



Wot's On In March 2015 At Dursley Tabernacle

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Sun 1 Mar 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: Counter culture Shock: Subsidence. Readings: Matthew 7.13-29; Romans 3.22-31
6pm Churches Together United Lent Service at Dursley Methodist Church
Led by Rev Simon Helme

Mon 2 Mar 2.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for Betty Hearn.

Tue 3 Mar 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, All are welcome.

Tue 3 Mar 7.30pm Christianity Explored @ The Bank Café

Wed 4 Mar 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Fri 6 Mar 7.00pm the Women's World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church. The theme is The Bahamas- Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?

Sun 8 Mar 10.30am Family worship led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: Counter culture shock: live fast, die never. Readings: Matthew 25.1-13; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
6pm Churches Together United Lent Service at Dursley Methodist Church
Led by Domenic Bucci

Tue 10 Mar 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Tue 10 Mar 2pm Knitting Group meet in the church, anyone who would like to join us please speak to Ronnie or Sally or just come at 2pm.

Tue 10 Mar 7.30pm Christianity Explored @ The Bank Café

Wed 11 Mar 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.

Thu 12 Mar 7.30pm Elders meeting in the Upper Hall.

Sat & Sun 14 & 15 Mar TAB GIFT DAY (details inside)

Sun 15 Mar 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: Counter culture shock: if it's true then... Readings: 25.14-30; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
6pm Churches Together United Lent Service at Dursley Methodist Church
Led by Rev Phil Summers

Tue 17 Mar 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Tue 17 Mar 2pm Women's Guild meet in the church, speaker Mr John Crowther from the Hedgehog Hospital, all are welcome.

Tue 17 Mar 7.30pm Christianity Explored @ The Bank Café

Wed 18 Mar 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church helpers needed.

Sat 21 Mar 9.30am Coffee Morning hosted by Sally & Terry with cooked breakfasts, cakes and other items for sale would be most welcome.

Sun 22 Mar 10.30am Family worship led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: Counter culture shock: Deadstock. Readings: Matthew 25.31-46; Ephesians 1.15-23
6pm Churches Together United Lent Service at Dursley Methodist Church
Led by Rev Michael Cozens

Tue 24 Mar 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Tue 24 Mar 7.30pm Christianity Explored @ The Bank Café

Wed 25 Mar 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.

Thu 26 Mar 12-1.30pm Corrymeela Lunch in the Upper Hall (details inside)

Thu 26 Mar 7.30pm Tab AGM

Fri 27 Mar 7-9pm Tab Family Social (see inside for full details)

Sun 29 Mar 10.30am Palm Sunday led by Rev Simon Helme.

Theme: Victorious Love. King's Decision. Readings: Luke 19.28-40; 22.39-48

Tue 31 Mar 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY:- 1 Feb Diana Baldwin

8 Feb Ron Heathman 15 Feb Gill & Vic Watts 22 Feb Eileen Denning

Donations are needed for the flowers in the coming months if you would like to make a donation towards the flowers please speak to Ronnie Harding.

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Loving God gift us with words and speech that build community
Help us to be aware of what we say, help us to think before we act.

Remind us that our spark can cause an inferno, our ripple can cause a wave.
Our small adjustments can change the direction of the journey
Our tiniest actions can make huge differences for others.

Through your spirit may we strive to be more considerate,
May our actions reflect your love,
May our words be honest and affirming
May our lives be holy.

Let not your heart be troubled

Whenever I am troubled and lost in deep despair
I bundle all my troubles up and go to God in prayer
I tell him I am heartsick and lost and lonely too
That my mind is deeply burdened and I don't know what to do
But I know he stilled the tempest and calmed the angry sea
And I humbly ask if in His love he'll do the same for me
And then I just keep quiet and think only thoughts of Peace
And if I abide in stillness my restless murmurings cease.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE 2015

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

Monday

7.30pm Host: Betty Seabrook; Leader: Pauline Chidlaw

Venue: 5 Broadmere Close, Cam GL11 6PU T: 545948

Tuesday

10.30am and 7.30pm Host/Leader: Tony King T: 298897

Venue: 2 Lower Poole Close (off Lower Poole Road), Dursley

Wednesday

7.30pm Leader: Rev Simon Helme T: 07443568242

Venue: The Tabernacle, Dursley smhelme@gmail.com

7.15pm for 7.30pm Host Pauline Bryant; Leader: Barbara Mitchard

Venue: 9a Knapp Lane, Cam T: Pauline 542627, Barbara 543014

United Lent Services at Dursley Methodist Church,

6pm Sundays during Lent:

Feb 22nd Jennifer Mackenzie

March 1st Simon Helme

March 8th Dominic Bucci

March 15th Phil Summers

March 22nd Michael Cozens

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.

