



Wot's On ?

At Dursley Tab. in

October 2013 www.dursleytab.org.uk

Tue 1 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 2 Oct 10-1pm Family Café held in the church. Emma needs help with the Mother and toddler group. Please speak to her if you would like to help in any way.

Thu 3 Oct 7.30pm 'Fishing course'– How to share your faith - Part Two

Fri 4 Oct 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Sat 5 Oct 7-9pm 'Classical Chamber Concert' with superb soloist performances, and conducted by Christopher Wiggins. This is not a concert to miss. Tickets only £5 from Helene or other Fundraising Committee members. (Lifts available if required.)

Sun 6 Oct 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme. with reception of new members Theme: Jesus shows God's love: Water into wine. Readings: John 2.1-11; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

2.45pm Quarry Chapel have their Harvest Thanksgiving followed by auction of homegrown fruit and veg. All welcome.

Tue 8 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 9 Oct 10-1pm Family Café held in the church, helpers needed.

Thu 10 Oct 7.30pm Elders Meeting in the Parsonage

Fri 11 Oct 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on the church premises new helpers needed to boost the numbers, men or women made very welcome.

Sun 13 Oct 10.30am Family Worship led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Jesus shows God's love: Bread for life. Readings: 2 Kings 4.42-44; John 6.1-15

Mon 14 -18 Oct Dursley Tab. Retreat Holiday to Windermere, Cumbria.

Tue 15 Oct 2pm Women's Guild meet in the church, the speaker is Mr David Evans.

This is a United Meeting with the other churches in the area invited; we hope the men of our church will also come to hear David.

Wed 16 Oct 10 -1pm Family Café held in the church, helpers needed.

Fri 18 Oct 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on the church premises.

18-19 FURY Sleepover at Rodborough Tabernacle 'What does it mean to follow Jesus?'

Sun 20 Oct 10.30am Worship led by Rev Simon Helme, Theme: Jesus shows God's love: The Good Shepherd. Readings: John 10.1-15; 1 Peter 2.19-25

Tue 22 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 23 Oct 10 - 1pm Family Café held in the church, helpers needed.

Sat 26 Oct 9.30am-11.30 Coffee Morning with Cooked Breakfast, hosted by Avril & Brian, donations of cakes and other items to sell would be appreciated and company too. Please come and support Brian & Avril and the church.

Sun 27 Oct 10.30am Family Worship led by Neil Grecian

Tue 29 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 30 Oct 10-1pm Family Café held in the church.

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY:-

Sep 1 Hannah Jelf, Sep 8 Joyce Longman, Sep 15 Reg Gunston
Sep 22 Harvest Festival Sep 29 Martine Carter

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Gill & Vic would like to thank all our friends at the Tab for their kind wishes, cards and gifts when they celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary, they were quite overwhelmed.

Congratulations to our young people who have worked hard and received good GCSE results – Jo Helme, Simon Allen, Maddie Green and Kieran Franks. Well done Aimee Carter on her degree and Callum Hubbard on obtaining a 1st degree and has started work at Jaguar in Coventry.

Eunice Davies has been unwell with heart problems, Hilary Green has a back problem and is quite poorly and Joyce Nicholls has a bad knee. We hope they will be feeling better soon. We hear that Chas Jukes has a chest infection at present; we hope he will be well enough to celebrate with Jean whose 90th birthday is on the 3rd October. Many congratulations and best wishes to Jean.

Joan Whiting has had a spell in hospital and Dilys Morgan has been poorly lately. We hope they will soon be on the mend.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Oscar Cullimore and his family as he starts his treatment. We think of Carol Smith on the death of her partner Tony, they both have been good friends to the Open Door Club for many years.

Rose Lawson has moved back to Dursley and Eve Fellows has moved into Yercombe Lodge to live, we hope they will be happy in their new surroundings. Mary Sherratt is moving to Ross on the 11th October, she was Secretary of the Ladies Group for many years, and helped with flower arrangements, and also did the advent candle ring at Christmastime. Mary also helped with the flower distribution. Thank you Mary for all your hard work over the years. We will miss her very much but hope she and Roland will be happy in their new home.

Joan Kingham moves back home at the end of September. She wishes to thank all those wonderful Tabernacle friends who decorated and freshened her home to make it a warm and welcoming place. She feels very blessed.

FOOD BANK -URGENT ITEMS NEEDED Hello Church Champions we are in need for some stair-gates for some of the families we are supporting at the moment. Would you be able to ask people if they have any spare ones they no longer need? If there are some we could have it would be really great.

Thanks as well for all the harvest food that is starting to roll in. We are running low on everything at the moment so it is all very gratefully received.

