



Group News

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Dear Friends,

I don't remember the Coronation of Elizabeth II since I was very, very young at the time. But I do know the exact date since I have friend who was born on that day. (I don't suppose that she or her Mum for other reasons!) And I can't forget my friend's birthday either; it is 2nd June. And it is, of course, that particular weekend when the main celebrations of this the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will take place. And we can celebrate since, although not without some difficult times, Queen Elizabeth has had a good reign. And so it is also good to remember.

It will be good to see bunting gently blowing, red, white and blue, in the breeze and, hopefully, it will by June have warmed up so that street parties can happen in sunshine. I know that many of our own churches have plans to celebrate the Queen's 60 years with their own events... and necessarily over that weekend... and we are a people who should know how to celebrate for we do so every week when we meet to worship.

Every Sunday we gather to give honour to One who has reigned as King for much more than 60 years, and to give honour to One whose reign will continue throughout eternity. But how often do we let the world know that we celebrate. No doubt news will spread across the globe depicting the various ways in which our Queen will be honoured. Most people on this planet will be aware and even caught up in the excitement of it all. And maybe that is a lesson to all of us that we, too, need to declare far and wide, the wonderful reign of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And, of course, we don't have a special weekend of celebrations, although we do keep Sunday of each week as a special time for worship. But we also know that every day is one for celebrating the love of our King. We don't put bunting out every Sunday or wear red, white and blue hats every day, but there are ways we can witness each day. We can wear crosses or Christian badges. We can display Christian signs on our cars. But most of all we can act as citizens of the Kingdom of God proclaiming God's love through our words and our actions.

So enjoy the Jubilee... and remember not only 60 glorious years of our Queen's reign but also the reign of our own Servant King, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessings,

Meg

Synod Prayers

Synod asks that we pray for the North Tyne Mission Partnership

Week beginning:

- 6th May Bellingham LEP; Wark LEP; Falstone & Kielder URC; Rev Peter Wright (Methodist)
- 13th May Retired ministers and ministers not in pastoral charge; Ministerial self-appraisal coordinator, Margaret Humberston
- 20th May Synod Rural consultant, Rev Dave Herbert
- 27th May Rt Rev Terry Draine, Bishop of Middlesbrough; Rt Rev Justin Welby, Bishop of Durham

News from the Persecuted Church

The progress of Islamisation continues in Australia, according to a local human rights group. It reports that one university has Muslim-only toilets, while a Western Australia hospital is facing demands for Muslim-only prayer rooms on the grounds that a shared room might involve Muslims in idolatry. Some state schools are recommending that swimming lessons for the Muslim students should be female-only, or even Muslim-only, and some serve only halal food in their cafeterias. Demands and concessions such as these are also being made in other Western countries.

Pray that governments and others in authority will have wisdom to prevent the development of a separate Islamic society in the West, or the imposing of Muslim values and practices on Christians and others.

“Our Saviour God has protected us and now he has sent people with food.” Pastor Roghu Nath Sarker ministers to 50 Christian families in a large village in Bangladesh that was under water for a month during disastrous floods in 2011. They were among 935 families who received emergency relief from Barnabas Fund.

Pastor Sarker said, “We believe that the Lord himself has sent this relief through Barnabas Fund, even though we do not know them and they are far away from Bangladesh.” Give thanks for the generosity of our supporters that allowed us to help our suffering brothers and sisters, and pray for all the Christians affected by the floods in Bangladesh, that they will be able to rebuild their lives and communities.

From the Barnabas Fund Prayer diary

Lingdale Manse Warming Open House
Saturday 19th May
10.30am – 4.30pm

Everyone is welcome to drop by for a drink and a bite to eat and to see the newly renovated Lingdale Manse. Hopefully the weather will be nice enough to sit out in the garden!

Manse is next door to the church, ring Catey on 01287 651926 for directions .

Manse Prayers

Tuesday 1 st May	Marton
Tuesday 8 th May	Lingdale
Tuesday 15 th May	Guisborough
Tuesday 22 nd May	Marton
Tuesday 29 th May	Lingdale
Tuesday 5 th June	Guisborough

Manse Prayers are held each week at 8.45am at the following venues. Everyone is welcome.