Dates for your diaries.

TAB GIFT DAY – 14-15TH MARCH

The Church Meeting asked for a Gift Day to be held to address the £6k shortfall in the Parsonage Project funding and to build up a fighting fund so we may consider the next phase of our building development namely the replacement for the lift, the use of the Parsonage upper floors and the final parts of the refurbishment of the upper hall, including the kitchen.

Members and friends of the church are asked to prayerfully consider making a special gift to the church over the weekend of March 14-15th.

The Sunday is Mothering Sunday - a tradition that came from the time when those in service would be allowed to travel back to their 'mother church' and appreciate the foundation and nurture of love and faith the church community gave them.

A Musical Concert - Saturday March 14th

A Musical Evening, between 7pm and 9pm. 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. **Simon Allen**

Sun 15 Mar 3-5pm Bereavement Friendship Group meet in the Methodist church lounge where you will find a warm welcome, tea, coffee, homemade cakes and people to listen if you wish to talk. Contact St James Parish Office 01453 549280 if you would like to know more.

19th March 7.30pm Service of Prayers for Healing and the laying on of hands in the church led by Rev Simon Helme

Sat 21 Mar West Midlands Synod at Stafford.

Thu 26 Mar 12 mid- day- 1.30pm Corrymeela Lunch

This will be held in the Upper Hall of the Tab. there will be an austerity lunch but with a choice of delicious puds to follow. Minimum entrance £4 with the proceeds going to support the reconciliation centre in N. Ireland. Please bring your friends.

Thu 26 Mar at 7.30pm our Annual General church meeting takes place. We will hold our elections for new elders and receive reports of the last year's activities. So why not come along and hear about all that we have achieved, as well as taking part in our elections for our next set of leaders. Nominations for new elders need to be with Liz Swanwick, church secretary by the 8th March. Nomination forms can be obtained from Simon or any of our existing elders. As usual we will produce a book of reports which will be distributed ahead of the meeting on line. A few printed copies will be available at the meeting. If you have a report to produce please can you let Liz have it by the 12th March.

Friday 27th March Tab Family Social 7-9pm – at the end of school term a chance for all ages to get together for a Tab family Social. There will be games and dancing and food and fun.

PLANT SALE Spring is just around the corner and we will soon be thinking of our gardens, Gill and Vic Watts hope to have a plant stall outside the Tab in May selling lots of plants. So they are asking you to please save plants for them.

Rotas for March 2015

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

Many thanks

DATE	1 MARCH	8 MARCH	15 MARCH	22 MARCH	29 MARCH
DUTY ELDER	RONNIE HARDING	MARTINE CARTER	HILARY GREEN	RONNIE HARDING	ROD IRVINE
VESTRY ELDER	ROD IRVINE	LIONEL JONES	CAROLE/ DENNIS ALLEN	KATHRYN PALMER	HILARY GREEN
FIRST READING	TARINA CIECIURA	HILARY PEACOCKE	CAROLE/ DENNIS ALLEN	IAIN HEARN	KATHRYN PALMER
SECOND READING	BRENDA PETERS	WILL PEACOCKE	VICTOR WATTS	MALCOLM HARRIS	MICHAEL WEEDON
DOOR DUTY	MARY & MICHAEL WEEDON	IAIN HEARN	CAROL BYE RONNIE HARDING	MARY & MICHAEL WEEDON	CAROL BYE RONNIE HARDING
AUDIO DESK	ANDY SPEARS	CHRISTINE WELSH	STEVE DOWLE	LIONEL JONES	CAROL/ DENNIS ALLEN
FLOWER ARRANGERS	RONNIE HARDING	CHRISTINA BYE	SALLY LAVIS	GLORIA PRITCHARD	PEGGY TRESISE
FLOWER DISTRIBUTION	MAGGIE SWEETING	HILARY GREEN	MARTINE CARTER	SYLVIA WOODS	SHIRLEY WELSH
WELCOME TEAM	CAROL BYE MALCOLM HARRIS	JOHN & KATHRYN PALMER PEGGY TRESISE	IAIN HEARN MARTINE CARTER HILARY GREEN	CAROL BYE MALCOLM HARRIS	DAVID PRITCHARD CHRIS PURNELL MICHELLE BARNES
PRAYER TEAM	JOHN & KATHRYN PALMER	JACKIE PRITCHARD TARINA CIECIURA	JOHN & KATHRYN PALMER	JACKIE PRITCHARD TARINA CIECIURA	PEGGY TRESISE ELAINE JONES

Communion Preparation: Martine Carter

Communion Servers: Terry Larkham, Ronnie Harding, Kathryn palmer

Liz Swanwick.

