



Group News

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Dear Friends,

The long summer nights are upon us and whether it is a leisurely evening stroll that we enjoy, a barbeque in the garden, or even a cool glass of something a bit stronger in the beer garden of our local pub, I hope that these summer evenings encourage us to think about spending a little more time with our loved ones, creating treasured memories of times relaxing together, to be stored up for later when we particularly need them. For simply enjoying being together with our families, partners, friends and neighbours is the essence of life. Forget the latest gadgets or cars or whatever. They are not what really count. Instead enjoy the fact that you are still able to go for a stroll, or sit out in the garden, or whatever you can still manage to do with those nearest and dearest in your life.

Don't focus on your limitations, because we do all have them, but instead celebrate those things that you can still manage to do, still manage to achieve. Treasure the fact that you can still recall those memories of years gone by, despite those less than youthful moments that seem now to be part of life. Strip life back to basics and realise that you can still have what is precious in life, by and large. Little moments of peace and happiness, memories and, last of all, faith.

And which of these is the most important? Well, I am guessing that you are expecting me to say faith. Well yes, I want to say faith, but I actually think that our faith speaks into our contentment, and how we view the whole of our life. Thus the peace, happiness and contentment that we might be feeling, as we cast our minds back over those glorious memories of good times already lived are reflective of the faith that we hold today. Our faith helps us to appreciate these longer evenings, whereas others might not be able to be so appreciative?! Our faith enables us to see the positive amongst the struggles, the hope amongst the weariness. Our faith allows us to have happy moments even when life has thrown the worst of times at us.

In recent months I have been watching someone close to me struggle with the final months of life. She doesn't want to be alive and while she is still alive she doesn't want to treat others with any kind of respect or care or kindness. She is miserable, and hard to deal with for all caring for her. I feel sorrow for her that she has never known the joy of faith in God. I feel sadness that she can see no positives, not even the smallest one. I pray that we might always see the beauty of God's long summer evenings until the sunset of our lives.

God bless! Rev Catey Morrison

Synod Prayers

JULY

Teesside SE Mission Partnership

Week beginning 3rd July

St Andrew's Nunthorpe & Marton; Guisborough, Linthorpe: Rev Meg Robb

Week Beginning 10th July

Redcar; Lingdale: Rev Catey Morrison

Week beginning 17th July

Stockton-on-Tees; St Columba's, Billingham; St Andrew's Mission, Thornaby, Rev Colin Offor

Week beginning 24th July

Synod Office staff; Wendy Watson, Helen Hogg, Andrew Atkinson

Meg in Mozambique:

As most of you are aware Northern Synod has a partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Mozambique. In the past we have been enriched by the presence of folk from Mozambique who have spend some time with us in the East Cleveland Group. Last year some of our young people from across the synod, including Kate from Redcar, went out there in late summer and this year we hope to welcome a group of youngsters from Mozambique to the N.E. of England. Revd. John Durell is going out there in early July to attend their Assembly and to help establish their School where English will be taught. (People in Mozambique speak Portuguese). At the very end of July Meg will be going out there to shadow a woman minister there, Rose, and Rose will return the visit by coming here from mid September to mid October. The hope is that Meg will learn about life in a poor country and discover something of church life there. This is part of her ongoing ministerial education and it is hoped that all the churches in the East Cleveland Group will gain from Rose's visit here.

Please be prayerful about this visit.

