



# Wot's On?

## at Dursley Tab in July 2013

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**Church Weekend Away at Sheldon, Devon 28-30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Tue 2 Jul 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.**

**Tue 2 at 7.30pm Holiday Club leaders and helpers training meeting.**

**Wed 3 Jul 10am - 1pm Family Café in the church. Helpers needed.**

**Sun 7 Jul 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme.**

**Theme: Joseph and his brothers. Reading; Genesis 37.1-11; Romans 10.5-15**

**Tue 9 Jul 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church. All welcome.**

**Wed 10 Jul 10am-1pm Family Café in the church. Helpers needed.**

**Wed 10 Jul 7pm-9.30pm Rednock Summer Concert. Tickets £5 from Fund Raising Committee. Transport available. (DETAILS INSIDE)**

**Thu 11 Jul 7.30pm Elders Meeting.**

**Sat 13 Jul Elders Away Day 10am to 4pm.**

**Sun 14 Jul 10.30am Sunday School Anniversary Service Followed by Coronation Jubilee Garden Party for all ages with very special cake.**

**6pm United Service at St Barts, Coaley with a presentation to Revd Janet Bromley on her retirement.**

**Tue 16 Jul 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church. All welcome.**

**Wed 17 Jul 10am-1pm Family Café in the church, helpers needed.**

**Sat 20 Jul 7.30pm-for 8pm A Special Evening Buffet, Wine and Cheeses at Stinchcombe Hill House. Tickets £10 from Fundraising Committee (DETAILS INSIDE).**

**Sun 21 Jul 10.30am Family Worship led by Rev Simon Helme followed by short church meeting to make a decision about the church lift. Theme: Pharaoh's dreams. Readings: Genesis 41. 1-4, 8, 14-16; 25-32, 39-40; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32.**

**Mon 22-26 Jul Holiday Club 9.30-11.30am (details inside)**

**Sat 27 Jul 9.30am – 11.30am Coffee Morning hosted by Shirley & Matt, cakes and gifts for the stalls would be appreciated.**

**Sun 28 Jul 10.30am Family Worship led by Julie Jeffries.**

**Tue 30 Jul 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all welcome.**

**4-6 Jul The minister is away at the URC Church Growth Conference.**

**Flowers for June were kindly given by: -**

**June 2 Joan Kingham, June 9 Brenda Peters, June 16 Gill Watts,  
June 23 Gloria Pritchard, June 30 Jean Cockran.**

**Ronnie Harding has kindly taken over the task of organising the flowers in the sanctuary each Sunday requesting for donations towards the buying of flowers etc. which may be in memory, or celebration of a loved one.**

**Dates free are 7 July onwards this year. Please see Ronnie if you would like to give towards them.**

### **The Church Family**

**To my dear church family how could I ever thank you all for the wonderful greetings and gifts I have received. I am richly blessed to have such a lovely family. My love to you all. God bless you in all you do. Joan Kingham.**

**Jan Strutt is still very poorly and in a lot of discomfort we pray that her pain can be eased. We do miss her and Gray from our services and we send our love to them both.**

**Joan is now in Henlow Court and is grateful for the love and kindness as she adjusts to life there. Eileen Denning has had a lot of pain in her knee but it is a lot easier now.**

**Val Smith is progressing well after her operation. We were sorry to hear Gus Smith has also been unwell and we wish them a speedy recovery.**

**We were sorry to hear that Doris Biddle one of our oldest members, had died on Monday evening 24 June aged 97. Her family have requested that we hold the funeral at the Tab on Tuesday 9 July at 11.30am, followed by internment at St Barts Cemetary. They have also requested the use of the Upper Hall afterwards for the reception.**

**We remember Lionel Ayliffe who died recently. He allowed us the use of his home for Leprosy Coffee mornings for many years.**

**Jo Helme flies out to Nicaragua on the 16th July we wish her well and look forward to hearing about her experiences. We ask God's blessings for her safe return.**

**Congratulations and best wishes to Matt Welsh who will be 80 on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, have a great day Matt.**

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

**'O thou by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way!  
The path of prayer thyself hast trod: Lord, teach us how to pray'  
(James Montgomery 1771-1854)**

