



WOT'S ON IN NOVEMBER At Dursley Tabernacle URC

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ANY INFORMATION FOR THE WOT'S ON SHOULD BE EITHER GIVEN OR EMAILED TO GILL OR VIC WATTS BY THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH. THANK YOU.

**Sun 1 Nov 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme followed by Church Meeting.
Theme: King of Kings: God Protects. Readings: 2 Kings 19.14-19; Romans 11.25-36**

Tue 3 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 4 Nov 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.

Thu 5 Nov 7.30pm Re-Reading Romans led by Simon Helme in the church

Sun 8 Nov 10.30am Remembrance Sunday with Communion led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: King of Kings: God Restores. Readings: 2 Kings 20.1-11; Romans 12.9-21

3pm Dursley Remembrance Sunday Civic Service at St James the Great

7pm Meeting for those interested in the Nicaragua Summer Mission Team

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

Tue 10 Nov 2pm Knitting Group meet in the church.

Wed 11 Nov 10-1pm Family Café, helpers needed.

Thu 12 Nov 7.30pm Elders meeting in The Vibe

Sat 14 Nov 10am The Early Christmas Fair, (see inside for full details).

Sun 15 Nov 10.30am led by Rev Nick Stanyon, Synod Evangelist.

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

Tue 17 Nov 2pm Women's Guild meet in the church, speaker Rev Arthur Williams all are welcome.

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

Thu 19 Nov 7.30pm Re-Reading Romans led by Simon Helme in the church

Sat 21 Nov 10-4pm Ignition Prayer in the church.(details inside)

Sun 22 Nov 10.30am Family Worship led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: King of Kings: God is remembered. Readings: 2 Kings 1-3, 21-23; Romans 15.1-13

4.30pm Meeting for those involved in the Tab Welcome Team

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

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

Sun 29 Nov 10.30am Advent Sunday led by Rev Simon Helme.

Theme: God is Love: A Child is Born. Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7; John 1.1-18

4.30pm Meeting for those interested in going on the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Church Meeting will take place after morning worship on 1st November. Topics will include using money from the Cater Associated Fund for essential repairs to church fabric; new licence with the Town Council about the youth centre, coffee after church, outreach in the new year.

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY:-

4 Oct Harvest

18 Oct Joan Kingham/Gladys Marriott

11 Oct Ron Heathman

25 Oct Ann Shillitoe

Flowers are needed for the weeks ahead; if you would like to give a donation towards the flowers in church please speak to Ronnie Harding. The flowers are then taken to the sick and housebound, after the service.

CAN YOU HELP by going on the TEA/COFFEE rota to make coffee and tea after the church service occasionally. PLEASE speak to Shirley if you can help.

PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

**Faithful God we thank you for your love for us,
love that strengthens us in all our days.**

**Whenever we call out to you, you are already there,
wrapping us in your eternal love.**

**We will not lose heart in any trouble or need,
for we know that you are always with us and will make good your plan for us.
In grace you have given us everything we have, and therefore we will praise
you with all our hearts and tell the news of your faithfulness until the whole
earth resounds with praise.**

Re-Reading Romans: a series of Bible studies (22 Oct, 5th, 19 November) led By Simon Helme

After my last sabbatical, ten years ago, I came back and did a series of bible studies on Paul's letter to the Romans. Protestants, in particular, have seen Romans as the most important of Paul's letters and believe it gives a summary of the Gospel. After returning from my recent sabbatical I would like to offer the opportunity to re-read Romans. Part of my sabbatical was spent reflecting on the historical foundations of our faith and the Jewishness of Jesus and Paul and the other writers of the New Testament and catching up with recent biblical scholarship. The 'new perspective' on Paul radically changes how we read his letters. I would like to share some of those insights, based on the work of the respected British scholar and former bishop of Durham, Tom Wright.

We will look again at the issues of sin, the wrath of God, righteousness and justification, atonement and reconciliation (Thursday 22nd October); the Christian hope, life after death, resurrection and new creation (Thursday November 5th); Christianity and its relationship to Judaism and how that affects current Christian attitudes towards the State of Israel and the End Times (November 19th).

DATES FOR YOU DIARIES

Nov 7.30pm Concert at St Bart's Church Lower Cam with the Beacon Choir.

Thu 12 Nov Gloucestershire URCs Area Meeting

Sat 14 Nov 10.00am Early Christmas Fair in the Church. Stalls include the following:-

- 1.Christmas Gift stall - Jackie Pritchard and Edna.
- 2.Craft stall - Avril and Carol Smith.
- 3.Cakes jams and marmalade stall - Sadie, Pip and Joyce.
- 4.Raffle - Gill and Vic Watts.
5. Toys and books - Joyce Longfield and Martine.
6. Photos - Mike and Gloria.

Tea and coffee and mince pies Rachel, Carol, Maggie and Gladys.
There might be a stall of cards and paper run by a friend of Martine's.
She is hoping to get someone to do face painting.

Gloria will be setting up the stalls in the church on Friday afternoon, from 2.30 - 5.30pm. so would like people to bring gifts for the stalls and, prizes for the raffle. Cakes, jam and marmalade are needed please.

The Tabard Players have joined up with the Uley Players and are putting on a show on Friday and Saturday the 20th and 21st of November 7.30pm at Uley village hall. The show is "A Winter Wonderland". Tickets are £10. Under 16's £5. (To include a 2 course supper) A bar will be available. Tickets will be available from Carole Smith 861151. Uley Post Office and Gloria and Mike.

They hope to put on a repeat or similar performance at the Tabernacle in the New Year.

