

## HIGH LIGHTS OF THE CHURCH MEETING

A meeting of members was held on Sunday, the 2nd, July after the morning worship.

News was shared about other members not able to attend. Don Beattie has spent some time in hospital following a fall and Mary Sollett has also been in hospital following a stroke and heart attack and is now recovering at home. Our best wishes go to those members for their full recovery.

Thanks for express to Susan Griffiths for the Strawberry Tea and Coffee Morning held on Saturday, 1st, July. There was general agreement that the church presented itself as an attractive venue, which could be adapted to other community uses.

Worship Outreach and Evangelism Ideas were raised by Ray Tunnicliffe and discussed. Several points of importance were raised including holding another fellowship service (where all members are involved actively in the worship) and holding an anniversary celebration to mark the fact that the church will be 225 years old this year. It was agreed that the anniversary event and the fellowship service will be held on the weekend of the 28th 29th of October. It was also agreed that we would discuss worship at the next meeting - it being the most important and central part of our activities as a church.

Under the heading of 'property' it was noted that the south Gable wall needed some repair before it could be painted. The total cost of this was such that some financial report may be required from Synod. A Fire Safety Assessment has been done throughout the church and also the Church flat. The garden has also been cleared and tidied up.

In the financial report the treasurer thanked members for their generous contributions to Gift Day.

Dave Herbert, our Synod Moderator retired in July and so members were invited to a farewell thanksgiving service held in Newcastle. The new moderator Rev Mim Plumpton will take up office in September.

Updates from the Group Elders. Ken Harris, a former Guisborough Church member and his wife Margaret, have joined Marton URC and Redcar Church, now Hosting the Baptist fellowship, hope to hold services, in the URC tradition, midweek.

The profile of the pastorate is available from Synod offices around the UK, but no further interest has been shown since the two earlier enquiries came to nothing. We have now been without a minister for over seven years.

## ANNIVERSARY COFFEE MORNING AND HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

Celebrating 225 years of Christian Witness in Guisborough.

**SATURDAY 28th, OCTOBER FROM 10.00am to 2.00pm.**

**PLEASE COME.**

### REV CHARLES PRICE

The Reverend Charles Price, former minister of Redcar United Reformed Church, died on the 15th of May 2023 aged 86. He also served as minister at Chorlton, Wigtown Moor, Industrial Chaolaincy: South Norwood and Finchfield.

He retired to reside in Lingdale and preached in Guisborough United Reformed Church on several occasions in the years 2005/6. His last service with us was on Remembrance Day when he asked the children present: Who is your enemy? And then went onto emphasise the importance of following Christ's instruction to love your enemy. So easy to start a war so difficult to end it was the stark message from Charles Price - now gone to higher service.

### COMMITMENT FOR LIFE

Our National Church is committed to working with Christian Aid and the World Development Organisation to help some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in the world. It is a vision for when injustice and poverty are no more. The following report is from Israel and Palestine.

IOPT Moving Stories - Committed to supporting global partners **ISRAEL & OCCUPIED PALESTINE**

*Delicious Palestinian Food Workshops*

Sindyanna of Galilee is and nonprofit centre run by duration Arab women. There is Centre is a place where duration Aaron women work in equality and mutual respect.

One of the activities taking place is 'Cooking without Borders Workshops. The most recent class, which brought a unique twist, what is led by an Arab chef, Mysar Abu Shadade. With the goal of promoting Palestinian food culture, she put an emphasis on traditional dishes from her mothers kitchen in Jaffe.

Mysar sees herself as a bridge between cultures, working to 3 people from the social stigma as they may have towards Muslim Arab women from Japan. Through this, she has authored a book *Cooking and Stories* in Arabic and Hebrew. As she says Arabic is my mother tongue which I can't give up, well Hebrew is the language I live in, and which allows me to reach a wider audience and convey a message of peace and love.

The United Reformed church education trip to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory visited Sindyanna visitor centre in October 2019 and Commitment for Life ordered a limited supply of soap from there in 2022.

