



Wot's On? At Dursley Tab.

In February 2014

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Sun 2 Feb 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme.

Theme: Following Jesus: Jesus calls his disciples. Readings: Luke 5.1-11, 27-32

6.15pm First Sunday: Evening Praise and Prayer – an opportunity for informal worship

Tue 4 Feb 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 5 Feb 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.

Sun 9 Feb 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme.

Theme: Following Jesus: Who is Jesus? Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Luke 9.18-27

Tue 11 Feb 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 12 Feb 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.

Thu 13th Feb 7.30pm Elders Meeting at 18 Knapp Lane, Cam

Sun 16 Feb 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme, followed by a church meeting

Theme: Following Jesus: Jesus in his glory. Readings: Luke 9.28-36;

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Tue 18 Feb 9.30am prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Tue 18 Feb 2pm Women's Guild in the church, Subject favourite recipes.

Wed 19 Feb 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.

Sat 22 Feb 9.30am Coffee Morning with limited breakfasts in the community rooms, hosted by the Fund Raising Committee. Donations of cakes and other items for sale would be most welcome. Please come and support them.

Sun 23 Feb 10.30am led by Emma Irvine and the FURY Group Theme: Following

Jesus: Jesus sends the 72. Readings: Psalm 66.1-9; Luke 10.1-20

Tue 25 Feb 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 26 Feb 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.

Wed **26Feb 7.30pm Christianity Explored at the Courtyard Café (details inside)**

Sat 1 Mar 7pm 'THE MURDER MYSTERY' will take place in the church.

Tickets will be available soon. It will be too good to miss so make a note in your diaries now and invite your friends and relatives.

Flowers for January were kindly given by:-

Jan 5 Josie & David French

Jan 12 Christina Bye

Jan 19 Sally Lavis

Jan 26 Diana Baldwin

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Glyn and Gwyneth Goulden and Charles and Jean Jukes would like to thank the church for their Christmas gifts and also for the lovely flowers sent to them from the church. They were very much appreciated.

Grace Exell will be 90 on February 20th and all her friends at the Tabernacle wish her a very happy birthday.

We were pleased to welcome Jean and John Harris and Lydia Hubbard into Church Membership at the beginning of January .What a lovely way to start the New Year. It is good to hear that Glyn Goulden, Joyce Nicholls and Eileen Denning are all home from hospital we wish them all a speedy recovery. We also remember our good friends Jan and Gray Strutt keeping them very much in our thoughts and prayers and also little Oscar Cullimore who continues his treatment.

We miss seeing Jean Cockram in church and hope to see her again soon as she gets stronger. Many of our folk have been struck down with a nasty cold virus Helene Delrymple was very poorly but thankfully is now well again, and Joy Strong too who has been very unwell but is getting better now. We hope they will all soon be fit and well and back with us in church.

Christina Bye's mother is still poorly and we remember Christina in her concern for her.

On a happy note we congratulate Liz Swanwick's daughter Naomi on her engagement to Rob. We wish them both every happiness for the future

MESSAGE FROM JOAN KINGHAM

You are all very disobedient but I do thank you for my many Christmas and birthday cards and presents. Many thanks also to Carole Allen for composing and singing my birthday song to me. Surely my cup runneth over.

JOAN KINGHAM ON SONGS OF PRAISE (AGAIN!) – FEBRUARY 9TH

Joan Kingham will feature in another BBC Songs of Praise that will be broadcast on 9th Feb. The programme will look at the Sunday School Movement.

Sarah Bilious, a former member of our FURY Group, is getting married on Saturday 1st March and invites folks from the Tab to come and share in her special day. The details are:

Ceremony at 12 noon on 1st March at Carey Baptist Church, Carey Street, Reading, RG1 7JS

She writes: 'If anyone would like to join us at the church, to celebrate our marriage you would be really welcome and we'd love to see you here! We'll be having a cake reception after the service at the church so do join us if you can!'

**SHARE A PRAYER AND MAKE OUR CHURCH
A POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER**

“Lord of all hopefulness, lord of all joy: give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day”.