AUGUST

N Northumberland Mission Partnership

Week beginning 7th August

Berwick & Horncliffe; Rev Kate Baxter; Mr Graham Ferguson; Wooler, Chatton; Crookham; Rev Bert Keller; Rev Tony Ritchie

Week beginning 14th August

Erskine Belford; St Cuthbert's North Sunderland; Rev David Herbert; Rev Pamela Ward

Week beginning 21st August

St Cuthbert's Centre, Holy Island; its users and its management team; Synod Racial Justice Advocate, Rev Barry Welch

Week beginning 28th August

Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership; Majors Melvin & Susan Fincham *Salvation Army Northern Division* Rev Leo Osborne *Chair of Newcastle Methodist District and President of Conference*

Manse Prayers

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

28 th June	Guisborough
5 th July	Marton
12 th July	Lingdale
19 th July	Guisborough
26 th July	Marton
2 nd August	Lingdale
9 th August	Guisborough
16 th August	Lingdale
23 rd August	Guisborough
30 th August	Marton
6 th September	Lingdale

Venues are as follows

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

Vision4Life

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This issue's Word Search centres on some of the places of the bible.

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| Jericho | Bethlehem |
| Egypt | Jerusalem |
| Bethsaida | Emmaus |
| Nazareth | Capernaum |
| Galilee | Sinai |

Christian Aid - Lighting the way to a future of plenty

To most of us, salt is a pleasant seasoning or a lingering taste on our lips after a trip to the seaside. However, in south-west Bangladesh, salt has made daily life a struggle.

Cyclone Aila tore through Bangladesh in May 2009 causing huge tidal surges which covered the area in sea water and left salt behind in the soil and fresh water.

Combined with the longer-term effects of climate change such as rising sea levels, Cyclone Aila was too much for those families whose homes were destroyed and whose lands were submerged in the storm.

Many families have been forced to leave their villages, becoming 'floating people' without any means of earning a living. As hundreds of thousands of people are still experiencing the affects of Cyclone Aila two years on, it is now considered to be the most prolonged emergency ever in Bangladesh.

In this harsh environment, with the help of Christian Aid partner, Shushilan, two extraordinary young women have seen new possibilities and are shining a light to the future for their communities.

Selina's story

Shushilan has provided Selina Begum with saline rice seeds and fertilizer, resistant to the salt. She is now cultivating her second crop of saline rice: 'I used to grow traditional rice, but the seeds don't grow anymore because the water is salty.

I am now cultivating saline seeds which are adapted to grow in this environment...I will always stay here and adapt to changes. This is my own land; I don't want to move from my home.'

Selina is not just concerned with her own family's future – she is working to ensure that her whole community will be able to withstand the impact of another cyclone.

'We have begun to develop early warning systems if there are future disasters we have made sure that channels of communication are better.' Selina has now convinced everyone of the importance of her work and of her worth as a leader.

Asha's story

Like Selina, Asha discovered that she could no longer grow traditional crops. Rather than leaving her home to try and earn a living elsewhere, Asha received training from Shushilan in rearing crabs to sell at the local market.

'When I sell the crabs, I use the money for school fees and books. I also use it to buy household goods and to buy more crabs'

With the help of Shushilan, Asha has renewed hope for her family's future. 'Before and just after Aila, life was really difficult. We used to struggle. Now we are involved in their project we can earn more. I can buy schoolbooks for my children, proper food and clothes for the family.'

Because of the help that Christian Aid and Shushilan have given Asha and Selina, they are now able to reap a harvest from a salty land.

Bible Quiz

1. Which gospel ends with the words, 'I am with you always to the close of the age'?
2. Which Jewish girl became Queen of Persia and saved her country?
3. Who had his vineyard stolen from him by Queen Jezebel?

Answers to Bible Quiz for June

1. Who did Isaac marry? - *Rebekah (Genesis, ch.24)*
2. To whom did Jesus say: 'I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven'? - *Peter (Matthew, ch 16, v. 19)*
3. What do the seven lamp stands represent in the Book of Revelation? - *The seven churches (Revelation, ch.1, v.20), Ephesus, (ch.2), Smyrna (ch.2), Pergamum (ch.2) Thyatira, (ch.3) Sardis (ch.3), Philadelphia (ch.3), and Laodicea (ch.3)*

Redcar

Spinning a Yarn

The Spinning a Yarn event on the Saturday, 11th June was a huge success. The beautifully knitted scenes were appreciated by many visitors. Over £400 was raised on the day of which £250 will be donated to the Redcar R.N.L.I.

