

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, 2nd, July.

The main item was an open discussion on the issue of worship, which is crucial as a central point of our activities as a church fellowship.

In the opening part of the discussion ideas to improve the general way in which we conduct our services were considered. These included the use of a projector, which by encouraging people to look ahead, would help to improve the hymn singing. The use of inclusive language in prayers and the fitting of a loop system or microphone, so that everything can be clearly heard in the sanctuary, helping create and improve the spiritual atmosphere during worship.

The replacement of pews with chairs has given us the opportunity to promote more active participation and better use of a versatile seating. This can then lead onto developing different styles of worship and including more modern hymns. However, the most important aspect of all of these ideas is that everyone should, at some point in a service, be encouraged to make an active contribution to the worship. This is the way to strengthen our faith as we exchange ideas on how our Lord Jesus would wish us to live the Christian life.

On The 15th of October at Marton United Reformed Church, there will be a *Joint Pastorate Communion Service* led by the new moderator of the Northern Province of the United Reformed Church, the *Rev Kim Plumpton*. All seven churches are asked take one minute to explain 'What gift they bring to the communion table.' Our gift could be the idea of being inclusive, as we are registered for same-sex marriage and have a worship space which is very adaptable and, being a small place, creates a naturally friendly atmosphere.

BRIDGE NEWSLETTER *(edited)*

There is a definite autumn field creeping in with the amazing harvest moon, and the leaves on the trees turning from greens to yellows. My bees are not looking for one of the last sources of pollen - ivy. so please don't tidy any in your gardens just yet. For those with the lies she wouldn't notice at Narey's work phone has been added above. ((07936) 316216) Mary leads Monday Friends and Thursday's Foodstop. Her and Juanita are sharing Time2Move at Hinton Court.

Thank you to all our volunteers who support us in different ways. We will be hoping to see you on the evening of Tuesday 24th October at St Nicholas Church for our annual general meeting. And we hope to show you what we have achieved across the year.

Last week and this I have attended two meetings - One was with Redcar and Cleveland Council on the theme of reducing food waste. I met other R&C Foodbank providers, and groups and counsellors. We spoke about how we work in partnership with supermarkets, and they are keen for us to develop the Bridge2Sow & Grow project. (Remember to start following the Bridge2Grow page on Facebook.) The proposal complete and the Nextstep is to meet with an R&C funding officer to gain the most beneficial way forward.

In the meantime. Monty advised planting garlic, so if you have any spare sets feel free to drop them to us.

The second meeting was part of Darlington Building Society is Local 5. I took Ngaire, one of our regular volunteers. We listen to presentations by four different charities. It was useful to see how their markets themselves

and how they interact with local communities and businesses. After this we watched a beautiful performance by a young teenager who had been supported by Daisychain. Then follow this up by swapping contact details with the charges involved. Darlington Building Society is to have a seed collection point for us for spare seat packets. Watch this space! They can and will help us access funding grants to support projects which support the people of Guisborough.

Projects Updates.

Supermarket Collections..... can you volunteer? Volunteers would need a car and to commit to the same slot, collection time and day. We collect from Aldi, Co/op, Lidl, Sainsbury's, Sainsbury's local (Tuesday And Thursday 1230 till 4.30pm) and Morrisons. Little have kindly said we can be there so charity; Sainsbury's has three collection points, One of which is for the Bridge. From the 1st, October Morrisons have returned to giving us the full four shelves of donated items.

FAIR TRADE (Also from the Bridge)

The 1st of October is World Coffee Day, and so this month is a perfect occasion to raise our mugs in celebration of the millions of smallholder farmers around the world behind one of our favourite brews!

Choosing Fair Trade is one simple where you're already making a difference - by ensuring those farmers and workers have more power to build a fair and sustainable future for coffee and their communities.

'Without the Fair -Trade seal, without fair prices, we wouldn't have so many benefits.'

ST PAULINUS

Bishop Terry Visited the Guisborough parish during the weekend of the 23rd 24th of September. The main purpose of his visit was to carry out the sacrament of confirmation on four young people who have completed the required studies and commitments.

Also, from Saint Paulinus an appeal from MAP (Methodist Asylum Project, in Middlesbrough) is in need of winter clothes for children come on duvets and frying pans. Contact can be through:
contact@stpaulinusguisborough.org.uk

ANNIVERSARY COFFEE MORNING AND HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

Celebrating 225 years of Christian

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SATURDAY 28th, OCTOBER

10.00am to 2.00pm.

PLEASE COME.

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER at 10.00am.

1 Rosemary Taylor - Redcar Methodist
8 Rev Norma Johnson of Redcar URC - Harvest
15 joint Pastorate Service at Marton URC.
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29 Ray Tunnicliffe - Guisfolk Service.

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 in the church hall from 9.30 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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