



Don't forget the Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at 10am at the Salvation Army.



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### Bridge News: April 2015

- **Bridge Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 8am at the United Reformed Church – NB no Communication Team meeting this month as it's Easter weekend. Thank you to the URC for taking the time out in a busy weekend to host for us.
- **Costa coffee worship:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm – with Jamie as guest speaker.
- **Messy Church:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30-5.30pm, Methodist church hall. Families with children under 11 all welcome.
- **Soup and Roll/FoodStop volunteers:** can you let us know your holiday dates for the next rota May-July please?
- **Summer Holiday Club:** Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – seeking volunteers! Also – fabric for bunting and small bottles [vanilla essence-type]
- **Bridge Staff Vacancies:** "An opportunity has arisen for 2 additional part-time positions - one 6 hour post working with children and young people and one 16 hour post working in the community. Both posts would be supported by the existing project workers - within a Christian organisation and within the ethos of the Guisborough Bridge Association. The two roles could be combined for a suitable applicant. Pay will be £10 per hour. Flexibility of working hours is a pre-requisite of both positions. Closing date for applications is 31st May 2015; interviews to be held mid-June with a view to starting mid-July. For more information and an informal chat contact the Bridge office on 01287 638771. Application forms will be available soon." *To explain a little further:*

Our part-time youth-worker Beth Wells has had to leave her role part-way through the year as she has been offered a place to study midwifery in London from next week – so we have a vacancy in our youth-work.

For some time we have felt that with our ever-expanding work there is the need for a third part-time [6hrs] development worker to act as "relief" should the two 16 hr development workers ever need time off concurrently [as happened last summer when Shona and I were both ill at the same time!] On reflection, I have asked the trustees if I can step into this 6 hr role, thus freeing up my 16 hr post for someone else. After 9 years I feel this is the right time to cut back – though I would stress that I am in no way leaving the Bridge: I will still do plenty of voluntary hours on top of the paid 6, and I have offered to continue to do the admin as voluntary secretary – thus reducing the work-load of the new development worker who can then be free to focus on the project-work. I remain deeply committed to the Bridge and Churches Together in Guisborough. As the advert explains, we are either looking for two people to take up the two roles, or one person who would like to commit to both youth-work and general project-work – there is flexibility around the appointments. The main thing is to find one or two people who are ready to offer the commitment necessary to our work – the Bridge now has a firm place in Guisborough's community and we are all keen for that to continue to develop. Please share this freely and encourage people to come and chat to Shona and myself or any of the trustees about how they could help to take our work forwards.

Wishing you every blessing, *Shona, Jenny and Jamie*