Special thanks to Rev. Norma Johnson who suggested holding the exhibition and for her organisation. Thanks also to all who helped and supported this wonderful day.

Commitment4Life Sundays

Sundays 10th and 17th July

Donation envelopes will be available on the day.

Sunday 31st July 10.45am

Joint Service at

Zetland Park Methodist Church

celebrating Malcom Newman's retirement.

'No Heaven' says Hawking.

We applaud the bravery which Professor Stephen Hawking shows in his long struggle against Motor Neurone disease and also his genius revealed in his contribution to the science of physics and cosmology.

But as Christians we cannot agree with his views on the afterlife as reported in the press:

'He said: "I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when it's components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken-down computers that is fairy story for people afraid of the dark" But Stephen Green of Christian Voice said "People who believe in the afterlife don't do so because they are afraid of death."

So Professor Hawking compares the human brain to a man made computer.

So will we need to watch computer development in case those machines take us over?

G.K. observations made during the early twentieth century seems relevant. Summed up as "Those who do away with God replace Him with one of their own making." (Computers?)

Redcar Calendar

Weekly

Thursday 9.30am Prayers
10.00-11.30am Pop-in Centre

Linthorpe

Rotas

	Vestry	Porch
3 rd July	M Gilmour	J Haverson
10 th July	R Harris	M Tilley
17 th July	J Harper	S & D Knox

Scripture Readers

3rd July J Haverson
10th July Scouts
17th July J Harper

Coffee/Tea After Worship

3rd July G Williams RNL
10th July Scouts
17th July P & J Horbury Guide Dogs For The Blind

Church Flowers

		Distribution
3 rd July	D Knox	P Horbury
10 th July	TBA	D Knox
17 th July	TBA	M Warren
23 rd July	J Harper	E Williams

Communion Preparation

17th July P Horbury & D Knox

Coffee After Morning Worship

15th May Children With Liver Disease Found.
£15.00 S & D Knox
5th June Macmillan Nurses
£9.00 H Kettlewell

Many thanks to all who stay after worship to support these and other causes.

Thanksgiving Service

for the life and witness of
Linthorpe URC

Saturday, 23rd July at Linthorpe URC
at 2.00pm

Refreshments will be served after the service

People from our churches in the East Cleveland Group are invited. Please sign the list in your church if you are coming to aid catering.

Linthorpe Calendar

Dates For Your Diary:

Sat 2nd July 10.00am Prayer Morning: Jameson Lounge:
Tue 12th July 7.00pm Elders' Meeting M Gilmour's
Wed 13th July Lunch at Marton Country Club: See Mrs I Stevely for details.
Sat 23rd July 2.00pm Final Celebration Service: followed by tea. Please let Jan Harper know if you are intending to come and join us.

Guisborough

Last month was very busy both for our Church and the rest of the Group. The Advent Service which should have taken place in December fell victim to the longest coldest spell for decades (minus 14 in my garden!). I'm sure you remember the snow, the ice and the frozen pipes. Not to mention cancelled events. But at least it warmed up just in time for Christmas!

The missing Advent service finally happened on May 22nd at Linthorpe. A sort of late Easter, late May Day, and early Whit celebration, The sun shone and it was good to see so many well known faces. Our Ministers did justice to the

occasion. The service itself touched all the right notes. And they managed to involve many different people and especially most of the children.

At coffee afterwards there was a great deal of catching up with old friends. Perhaps for me tinged with a hint of sadness when I realised it would be my last visit to Linthorpe.

The next Sunday we planned to have a picnic at Great Ayton to mark the start of our two hundredth anniversary celebrations.