Heavenly Father, you sent your son Jesus to be one of us and one for us.

As we begin each new day instil in our hearts a sense of hope and genuine excitement born, not of wishful thinking, but with the certainty that Christ journeys with us as our guide and example.

“Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith: give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day”.

Heavenly Father, forgive us when we are often so busy doing what we believe you want us to be and do, that we sometimes lose sight of you and try to do your work in our own strength, wondering why we so often fail. In the busy ‘noon times’ of our lives instil in our hearts a sense of your peacefulness and quiet strength with Christ as our guide and example.

“Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace: give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day”.

Heavenly Father, as each day, filled with the business of living, begins to draw to a close, instil in our hearts a sense of your love and compassion as we lift up those known to us, in our Church and wider community who are living with anxiety and pain in all its forms, praying for their wholeness with Christ as our guide and example.

“Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm: give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day”.

Heavenly Father, wherever our day has taken us, with its end comes a time for rest and reflection. As we let go of our ‘todays’ instil in our hearts the quiet confidence that we go into all our ‘tomorrows’ with Christ as our guide and example. Amen

Fund Raising Following the success of 'The Great Copper Collection' last year, this year we are having '**The FIVE PENCE PIECE COLLECTION**' so please start to save your 5p pieces and keep them in a jar, or box etc.

WALKING GROUP

As spring approaches I like to go walking and there is nothing nicer than walking with a group of friends. I would like to start a walking group for tab folk and friends.

Initially thinking about a monthly group probably on a Saturday for anyone who is interested, individuals or families. Please let me know if you are interested. Thank you Martine

Dates for your diaries.

March 7 WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This year the Tab are hosting the **Women's World Day of Prayer on March 7th at 7.00 pm**. The theme is 'Streams in the Desert' and the material has been prepared by Christian women of Egypt and looks very interesting. If you would like to be involved in the service or you are able to make a cake for the refreshments that would be fantastic, please can you let Martine know on 01453 890432 or juliamartine.carter@gmail.com

Sat 22 Feb 9.30am Coffee morning with breakfasts.

Sat 1 Mar 7pm 'The Murder Mystery.

Mon 12 May Christian Aid Week begins

PRAYER MINISTRY

Every Sunday morning there is the opportunity to receive prayer ministry at the back of the church after morning worship. Our prayer team has been trained and has been in operation now for a year and offers a confidential listening and prayer service. Many people have been helped and encouraged by having a couple of people with whom they could share concerns, burdens and issues and receive their combined counsel and prayer. If you would prefer to have a private session with some members of the prayer team just ask Simon (tel 07946402954) or Martine (890432) to arrange a visit. We have been asked to pray for healing, especially for those with serious life threatening illnesses, for the blessing of houses and for those who have been disturbed or afraid. We have also taken communion to those who needed to know the presence and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid to ask.

Rotas for February 2014

Please swap any duty you are unable to do and inform Liz of any changes. Many thanks.

Date	2 nd Feb	9 th Feb	16 th Feb	23 rd Feb	2 nd March
Duty Elder	Lionel Jones	David Pritchard	Shirley Welsh	Rod Irvine	Shirley Welsh
Vestry Elder	Carole or Dennis Allen	Martine Carter	Carole or Dennis Allen	Kathryn Palmer	David Pritchard
First Reading	Ronnie Harding	Lionel Jones	Michael Weedon	Matt Welsh	Brenda Peters
2nd Reading	Lilla Jones	Terry Larkham	Rod Irvine	Victor Watts	Terry Larkham
Door Duty	Eric Murray Farida Barnes	Mary & Michael Weedon	Lita & Ron Heathman	Gloria & Mike Pritchard	Betty & Iain Hearn
Audio Desk	Christine Welsh	Andy Spears	Christine Welsh	Lionel Jones	Dennis Allen
Flower Distribution	Enid Fullard	Hilary Green	Carole Bye	Ronnie Harding	Helene Dalrymple
Welcome Team	Martine Carter Hilary Green Iain Hearn	Tarina Cierciura Julia Dowle Michelle Barnes	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Peggy Tresise	Kathryn & John Palmer	Helene Dalrymple Carole Bye Malcolm Harris
Prayer Team	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Tarina Cierciura Jackie Pritchard	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	Kathryn & John Palmer	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cierciura
Flower Arranger	Christina Bye	Kathryn Palmer	Gloria Pritchard	Peggy Tresise	Veronica Harding

