

## TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday Heralds that part of the year known as ‘Ordinary Time’ - a long stretch of Sundays before the arrival of Advent when we look forward to Christmas. The name ‘ordinary’ seems to fit that point in the Christian year where there are no special celebrations - but it is anything but - ‘ordinary.’

In the first part of the year, we have looked at who our Lord Jesus was and his meaning to us in faith. Now we can explore the meaning of the Christian life for ourselves in the context of the largely secular society of 2023 - in which we now live. This can appear to be a formidable prospect or an exciting opportunity if we allow our faith in Jesus to make us optimists.

In our Trinity Sunday service Dr Donna Moore likened the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit to the famous story of the Three Musketeers by the 19th century French author Alexandre Dumas. Here we have the three main characters: Arthos, Portus and D’Artagnan and their memorable motto: *‘All for one and one for all.’* How well that famous motto describes the Trinity: three in one, or one in three - so we have a father looking over us, a son, in Jesus, being amongst us and we, inheriting the spirit of that God that came from both of them. A perfect unity in the search to bring heaven here on earth.

Dr Moore used the passage from the prophet Isaiah chapter 40 to illustrate in simple terms what this means for us. The prophet’s intention is to take away our focus from everything else so we can consider the Sovereign Lord, the one true living God. So important as part of the Christian life. The chapter begins with a message of comfort and redemption from the Lord and then it points to the coming of Christ and the good news - the Gospel.

Let us today take comfort from Isaiah’s message and with that comfort have confidence to go forward, boldly - going where the Holy Spirit of God takes us as we endeavour to live the Christian life with the joyful rewards it will bring.

## CHURCH WALL REPAIR

In June it was arranged for the south gable wall in the church to be redecorated to remedy and cover water damage caused dampness attributed to a fallen length of guttering, which allowed rainwater to run down the outer wall. Unfortunately, the decorator discovered that the plasterwork was in too poor a condition for painting. The work was suspended, and a builder brought in to assess the damage and make quotations for further repairs. Re-plastering, within the building, and repointing of brickwork and waterproofing of the outside wall will mean that there will be some delay before the work is completed.

## THE BRIDGE. ASSOCIATION

presents -

**An Evening of Beautiful Choral Music by**

## THE ERIMUS SINGERS

**Friday, 18th, July at 7.00pm in**

**St Paulinus Church, The Avenue,  
Guisborough TS14 8DN.**

**Tickets £10 concession £4.**

*Funds raised for the work of the Bridge.*

## ST PAULINUS

### First Holy Communion 2023

On the Sundays of the 11th and 18th of June there were 35 children receiving their first holy communion. This was an impressive number compared to recent years. Our thanks must therefore go primarily to both the parents and to the school for the encouragement and dedication involved. We must also thank those in the church community for all their contributions and prayers. Those who clean, provide music and flowers, make teas coffees and buns etc, together with many other helpers that ensured a truly memorable event, deserve our appreciation. Fr Phil.

## NATIONAL URC NEWS UPDATE FOR JUNE

**Disability Pride Month: make your views heard.**

July is Disability Pride Month, A time to celebrate disabled people, affirm their inherent dignity and rights, promote their visibility and recognise their achievements.

United Reformed Church Disability Awareness Task Group would like to celebrate Disability Pride listening to and amplifying the views of disabled people across the denomination. The group would like to know “What is the one thing you would like people to know about disability?” If you are a disabled person involved with the URC and would like to submit an answer please do so. The group will work with each person to make sure

that the overall post reflects the answer at their care and that they are happy with it.

### **Youth Prayer Summit**

The URC joined an ecumenical 24hour youth prayer summit hosted by Youth with a Mission in May at the organisation's UK headquarters in Harpenden last month. URC team representing different areas of youth ministry across the denomination and included Heather Moore, Youth Moderator elect 2023 - 2024, Dr Sam Richards Head of Children's and Youth Work, The Reverend Paul Robinson convener of Children's Youth Work Committee, Richard Nott East Midlands CYDO, the Reverend Claire Davison, GEAR Prayer Secretary, and Joseph Amish, a minister in training and Chaplain to URC Youth Executive. Sam said: "It was an important time of building relationships across organisations and denominations as we worship and prayed together for young people across the UK. Emerging themes were the importance of genuine friendship, and the need to un-encumber the next generation to enable them to build the Church Inn new ways, to have deep rooted hope, remembering who God is."

### **SERVICES FOR JULY/AUGUST at 10.00am.**

2/7 Guisfolk Service & Church meeting  
9/7 Rev Bill Middlemiss - Methodist, Guisbro'  
16/7 Bill Reynolds - Guis' Christ' Fellowship  
23/7 Ian Smith - Thornaby Mission  
30/7 Dr Donna Moore - Guisborough Church.  
6/8 Bill Reynolds - Guis' Christ' Fellowship.  
13/8 Dr Donna Moore - Guisborough Church.  
20/8 Rev Keith Martin - Lingdale.  
27/8 Dr Donna Moore - Guisborough Church.

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

### **COFFEE MORNING AND PRAYER MEETING**

Every Thursday there is a coffee morning the church hall from 930 to 11:30 am - followed by a prayer meeting at 11:30 am until noon.

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

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