

# Group News

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Dear Friends,

What a wonderful thing it is to have the energy and concentration to be able to write this covering letter. It really does feel like a miracle to be back on my feet and leading services and prayer meetings across the group again, and doing the variety of things that are involved in ministry. What a complete joy! The result of the prayers and best wishes of everyone in the Group – thank you! I know that many of you will know the sense of joy that comes after a prolonged period of illness, the sense of feeling alive again! Indeed, I now have a new sense of joy for even the simplest of things, albeit walking the dogs across the fields around Lingdale, or baking cookies with the children. These are just some of the joys that I have been able to do over the last month as I move towards regaining full health.

But really we should all be finding joy in the simple things of life. In our materialistic and hedonistic pleasure seeking world, it is important that as Christians, we show that we don't have to aim higher and higher, have the latest model of phone or car, or the latest style of furnishing for our homes, or wearing this year's colour of clothing – whatever that might be (is the new black brown or has it gone back to black again?)! It is important that we are able to keep a hold on what is really important, particularly when we really do have so much, compared to so much of the world that has so little.

Even in this time of recession, when in this country and across the Eurozone we are meant to be really struggling and statistics of doom, of economic decline or marginal growth, are reported most of us still really seem to be doing OK, don't we? Or at least, so it would appear every time I make a shopping trip to our nearest supermarket or shopping centre! On the whole I would even dare to say that the recession appears not to be making much obvious difference to us when it comes to the fact that we still live in our comfortable houses, with food in our cupboards, water in our taps, heating in the pipes, TVs, computers and cars available for our use.

We really do have so much and so many have so little, so maybe this Lent we can focus again on counting our blessings. We may want to use the Christian Aid day by day Lent resources of the same name, which will guide you to think about what you have and what you use in terms of basics and luxuries. Or we may want to use our quiet times to give thanks to God while going without your normal favourite toast topping throughout Lent, to remind you of what it means to go without, and to remember in prayer those who daily go without in our world. You will appreciate that little luxury, that pot of honey, so much more by Easter, I grant you! But remember it is not just for Lent or for times of renewed health to have that renewed appreciation of what we have and all the joys of our lives, God wants us to give thanks daily!

God bless! Rev Catey Morrison

# Synod Trayers

#### Mid Northumberland Partnership

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February

St James's, Alnwick; Warkworth; Rev Joan Grindrod-Helmn

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> February

St Mark's, Amble; Rev Alison Mills; Rothbury; Rev Pamela Ward

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February

Felton; St Andrew's, Glanton; Longframlington; Rev Edward Butlin

Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February

Chaplains – including Rev Nigel Goodfellow, Rev Margaret Johnson

IPM (Presbyterian Church of Mozambique) churches in the provinces of Gaza and Inhambane; pastors and church members who have been involved in our exchange visits

## **Group Mozambique Fund**

Amerigo in Mozambique last year she made a carry out the connection as soon as they can. suggestion that each of the Churches could make Some Churches in the Group and some individua contribution towards the cost of an Internet als have already made promises to contribute to connection for the group of churches she had this cost so there is now a Group Fund for the visited. Each Elders meeting agreed to this and it purpose. If it raises more than the £500 already was clear that the simplest way for this to be advanced the money will be kept in the fund for done was for the Group to advance the money to the future needs of the churches served by Rosa the Presbyterian Church HQ in Maputo to cover and Amerigo. the cost of the connection and some of the running costs.

The sum of £500 has therefore been sent from

## **Manse Prayers**

Manse Prayers are held every Tuesday at 8.45am and everyone is welcome to attend.

> 7<sup>th</sup> February: Marton 14<sup>th</sup> February Guisborough 21<sup>st</sup> February: Lingdale 28<sup>th</sup> February: Marton 6<sup>th</sup> March: Guisborough

Venues are as follows:

Guisborough: 31 Oakley Close Marton: 10 Farington Drive Lingdale: 2 Stanghow Road

When Meg returned from her visit to Rosa and Group funds and is now available for them to

Anyone wishing to contribute should make their cheques payable to: URC East Cleveland Group and marked Mozambique Fund on the back. Cash donations will also be accepted, preferably in a marked envelope please.

Many thanks

Jane Tomlin

PS ... the money has arrived safely and we hope that Rosa and Americo will have their internet connection set up soon. They are delighted and very thankful to the people of the East Cleveland Group for helping them in this way. We look forward to receiving an e-mail from them when their connection is set up.