Communion Preparation February 2nd: Gloria Pritchard

Communion Servers: Kathryn Palmer, Hilary Green, Terry Larkham, David Pritchard

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT, 7.30PM AT THE COURTYARD CAFÉ, BEGINNING 26TH FEB UNTIL 2ND APRIL

Why are we here? Is there a God? What is life all about?

An opportunity to explore Christianity and have a grown up adult conversation. The course goes through Mark's gospel and allows participants to ask any question about the Christian faith, whilst exploring the life of the person at the heart of it – Jesus Christ.

The evenings are designed to be informal, non- threatening and enjoyable with a mixture of presentation and discussion (although no-one will be put on the spot and forced to say anything they don't want).

The Courtyard Café are kindly offering their premises free of charge (you will have to pay for your own drinks and cake!).

Please invite friends. A great opportunity to explore together.

For more info follow the link: www.christianityexplored.org

Or phone 0744 356 8242

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Our church house fellowship groups are a great way to get to know other people in the church, find new friendships, and also strengthen and encourage your faith and that of others. The meetings are relaxed and informal and accessible to all people at whatever stage of your faith journey you are at.

At the time of going to press the following groups are being offered:

TIME	VENUE	LEADER	CONTACT
Tuesday evening	10 May Evans Close, Cam	John Palmer	542381
Tuesday evening	Various (mainly young parents)	Heidi Horn	549741
Wednesday afternoon	12 Shelley Rd, Dursley	Shirley Welsh	543549
Wednesday evening	2 Cedar Drive	Peggy Tresise	543161

Please contact the leader of the group that you are interested in joining to find out more.

Dursley Tabernacle's Church Family Weekend in Sheldon, Dartmoor

27th to 29th June 2014

BOOKING INFORMATION

Back by popular request, next June we are planning to return to the Sheldon Centre for our church family weekend. Those who went on either of our last two Sheldon weekends will tell you there is something for everyone. The centre has lovely grounds to walk in and many quiet places, but it's also great for children with lots of adventures and games to be had. It's close to the beach and also to the attractions of Dartmoor. Tour the premises by looking at their website www.sheldon.uk.com or ask around the congregation to hear stories of our time there in past years.

The weekend will be run by ourselves, including the catering, to keep costs as low as possible. Rod and Emma Irvine have agreed to manage the catering again as we did last year, rather than trying to set up a complex team of volunteers, and we are grateful to them for this. Due to a slight increase in centre costs, the charge this year will be £100 per adult, with no charge for children under 18 who are still in education. This will assume full occupancy of the centre as in previous years; obviously, in the unlikely event that we don't have enough adult members, we may have to ask for a voluntary offering to cover costs for young people. Our programme will be similar to previous years; we will all eat together and meet together, but we are responding to feedback and intend to plan in a little more flexibility and free time for spontaneous things to happen! As before, transport will be managed with lift sharing and goodwill donations between friends.

Accommodation is mainly in twin bedrooms, some of which can be made into family rooms with additional mattresses for children, and two ground floor rooms have extra children's beds on an upstairs deck. There are just two single rooms and only three ground floor rooms. If you have mobility problems and would like to be in one of the ground floor rooms, please indicate when booking. There are 34 beds with 14 extra mattresses for children and a couple of cots available.

To book your place on the weekend, please return the slip below to Carole Allen with your deposit as soon as possible. Contact her on 01453 542807 or caroleallen28@gmail.com for more information or if you have concerns about costs. Places are offered on a first-come first-served basis, so book early to be sure of a space on the weekend. If places are not filled by January we will invite other local churches to join us.