Will Mansell Stroud District Foodbank 07725 874231

SHARE A PRAYER AND MAKE OUR CHURCH A POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

*'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus'.
(Philippians 4:6-7 RSV).*

Heavenly Father, forgive our anxieties, when we fail to trust you to direct us in the ways that are best for ourselves and for your Church and which accord with your greater will and purpose. Grant us the freedom to 'let go and let God' and to find in that freedom the peace which is beyond our understand.

Heavenly Father, fill us with thankfulness, as we see around us the evidence of your unbounded love in the provision of our needs and not our wants: for our homes among the homeless, our food among the hungry, our freedom under the law among those who are oppressed. Give us hearts of compassion and hands of action that we may show in our lives the love we first received from you as revealed in your Son, our Saviour Jesus.

Heavenly Father, guard our hearts and minds, and direct our thoughts always toward those things which build us up into the Body of Christ, your Church. With Jesus as our guide and example, we pray for those who we know and are dear to us, in our Church and wider community who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, naming them in our hearts and lifting them up to you with the prayer that you will grant healing and wholeness to us all.

And now, Lord, as I read this, may your **peace** enfold me, your **love** enrich me and your **presence** encourage me, today and always. **Amen.**

YERCOMBE LODGE – which provides long stay, short stay, respite and day care for the disabled, elderly and frail, are looking to recruit new trustees. If you are interested please see Simon or the letter on the church noticeboard.

Friends at Christmas are again looking for volunteers to help out on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Please contact Indigo on 547032 if you are able to help. As in previous years, we have been asked to provide small gifts for the people who attend the event, either for men, women or children. There is a possibility that some families using the foodbank may attend this year, hence the request for children's presents.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Every Sunday morning there is the opportunity to receive prayer ministry at the back of the church after morning worship. Our prayer team has been trained and has been in operation now for a year and offers a confidential listening and prayer service. Many people have been helped and encouraged by having a couple of people with whom they could share concerns, burdens and issues and receive their combined counsel and prayer. If you would prefer to have a private session with some members of the prayer team just ask Simon (tel 07946402954) or Martine (890432) to arrange a visit. We have been asked to pray for healing, especially for those with serious life threatening illnesses, for the blessing of houses and for those who have been disturbed or afraid. We have also taken communion to those who needed to know the presence and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid to ask.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS Our church house fellowship groups are a great way to get to know other people in the church, find new friendships, and also strengthen and encourage your faith and that of others. The meetings are relaxed and informal and accessible to all people at whatever stage of your faith journey you are at.

This year we will be using the Vision 4 Life material the URC brought out a couple of years ago designed to help churches reflect on their faith and become more confident in sharing that faith. The booklet we are using, 'Exploring Evangelism', can be downloaded from the URC website at <http://www.vision4life.org.uk/index.php/evangelism/>

If you click on the image of the Exploring Evangelism booklet the material will download.

At the time of going to press the following groups are being offered:

TIME	VENUE	LEADER	CONTACT
Monday evening	TBA	Martine Carter	890432
Tuesday evening	10 May Evans Close, Cam	John Palmer	542381
Tuesday evening	Various (mainly young parents)	Heidi Horn	549741
Wednesday afternoon	12 Shelley Rd, Dursley	Shirley Welsh	543549
Wednesday evening	2 Cedar Drive	Peggy Tresise	543161
Thursday afternoon	11 Shakespeare Rd, Dursley	Ronnie Harding	547080

Please contact the leader of the group that you are interested in joining to find out more.

**'FISHING COURSE' – How to share faith without annoying people.
Thursday 3rd Oct, 7.30pm at the Tab**

A short course, linked to the house fellowships, to help you have more confidence in sharing your faith and giving an answer for the hope you have, without being embarrassing, annoying or offensive. Simon Helme and John Palmer will look at how we can offer 'bait' in conversations that give people permission to ask questions about faith. Finally we will look at possible replies to common objections to the Christian faith and belonging to a church. All welcome.

Faith and Culture

During the autumn and winter Simon will offer a series of centrally based meetings looking at the relationship of Faith and Culture.

Faith and Film – 7th Nov

Faith and Contemporary Music – 28th Nov

Faith and Art – 16th Jan

Faith and Literature – 30th Jan

Faith and Poetry will be covered on the Church Retreat in October.

More details to follow.

**JOHN BELL RETURNS TO DURSLEY TABERNACLE - NOVEMBER 2ND
AND 3RD 2013**

'FOR ALL THE SAINTS'

John Bell, from the Iona Community came and shared with us at Dursley Tab in 2008. Now five years later he will return to share with us over the weekend in which the Church celebrates All Souls and All Saints. The theme will be '*For All The Saints*'. With John's extensive experience and travels around the world he will share some stories of how the Global Church is responding to the issues of the world. He will share how the Saints of God are campaigning for justice, working alongside the poor, making a difference in their localities, sharing good news, reshaping faith, forming community, being disciples of Christ in different contexts.