Meg

### **Traidcraft Shop 2011**

### **News from the Persecuted Church**

brough as there was an increase of £2000 on the previous year! The shop sold £34,000 of fairly traded goods, both food and craft items.

Jenny Medhurst was very Pray for Christian converts from Islam in Somalia, who live out their pleased with the sales at the faith in total secrecy and under the constant threat of assassination by Christmas shop in Middles- Islamic militant. In September 2011, Juma Nuradin Kamil, a Somali Christian, was murdered in south-western Somalia by 'al-Shabaab. His body was found with his severed head placed on his chest. He is just one of many martyred by this ruthless organization in recent years. Pray for the protection of Christians in Somalia, and ask the Lord to turn the hearts of their persecutors away from violence and bloodshed. (From the Barnabus Fund Prayer diary)

supported her in 2011

Jenny sends a warm and heart- Pray for all religious minorities in Iran, including that the seven imprisfelt thank you to all those who oned Baha'i leaders would be released

(From the Christian Solidarity Worldwide Prayer diary)

## When a Knight Won His Spurs

but is it still sung today? For in our politically correct that thou regardest songs of sinful man?' Now it reads age it could be criticised as being class biased and sexist. Some hymns have been altered because they have can it be that thou regard our poor humanity?' - Poor been judged to be politically incorrect. One is John poetry and lacking in imagination is my opinion. Bunyans' 'Who would true valour see?' Whilst I was a schoolboy – long ago – teachers used to extend the last words of a line in each verse. So relent became relen-eent, and we also had figh-i-ight and say-ay-ay. Happy memories; but politically correctness has caused this well known hymn to be less personal as the first line is now 'All who would valiant be.'

Another verse started with the line 'Hobgoblin nor foul fiend shall daunt his spirit.' This verse has now been left out. Why? For in our society we have no shortage of gaints, pogres, hobgoblins and foul fiends. The ogre of the greed of our materialistic society is doing very nicely and is accompanied by the hobgoblin of hard drugs and the foul fiend of different kinds of selfishness and discrimination.

So it is a pity that words which warn us of our frailty in the force of such temptations have been omitted. For we are all capable of understanding picture language even though it may be rather old fashioned. Political correctness in 'Hymns Old and New' has 'Onward Christian Pilgrims (not soldiers. Has the Salvation Army been consulted? I doubt it. So this book does not mention the word 'man' for that excludes 'women' and the existence of a militant church or of sinfulness is played down.

voices ever singing.' One line was originally was 'Out have better memories than I have for the lines. beyond the shining of the furthest star thou art ever stretching infinitely far.' Then it became 'Thou who

This children's hymn was sung by our three children art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan, can it be 'Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eve can see,

> But on the positive side there is a wide selection which include 'Taize' chants amongst the 858 hymns. Also my favourite song 'My Jesus, my Saviour Lord there is none like You' is included. This makes up for the alteration to 'Who would true valour see?'

> But my favourite from 'Mission Praise' does not appear. That one is 'Jesus how lovely you are' with its beautiful and joyful tune. As the Church my wife and I worship in is changing from 'Mission Praise' to 'Hymns Old and New' I must accept it as the long ago small and thick 'Ancient and Modern' books disappeared a while ago. Just in case you are curious and also some of you may remember the words I've forgot-

When a knight won his spurs in the stories of old He was and he was gallent and bold With a shield on his arm and a lance in his hand For God and for valour he rode through the land

No charger have I and no sword by my side But still to adventures and battle I ride Gainst dragons of anger the ogres of greed To set free from the castle of darkness The power of the truth with the sword of my youth'

The alterations which really irritate me are in 'Angel Probably our children and younger Church members

John Crowther

## The United Reformed Church ends 19-year boycott of Nestlé

in poorer countries.

Commenting on this historic decision, Ms Melanie Smith, past-convener of the Nestlé In agreeing to rescind the boycott of Nestlé milk substitutes."

