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News of People

It was with sadness we heard of the death of Grace Excell, Grace was a member of our church for many years and a Sunday School teacher too. She was the treasurer of Woman's Guild for a number of years and was much loved at the Tab. She moved to be close to her family after the death of her husband Bill. We pray for her family at this time. Please remember Phil and Eileen Denning in your prayers, Phil has been in Gloucester hospital for a month and we hope he will make a good recovery so he can soon move home.

We pray for Liz our Church Secretary who has been unwell and we wish her a good and speedy recovery. We also hold the family in prayer after the peaceful death of Jean, Liz's mother-in-law. Many of our friends have been suffering from winter bugs we wish them all well. We think of Sheila and Tony Forrester who have moved to a retirement flat in Tetbury, we pray they will settle in well and be happy in their new surroundings. It was good to see Angela Jones in church recently.

Our good wishes to Simon as he celebrates a Big Birthday, a very Happy Birthday Simon from everyone at the Tab.

Please pray for Alpha, pray for Simon and all those who are supporting the group. But please pray for all those who come to Alpha who do not know God.

The Nicaragua team are in our prayers as they prepare for their sponsored walk on the Malverns.

Church Information

Sun 7 Feb Church Meeting after morning worship will primarily deal with options for Phase II of the Parsonage Project, namely about whether we replace the lift or use the existing lift shaft to create a disabled toilet at church floor level. Please refer to the paper available, copies of which will be in the church vestibule.

Prayers for February
 Lord of life and Lord of all hope, we come to you now in prayer.
 We come to you in great thanks and wonder, as we rest life's burdens,
 fears and foolishness and seek the Peace of your Presence,
 The Peace you promised, the Peace that you gave.
 knowing your Word is True, and here we pause to draw a servant's breath;
 as here we wait before you, seeking to know you, and to be in your will.
 And on every issue we daily face; that we be guided by your heart of love in our families, in our churches, in our communities in our country, and in the lands and places beyond our borders, In all places and spaces where people daily face fears, Injustices, complacencies, hard choices, and cruelty. Let us pray with a servant's heart, that we seek "thy will be done."
 Call us to become the people, you have longed for, in the world that you have hoped for. In the name of Jesus, we come to you in prayer.

ANY INFORMATION FOR TAB NEWS SHOULD BE GIVEN OR EMAILED TO GILL OR VIC WATTS BY THE 3RD SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH

Tab Family Cafe
 Every Wednesday morning 10-1
 Volunteers always welcomed :)

Saturday coffee mornings. Gloria Pritchard is trying to find volunteers who will host our monthly Saturday coffee mornings. They offer a good social event for people to come together and have been much appreciated. However they need volunteers to put them on. Please contact Gloria if you can help: 544885 or miglo@tiscali.co.uk

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Mon 1st	Alpha Course	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 2nd	Prayer Group	9.30am Tab
Thu 4th	Kids work meeting	8.00pm
Sat 6th	Malvern Sponsored Walk	Sign up and support our Mission Team
Mon 8th	Alpha Course	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 9th	Prayer Group	9.30am Tab
	Knitting Group	2.00pm Tab
Thu 11th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm
Tue 16th	Prayer Group	9.30am Tab
	Women's Guild	2.00pm
	Open meeting with bring and buy, visitors welcome	
Sat 20th	JUMBLE SALE	10.00-12.00 & Coffee morning
Mon 22nd	Alpha Course	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 23rd	Prayer Group	9.30am Tab
Sat 27th	Mission Bluefields Concert	7.30pm Tab
Mon 29th	Alpha Course	7.30pm Vibe

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sun 7th Feb 10.30am

Service led by Rev Simon Helme followed by Church Meeting.

Theme: Jeremiah the Prophet: In the Potters Shop.

Readings: Jeremiah 18.1-11

Sun 14th Feb 10.30am Communion
 led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Jeremiah the Prophet Buying a Field

Readings: Jeremiah 31.1-6; 32.1-15

6pm United Lent Service

at Dursley Methodist Led by Rev Sue Greatorex

Sun 21st Feb 10.30am

led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: to be confirmed

6pm United Lent Service

at Dursley Methodist Led by Father Philip Beisly

Sun 28th Feb 10.30am

led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Jeremiah the Prophet: Down a Well.

Readings: Jeremiah 38.1-13; Luke 12.49-56

6pm United Lent Service

at Dursley Methodist led by Rev Simon Helme

NEW BOOK SHOP

Christian book shop "Scroll Eaters" has opened on London Road in Stroud

Definitely worth a look!

DON'T FORGET

The Giving Machine!!

Free money!

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

Tab gets £££ for free each time you shop on the internet...got to be worth a try!

SPONSORSHIP

Mission Bluefields are looking for sponsorship for their Malvern 10 mile walk on 6th February.

Ask Emma for details



We need your help ...