**Heavenly Father, we who are called to be the 'Body of Christ' in the world and in our community, instil in us a deep and abiding love for all who, in this town and throughout our nation, though differing in practice and tradition, work and worship together and acknowledge your son Jesus as Lord and Saviour. May we be united in word and witness to the glory of your holy name.**

**Lord Jesus, our example and inspiration, we pray that, as you walked among the sick and suffering, the persecuted and marginalised in your time, give us, we pray, that same sensitivity to the needs of others around us. We pray for those in our fellowship who are unwell in body, mind or spirit - naming them in our hearts. We pray for those in our Church whose Spirit-enabled ministry is to pray with and listen to others, those who visit the sick, feed the hungry, work with families and young people, administer the work of the church and lead us in worship and teaching, remembering especially our minister Simon.**

**Holy Spirit, you are the promise of God to us; the heart and mind of Jesus present with us and active through us. May we be conscious always of your nearness and look to you to guide and inspire us in all we seek to do in the name of Jesus and his Church. Amen.**

**Dursley's OXFAM shop is in urgent need of more volunteer workers. If you could spare just a few hours a week, please contact Lilla Jones for more details.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

**Wed 10 Jul 7pm-9.30pm Rednock Summer Concert, tickets adults £5 Family Ticket £12. Refreshments. All proceeds to the Parsonage Project.**

**Sun 14 Jul Following the Sunday School Anniversary morning worship the Coronation Garden Party with games for the children and stalls and tombola and a Coronation cake.**

**Sat 20 Jul 7.30pm for 8pm Special Evening Buffet with wine and cheese at Stinchcombe Hill House. Tickets £10 each.**

**22-26 JULY DURSLEY TAB SPACE ACADEMY HOLIDAY CLUB**

**Our annual children Bible Holiday Club will take a space theme this year. Leaders and helpers are still needed. See Caroline Stables for details: [stablescm@gmail.com](mailto:stablescm@gmail.com) tel 511094.**

**Registration forms can either be picked up from church or downloaded from the church website [www.dursleytab.org.uk](http://www.dursleytab.org.uk)**

**Sat 27 Jul 9.30am-11.30 Coffee Morning hosted by Shirley & Matt cakes and gifts for the stalls would be appreciated. Do call in.**

**On Sunday 28 July Ronnie Harding is holding an afternoon tea at the Tab in the Sanctuary from 2.30pm to 4.30pm to celebrate her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with her Tab friends. There will be live music from Emma and her band, hopefully Graham Dixon on the piano playing music from the shows. She hopes you will all come along. No presents are expected for her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday but if anyone would like to make a donation they could do so for the Tab. If friends would like to advise if they are coming that will be a bonus for the catering team.**

## **Mon Oct14–18 2013 Dursley Tabernacle's Retreat Holiday To Windermere, Cumbria**

**THEME** Our Main sessions will explore Christian spirituality as expressed through some classic poets. Carole Allen and Simon Helme will look at the Lake Poets Wordsworth and Coleridge, as Thomas Traherne, considering some of their 'spiritual works' and reflecting on their cultural and theological contexts, especially the Romantic movement. Simon will also offer morning bible studies on the psalms. Carole will lead morning and evening prayer.

The Director of the Windermere Centre, Lawrence Moore, will also have some input into the programme. He will give two sessions: one on Walter Bruggeman's poetic approach to Biblical interpretation, as expressed in his book, *Finally Comes the Poet*; secondly the singer songwriter Leonard Cohen, "the Poet of Brokenness and Grace".

Afternoons will be free to enjoy the beauty of the Lake District and the autumn colours. Evenings will be opportunities to relax together.

### **BOOKING INFORMATION**

The retreat will begin at tea time on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and end after breakfast on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, allowing people plenty of travelling time in daylight hours. Full board accommodation is to be provided at a cost of £234 per person, although a slight discount of £4 per night is available for those prepared to share a room. To book your place on the weekend, please contact Carole Allen with your deposit as soon as possible. Contact her on 01453 542807 or [caroleallen28@gmail.com](mailto:caroleallen28@gmail.com) for more information or if you have concerns about costs.

