



December 2014 Wot's On At Dursley Tabernacle

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A very happy Christmas to everyone at the Tab.

- Fri 28 Nov 8pm at the Tab. "Building a Supercarrier! - a talk by Andrew Blackburn with cheese and wine. (See overleaf for details)
- Sun 30 Nov 10.30am Advent Sunday led by Rev Simon Helme
Theme: Trusting Mary. Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; Luke 1.26-38
- Tue 2 Dec 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.
- Tue 2 Dec 2pm Women's Guild Christmas tea and entertainment.
- Wed 3 Dec 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers required.
- Fri 5 Dec 7.30pm at the Tab "Christmas Cheer" with the Tabard Players seasonal readings poems and sketches with a buffet supper (bring your own drinks) Price of tickets £6 or pay on the door.
- Sun 7 Dec 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme,
Theme: Obedient Joseph. Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 1. 18-25
- Tue 9 Dec 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.
- Tue 9 Dec 2pm Knitting Group with festive treats, meet in the church.
- Tue 9 Dec 7pm. Elders meeting
- Wed 10 Dec 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers required.
- Thu 11 Dec 7.30pm Cotswold Chorus Annual Carol Concert will be held in the Tabernacle. Tickets on the door or from members £6 to include seasonal refreshments. Accompanied children under 12 free.
- Sun 14 Dec 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme.
Theme: The Praising Shepherds. Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; Luke 2.1-20
- Sun 14 Dec Afternoon: Roving Nativity – ending up at the Old Spot.
- Tue 16 Dec 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.
- Tue 16 Dec 7.30pm Dec Open Door Carol Service.
- Wed 17 Dec 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church this is the last meeting before Christmas restart on January 7th.
- Sun 21 Dec 10.30am Nativity Service
Theme: Worshipping Wise Men. Readings: Matthew 2.1-15
- Sun 21 Dec 6 pm Carol Service. A traditional service of lessons and carols followed by seasonal refreshments!
- Tue 23 Dec 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.
- Wed 24 Dec 5pm Christmas Eve Service around the tree.
- Wed 24 Dec 11.30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the Quarry Chapel.
- Thu 25 Dec 10.am CHRISTMAS DAY UNITED SERVICE at the Methodist Church
- Sun 28 Dec 10.30am led by the Elders – please bring gifts for the Foodbank.
- Tue 30 Dec 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Fri 28 Nov 8pm at the tab. "Building a Supercarrier"

Andrew Blackburn is the Commander (Air Engineering) of HMS

QUEEN ELIZABETH - by some margin the largest ship ever built for the Royal Navy. He approved much of the design, and has overseen the assembly of the Ship in Scotland since 2011. We are planning an evening in which he will discuss why successive governments have invested so much in these vessels; the types of missions they will undertake; the novel way in which they have been built; some of the technological advances; and a sailor's view on what it will be like to serve in them at sea.

Flowers for November were kindly given by:-

Nov 2 Angela Jones Nov 9 Joan Whiting/Ann Shillitoe

Nov 16 Karen Hall Nov 23 Christine Pratt

Nov 30 Michael & Mary Weeden

Donations for church flowers are needed in the New Year, please contact Ronnie Harding if you would like to donate. Also if you could help with the distribution of flowers on Sundays any time after the church service, or Monday during the day time again Ronnie would be pleased to hear from you and add your name to the rota.

SHARE A PRAYER AND MAKE OUR CHURCH A POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

“Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth”

Lord Jesus, because you were born in a stable, we remember...

the homeless - those who live on our pavements, in refugee camps, in shacks and tents in the deserts and among the debris of war.

You are called Immanuel: God with us - God with them.

Lord Jesus, because you were hunted by soldiers and became a refugee, we remember...

those who are persecuted, who live in fear of bombs and bullets. We remember the peace-breakers and the peace-makers. Bring peace to the nations we pray. You are called Immanuel: God with us - God with them.

Lord Jesus, because your heart was filled with pity, we remember...

the sick and sorrowful people who came to you. We pray for those in our fellowship, our community and the wider world who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Bring healing and wholeness to us all we pray. You are called Immanuel: God with us - God with them.

