



Wot's On In February 2015 At Dursley Tabernacle

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- Sat 31 Jan 11am-2pm Public Open Day at the new Youth Centre, including an opening ceremony.**
- Sun 1 Feb 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: David: A New King. Readings: 2 Samuel 6.1-23; Ephesians 1.3-14
4.30pm Leadership Enquiry Open Meeting in the Youth Centre (details inside)**
- Tue 3 Feb 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.**
- Wed 4 Feb 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.**
- Thu 5 Feb 10am Gloucestershire Area URCs meet**
- Sat 7 Feb 9.30am-12noon Tab Family Maintenance Morning (details inside)**
- Sun 8 Feb 10.30am Family Worship led by Rev Simon Helme.
Theme: David: A King Forever. Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-16; Ephesians 2.11-22**
- Tue 10 Feb 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.**
- Tue 10 Feb 2pm The knitting Group meet in the church The knitting Group are knitting for the registered charity "Tallinding Project" at Serrekunda, The Gambia, West Africa. Anyone who would like to join us are most welcome.**
- Wed 11 Feb 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church all are welcome**
- Thu 12 Feb 7.30pm Elders meeting Upper Hall,**
- Fri 13 Feb 18.30 - 20.30 Tab Family Film Night for primary school children in the Youth Centre, film to be decided £2.50 per child**
- Sun 15 Feb 10.30am Family Service led by Steve Dowle.
Theme: David: A Good King. Readings: 2 Samuel 9**
- Tue 17 Feb 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.**
- Tue 17 Feb 2pm Women's Group meet in the church speaker Mr David Evans A talk about Dursley, all are welcome.**
- Wed 18 Feb 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church helpers needed.**
- Sun 22 Feb 10.30am First Sunday in Lent led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: David: A King who goes wrong. Readings: 2 Samuel 11.1-15; 2 Samuel 11.26- 12.13a
6pm Churches Together United Lent Service at Dursley Methodist Church
7pm Emily John Presentation on Casa Materna in Nicaragua**
- Tue 24 Feb 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all welcome
7.30pm Christianity Explored @ The Bank Café**
- Wed 25 Feb 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church helpers needed.**
- Thu 26 Feb 7.30pm Church Meeting to discuss Assembly Resolution on Same Sex Marriage**
- Sat 28 Feb 9.30am Coffee Morning in the Community Rooms hosted by Gloria and Mike Pritchard, donations of cakes and other items to sell would be appreciated and your support would be appreciated.**
- Sat 28 Feb 7.30-10.30pm Pudding tasting evening in the Church sanctuary**

Flowers for January were kindly given by;-

Jan 4 David Evans in memory of his mother Violet

Jan 11 Joan Kingham & Jean Jukes

Jan 18 Gloria & Mike Pritchard Jan 25 Sally Lavis

Donations for the flowers are required from March onwards, please see Ronnie Harding if you would like to give a donation.

ARE YOU THE PERSON WHO CAN HELP? Kathleen Bloodworth is looking for a kind person from the Tab to take over her garden as an allotment, and share some of the produce with her. This would mean the garden was cultivated and she would have a share of what is grown. Please speak to Ronnie or Kathleen if you can help.

TAB PRAYERS

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"

Psalm 118 verse 24 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, you are the creator of all things and your name and nature is love, shown to perfection in the life and example of Jesus, your Son and our Saviour that we might live in him and he in us. In this amazing truth let **us rejoice and be glad.**

Heavenly Father, we come before you conscious of our need of forgiveness for failing to be the people we know we could become if we lived in obedience to your will and purpose for us. We turn to you in repentance and acknowledge our need of your forgiveness. In this blessed assurance **let us rejoice and be glad.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose lives are lived out in fear of disease, starvation and the threat of terror throughout the world and we give thanks for the skills, generosity and amazing courage of those who place themselves in harm's way for the relief of suffering. For their courage and selflessness let **us rejoice and be glad.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, both in our church fellowship and in the wider community, seeing them on the screen of our minds and praying for them in the certain knowledge that all things work together for good for those who trust in you and they are safe in your care. In this certainty **let us rejoice and be glad. Amen**

Tab Rooms for hire

During the past year there has been a decline in the hiring of both the Community Rooms and Upper School Rooms for different activities. As a result of which, there are now quite a lot of mornings and afternoons and a few evening slots when the premises are not being used.