Guisborough: 31 Oakley Cl Lingdale: 2 Stanghow Rd
Marton: 10 Farington Dr

Synod Retreat Days

You are invited to one or both of two 'retreat' days. Bring paper and pencil, computer, camera, paints, sketch pads, needle and thread, knitting or anything that enables your creative juices to flow and have some space to be creative around the theme of:

Dying to Life—Vision 2020 in Northern Synod

Friday 8th June 2012, Shepherds Dene, Riding Mill, near Hexham 9.30am to 4.00pm.

Saturday 8th September, St Cuthbert's Centre, Holy Island 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Drinks and lunch provided. Pop in for an hour or so or for the whole day.

Please book with Synod Office for catering. 0191 2321168
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Synod Day

Saturday 20th October 2012
Trinity Church, Gosforth

Celebrating the 40th Birthday of the United Reformed Church

A day out in Newcastle for all ages, with new and old friends, celebrating God's love and care for all, discovering more about the United Reformed Church, its origins, identity and future hope.

Come for the whole day or come for a part.

Children's activities, workshops, displays, bookstall and Traidcraft stall.

Book the date in your diary

Christian Aid Week

13th - 19th May

Lingdale

Diamond Jubilee

We are hoping to organise an event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to be held on Tuesday 5th June. If anyone is interesting in participating please contact Catey.

Flower Rota

6th May – Miss S Griffiths
13th May – Mrs J Coulthard
20th May – Mr B Dove
27th May – Mr A Thompson
3rd June – Mrs M Saunders

Lingdale Calendar

Wed 16th May 7.00pm Annual General Meeting – all welcome.

Weekly

Tuesday 10.00am – 11.30am Community Café followed by
11.30am – 12noon Prayers for our Community

3rd Sunday of the month 5.30pm Family Service followed by a Youth Meeting at the Manse

Redcar

Please join us to
**CELEBRATE
THE DIAMOND JUBILEE**

at our
AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 12th May
2pm until 4pm

Sandwiches, scones and cakes

Adults £3, accompanied child £1

The Different Geese

A picture in April Group News happened to make up a pair, as the March edition also spoke about birds in a 'v' shaped formation.

The poster reproduced last month was called 'Formation Flying'. It told us that a Summer School run by Northern Synod Churches next June would focus on this issue.

The geese in the poster were realistic unlike those written about in March. I had described those as being plump little birds not yet streamlined or really ready to lead the formation.

In contrast 'Formation Flying' had a perspective drawing with the bird closest to the observer looking large, strong, keen and energetic. It would be an ideal replacement when the present leader became tired.

All volunteers are to be welcomed and we hope and pray that those appointed at AGM's or at summer schools are strong, keen and energetic.

If I'd known that this coincidence was to occur we could have had the picture of the fatter and flatter birds printed as well, but thanks to our editor for printing 'Formation Flying.'

For all who wait

I waited for a pause in the conversation but I fell through the silence.

I waited for a sign between the arrivals and farewells but forgot my destination.

I waited for my turn to pop a questions but the chairman missed my eye.

I waited for the right moment to say the right thing but the time and the words passed me by.

I waited for the opportunity but when it knocked I must have been out or on the phone.

Do I have any regrets? No there are times I confess when waiting is its own harvest.

John Agard

Found in a waiting room at James Cook Hospital.

Catherine Milburn

John Crowther

Redcar Calendar

Tue 1st May 1pm - 3pm Craft and Chatter All are welcome!
Wed 9th May 1.30pm Elders meeting at the home of Catherine Milburn

Weekly

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

Guisborough

In October of this year the URC celebrates its 40th, anniversary, and it is worth remembering that in 1972, when the Congregational Church and the Presbyterian Church of England came together, it was the first union of separate denominations since the Reformation. This is an event of which we can be justifiable proud – but only if we remember, in retrospect, that was viewed at the time as a first step towards unions with other fellowships in Christ. Effectively to eventually unify ourselves out of existence – a work still very much in progress.

Following on from the final year of Vision 4Life, and the future prospects for Vision 2020, the 2012 General Assembly sets us the task, in these challenging times, of engaging with ‘Living Conversations.’ In a seemly increasingly secular society some difficult decisions will be required if we are to effectively promote our local missions for Christ and so these ‘conversations’ will hopefully provide an effective forum

This often appears to be a most formidable task, but overall in the nation at large we have a diverse membership with various talents well able to reach out into the community in welcoming ways and, most importantly, able to listen and learn. We have led in ecumenicalism in the past and also in facing social concerns - so to reinforce this in worship we must engage in creative

and innovative approaches that will appeal to the spiritual needs of the 21st century.

