

## *FURY (11-16 year olds)*

Our young people meet for discussion half way through the service. It is usually a relaxed participative time with drinks and nibbles! Most Sunday evenings, 6-7.30pm, the FURY Group meets again with a range of activities and events.



## *Duty Elder and Welcome Team*

There is always an elder (one of the authorised leaders of the church) on duty every Sunday morning on the front door welcoming people if you have questions or need assistance. They are supported by members of the welcome team. If someone has a badge on they are usually there to help!

## *Toilets*

A toilet is located behind the front of the church via the new reception room. There are more toilets, including disabled toilets in the upper hall, accessed behind the reception room either by the lift or via the stairs.

## *What's on at the Tab?*

Copies of our monthly newsheet 'Wots On' are available in the church vestibule (at the back of the church). Our website [www.dursleytab.org.uk](http://www.dursleytab.org.uk) contains further details about life in the church. It usually has the transcript of the Sunday sermon a couple of days later. Sunday Services are also recorded onto a CD and recordings can be borrowed.

## *Contact Information*

The Minister can be contacted either through the website or by phone 01453 542344.



## *Welcome to Dursley Tabernacle*

Dursley Tabernacle is a friendly, vibrant church with over a hundred and thirty members of all ages. It seeks to be inclusive and diverse and to make a difference to our community in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Our vision statement is:* **C**alled to be God's people

**T**ransformed by the Gospel

**M**aking a difference in the world.

The Tab is made up of all ages and all backgrounds. Our worship reflects this rich diversity. The style of worship is relaxed, yet respectful, combining traditional and modern elements.

*This leaflet will give you an idea of what to expect on Sunday mornings!*

Sunday morning worship begins at 10.30am but people arrive any time from 10am onwards.

Seats are not normally reserved unless there is a special occasion such as a baptism.

## *What to expect during worship*

As people arrive you may find the music group practising or people preparing the church and the sound and audio systems. About ten minutes before the service starts the organ will play music in preparation for the start of worship.

The service formally starts when the Bible is carried in. People stand at this point and a word of welcome and the theme of the day are announced.

Music throughout the service will usually be a blend of traditional hymns accompanied by the organ or contemporary songs led by the music group. Occasionally our choir will sing.

*Welcome Information*

DURSLEY TABERNACLE



## *Worship*

The first part of the service tries to be accessible for all ages, with simpler words and interactive participation. Our plasma screens enable us to offer a multi media approach.

The church notices and news about people come half way in the service.

An offertory is taken after the notices. The money goes to supporting the work of the church. There are forms available in the vestibule at the back of church should you wish to Gift Aid your contribution. If you are a visitor don't feel you have to contribute!

The children and young people leave for their groups after the offertory whilst the adults remain for their time together which involves readings from the Bible and a talk about their relevance to today's world and our lives.

## *Prayers*

Prayers are offered for people and situations after the talk. There is a prayer request book in the vestibule where people can write names and situations they would like to have mentioned in these prayers. Anyone can write in the prayer book – but if you name someone please make sure you have their permission. The prayer book is also used on Tuesday morning at the church prayer meeting.

## *After Worship*

At the end of the service there is a blessing with a sung 'Amen' after which the organist plays some music whilst people can either leave or stay behind to enjoy a drink and conversation.

Coffee and tea is usually served from the reception room at the front of the church. If you have children in the Tab Tribe or FURY please collect them by 11.50am.

## *Worship Themes*

There is usually a theme to each Sunday and the readings and music and activities link into this. The church follows the lectionary readings – a series of bible readings on a three year cycle that many churches have in common. The version of the Bible we use is the Revised English Bible. The Bible readings are used across the ages and the children and young people will be studying the same passage in their groups as the adults.

## *Fellowship Groups*

The church has fortnightly Fellowship Groups mid week meeting in people's homes where the upcoming Bible passages are used for discussion. Members in the church share in the reading of the Bible in worship.

## *Communion*

Communion, where we remember God's love to us through Christ, is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at the end of the service. All who humbly seek to follow the Lord are invited to share in this meal, whether they are church members or not, whether they regard themselves as having great faith or little faith.

Baptisms usually take place during the morning worship.

## *Provision for Families*

### *Tab Beebies (Babies and Pre-school children)*

If you have babies or toddlers there are special areas in the back corners of the church where there are small tables, toys, craft resources and space for prams/ pushchairs. We have crèche facilities at the back of the Upper Hall and there are Crèche helpers (fully vetted) who will look after your children if you wish to leave them midway through the morning service. There are usually some organised activities for the 3-5 year olds that link into the theme of the service. The service is relayed, via a speaker, into the crèche room.



### *Tab Tribe (5-11 year olds)*

We call our Junior Church/Sunday School – 'Tab Tribe'. This is for Primary School Age children (5-11) and meets in the Upper Hall. Children leave for Tab Tribe half way through the morning service after the offertory has been taken. The children continue to learn about the theme and Biblical passage for the day through games, crafts and discussions. At the end of the main service they can be collected any time, but no later than 11.50am on non Communion Sundays. Unless previously arranged, we will not let a child leave their group until an adult has come to collect them. All our leaders and helpers have been CRB checked by the Safeguarding Agency.



On the last Friday of the month, 6-7.30pm children and parents have fun together at Funky Friday.