## **Dursley and Cam Child Contact Centre**

**Do you have a few hours to spare on a Saturday afternoon?**

**Could you help children to see their mum or dad at a child contact centre? If yes, Dursley & Cam Child Contact Centre would like to hear from you.**

**We require volunteers at our centre to prepare the centre before children arrive, welcome families, make refreshments and tidy up after the session.**

**Volunteers are arranged into teams on duty every six weeks.**

**Please contact Kathryn 07501958109 or Bobbie 07824872854 if you are interested or email: [camanddursley.childcontact@gmail.com](mailto:camanddursley.childcontact@gmail.com)**

## **THE TWEMLOW TRUST**

38 May Lane, Dursley, Glos GL11 4HU, 01453 547838

In 1718, the Reverend Joseph Twemlow, then Minister of Cam Meeting, opened a school in Dursley for the children of 'Protestant Dissenters'. When this school closed in 1887, a Trust in the name of Joseph Twemlow continued to support the education of Non-conformist young people in the area. Since 1947, this has been through donating small grants to students in higher education.

Applications are now invited from students in, or about to enter, higher education, for grants for the 2013/14 academic year. Applicants must be from Nonconformist families and resident in the parishes of Dursley, Cam or Uley.

Applications should be made in writing, before August 31<sup>st</sup>, to

The Secretary, The Twemlow Trust, 38 May Lane, Dursley, Glos GL11 4HU. They must give details of the course of study being undertaken and confirm the eligibility of the claim under the terms of the Trust.

## **The Lift**

**An engineer from Premier Platform Lifts has inspected the lift. Although it is impossible to ascertain exactly why the lift failed, without installing a new pump and motor to check the theory, some possible factors have been identified by the engineer:**

**The following factors may have influenced the motor failure:**

- **Pressure relief valve may have been set incorrectly on installation.**
- **Holding down button after the lift has stopped at the top floor could have caused strain.**
- **Dust from concrete lining of lift shaft may have created abrasion (Spraying concrete could prevent this in future).**
- **A regular maintenance regime has not been adhered to because we had not been told that it was necessary.**

**The following factors must influence our decision about the future of the lift:**

- **If we do decide to replace the pump/motor it will cost in the region of £5K.**
- **12-20 years has been quoted as a reasonable life-span for our lift. If we address all the issues identified by the engineer, we might expect a maximum of 10 more years' life after repair.**
- **After this, a new lift would cost approximately £20K (at today's prices).**
- **A routine maintenance regime will cost us approximately £1K per year.**
- **Guidelines suggest the lift should be operated by a trained operator in future to ensure the motor is not put under strain.**
- **It would appear that some parts for the lift are already obsolete, and future repairs may be affected by an inability to obtain parts.**

**Why was the lift installed and how do we use it?**

- **We were advised by an architect that the lift was the best way to make us compliant with the legislation about disabled access to public buildings. At that time, ramped access at the rear of the**

property was not thought to be possible. There was no access from the Sanctuary to toilet facilities, a social space or kitchen facilities. The lift facilitated transfer to the upper hall for social time and for the use of toilet facilities for those who cannot climb the stairs to the ground floor toilet. The simultaneous creation of the reception room also allowed for small meetings to take place on the ground floor.

- In reality, few disabled people use the lift as wheelchair users are nervous about the limited exit from the upper hall if there was an emergency and the lift was out of action. Some of the elderly and infirm are nervous about the need to keep your finger on the button and manage its journey. The time taken to call the lift, and use it to access the upper floor, makes it largely impractical as a route to access toilets. It has improved access for the less mobile to the upper hall, but has been most useful for the safe transfer of furniture and goods between floors.

**What has changed since the lift was installed?**

- The renovation of the Sanctuary has meant that this now offers a ground floor alternative for large meetings and social events and the upper hall is used less, because of its limited access.
- The use of external pavement space to create a ramp to the community rooms means that it is now possible to provide full ramped access to the rear of the upper hall and to create a new accessible entrance to the upper floor without any steps at that side.
- The new Youth Centre will offer ground floor kitchen facilities and an extra social space for fellowship which will accommodate up to 60 people. It will also provide accessible toilet facilities. If there is internal ramped access between the Sanctuary and the Youth Centre, the need for transfer between the ground floor and the upper hall will become much less important.