Can I put a plea out that if you know of anyone that wants to hire a hall for any classes, events, talks or parties please remember to mention our premises because we need the revenue. You can let them have my telephone number Sylvia 01453 545828 for further information."

Groups who use our premises "The following are some of the Groups that do not belong to the Church but use our premises for which they pay a rental charge:-

Monday and Tuesday nights of World Jungle has just started a Brazilian Dance & Martial Arts Class. (uncertain of age range) and for Adults **Wednesday 6pm-7.30pm** again in the Upper School Room. If interested in the classes go along on either **Wednesday or Thursday night.**

Thursday 7pm to 8pm.Jane Manning of World Jungle holds a Pilate Class in the Upper School Hall but, no school holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 1st Feb 4.30pm to 6pm LEADERSHIP ENQUIRY OPEN MEETING – Youth. Centre

An open meeting for anyone who may be interested in taking on a leadership role at the Tab. Simon and some of the elders will be present to discuss the leadership needs of the church, from eldership to leadership of Ministry groups and Mission. Speak with Simon for more details.

Sat 7 Feb 9.30am-12noon Tab Family Maintenance Morning Could you offer some time to come and share in the workload of maintaining our property with other people in the church family? We are hoping to hold a maintenance morning which will work in a similar way to the 'big clear up' we held in November. Terry and Sally have kindly offered to provide cooked breakfasts for the workers (there will be minimal charges to cover their costs and any profits will go towards our Fund-Raising total).

- DIY jobs
- Cleaning/Clearing/Sorting
- Refreshments for the workers

Please supply names and task preferences/skills to Carole Allen by end of January so a suitable programme of work can be arranged. Children are welcome to join in the work, but parents will obviously need to be responsible for their supervision. Appropriate jobs can be found for teenagers too!

Sun 15 Feb 3pm-5pm The Bereavement Friendship Group

They will meet at Dursley Methodist Church lounge

26 February 10am-3pm "Catching the Breeze" A quiet day for Lent at Holy Ascension Church, Lower Oddington near Stow on the Wold. It will be led by Rt Rev

Bob Evens retired bishop of Crediton. Cost of day £10. To reserve your place contact Mrs Penny Lidstone Penny @ Lidstone.net 01452 741410 Bring a packed lunch drinks will be provided.

Emily John: Evening Presentation on Casa Materna, Nicaragua – Sunday February 22nd 7pm at the Tab

Casa Materna will be a preschool in a poverty-stricken community of Nicaragua set up through the Peace and Hope Trust, a Christian Charity based in Herefordshire that the Tab has supported and sent out teams, mainly of young people, in the past, including Emily John. Emily has been instrumental in the vision to build Casa Materna.

Mission: The mission of Casa Materna is to provide young children and their mothers with a safe and accessible place to engage with others and learn together. The West Virginia Centre on Budget & Policy said "education remains the strongest shield against poverty." Casa Materna will break the cycle of poverty through education and problem-solving activities for children who are too young to attend school.

Description: Casa Materna (Maternity House) will be a fundraised preschool in Nicaragua, Central America. The Nicaraguan city of Bluefields is a poverty-stricken community with widespread unemployment and a high level of drug traffickers.

Emily will come and share the vision with us on February 22nd.