Mr Richard Nunn, convenor of the URC Investment Committee said: "We're pleased that, as

On 25 November 2011 – the United Reformed the first company listed under FTSE's new Church (URC) ended its 19-year boycott of breast-milk substitute category. Nestlé has sig-Nestlé products when its Mission Council voted nalled its willingness to become more open and to end the ban. The decision was a result of transparent about its reporting and management Nestlé's listing on the FTSE4Good Index under systems related to its marketing practices in their breast milk substitute (BMS) category in higher risk countries. He added: "This sets a March this year. The URC has actively sup-good precedent for other companies in this secported the campaign to boycott Nestlé products tor, and the URC looks forward to working with over the past 19 years, due to concerns for the the FTSE and other agencies to review the outhealth of babies and the unethical way in which come of the verification assessment of Nestle's Nestlé has marketed its breast-milk substitutes management practices in India and Zambia and to monitor Nestlé's compliance with FTSE BMS criteria in other regions of the world next year.

working group of the URC said: "The URC be-products, Mission Council noted that Nestlé's lieves that our boycott has been effective in get- listing on the FTSE4Good index only represents ting Nestlé to rethink its marketing strategies of the first step in the process of assessing the combreast-milk substitutes in poorer countries. Its pany's compliance with FTSE criteria and the listing on the FTSE4Good Index demonstrates International Code. The Mission Committee of good faith and is, we hope, a first step on its the URC has therefore been tasked with monijourney to becoming fully compliant with the toring Nestlé's verification process and report-International Code on the marketing of breast- ing back to the Mission Council in 2012. Should Nestlé be delisted from the FTSE4Good Index. then Mission Council has the authority to reinstate the boycott.

#### 'An Event for Elders'

This event will be taking place at Westminster College from 4pm on Friday, 13th April to 2pm on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

The Event for Elders is an opportunity to explore Eldership, to meet other Elders, and to think together There will also be time to be refreshed in worship. Elder in the United Reformed Church today. It is has to offer. aimed at all who are Elders within the United Reformed Church and it may also be of interest if you are thinking of becoming an Elder.

needs of those who are present and will address various issues that face all Elders such as:

- What is it to be an Elder what is the background to Eldership in the URC and what are the functions of Elders?
- Pastoral Care how does one go about being Further an effective pastoral visitor?

Legal issues – with ever mounting amounts of red-tape and issues of trusteeship looming large at the moment, some of the implications Elders face will be looked at.

about the opportunities and challenges of being an and some space to enjoy the sights that Cambridge

The weekend with be hosted by Susan Durber and John Bradbury, and other Westminster staff will be involved. Sarah Lane Cawte, an experienced Elder, The programme in part will be shaped around the will be engaging with us, as will Ruth Whitehead, the Convenor of the Ministries Committee of the URC that has oversight of Eldership.

> The full-board cost is £159.50 and the 'day delegate' rate is £82.30.

> details can bе found a t www.westminster.cam.ac.uk

## Redcar

### **Craft and Chatter**

## **Singing Group**

A Craft and Chatter group now meets in the Church on the The Singing Group now meet first Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm until *3pm*.

We hope people will join us for this informal afternoon to knit, sew or craft items for sale at Church events, for charity purposes or for your own enjoyment.

Tea and coffee will be available. Please come and join us!!

every Wednesday at 11am - all are welcome.

#### **Fair Trade**

A Fair Trade stall will be available after Church Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### Redcar Calendar

Wed 8th Feb 1.30pm Elder's meeting hosted by Catherine Milburn

Weekly

Thursday 9.30am Prayers

10.00-11.30am Pop-in Centre

#### Ancient

The old law gives strength to the new, the new completes the old; in the old was hope in the new is faith. But old and new are joined by the Grace of Christ.

Paulinus of Nola Italian Bishop and Poet (5<sup>th</sup> Century)

## St Andrew's

## Ladies' Fellowship

## Women's World Day of Prayer

very thoughtful. Thank you Meg.

Please note our next meeting is at St Andrew's on Wednesday 1st Februwelcome.

At our January meeting Meg took This is to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 at the Methodist us to the region of Galilee where Church, The Grove, Marton at 2.00pm. The service has been Jesus was a young boy. It was very prepared by the Christian Women of Malaysia and the interesting and certainly made us all speaker will be Mrs Mollie Locke. All are welcome and refreshments will be served after the service.