Saturday 2nd November

The afternoon will feature two seminars and in the evening a Big Sing. *If there is enough demand we may be able to provide paid child care for the Saturday afternoon sessions. Please contact us as soon as possible if you would appreciate this provision as we will require a clear idea of the number of children, their ages and requirements if we are to provide appropriate care.*

2pm RECEIVING GIFTS FROM STRANGERS - a reflection on what the affluent Western church has to gain from the experience of Christians across the globe.

3.45pm RE-IMAGINING GOD'S PEOPLE - looking at the biblical pigmies and giants through different lenses.

5-7pm *Break*

Sunday 3rd November

10.30am SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - John will preach

6pm SUNDAY EVENING BIG SING: THE COUNTER CULTURAL NATURE OF THE CHURCH'S SONGexamples old and new.

There is no charge for these events – but an offertory will be taken to cover costs. It should be a fantastic weekend. Book it in your diary now.

2014 BIBLE READINGS “FRESH FROM THE WORD” can now be ordered from Mrs Enid Fullard Tel: 860301 or see Enid in church on Sunday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 5 Oct 7–9pm Chamber Concert in the Tab. Price only £5.

Wed 9 Oct 7.30pm Human Sexuality – Churches Together Annual Lecture by Canon Adrian Slade. At St Bart's Lower Cam

West Midlands Synod of the URC meets Fri - Sat 11/12 Oct in Birmingham

Forum Meeting arranged by Gloucestershire Churches Together and Cheltenham. Interfaith Tue 15 Oct 7.30 p.m at the Friends Meeting House, Warwick Place, Portland Street, Cheltenham GL54 5HX. The speaker is Celia Blackden, Inter Faith Officer for Churches Together in England who will be speaking on *Dialogue and Witness: are they compatible?* Please note that because of limited space it will be necessary to book a place at the meeting by contacting CIF Secretary Sara Turner on 01242 239575 Sara@turnersara.wanadoo.co.uk by 1 October.

Sat 26 Oct 9.30 – 11.30am Coffee Morning with Cooked Breakfast hosted by Avril & Brian. Cakes and other stalls also. Do come and enjoy good food and good company also.

Thu 31 Oct Torchlight Procession for All Hallows Eve – organized by Churches Together.

Sat 2-3 Nov John Bell Weekend – See inside for details

Sat 2 Nov from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire is holding its annual day at Gloucester Cathedral. The speaker will be Revd. David Runcorn and tickets cost £12. In addition, the Advent Quiet Day led by Rachael Willard is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 December at Cotswold Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots and tickets cost £10.

Sat 9 Nov 'The Big Quiz' with Tony Wilson.

Sun 17 Nov First meeting of group being formed for those who have lost loved ones and will meet once a month for a chat, tea and cake at St James Parish Church. If anyone would like to help please contact The Parish Centre, The final details next months.

Fri 29 –Sat 30 Nov The Christmas Fayre.

Rotas for October 2013

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

Many thanks.

Duty	6 th October	13 th October	20 th October	27 th October	3 rd November
Duty Elder	Hilary Green	Rod Irvine	Kathryn Palmer	Rod Irvine	Rod Irvine
Vestry Elder	Lionel Jones	David Pritchard	Lionel Jones	Martine Carter	Kathryn Palmer
First Reading	Lilia Jones	Vic Watts	Glyn Goulden	Peggy Tresise	John Harris
Second Reading	Gwyn Goulden	Brenda Peters	Malcolm Harris	Shirley Welsh	Gill Watts
Door Duty	Betty & Iain Hearn	Mary & Michael Weedon	Carole Bye, Ronnie Harding	Eric Murray Farida Barnes	Betty & Iain Hearn
Audio Desk	Christine Welsh	Carol/Dennis Allen	Andy Spears	Lionel Jones	Christine Welsh
Flower Arranger	Kathryn Palmer	Gill Watts	Gloria Pritchard	Peggy Tresise	Sally Lavis
Flower Distribution	Helene Delrymple	Shirley Welsh	Hazel Harris	Peggy Tresise	Enid Fullard
Welcome Team	Tarine Ciercua Ron Swanwick Emma Bryne	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Peggy Tresise	Kathryn & John Palmer	Helene Delrymple Carole Bye Malcolm Harris	Shirley & Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding
Prayer Team	Tariaane Cieriura Emma Byrne	Peggy Treise Elaine Jones	Kathryn & John Palmer	Jackie Pritchard Julie Perrin	Martine Carter Hilary Green

Communion Preparation 6th October

Margo Parsons

Communion Servers:

Rod Irvine, Kathryn Palmer, Carole/Dennis Allen, Liz Swanwick

Dursley Tabernacle's Retreat Holiday

14th to 18th October 2013 Windermere, Cumbria.

THEME

Our Main sessions will explore Christian spirituality as expressed through some classic poets.

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 14th October 2013 and end after breakfast on Friday 18th, 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 for more information or if you have concerns about costs.

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