Here is the Facebook link to Casa Materna <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Casa-Materna-Bluefields-Nicaragua/534711879961774?sk=info>

March 6th at 7.00pm Advance notice the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at the Methodist Church. The theme is The Bahamas- Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you

A Musical Concert - Saturday March 14th

I have kindly been given permission by the Elders to hold a Musical Evening on Saturday 14th March 2015, between 7pm and 9pm. I am hoping that the concert will be a wide range of classical and popular music, instrumentalists and singers, soloists and group performers. The purpose of this concert is to raise money for a volunteering trip I plan to undertake this August, where I will go to South Africa with an organisation called Wildlife Act. They are supported by the World Wildlife Fund and work to conserve endangered species in South Africa, Botswana, Malawi and the Seychelles in a wide variety of conservation projects. I have been offered a provisional placement in the Kwa-Zulu Natal region of South Africa for two weeks, where I would volunteer on a game reserve to monitor populations of wild animals and possibly help with the tracking, radio-collaring and relocating of endangered species as well (visit <http://wildlifeact.com> for

more information). I will need to raise approximately £725 to cover the cost of the trip, and this will be my first fundraising event. If for some reason my trip does not go ahead, or if I raise more money than is needed, the surplus will be given to the new Dursley Vibe Youth Centre. Please put this date in your diaries.

Simon Allen

Thursday 26 March 12noon-1.30pm Corrymeela Lunch in the Upper Schoolroom

This lunch is supported by Churches Together and folk in our neighbourhood, to raise money for the Corrymeela Centre Northern Ireland and its great work of reconciliation. Soup and a bread and cheese lunch are provided plus a choice of delicious puddings to follow. Donations of £4 minimum are requested. We would be glad of offers of help to set up the tables, lay them, prepare and serve the lunch as well as the offer of a desert, and help with washing up. Please see Hilary Green, Martine Carter or Peggy Tresise , if you can help in any way.

27 March 18.30-21.00pm Tab Family Social + Supper of Sausage and Chips.

DURSLEY TABERNACLE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS 2014/15

TUESDAYS 7.45pm for 8pm Leader: John Palmer Tel: 542381;
kayjay@joric.freeseve.co.uk Venue: 20a Tilsdown, Dursley GL11 5QL

7.45 for 8pm Leader: Heidi Horn tel; 07970871471; heidihorn@rocketmail.com
Various venues: starts at 17 Burnt Oak, Dursley, GL11 4HD

WEDNESDAYS 7.30pm Leader: Peggy Tresise tel: 543161; ptresise@yahoo.co.uk
Venue: 2 Cedar Drive, Dursley, GL11 4EP

THURSDAYS 2.30PM Leader: Liz Swanwick tel: 511790; liz52crocker@binternet.com
Venue: Arundel Villa, 4 Old Brookend, Berkeley GL13 9SQ starts 2nd Oct 2.30pm
Leader: Shirley Welsh tel: 543549; mandswelsh@googlemail.com
Venue: 12 Shelley Rd, Dursley, GL11 4OD

The URC Debate about Same Sex Marriage at the General Assembly of the URC last summer the new law changes allowing same sex Marriage were debated. A clear majority of members of Assembly expressed the view that local congregations should be permitted to offer same-sex marriage to those who seek that opportunity.

However, because our decision-making process is based on the seeking of full consensus, Assembly was unable to reach agreement.

Assembly therefore resolved to pursue this discussion in the most constructive and consultative way that it can, as follows:

- 1). to invite synods and local congregations (a) to reflect on the report of the Facilitation Group, (b) to discuss whether they would wish a future meeting of the Assembly to authorise local church meetings to offer same-sex marriage services, and (c) to report their views to the General Secretary by 31st March 2015.
- 2). to authorise the officers of Assembly to furnish these discussions with appropriate resources, including an offer of the support of facilitators. These resources can be found at the following link:<http://www.urc.org.uk/marriage-of-same-sex-couples.html>

Local churches are invited to respond on this issue.

On 22d January we had a discussion about the issue of Same Sex Marriage. We will have a special church meeting on this issue on **Thursday February 26th at 7.30pm** to respond to the Assembly resolution.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE 2105

ANOTHER STORY MUST BEGIN is an original Lent course based on the film, the novel and the stage adaptation of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*. Through discussion of some of the themes and principal characters of this epic narrative, the course explores the grace of God and our own fallen state and opportunity for redemption, and helps us to reassess what we can do with our lives and for those around us. The course is based around five weekly group sessions:

1. Fantine and Cosette
2. The Bishop of Digne
3. Jean Valjean
4. Javert
5. Redemption and Salvation

Each session includes watching scenes from the Oscar-winning movie starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway (with timing references for the DVD), and questions and reflections for group discussion. Each session also includes introductory reading, notes for leaders, related Bible passages and suggested closing prayers.