Lord Jesus, because you were imprisoned, tortured and crucified, we remember...

those who are facing imprisonment and death for standing firm in their faith. We pray for those who work for peace, justice and freedom. You are called Immanuel: God with us - God with them.

Lord Jesus, because the light of your love could not be extinguished...

and you rose from death, remember us and lead us in the way of life, truth, hope and love that, as we celebrate your birth, we may truly be your Church - the Body of Christ. You are called Immanuel: God with us - God for us.

Amen

CREDO: I BELIEVE... This Autumn and Spring in our adult education we are looking at the topic of Belief. What do we believe as Christians in the Reformed Church? Can we give a reason for the belief we have if someone were to ask us? Many of us have had diverse Christian backgrounds and church experiences: what is the Reformed faith and its special emphasis? There is an opportunity to discuss some of these issues in small house groups. These give an opportunity to meet with others for friendship, laughter, discussion and encouraging each other in our faith. Most of the groups are looking at Christian Belief this autumn: helping us discover what we believe in the Reformed Church. The course is called 'Credo: I believe...' We will be looking at topics such as the Bible, humanity, salvation, the sacraments, heaven and hell. Contact the group leader below for further details or speak to the minister, Simon Helme, (0744 356 8242)

minister@dursleytab.org.uk.

DURSLEY TABERNACLE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS 2014/15

TUESDAYS

7.45pm for 8pm Leader: John Palmer Tel: 542381;

kayjay@joric.freeserve.co.uk

Venue: 20a Tiltdown, Dursley GL11 5QL starts Sept 30th

7.45 for 8pm Leader: Heidi Horn tel; 07970871471;

heidihorn@rocketmail.com

Various venues: starts at 17 Burnt Oak, Dursley, GL11 4HD started on Sept 16th

WEDNESDAYS

2.30pm Leader: Shirley Welsh tel: 543549;

mandswelsh@googlemail.com

Venue: 12 Shelley Rd, Dursley, GL11 4OD started on Sept 17th

7.30pm Leader : Peggy Tresise tel: 543161;

ptresise@yahoo.co.uk

Venue: 2 Cedar Drive, Dursley, GL11 4EP started on Sept 24th

THURSDAYS

2.30PM Leader: Liz Swanwick tel: 511790;

liz52crocker@binternet.com

Venue: Arundel Villa, 4 Old Brookend, Berkeley GL13 9SQ starts 2nd Oct

Gloucestershire Spirituality Network are having an Advent Quiet Day at Nymphsfield Marist Convent on Thursday 4th December 2014 from 10am to 4pm. Details on church noticeboard.

Rotas for December 2014

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

Many thanks.

Date	7 th December	14 th December	21 st December	28 th December	4 th January
Duty Elder	Rod Irvine	Rod Irvine	Hilary Green	Martine Carter	Rod Irvine
Vestry Elder	Martine Carter	Carole/ Dennis Allen	Liz Swanwick	Rod Irvine	Lionel Jones
First Reading	Kathryn Palmer	Malcolm Harris	Caroline Stables	Hazel Harris	Lionel Jones
2nd Reading	Zoe Avastu	Carole/ Dennis Allen	Terry Larkham	Ronnie Harding	Carole/ Dennis Allen
Door Duty	Betty & Iain Hearn	Mary & Michael Weeden	Ronnie Harding Carol Bye	Carol Bye Ronnie Harding	Gloria & Mike Pritchard
Audio Desk	Andy Spears	Lionel Jones	Steve Dowle	Rod Irvine	Lionel Jones
Flower Distribution	Maggie Sweeting	None	None	None	Hilary Green
Welcome Team	Tarina Cieciora Julia Dowle Rod Irvine	Shirley & Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Iain Hearn Hilary Green	Tarina Cieciora Julia Dowle Rod Irvine	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Michelle Barnes
Prayer Team	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora	Hilary Green	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	Martine Carter Hilary Green
Flower Arrangers	Gill Watts	Peggy Tresise	Peggy Tresise	Peggy Tresise	Diana Baldwin

Communion Preparation: Sally Larkham

Communion Servers: Ronnie Harding, Hilary Green, Terry Larkham, Lionel Jones

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