### Harvest Service

In July 2023 our Programme Officer, Ke in Snyman travel to Zimbabwe. He concentrated his visit in the north-east and south-east of the country, visiting our Christian Aid Partners to hear the good news stories from locals who are benefited so enormously from our partnership. "I am grateful to the Christian Aid country team that facilitate our visit," says Kevin. "hospitality was always so generously offered, and I saw many examples of how effective our work in the region has been."

This year's harvest service focuses on Zimbabwe. A copy can be found on the URC website.

Prayer

Thank you, Nesus. for your present in our lives. We bless and praise you for the many gifts you're poor so generously into our lives. May we transformed by the infilling of your Holy Spirit to perfectly love you through our care and support for our neighbour in need. And, in so doing. Mary increasingly come to resemble you. Amen.

### ST PAULINUS

An enjoyable musical evening was held at St Columba's church on the 21st of July when people were entertained and uplifted by the beautiful singing of the Erimus Choir. This was a concert held in aid of the Guisborough Bridge Association. It included many religious pieces by Handel, Bruckner and Brahms amongst other composers. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Mary and Brian Coulson.

### BRIDGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER AUGUST

congratulations to Catherine Holdsworth and to Mary Lucas on your appointments as a project-workers to the Bridge. We are delighted to welcome you. Congratulations and welcome to our two new trustees Sarah Walker and Carol Ingrassia.

Although we have paid back some projects during August, there is much to do to be ready for September - not least inducting and your staff - letting them familiarise themselves with current projects. Also, we are linking with secondary schools and preparing a Community Allotment Project to help with mental well-being as well as providing other projects fresh food, with a low carbon footprint, to use in cooking for Soup and Roll. Time2Move, the Wednesday Community Luncheon and perhaps Food and Fun!

Near the end of term, LJS ambassadors came to visit us. They're sponsored 'Colour Run' fundraiser had allowed them the funds to shop on our behalf. They bought items we are regularly low on: tinned meat, coffee, pasta, cheese and biscuits. Then they helpfully set it all on the shelves under volunteer Frieda and Jenny's watchful eyes!

. Catherine, one of our new staff members and a volunteer, and trustee Marianne East and Lorraine successfully completed the Mental Health First Aid course and would recommend it to others.

. Bridge Summer Fundraiser  
The full concert write up is in the Friday 28th July edition of the Darlington Stockton Times.

It was super evening and thanks go to Father Philip, Maureen, Mary, Gel, for letting us host: Stephen Whitehead (programs), Rob Nash (posters and tickets) John Dixon and ERIMUS Singers (Who sounded exquisite), Sam and James Nash, Nikki and Joanna from Darlington Building Society for being on the doors and being in charge of refreshments.

Thank you to all who came, including our current mayor, councillor David Johnson.

#### Projects Update

Food and Fun held on Wednesday 16th & 30th, August.  
Foodstop - continued throughout the summer.  
Community Luncheon - Kemplah. Catherine Mesa Debbie you and met the volunteers on Wed, 2nd, August. Trip to Crinkle Park on 13th, August, and the Ukelele Band on the 20th, September. We are looking for up to 2 new cooks for the project we run at Kemplah. If interested would like Cook to be trained to L2 in Food Standard Hygiene unless they already are currently certified. Our current manager can organise this, in the near future.

Time2Move - Fridays at Heaton Court. Will start on Friday, the 1st of September. Look out for posts and flyers: If you're interested we have up to 25 places and welcome people from the community Attending the class, the meal or both.  
Supermarket collections - we have several collections which we would love help with particularly Thursday night and two on Fridays. The volunteer would need a car.

#### Diary Dates:-

Friday 1st, September - Time2Move 19.30 11.30am @ £2 per session followed by a two course meal.

Saturday, 2nd, September - Prayer Breakfast at 8 am in Saint Paulinus's Church.

Monday, 4th, September Monday Fiends starts.

Wednesday, 6th, September - Parent2Bridge GMC

Friday, 8th, September - Bridge2Youth (Fridays 5-8) GMC

Wednesday 27th, September - Music and Memories 1.45 - 3.15pm St Paulinus.

#### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER at 10.00am.

3rd - Ray Tunnicliffe - Guisborough

10th - Jan Harper - Marton URC

17th - Rev John Ellison - Darlington

24th - Dr Donna Moore & Church Meeting

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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