If you could help to deliver the flowers to the sick or housebound either on a Sunday after the service, or on the Monday it would be most helpful. We have a rota so everyone takes their turn please speak to Ronnie if you can help. Also we have very few Flower Arrangers now, so if you would like to learn how it is done, we can show you how it's done. Again speak to Ronnie, she would be very glad to hear from you.

Special Events

ALPHA MONDAYS IN THE VIBE 7.30PM
Alpha has around ten sessions and involves food, a short talk and discussion where you can offer your own thoughts and ask your own questions. Alpha is for anyone who is curious about life and faith and wants to find out more about Christianity. It is designed to be informal, accessible and enjoyable. The course will cover questions like what is the evidence for Jesus? Why did he die? What happens when we die? Where can we find guidance and meaning for our lives? Why and how do we pray?

27 million people have tried Alpha in 169 countries. The Guardian newspaper said this about the course: *'What Alpha offers, and what is attracting thousands of people, is permission, rare in secular culture, to discuss the big questions: life, death and the meaning'*

The Tab last held an Alpha Course in 2010. This time round we will be serving delicious puddings and deserts to start the evening and Simon Helme will give a short talk followed by discussion on the night's theme. It is open to anyone. It is free.

If you are interested in coming then please drop us a line for catering purposes:

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Lent

Churches Together will be exploring the Psalms this year in the Lent Groups and are looking for volunteers to lead and host.

It is an ecumenical course in five sessions written by Bishop Stephen comprising course booklet, CD and transcript: 'The ancient poems we call Psalms are over 2000 years old. They were written in very different times from our own when humans could travel at the speed of a camel - not at the speed of sound. But these songs have stood the test of time for they address many of the problems we still face: violence, injustice, anger - and bewilderment. Why do the wicked prosper? Where is God when we suffer? In this 5-session course, Bishop Stephen Cottrell - a prolific and popular author - reflects on the psalms in general (and five psalms in particular). He invites us to join him as he does so.'

Five Sessions:

- 1 - Know that the Lord is God (*Psalms 100*)
- 2 - Out of the depths have I cried (*Psalms 130*)
- 3 - How long, O Lord? (*Psalms 13*)
- 4 - You spread a table before me (*Psalms 23*)
- 5 - Unless the Lord builds the house (*Psalms 127*)

FUND RAISING

JUMBLE SALE AND COFFEE MORNING IN THE CHURCH

Hosted by Ronnie and Gloria. Good quality items only of childrens and adults clothes, books and toys. There will be refreshments & cakes etc. Items for sale would be appreciated.

Please support this event

TAB HOLIDAYS

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 5-12th November 2016.

Led by Simon Helme, open to the Tab and friends, organised by Worldwide Christian Travel (You can see more at their website: <https://www.christian-travel.com/>).

Simon writes: *'A journey to the place where Jesus lived and ministered is the ultimate in pilgrimage. I have been a couple of times and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus transforms your understanding of the Bible and enrich your faith.'*

To go with others is a special experience too. I shall be offering spiritual insight as we journey together. We will also have a local guide to get the most out of our visits.

This will be an amazing opportunity to share our faith journey. Hope you can join us.'

Price £1340

SHELDON 24/25/26 June 2016

see website for more details or contact **Carole Allen caroleallen28@gmail.com**
There are still places available for this wonderful weekend!

ROTAS	Feb 7th	Feb 14th	Feb 21st	Feb 28th
DUTY ELDER	D Pritchard	W Barrett	R Irvine	M Pearcy
VESTRY ELDER	W Barrett	G Strutt	M Pearcey	R Irvine
1ST READING	G Dixon	E Irvine	Lionel Jones	G Watts
2ND READING	P Tresise	C Stables	R Harding	V Watts
AUDIO DESK	D/C Allen	R Irvine	A Spears	Lionel Jones
FLOWER ARRANGER	D Baldwin	R Harding	Christina Bye	G Pritchard
FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR	Carol Bye	J Longman	R Harding	E Fullard
WELCOME TEAM	C Purnell M Barnes	G Strutt R Harding	S Pearcey I Hearn	S Welsh M Welsh
PRAYER TEAM	J Pritchard J Perrin	P Tresise E Jones	J Palmer K Palmer	H Green M Carter
COFFEE ROTA	H Peacocke W Peacocke	J Harris J Harris	S Welsh M Welsh	S Woods C Smith
COMMUNION PREP		C Stables		
COMMUNION SERVERS		C Allen, R Harding, K Palmer, G Strutt		

FURY + TAB TRIBE	Feb 7th	Feb 14th	Feb 21st	Feb 28th
TAB TRIBE LEADER	E Irvine	B Spears	J Pritchard	Blackburns
HELPER 1	G Pritchard	C Bye	A Moirez	A Carter
HELPER 2		L Hecht	A Lamming	E Mellerup

Sharpness URC held an important church meeting last Sunday afternoon and made a decision to close the church. We hold them in prayer as they work through the consequences of this momentous decision and we pray that our God of resurrection will bring new direction and purpose for our sisters and brothers in Christ at Sharpness.