The course was written by Jonathan Meyer who is priest-in-charge of St. Mary the Virgin in Ewelme, which was used as the residence of the Bishop of Digne in the pivotal moment in the *Les Misérables* movie. He has since run a successful Lent course in his parish, on which this book is based.

The book is published by Darton Longman and Todd ISBN 978-0-232-53027-8 and costs around £5.99

Those thinking of hosting and/or leading a housegroup should contact with Teresa Potts, Secretary of Churches Together

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED @ THE BANK CAFÉ

Tuesdays 7.30pm during Lent 2015

Last year we had a successful and enjoyable series of meetings during Lent called Christianity Explored. They were especially for those who have questions, doubts, and those seeking and enquiring about faith issues. We are running them again this year at the new Bank Café on Parsonage Street Dursley, opposite the Town Hall. The evenings are free to come along to, have a coffee/cake, listen to a short talk on the theme for the evening and engage in conversation with friends and make new friends. You can find out more about the Christianity Explored Course by going to the website www.christianityexplored.org

The course goes through Mark's gospel giving people time to think about the big questions of life, and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ. Course participants will be given a handbook and a copy of Mark's gospel. There is plenty of space to talk or listen with no pressure and plenty of laughs.

Contact Simon Helme, minister@dursleytab.org.uk tel: 07443568242 for more details.

Suggestion that we might adopt as our prayer for each other throughout the year

Apparently J John was interviewing the Archbishop of Canterbury & asked him what we should all pray for him. He answered

“ wisdom to know what to do,
Patience to know when to do it,
and courage to do what is right even if it is difficult”.

Rotas for February 2015

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

Many thanks

DATE	1 FEBRUARY	8 FEBRUARY	15 FEBRUARY	22 FEBRUARY	1 MARCH
DUTY ELDER	ROD IRVINE	HILARY GREEN	RONNIE HARDING	MARTINE CARTER	RONNIE HARDING
VESTRY ELDER	LIZ SWANWICK	LIONEL JONES	KATHRYN PALMER	LIONEL JONES	ROD IRVINE
FIRST READING	VICTOR WATTS	HELENE DALRYMPLE	EDNA MELLERUP	RONNIE HARDING	TARINA CIECIURA
SECOND READING	GILL WATTS	JOHN PALMER	SHIRLEY WELSH	HILARY PEACOCKE	BRENDA PETERS
DOOR DUTY	BETTY & IAIN HEARN	MARY & MICHAEL WEEDEN	BETTY & IAIN HEARN	CAROLE BYE & RONNIE HARDING	MARY & MICHAEL WEEDEN
AUDIO DESK	CAROLE/DENNIS ALLEN	LIONEL JONES	STEVE DOWLE	CHRISTNE WELSH	ANDY SPEARS
FLOWER ARRANGERS	GLORIA PRITCHARD	PEGGY TRESISE	GILL WATTS	DIANA BALDWIN	RONNIE HARDING
FLOWER DISTRIBUTION	CAROLE BYE	JOYCE LONGMAN	PEGGY TRESISE	ENID FULLARD	MAGGIE SWEETING
WELCOME TEAM	JOHN & KATHRYN PALMER PEGGY TRESISE	SHIRLEY & MATT WELSH RONNIE HARDING	DAVID PRITCHARD CHRIS PURNELL MICHELLE BARNES	JOHN & KATHRYN PALMER PEGGY TRESISE	CAROLE BYE HELENE DALRYMPLE MALCOLM HARRIS
PRAYER TEAM	MARTINE CARTER HILARY GREEN	JACKIE PRITCHARD TARINA CIECIURA	PEGGY TRESISE ELAINE JONES	MARTINE CARTER HILARY GREEN	JOHN & KATHRYN PALMER

Communion Preparation: Caroline Stables

Communion Servers: Hilary Green Ronnie Harding Liz Swanwick Kathryn

Palmer