#### **AGM Reports**

ary 2012 at 7.30pm when John Please could the officers and users let me have reports for the Sothern will be giving us a talk. All AGM Booklet by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Roger

## A Series of thank-yous

**Churches Together, Prayer list** 

Firstly to those who bought my knitted Weeks beginning: chrustmas puddings, which raised £26; raised £43 at a coffee morning; after church coffee on 11th December added over £18; and during the year the 'Rosemary box' accumulated a number of personal contributions and small money raising efforts from individuals which totalled £178.Our church treasurer was able to add in 2011 retiring collections giving a grand total of £359 to be transferred to Rosemary at the end if the vear. This represents a valuable help to her to maintain and educate her three adopted nieces for which I know she will be most appreciative, so enormous thanks to all of you who contributed in any way.

## **Coffee for Charity**

8th January	Rosemary Fund	£16.00
15th January	Elmridge	£20.00

Money donated for Coffee after Sunday worship is in aid of charity of the coffee makers' choice. Many thanks for the above donations.

Sunday

**Boys Brigade** 

5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Coulby Newham Baptist Church

12<sup>th</sup> Feb: St Andrew's United Reformed Church

19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Marton Methodist Church

26<sup>th</sup> Feb: St. Cuthbert's Church of Engalnd

4<sup>th</sup> Mar: St. Mary's Church of England

Please pray for our developing relationships with each other and our working together in the community. Pray for the work within schools and with children and young people and also for work within residential homes.

## **Fundraising**

19<sup>th</sup> November Annual Bazaar £493.08 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Social £100.00

Shirley Moorse Many thanks to everyone who helped to make such a success of these events. Proceeds went to church funds.

#### **Flower List**

This list is situated on the notice board in the vestibule. There are still places available on this list to donate flowers for Sunday Morning Service. Anybody interested would they please place their names in the available slots

## St Andrew's Calendar

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting at 31 Roseberry Mews
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Churches Together Meeting, at Nunthorpe Methodist Church
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.30pm	Service in Elmridge
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	2.30pm	Service in Kirkley Lodge
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1.00-3.00pm	Knit `n` Natter
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar:	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting at 31 Roseberry Mews
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Quiz, Pie and Pea Supper, Raffle
Weekly		
Wednesday	9.30am	Morning Prayers and a Short Act of Informal Worship - everyone is welcome

Details available from ministers and church elders

After Worship Traid Craft Stall (Last Sunday in month)

# Guisborough

Seville oranges are in the shops ready to make into As you will see above, I have had a bit of marmalade. Their season is short, so for those of us help this month. This is just as well as I was who enjoy the end produce, we have to be ready, not ready to get this article in on time. I An extra few hours and some special equipment are needed to be ready to get my latest TLS asneeded, but most importantly, you need to be ready signment in the post and I am pleased to re-- or you miss them. "We need to be ready" - Bar- port, I was. I was even ready for Christmas bara used these words, reflecting on what had been although there is still one friend I hope to see a most inspiring service on Sunday last. We had in February to hand over the final Christmas some of the ingredients: - the lectionary readings present. The wise men had to be ready, for and five related hymns; we had a warm building, a the star that told them to look for a king, and melodious organ and a sociable congregation but no we must be ready to play our part in the story minister! With only a few minutes of discussion to of God's people this year. All too soon we prepare, Donna and Ray were ready to step up to will be into the period of Lent when we prethe mark.

The children were eager to discuss their memories of the Christmas season and their ideas about 'gifts'. Ray reminded us of our commitment to the highlighted 2020 statements and Donna brought to- Let's pray that we will all be ready, to act gether our collective prayer requests. My thanks to when God calls, to show love to a neighbour, them both for being ready to use God's ingredients to step forward when no-one else volunteers with such satisfying results.

pare for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Thanks to the efforts of a sub-committee of Guisborough Churches Together we should be ready for a really interesting Lent Course.

and there is work to be done, to pray for one Joyce Basham another and to provide a listening ear. Now I

must prepare or I won't be ready to unwas

Donna	Moore
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12th Feb	M Burrows	Communion M Houston		Flowers D Collins H Senior M Baird D Cross	lead worship at Hartlepool on Suday. Oh! And the marmalade widelicious!  Donna Moo
26th Feb	P Etwell		J Bulmer	D Cross	Donna Moo.

Guisborough Calendar					
Sat 4 Feb	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast for the Bridge Association – at the United Reformed Church.			
Tue 21 Feb	2.30pm	A service of worship in the Belmont Care Home, Rectory Lane. All friends are welcome to join with residents in this time of prayer and praise			
Tue 21 Feb	7.15pm	Elders Meeting.			
Mon 27 Feb		Start of Guisborough Churches Together Lent Studies – at various times and locations. See notice board for details.			
Weekly					
Thursdays 9.30am – 1	11.45am	Coffee Morning			
Thursdays 1	11.30am	Quiet Time – prayers and reflections with Catey, Meg, Ken and some of us.			

