

Angie Etwell - New Church Member

At the Service of Worship on Sunday, 22nd, May, Dr Donna Moore inducted Angie into the fellowship of Guisborough United Reformed Church as a member. Angie has been a regular worshipper and 'Friend of the Church' along with husband Peter, who is a member, for a number of years.

Her commitment to, and faith in Jesus our Lord is well illustrated in the work she has done for the fellowship. During her time with us she has led worship, written articles for the church magazine and spoken of constructive and imaginative ideas at church meetings.

Members were in full support of Angie as she answered the question put to her as being accepted into Church membership.

"Angie, do you confess anew your faith in one God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and do you promise to share with us in the life of this church, and to be faithful in the privileges and responsibilities of church membership? To which the answer was: *"I do with God's help."* God bless you, Angie.

Margaret Grice - 1948 - 2022 Member of St Columba's United Reformed Church, Billingham - part of the 'Joint Pastorate' of URC Churches on Teesside.

The Funeral Service for Margaret Grice, a member of the Billingham Fellowship and Pulpit Supply Secretary, took place on Saturday, the 19th of May in St Columba's and United Reformed Church.

Margaret was a committed Christian and member of the Billingham fellowship for many years. She was part of a large family and this was reflected in the attendance at the service where over 150 people were present.

The presiding minister, Rev Marmary Jones, of Darlington, delivered the eulogy. Margaret is best remembered for her well-known great smile. Always friendly she even had a smile on her mask during the time of the Covid restrictions. During her life she devoted much of her time to helping others and was, for over 20 years, a Girl Guide leader. Even in retirement she often returned to her old workplace as a volunteer to help new employees become acquainted with the systems operating in the company.

In her work, for the church, she was equally diligent. Being knowledgeable and familiar with all the activities of St Columba's and being a source of great support and encouragement to other members. She will be greatly missed. God bless you keep you safe in his fatherly care.



Hartlepool church concert raises hundreds for hospital ward.



A cheque for £700 has been presented to James Cook University hospital's neurosurgical unit.

The money was raised by Saint Georges United Reformed Church in Hartlepool, which hosted a concert in March 2020 to raise the funds in memory of Brian Fisher a Northumbrian piper and pipe maker.

The concert featured Andy May on Northumbrian pipes, John Fraser on Scottish bagpipes, Catherine Ashcroft on Irish Uilleann pipes and Sylvian Bartkowiak on Cleveland Northumbrian pipes. Also performing was the singer-songwriter Tony Wilson and dogwatch, featuring John and Joyce Rennie.

Like Guisborough, Hartlepool church is a member of the new Cleveland Joint Pastorate.

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Ministers' Gathering 2022

Two hundred and fifty United Reformed Ministers and Church Related Community Workers from across the Denomination's 13 synods spent four days at the 2022 Ministers' Gathering at Yarm Field Park Training and Conference Centre in Stone Salford. Through workshops, keynote speakers, Bible studies, worship and a space for conversation and reflection they had the opportunity for inspiration, refreshment and encouragement.

The workshops explored a range of topics such as rewilding the church; the URC Church Life Review; hybrid church in an age of digitalisation; white privilege; climate change after COP 26 and beyond; stewardship; leading your church into growth; pastoral supervision; church on the wild side; singing; simplifying church; the URC's discipleship programme 'Stepwise,' using your building for change; the opportunities the Jubilee presents to reset and resilience.

Lots of ideas for us, as a fellowship, to consider as practical projects in the near future. The titles 'Simplifying church and leading your church into growth' seem to indicate good starting points for us here in Guisborough. Let's give them a try.

SERVICES FOR JUNE at 10.00am.

5th: Dave Elliott - Grove Hill Methodist

12th: Dr Donna Moore - Guisborough

19th: Guisfolk and Church Meeting.

26th: Dr Donna Moore - Guisborough

Everyone will be welcome at our services. Come for worship, or to learn about faith in Jesus, or simply to find some good friends.

COFFEE MORNING AND PRAYER MEETING

Every Thursday there is a Coffee Morning in the church hall from 9:30 am to 11 am, followed by prayer meeting at 11:30 am until noon.

Please pop in, when you can, on this market day and you will find a cheerful welcome.

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