregation to send a representative who ready to share their church's Vision4Life experiences. Have you been frustrated at the materials made available? Has it been hard work to get your congregation enthused? Or have you got some good stories to share with others? Either way, come along, and be ready to share and to learn. *Do we have a volunteer to attend this important event in the Vision 4Life process? Please contact Catey or Meg.*

Sponsored Bike Ride – Marske to Clitheroe 16/17th, June: The Rev Norma Johnson, our minister 1994 – 2005, is about to embark on a sponsored bike ride in support a building fund for her former church in Clitheroe and wishes to ask for your support. Norma explains the background to this project, viz: *Two years ago the church membership embarked on a Vision project to renew the building and its links with the wider community. The church has work closely with a consultant in the regeneration of buildings prior to appointing an Architect.*

The church was built in 1862 and the re-roofing of the building (at a cost of £120,000) is the first phase in order for the wider vision to evolve. Many people have worked very hard to raise the money. The fund currently stands at £92,000 and folk are making an all out effort to ensure that roof work is carried out this summer. Hence the reason for my making the appeal as wide as possible and for a non cyclist the challenge! (ever the optimist) The sponsor form is posed on the notice board.

Bridge June 2009 News You are warmly invited to our next **Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 6th June at 8am**, at the Methodist church. May's breakfast drew a record-breaking 17 people to the Wells' home – can we beat that!?!? Could somebody volunteer to wash up for us after breakfast this month? We have to be clear for the coffee morning, but some of us are involved in the Management meeting straight afterwards. Thank you.

Town Fair: Sunday 7th June. We plan to run a competition for children to design a Bridge shopping bag; we then hope to produce a batch of bags to help with our fund-raising. Any extra help for the Bridge / Churches Together stand would be welcomed as we have a double-sized pitch this year!

12th - 14th June: Chatroom and Bridge2Youth's Youth for Christ activity weekend in the Scottish Borders. It's going to be an exciting weekend with 21 young people signed up, accompanied by Sara Jordan, John Morrison, Shona and Jenny. The bad news is that our attempts to attract external funding appear to have been unsuccessful (there is a LOT of competition for funding pots at the moment), so the Bridge is committed to paying for it from existing funds. We are very grateful to the Bridge members who have made a special donation towards the weekend so far, and if anyone else would like to do so, we'd love to hear from you! (cheques payable to the Guisborough Bridge Association). Perhaps you could mention it to others in your congregations who may not be Bridge members. We'd also appreciate the loan of any flower garlands, grass skirts and other Hawaiian-style dress as this is the theme for Saturday evening!

We're currently putting together the rota for the second half of the year for the **Kemplah Day Centre Wednesday lunch.** More volunteers always welcomed – just once a month would be great – a working knowledge of the merits of serving rice pudding with or without jam would be helpful (! Ask Ken Harris!?!)

Any more photos of bridges? We need to start working on the new calendar soon.

Guiz Kidz at the Pursglove Centre: **Sunday 21st June**, 10.05-noon. Owing to leaders' holidays etc, we are unable to run Guiz Kidz in July or August – apologies for that.

Our **Summer Holiday Club** (w/c 27th July) will have the theme of *Pirates*. If you have a primary-aged child you would like to sign up, please get in touch; plus, we still need teenage and adult pirates to help with the drama and other activities. Also, we need to gather in lots of old maps, striped material and cardboard boxes for pirate ships. If you have anything you think might help, let us know.

Still seeking gardeners for old folks' grass-cutting etc if you have any spare hours. Jenny has Gardeners' Delight tomato plants for sale at 50p each for Bridge funds if anyone would like any.

Advance notice: we have booked **Saturday 18th July** for a Bridge coffee morning at the Methodist church. Could you let us know if you could help for an hour or two on the morning and / or bake a cake for it. Many thanks. *With every blessing, Jenny and Shona*

Advance Notice of East Cleveland Group of Churches Outing: Saturday, 5th, September: Church Trip. The organiser is Rev Catey Morrison. The venue is: Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Water Gardens. This trip out is to be an East Cleveland Group outing. *Please note that the bus has now been booked. The total cost will be £15, which includes entry to the Abbey. This costing is based on an attendance of 30 but may be reduced if additional people decide to go.*

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

Sunday, 7th, June at 9.30am: Christine Eddowes, Lay preacher - St George's URC, Hartlepool **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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