## From Ray

In the previous news letter there was all the excitement and joy of the 200th, Anniversary celebrations of Guisborough church and so anything following is bound have something of that familiar feeling: 'After the Lord Mayors Show. But as we move effortlessly into our third century events continue to happen and not without some interest. In November, following an earlier successful experience, we held a Taize service. At Guisborough my time as secretary comes to This was, to a large extent in response to a need an end after ten years. Last year has been diffiexpressed by people, who attended the first such cult for my family and myself, since my daughcelebration, in our church, and wished to wor- ter, Helen's, serious illness which began in Ocship again in this most spiritual of ways. We tober. Norma, Helen, Philip and I wish to thank have Madge Baird to thank for organising the everyone for your concern and prayers. This is event.

Also towards the end of last year a number of lunch time meetings were held to study the book: "Changing World Changing Church." Essentially this was an introduction to the idea of 'Fresh Expressions' a new approach to faith, where the church goes into the community to In January we had a rare experience. The time anyone?

At Christmas a Christmas Eve Service was held in the Belmont Care Home, led by the Rev Ken Harris – as has been our custom for several years past. In a real sense this worship is also a So even after the Big Day in October last things form of Fresh Expressions – and we hope to de-still continue to happen. God bless you all for velop our relationship with the residents in the 2012. near future. The children's service was different

this year in that it was in part devised by themselves, with a modern nativity play written by one of the members of Junior Church. This was something I missed, as I was leading worship at St Andrew's Mission Thornaby. The Mission is my old stamping ground, for I joined the Sunday School in 1945 and was secretary and treasurer there for over 31 years. So I always love going back - and on this occasion it was to hold a Christingle Service.

so much appreciated and valued by us, and I have no doubt that this has contributed to Helen's remarkable recovery. In February Helen will go into the Walkergate Rehabilitation Centre in Newcastle, where she will work towards, hopefully, a full recovery.

meet people where they are rather than expect for worship approached and no preacher apthem to come to us. The book has a number of peared. What should we do? Fortunately, we had challenging ideas of how we must see faith de- information on the hymns and the readings – so veloping in the modern world. And like the new in a quick 'holy huddle' various people agreed URC project Radical Welcome asks difficult to step forward and take part and so the service questions like: are we really friendly to new- when ahead almost as normal. Some years ago comers in our fellowships – or does who we are, the elders discussed the idea of and emergency or how we act mark us out to others as people of service to be prepared for such an eventuality – faith - yes, that is Christians. For those who but this was rejected out of hand - with the view took part the big issue was: how do you get out that on such an occasion the spirit of the Lord there and do something fresh? Any answers, would come to our aid. And so this is what happened. During coffee after the service the preacher arrived thinking our service started at 11.00am rather 9.30am - and so we were all able to sit down to a nice chat together.

Ray Tunnicliffe

#### Modern

'Behold I make all things new' It seemed the one text in the Bible for me that day; for I was walking in a world indescribably beautified, indescribably lovely.

Temple Gairdner English Anglican Missionary in Middle East (Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century)

# Lingdale

## Joy Scarth

sister, very much involved church life.

lage. And, of course the church choir led the edgeable. Sunday singing. And there was also the carol singing around the village and surrounding farms when church choir members huddled together to keep warm. As well as the many of the usual carols they always sang 'Lo, the eastern magi rise', which became their signature tune.

There was a great deal of social activity in and around the church building which Joy was always part of; the Victorian Celebrations, Easter Parades when folk would walk behind brass bands, Flower Sunday and, of course, Christmas Bazaars. But Joy's association with the church went beyond the social for as well as the choir and teaching youngsters she also became an Elder and eventually a very able and efficient Church Secretary working in this role with great precision. She often sought funding for work within the building and always, even when health prevented regular attendance, took a great interest in what was happening. She was very instrumental in the Millennium window project.