This year the General Assembly have focussed our minds on several areas of life for those ‘Living Conversations’, such as: what we can do about youth unemployment; re-thinking our approach to ecumenicalism and the challenge of how we use limited resources of budgets, minister numbers and work with other denominations. Some of these issues, such as ministerial cover have been discussed in East Cleveland – but how are to become able to generate ideas and answers to the others? So difficult to face and attempt – and yet with prayer - God’s answers will emerge.

For the Guisborough Church, through the work of the Bridge Association, we have a serious involvement in the community – with youth, the elderly and in other areas of concern. Since October last year a new project: “Foodstop” has successfully provided food for people struggling to afford to feed their families. Throughout the country similar work is being done in deprived areas – so it is good that we are able to make our

Rota

Date	Vestry	Communion	Door	Flowers
6 th May	B. Ward	J. Reynolds	J. Bulmer	D. Harris
13 th May	R. Tunnicliffe		M. Houston	V. Beattie
20 th May	D. Moore		D. Beattie	D. Moore
27 th May	J. Basham		D. Houston	D. Collins

Guisborough Calendar

Sat	5 th May	8.00am	Bridge Breakfast & Prayer Meeting, venue to be announced.
Tue	15 th May	2.30pm	Service at Belmont View
Thu	17 th May	12.30pm	Elders’ Meeting after prayers

Weekly

Thursdays	10.00am– 11.30am	Coffee Morning
Thursdays	11.30am	Midweek Informal Worship & Prayers.

own local contribution. Jenny Tyrrie, the Bridge Administrator wrote recently in their news letter: *General top-ups for our shopping list would be appreciated at the moment. As people and churches have been generous with funding for this project it does mean that our weekly volunteers can pop out shopping for any items we've run low on. We're finding that emergency phone calls for food are coming in on days other than Tuesdays and Thursdays – it's good to be able to respond when we can. We are encountering some people in very challenging situations...and sometimes the need for food is just the start of our involvement – prayer would be appreciated for us.*

We were blessed with baptism in March, when Daniel Binks was brought before us all for this sacrament. The congregation was doubled in size by his family and friends – and this was so good to see. During the service Meg handed out sunflower seeds as a symbol of new life – asking that they may be planted in recognition of this day and of Daniel's starting out in life.

After a break of several years the after church walk was revived on the 1st, April. Just a small band trekked out from Guisborough Market Cross on a circular route up Belmangate, to the east via the old railway track, onto the Cleveland Street trail, which led onto the old Applegarth, the Priory and back into Westgate. The weather was fine with a warm sun, but the occasional cool breeze. Hopefully, a summer walk will strike out into new interesting locations.

Easter was a busy time. It was good to have Catey leading us in worship of the Maundy Thursday Agape meal – and joined by friends from the Redcar church. As the story of this event was unfolded all of those present had an opportunity to make a contribution through the readings and the sharing of the bread and – to create a fulfilling act of remembrance and faith in our Lord.

The Good Friday Ecumenical Procession of Witness from the Salvation Army Citadel along Westgate to the Market Cross was well represented by the churches of the town. Meg delivered the final address to the assembled congregation. Her message about Easter was presented

from the point of view of one of the criminals crucified with our Lord Jesus. Given the name Tommy – we were reminded of someone who had sinned – criminal, but still able to recognise the moral authority of Jesus – reminding us of our failings and so the need for God. In the evening there was a Taize service at the our church, which I was unable to attend.

For Easter Day Catey again led us in worship – where, from the instructions of the children - she illustrated the Easter Story through a series of drawings. And for some of the adults it was a dramatic sketch about how the disciples reaction to Mary's discovery of the risen Lord Jesus. The highlight of the day came after the service when the children, accompanied by members of the congregation, walked around the high street giving out chocolate Easter Eggs and wishing people a happy Easter.

So now we look forward to Pentecost and the birthday of the Church.

Ray Tunnicliffe.

