



Wot's On In January 2015 At Dursley Tabernacle

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A very happy New Year to all at the Tab.

Jun 4 Jan 10.30am Epiphany Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Following Jesus: Running Thread. Readings: Isaiah 61.1-3; Luke 4.16-30

Tue 6 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome. If you

would like our group to pray for your loved ones or friend, speak to Simon, Gill or Vic Watts, or Elaine Jones or Avril or Brian Lamming.

Wed 7 Jan 10-1pm Family Café takes place in the church if you would like to help with the running of the group or help with the preparation or clearing up after please speak to Emma Irvine.

Thu 8 Jan Elders meeting 7.30pm Upper Hall.

Sat 10 Jan 7pm Churches Together Concert for Christian Aid (details inside)

Sun 11 Jan 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Following Jesus: Being Restored. Readings: Isaiah 43. 18-25; Luke 5.17- 26

Tue 13 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Tue 13 Jan 2 pm The Knitting Group meet in the church everyone welcome.

Wed 14 Jan 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Sun 18 Jan 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme followed by Church Meeting

Theme: Following Jesus: Being Thankful. Readings: Psalm 5.1-8; Luke 7.36-50

6pm Churches Together United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity at St James the Great

Tue 20 Jan 9.30 am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Tue 20 Jan 2pm Women's Guild meet in the church speaker Mrs Liz Swanwick
A trip to North East India.

Wed 21 Jan 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Thu 22 Jan 1.30pm at the Manse Dursley Pastorate Council meets.

Sat 24 Jan 9.30am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Community Rooms, cakes and other items to sell would be appreciated. Please come and support us.

Sun 25 Jan 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Following Jesus: What Jesus wants. Readings: Psalm 15; Luke 10.38-42

Tue 27 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 28 Jan Family Café meet in the church.

Flowers for December were kindly given by:-

Dec 7 Mr & Mrs G.Goulden Dec 14- 28 Mrs Peggy Tresise.

Donations towards the church flowers are needed from January onwards, please contact Ronnie Harding if you can help.

GARDENERS

Kath Bloodworth is worried about her garden. We suggested that an advert be placed in Wot's On for someone from church to take it on as an allotment and then share some of the produce with her. This would mean the garden would be kept cultivated and clean and she would have a share of what is grown. . Please speak to Ronnie or Kath if you are interested.

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to recycle your Christmas cards please give them to Ronnie between Sunday 4th -11th January or leave them in the Reception Room during the week, with her name clearly on outside of bag, no cards can be accepted after this date. They will be recycled by Cobalt Cancer charity. They will take other greetings cards all year round. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Father God we come to you in this New Year, we re -dedicate our lives to you. We pray for ourselves that you will help us to be more like Jesus. Holy Spirit help me to know the truth about myself, show me my sins against you and my neighbours, so that I may truly repent and be determined to overcome my faults, with your help, for Jesus sake.

We pray for our church, for Simon our minister, the Elders, the church workers and all those in this church who give their time and money to support it and worship in this place. We just pray your church will be filled with the Holy Spirit it will go forward in love. We pray for all the organisations that meet in the church and the church buildings and we do ask for your blessing to the Youth Centre as it opens its doors in the New Year.

We pray for the wider world and Christians throughout the world. We pray for the persecuted and the tortured and those who have suffered as the result of barbaric acts. Comfort them Lord. We pray for the hungry and the homeless. We pray for all the people and organisations who work in these troubled areas. We pray for peace throughout this world. We ask all these prayers in Jesus's name. Amen.

CONNECTAT is a youth group for teenagers who are on the Autistic Spectrum or have similar special needs. We have a wide age range and have found it necessary to split into 2 groups. The under 16s meet on Thursdays from 5 to 6.30 and the over 16s meet from 6 to 7.30. We are very grateful to all helpers who have given their time, however the group numbers are steadily growing and we would be grateful to anyone who could volunteer to help at either or both.

SAT 10 JAN 7PM AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, DURSLEY. Fundraising concert being organised by Churches Together for the Christian Aid Project. Artistes from various local churches will be taking part. Tickets £5 available in advance from your Churches Together Representative or on the night at the door.

The concert is the first of our special events to raise £5000 in three years for the project in Burkina Faso to which we have committed ourselves. This is a matched funding scheme and the amount we raise will be massively increased by money from the European Union.

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 Thursday evening 22nd January we will have a discussion evening about the issue of Same Sex Marriage. The venue will be at Tab, in the church, at 7.30pm

We will have a special church meeting on this issue on February 26th at 7.30pm.

CREDO: I BELIEVE...

This 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.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

Rotas for January 2015

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

Date	4 January	11 January	18 January	25 January	2 February
Duty Elder	Rod Irvine	Ronnie Harding	Kathryn Palmer	Ronnie Harding	Rod Irvine
Vestry Elder	Lionel Jones	Liz Swanwick	Lionel Jones	Rod Irvine	Lionel Jones
First Reading	Lionel Jones	Peggy Tresise	Hilary Peacocke	Michael Weedon	Victor Watts
2nd Reading	Carole/Dennis Allen	Shirley Welsh	John Palmer	Rod Irvine	Gill Watts
Door Duty	Gloria & Mike Pritchard	Mary & Michael Weedon	Betty & Iain Hearn	Mary & Michael Weedon	Betty & Iain Hearn
Audio Desk	Lionel Jones	Christine Welsh	Dennis Allen	Steve Dowle	Dennis Allen
Flower Distribution	Hilary Green	Martine Carter	Sylvia Woods	Shirley Welsh	Carol Bye

Welcome Team	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Michelle Barnes	Hilary Green Martine Carter Peggy Tresise	Tarina Cieciora Julia Dowle Rod Irvine	Carol Bye Malcolm Harris	John & Kathryn Palmer Peggy Tresise
Prayer Team	Hilary Green Martine Carter	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora	Hilary Green Martine Carter	John & Kathryn Palmer
FlowerArranger	Christina Bye	Ronnie Harding	Diana Baldwin	Sally Lavis	Gloria Pritchard

Communion Preparation : Gloria Pritchard

Communion Servers: Rod Irvine,Martine Carter,David Pritchard,Carole or Dennis Allen