Why Great Ayton? Well go back a year. Ray

Guisborough Calendar

Sat	2 Jul	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast – Guisborough Christian Fellowship – 32, Thames Ave.
Sat	9 Jul	10.00am – 4.00pm	The Knitted Bible Exhibition. Highlights from the Hartlepool URC collection.
Tue	12 Jul	2.30pm	Service at Belmont View Care Home. All are welcome to support the residents in the worship.
Sun	17 Jul	10.00am	Guiz Kids – Guisbro' Churches JC's joining together at Prior Purseglove Sports Centre.
Tue	19 Jul	7.15pm	Elders Meeting.
Wed	20 Jul	12.30pm	Mission Partnership Leadership Team meeting at Guisborough URC.
Sat	23 Jul	2.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving for the work of Linthorpe URC.
Mon	1 Aug – Fri 5 Aug		Bridge Association Summer Holiday Club at the Methodist Church: Two clubs; one for junior children – and one for teens. Working with <i>Wastewatchers</i> and the theme of Transformation. For details and entry phone Jenny, the Bridge Administrator, on 07807327963.
Sat	9 Jul	10.00am – 12 noon	Farmers' Market Saturday. A chance for us to welcome visitors to our church. Please call in to support this venture when you can.

Weekly

Thursdays	9.30am – 11.45am	Coffee Morning
Thursdays	11.30am	Quiet Time – prayers and reflections with Catey, Meg, Ken and others.

Tunncliffe learned that the Rev William Himmers, our very first minister was buried close by in All Saints churchyard. An expedition was organised and a simple but impressive grave stone was soon found. The plan this year was to come as a congregation to pay our respects and lay a cross and some flowers in his memory.

The day dawned cold and damp. Not the best start even for Great Ayton. Fortunately there was a Plan B - picnic in the Methodist Church Hall. Then the sun decided to come out and everything looked so much better. First visit the grave; and then working our way to the other end of the village following a treasure hunt organised by Tom and Doreen Cross. Nobody's allowed to be lazy on a picnic! A good time was had by all, especially the children – and then there were prizes! and ice cream! What a way to build up a good community spirit. Ray, Tom and Doreen must have put in a lot of effort; so thanks from everyone.

But just in case we were feeling too pleased with ourselves, back in Guis-

borough the Sixth Form College was celebrating its 450th ! And every anniversary we reach, they will always be 250 years ahead of us

As most of you know D and I celebrated our golden wedding with me in hospital, having broken my femur - not the best place to be on a special day! Especially when all the family have come together for the first time in a long time. But so many people have shown me so much kindness that I really must say thank you!. A kind word, a phone call, a card or a visit means so much if you're stuck in bed, quite likely in pain, and only slowly realising how long it's going to take to get better.

God bless you all.

Maureen

Date	Vestry	Communion	Door	Flowers
3 rd Jul	R Tunncliffe	J Basham	D Beattie	L Reeves
10 th Jul	J Reynolds		M Burrows	J McGregor
17 th Jul	P Etwell		D Cross	D Moore
24 th Jul	D Moore		J Bulmer	P Etwell
31 st Jul	J Basham		J Reynolds	D Kane
7 th Aug	M Robson	D Cross	B Ward	M Sollett
14 th Aug	D Houston		M Burrows	M Houston
21 st Aug	R Tunncliffe		J Bulmer	M Ward
28 th Aug	M Houston		D Houston	H Tucker

Guisborough Church Bi-centenary Picnic

The Guisborough Church outing to Great Ayton, for a picnic, on Sunday, 29th, May, was a revival of a past custom when, during the Edwardian period, the choir organised annual visits to such places as Galley Hill and Howlbeck Farm, on the outskirts of the town. From 1907 such outings became a regular event in church life for many years. The Centenary Picnic took place on Wednesday, 25th, July, 1911 and at a later time the choir took the congregation on an intrepid visit to Highcliffe Nab. The ladies led the way followed by the gentlemen carrying the hampers and chairs – and so from this vantage point they could gaze on a panoramic view of Cleveland while enjoying their cucumber sandwiches.