Guisborough Choral Society

Conductor: Michael Summers

present

John Rutter and Eric Whitacre
'Magnificat' and Five Hebrew Love Songs'

in

St. Nicholas Parish Church, Guisborough

Soprano: Rowan Pierce

Guests:
Tees Valley Youth Choir and Innominata String Quartet

7.30 p.m. Saturday, May 12th 2012

Tickets from
Greensleeves Music Shop
The Guisborough Bookshop
[both in Chalkner Street]
www.wegotickets.com
Also from choir members and at the door

£10: £8 [Concessions]: £1 [under 19s]



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St Andrew's

Ladies Fellowship

At our March meeting Meg showed us a DVD - Experience Malawi July 2010. This showed the work of Friends of Orphan Care and Social Rehabilitation which is allied to Christian African Relief Trust (CART). It was a moving and uplifting DVD and thanks to Shirley for letting us watch it.

We are meeting for our end of session lunch at the Treebridge Hotel on Wednesday 2nd May at 12.30pm.

After that our next meeting will be held at St Andrew's on Wednesday 5th September 2012 at 7.30pm.

Christian Aid Walk

Grant Sutherland is doing his walk for Christian Aid once again! This year it is on the 12th May 2012 and is a 12 mile walk from Knott End on Sea along the Wyre Valley to Shard!!! He would be very grateful if anyone could sponsor him again.

Thank you very much for your support.

Sponsor forms can be found on the church notice board.

Churches Together Prayer Diary

Week beginning:

6th May: St. Andrew's URC
13th May: Marton Methodist Church
20th May: St. Cuthbert's Church of England
27th May: St. Mary's Church of England
3rd June: Nunthorpe Methodist Church

St Andrew's URC, Marton

Jubilee Celebration

Sunday 3rd June

Worship will begin at 11.00am

At 12.30pm there will be a faith lunch followed by activities in the afternoon. Activities will cater for all ages as our Guides, Brownies and Boy's Brigade are invited. There will be a Jubilee Quiz and a Church Beetle Drive for adults and games, etc. for youngsters.

Please book this date and make a note of the change of worship time... and don't forget your Union Jack!!!

Who Is Going Down Under?

On the 9th - 26th May I am going to Australia (Sydney to Melbourne).

I will be travelling with directors from UBU who are an agency registered to provide personal care to people in their own homes. In particular they provide me and my housemates with support where we live in Acklam.

From all the adults that UBU helps I have been fortunate enough to be chosen to go on the trip. The purpose is to promote care work in Australia which unfortunately is not as advanced as in the United Kingdom.

I am really delighted at this opportunity and hope to be able to recall many great stories on my return.

Kind regards,
Steven Etwell

Ancient

For when we meet frequently the forces of Satan are annulled and his destructive power is cancelled in the concord of our faith.

Ignatius of Antioch (Bishop of Antioch martyred in Rome 2nd Century)

Coffee for Charity

18th March	Daisy Chain Charity	£22.70
25th March	Teesside Hospice	£15.00
1st April	RNLI	£30.00
8th April	Elmridge	£30.00
15th April	Teesside Hospice	£14.30

Coffee Morning

Una and Joan's Coffee Morning is to be held at 8 Towthorpe, Nunthorpe on Thursday 24th May 2012 from 10.30am until 12 noon. There will be a Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall. Tickets £2.00. Proceed will be for Christian Aid.

St Andrew's Calendar

Thu 3 rd May	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting, at 31 Roseberry Mews
Wed, 16 th May:	2.30pm	Communion Service at Kirkley Lodge
Mon 21 st May	2.30pm	Service at Elmridge
Wed 23 rd May	1pm - 3pm	Knit 'N' Natter.
Sun 27 th May	in worship	Church Meeting

Weekly

Wednesday	9.30am	Midweek Informal Worship & Prayers. All welcome
Sunday	After Worship	Traid Craft Stall (Last Sunday in month)
Boys Brigade		Details available from ministers and church elders

Preachers

.	6-May	13-May	20-May	27-May	3-Jun
Marton	10.00am M Robb	M Robb	C Morrison Communion	M Robb Church Meet	M Robb 11.00am
Guisbo	9.30am C Morrison Communion	C Morrison	M Robb	C Offor	N Johnson Communion
Redcar	11.00am C Morrison Communion	K Harris	M Robb	N Johnson	C Morrison
Lingdale	5.30pm M Robb	C Morrison Communion	C Morrison Family Serv	M Robb	K Harris

Modern

It will I believe, be everywhere found, that as the clergy are, or are not what they ought to be, so are the rest of the nation

Jane Austen (The novelist 19th century)

Material for the June Magazine to church editors by Sunday 13th May please

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