**Could we do without the lift?**

- Now that the ramp to the community rooms is in place, it would be more cost effective to improve the access at the rear of the upper hall and ramp access between the sanctuary and youth centre, than to repair and maintain the lift in the long term.
- The problem of moving furniture between floors could be resolved by buying some extra chairs and tables and storing them permanently downstairs. Chairs will be available from the Youth Centre and tables can be stored underneath the ramps. This would be far less costly than repairing and maintaining the lift.



- **Once planning permission has been granted for the youth centre, we could proceed immediately with the new ramped access and begin applying for grants to reduce the costs to us.**
- **With ramps in place, good premises management policy could ensure that those with mobility issues do not need to transfer between upper/lower floors, and that goods and materials rarely need to be transported between floors either.**

#### **Keeping the Lift - Pros:**

- **We maintain internal access between upper & lower floors for people with mobility problems.**
- **We can transfer heavy/awkward items safely between floors, without use of stairs.**
- **At the moment the lift is the only way for people with mobility problems to access an area of the church with catering and toilet facilities.**

#### **Keeping the Lift - Cons:**

- **Lift will be costly to repair and we have no guarantee that the repair will last.**
- **Further costly repairs/ maintenance (and eventually replacement) will be a constant drain on resources.**
- **The lift can never be used in the event of a fire or similar emergency and thus has only ever been a partial solution to our access problems.**
- **Once the Youth Centre is in place, the lift's use will be minimal if building use is carefully managed.**
- **Its removal would make it easier to offer ramped access between Sanctuary and Youth Centre, and would also facilitate better escape routes from the upper floors of the Parsonage without having to reduce toilet provision upstairs.**

**With great reluctance, the elders conclude that, although the lift has been a vital part of our access policy over the last ten years, and has served its purpose moderately well - albeit with poor reliability - it would seem that extending its useful life will be a continuing substantial expense, and may soon become impossible. We propose that we should not spend money on the repair of the lift at this time, but continue to investigate all options to create the best access/management policy for the future of the building without it.**

## Rotas for July

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

Duty	7 <sup>th</sup> July	14 <sup>th</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> July	28 <sup>th</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> August
Duty Elder	Martine Carter	Lionel Jones	Kathryn Palmer	David Pritchard	Kathryn Palmer
Vestry Elder	Ronnie Harding	Rod Irvine	Ronnie Harding	Carole/Dennis Allen	Rod Irvine
First Reading	Rod Irvine	Hazel Harris	Edna Mellerup	Lilla Jones	Shirley Welsh
2nd Reading	Lilla Jones	Vivienne Deane	Lilla Jones	Vivienne Deane	Brenda Peters
Door Duty	Enid Fullard Rod Irvine	Eric Murray Farida Barnes	Enid Fullard Rod Irvine	Carol Bye Ronnie Harding	Lita and Ron Heathman
Audio Desk	Lionel Jones	Carole/Dennis Allen	Rod Irvine	Andy Spears	Carole/Dennis Allen
Flower Distribution	Enid Fullard	Mary Sherratt	Hilary Green	Carol Bye	Ronnie Harding
Welcome Team	Martine Carter Hilary Green Iain Hearn	Tarina Cieciora Ron Swanwick Emma Bryne	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Peggy Tresise	Kathryn and John Palmer	Helene Dalrymple Carole Bye Malcolm Harris
Prayer Team	Hilary Green  Martine Carter	Tarina Cierciura  Emma Byrne	Peggy Treise  Elaine Jones	Kathryn and John Palmer	Jackie Pritchard  Julie Perrin
Flower Arranging	Diana Baldwin	Sally Lavis	Ronnie Harding	Christina Bye	Kathryn Palmer

Communion Preparation 7th July: Caroline Stables

Communion Servers: Terry Larkham, Hilary Green, Ronnie Harding, Liz Swanwick