The earliest record of a Guisborough Church outing is when, on Wednesday, 3rd, July, 1872,

over ninety children of the Sabbath School were transported, in three horse-drawn farm wagons, to the then fashionable spar town of Saltburn – with its newly open pier. The Rev Davey reported that: “...*The weather was all that could be wished for, and all returned safe back again.*”

No such bright start for the picnickers of 2011 as we hurried through light drizzle to our refuge in the Methodist Church hall. Here we joined with worshippers to have our lunch as they drank their after service coffee and curiously enquired about our surprise appearance amongst them. By the time we were gathered together there were eighteen adults and seven children – all determined that the weather would not be allowed to spoil the day.

The activities began with a short historical tour leading onto the grave of our first minister, William Hinners, who is buried in All Saints churchyard. We passed by his former church, when he was pastor in the village. It closed in 1979 and is now a private house. The building was re-erected in 1856 and the hall at the rear named the Hinners Hall as a memorial to him. Moved off across the stone bridge towards the West Green and there, opposite the first foot bridge, is a short row of houses known as the Old Brewery, one of which was the Rev Hinners manse in the 1840's.

William Hinners grave is North West of the All Saints Church under a large tree. It is an impressive monument in black granite erected there by his son William, a wealthy businessman, when his wife, Anne, was buried with him in 1876 and bears the epitaph: Resurgam. (*Rising again*)

After clearing away the nettles a simple ceremony was held. From Junior Church; Briony Benneis, Abbie Garbut, Tyla Bennison and Caitlan Ryan placed a white rose bush and an inscribed cross by the graveside. Then a time for a memorial prayer

There has been a tenuous link between the Hinners family and our church since the first minister left Guisborough to take up the pastorate at Great Ayton. In 1876 the late minister's son gave a donation of £50 to help the church clear a debt and then two years later offered to make a very generous contribution of £500 towards an ill fated scheme to replace the chapel with a new church. Such an amount was equivalent to a minister's stipend for five years – but was never paid. At the centenary the minister's grandson, Joseph, attended the celebrations and last year Bill Hinners, an airline pilot from Banbury, and the great, great, great grandson of the Rev Hinners came to visit us in Guisborough.

From the churchyard it was straight to the West Green for the start of the treasure hunt. From an old eighteenth century cottage the trail of mystery wended its way along the high street to the former Ayton School building, but the main goal was Suggitt's ice cream parlour. Always a great opportunity to get lost, the hunt clues led us from a 1740's, cottage, where we had to find a

mysterious guardian – once thought to hold dark powers in medieval times, to a much easier question: name the shop that sells Ayton's famous pies? At the end of it all came the highlight of the day: having a free Suggitt's ice cream – courtesy of Tom Cross, organiser of the picnic.

Back in the Methodist Church hall prizes were awarded for the hunt and also for the best drawing made of any scene or feature seen along the way. First prize went to Joan Coultard, of Lingdale Church, with an excellent 34 out of 35 points, and with a second first prize for a beautiful picture of the James Cook statue, as judged by Sandra Verrill. Joint second places went to partners: Bryoni and Tyla and Abbie and Caitlan both on 31 points – and including their charming drawings of ducks, flowers and a rainbow – so well illustrating the events of the day. This ceremony was then concluded with a round of applause for the organisers of the picnic: Doreen and Tom Cross – and for their generosity and organising skills.

No picnic is complete without games and so as the sun shone and the grass dried out it was onto the green by the river for a game of non – stop, or quick cricket. Briony and Tyla, of Junior Church, chose the teams and off we set at a cracking pace. Joan from, Lingdale started with an encouraging 4 runs and then, after few disappointing performances, Tom Cross came to the rescue with a spirited 5 – and sustained an injury to his nose in the process - so it was 12 runs for Briony's team. Seemed like an easy target to win for Tyla's players. I managed a good strike for one run but then was soon skittled out and Meg didn't do any better, and then followed a really quick collapse for a measly 5 runs - such a disappointment.