Most of Joy's life was lived in Lingdale and her But Joy had a life beyond the church and lived family 's connection with the area dates back out her faith in practical ways. Sadness tinged before Lingdale ever was. The Scarth family her life at an early age since her father was dwelt in Stanghow with some of Joy's ancestors killed in a road accident when she was just fourliving at Stanghow Farm and others at Stanghow teen. His early demise curtailed the girls' educa-Hall. But Joy was born in Lingdale, the elder of tion and Joy had leave school and go out to two girls. The family home was almost opposite work. She worked for the Electricity Board, and what is now Lingdale URC Her maternal grand- was in the office at Skelton before running the parents, the Vivers and Harrisons, were founder Northern Electric branches in Guisborough and members of Lingdale Congregational Church then in Redcar. She often told stories of how founded in 1881. So life for Joy and Beryl, her men would go out in gales to mend cables, obviously holding them in high regard.

Their mother and two aunts in turn were church So, although her schooling was not extended, organists before Beryl took on the role. Both Joy she did well taking on responsibility in her and Beryl taught in the Sunday school and were working life. She was highly intelligent, once part of Girls Guildry before the days of the Girls passing a work related course with flying col-Brigade. They enjoyed singing and she and ours, although she would never tall you that her-Beryl ran the ladies choir, often putting on self. And it was also discovered that she was just shows such as the Mikado with costumes and three marks short of becoming a member of props, thus providing entertainment in the vil- MENSA. She was well read and very knowl-

> To relax, she liked to paint taking up water colours and often exhibiting her work. She loved to paint flowers and scenery and latterly enjoyed china painting. Gardening was a love often tending not only her own garden but the church garden, too., although in latter years she needed to employ a gardener. But her scope went far beyond gardening as once she electrically rewired her home in Stanghow Road. Perhaps she inherited her craft skills from her father, though there were engineers on both sides of the family.

> Her practicality she may have inherited from her father but, since his death, her mother was her guiding light and she learned a great deal from her mother who made a wonderful job of bringing up her daughters single handedly through their teenage years. Joy as also very close to Beryl and, although she never married herself, she was pleased when Beryl married Tony and a nephew came along in Richard. Sadly Beryl

died in 1984 but she had her cousin, Norah, who and Nadine in particular were of immense help. was also a good friend and companion. She lived in Skelton for nearly twenty years and

Joy enjoyed holidays, going away with Beryl and her family or with Norah. A favourite spot was the Lake District but she also travelled to Switzerland, and to Norway to visit Norah's niece, Penny who lives there. She was well known in Lingdale teaching Pitman's shorthand at evening classes at both Lingdale and Stanghow Lane schools. And in her younger days she enjoyed tennis and walking, activities which evaded her as she grew older and mobility deteriorated. Eventually she needed a new hip which helped for a while but latterly she became almost housebound.

Then she was grateful to her friends Violet, her can take comfort that Joy now I domestic helper, and Susan who did her shop- perfect love of God released from ping for her. But latterly she needed personal living on in his care and keeping. assistance at home and carers BJP and Claire

She lived in Skelton for nearly twenty years and to begin with enjoyed some independence as she was still driving. But recently as her health deteriorated further it seemed likely that she would lose her independence completely so in some ways it was a blessing to her to be released from this life to the next. But for those who are left behind it is hard to say goodbye to a lady who is described as a gentle person, yet with a strong mind who liked everything to be just so. She felt that if a job was worth doing it was worth doing well and expected the same high standard from others, too. In some ways it can be said that Joy was a perfectionist. And the Christian hope is that in heaven everything will be perfect. So we can take comfort that Joy now lives within the perfect love of God released from her pain and

## Lingdale Calendar

## Weekly

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month 2.00p

2.00pm Worship at Prospect Place

#### Flower Rota

5<sup>th</sup> February – Mrs H Dunstan 12<sup>th</sup> February – Mrs P Griffiths 19<sup>th</sup> February – Miss S Griffiths 26<sup>th</sup> February – Mrs J Coulthard 4<sup>th</sup> March – Mr B Dove

## **Preachers**

		5-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	4-Mar
Marton	9.30am	C Eddowes	M Robb Parade	J Harper Communion	MartonWT	M Robb Church Meet
Guisbo	9.30am	C Morrison Communion	N Johnson	N Johnson	M Robb	C Morrison Communion
Redcar	11.00am	N Johnson	J Harper	J Lamplugh	C Morrison	N Johnson Communion
Lingdale	6.00pm	C Morrison	M Robb Communion	C Morrison	M Robb Communion	M Robb

Material for the March Magazine to church editors by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February please

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