With the game over the picnic finally came to an end. The day had been a happy time and great fun. And so, as it was said in 1872: *...all returned safe back again*. That is apart from Tom who needed hospital treatment - but I can report that he survived.

Ray Tunnicliffe,
Guisborough

St Andrew's

Strawberry Tea

This will take place on Sat. 9th July at 2.00pm. Steven and Grant raised £180.85 for Christian Tickets £2.00 available from Una, Doreen, Aid on their recent walk. Many thanks to every-Sheila and Joan S. There will be tombola, bring one who contributed and well done Grant and and buy and cake stalls. Donations for these Steven. stalls will be gratefully received.

Christian Aid Walk 2011

Have a Lie In

As from Sunday 7th August our service will start half an hour later at 10.00am.

Holiday Stall

Doreen is once again having a holiday stall at our Annual Bazaar in November. She would be grateful if those of us going on holiday could bring back a small item for her stall. Thank you.

Churches Together Prayer Cycle

Week beginning:

3 rd July	St Mary's Church of England
10 th July	Nunthorpe Methodist Church
17 th July	St. Bernadette's RC Church
24 th July	Coulby Newham Baptist Church
31 st July	St Andrew's URC
7 th August	Marton Methodist Church
14 th August	St Cuthbert's Church of England
21 st August	St. Mary's Church of England
28 th August	Nunthorpe Methodist Church
4 th September	St Bernadette's RC Church

Please pray for our developing relationships with each other and our working together in the community.

St Andrew's Calendar

Wednesday, 6th July, Banners & Evangelism Group meets at 10:00am

Thursday, 7th July, Prayer Meeting at 2:00pm at 31 Roseberry Mews

Monday, 18th July, Worship at Elmridge at 2:30pm

Wednesday, 20th July, Worship at Kirkley Lodge at 2:30pm

Meg is away in Mozambique from 27th July to 19th August so there will be no worship in Elmridge and Kirkley Lodge in August.

Weekly

Wednesday 9.30am Prayers

Sunday After Worship Traid Craft Stall (Last Sunday in month)

Boys Brigade Details available from ministers and church elders

Lingdale

Flower Rota

3rd July Miss J Scarth
 10th July Mr T Waller
 17th July Mrs J Scott
 24th July Mrs P Green
 31st July Mr A Thompson
 7th August Mrs H Dunstan
 14th August Mrs P Griffiths
 21st August Miss S Griffiths
 28th August Mrs J Coulthard
 4th Sept Mr B Dove

Lingdale Calendar

Weekly

3rd Sunday of month 5.00pm Craft Club followed by
 Worship at 6pm.(Except in
 August)
 4th Tuesday of month 2.00pm Worship at Prospect Place

Preachers

		3-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul
Marton	9.30am	C Morrison	M Robb	M Robb Communion	C Morrison	N Johnson
Lintho	11.00am	C Morrison	M Robb Parade	M Robb Communion		
Guisbo	9.30am	M Robb Communion	N Johnson	C Morrison	M Robb	C Morrison
Redcar	11.00am	M Robb Communion	J Harper	C Morrison	M Robb	C Morrison Joint 10.45 Zetland
Lingdale	6.00pm	M Robb	M Robb Communion	C Morrison	C Morrison Craft & Family	C Morrison
		7-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	4-Sep
Marton	10.00am	L Bustard	R Francis	M Robb Communion	MartonWT	M Robb Church Meet
Guisbo	9.30am	D Moore Communion	K Harris	L Bustard	M Robb	C Morrison Communion
Redcar	11.00am	C Milburn	C Morrison	N Johnson	M Robb	C Morrison Communion
Lingdale	6.00pm	N Johnson	C Morrison Communion	M Robb	M Robb	M Robb

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