Sat 28 Nov "Before the Marvel of the Night" - a quiet day for Advent led by Gill Roberts (member of Baptist Union Retreat group) at Christ the King RC Church Castle Street Thornbury. BS35 1HA 10am – 3pm Contact Rev Liz Palin 01242 575547 email liz.palin@northchelt.org.uk

Sat 12 Dec The Cheltenham Silver Band will be holding their Christmas Concert at the Tab. It is a top class band and they will be playing a very entertaining mix of music including some Christmas items. Please save the date in your diary. More details in December Wot's On.

CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks for your kind donation of £500.00 on 1ST October 2015 towards the work of Christian Aid. Your response to our emergency appeal is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the Gift Aid Declarations that you sent along with the cheques. The GADs will be processed separately to enable us to reclaim the Gift Aid. We appreciate the support of your members - please do pass on our thanks and best wishes to them.

The images of desperate refugees crossing the Mediterranean in unstable boats, or packed illegally into lorries, or protesting 'We are human beings too' in the port of Calais, are a distressing reminder of the shocking refugee crisis that led to the founding of Christian Aid in 1945. Your support is enabling us, through-the Act Alliance, to support churches and other agencies in Europe as well as our partners in the Middle East.

In Greece, the International Orthodox Christian Charities are providing food and non-food items, improving conditions at reception centres, and undertaking water, sanitation and hygiene activities on the islands of Chios, Samos, and Kos. Between August 1-24, 300 refugees arrived on Chios each day; 500 refugees arrived on Samos each day and 1,300 refugees arrived on Lesbos each day. Meanwhile in Hungary, Hungarian Interchurch Aid is providing refugees on the border with non-food items, and has helped more than 5,500 people.

We are continuing to support our partners in Syria and Iraq, as well as neighbouring countries, in their work with refugees there. Our partners are providing essential humanitarian supplies such as food, fuel for cooking, "hygiene and sanitation kits, water containers and cash assistance, as well as psychological support for those who are suffering because of the conflict. So far, we have reached tens of thousands, of people within Syria and in

neighbouring Lebanon and Iraq with a combination of food, essentials like blankets to keep warm, cooking sets, health and hygiene kits, and psychosocial support. Your support is enabling our partners in Lebanon and lark, and within Syria itself, to continue to respond to the desperate humanitarian needs of some of the most vulnerable displaced communities.

Once again, thank you so much for your continued support of our work with and for the poorest communities on earth. With your continued help, we can make a difference'

Yours sincerely Robin Gurung Financial Processing Assistant

Sheldon 2016

By popular request, we have booked the Sheldon Centre for our church family weekend again next year from 24th to 26th June. If you have not been on any of our previous Sheldon holidays, do tour their premises by looking at their website www.sheldon.uk.com or ask around the congregation to hear stories of our time there. To book your place on the weekend, collect a booking form from the church and return the reply slip to 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. Places are offered on a first-come first-served basis, so book early to be sure of a space on the weekend. If places are not filled by January we will invite other local churches to join us.

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Summer Mission Trip to Nicaragua 2016 Simon Helme will be chaplain to the Peace and Hope's summer team to Nicaragua in 2016. There is an invitation to anyone to join the team for this exciting chance to make a difference in one of the poorest parts of the world.

Since the Trust began work in Nicaragua more than 20 years ago, well over 3,000 volunteers from the UK and around the world have experienced life-changing visits to the country as members of one of their Teams. Team members are drawn from every age group and from all stratas of society, united by a common desire to serve those less fortunate than themselves. The Trust sends teams of volunteers several times a year, typically for a 2 or 3 week visit. Activities are varied, suiting all ages and abilities, and range from work on the building site to children's parties, craft making, supporting local churches and healthcare.

Richard Geary the summer team leader will be visiting the Tab on Sunday November 8th at 7pm to discuss with interested individuals (parents of young people interested in going out are invited to be part of that meeting). More info about their work can be found on their website

<http://www.peaceandhope.org.uk/>

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 5-12th November 2016.

Led by Simon Helme, open to the Tab and friends, organised by Worldwide Christian Travel (You can see more at their website: <https://www.christian-travel.com/>).

Simon writes: 'A journey to the place where Jesus lived and ministered is the ultimate in pilgrimage. I have been a couple of times and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus transforms your understanding of the Bible and enrich your faith.

To go with others is a special experience too. I shall be offering spiritual insight as we journey together. We will also have a local guide to get the most out of our visits.

This will be an amazing opportunity to share our faith journey. Hope you can join us.'

'Price £1340

What the price includes

- Return flights from London Luton to Tel Aviv (Details of flight numbers and times have not yet been finalised)
- Accommodation in good quality 4*hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Transfer of passengers and baggage
- Sightseeing as in itinerary
- Services of a fully qualified English speaking guide
- Travel by air-conditioned coaches
- Entrance fees, gratuities, service, charges and portorage
- Airport taxes

Brochures are available in the vestibule and reception room. Please contact Carole Allen caroleallen28@gmail.com or tel: 542807 or Simon Helme for further details.

There will be a meeting for those intending on going and those interested in finding out more about the Pilgrimage on Sunday 29th November at 4.30pm

THE CROSS

The cross is a peak but not the summit
Somewhere to visit but not to live;
Somewhere to pause but not to stay;
Part of the picture but not the whole;
Part of the story but not the end.
It can be rough getting there and rough leaving.
It is part of the journey that takes us to God

Igniting Prayer Day at

Dursely Tabernacle 10am – 4pm on November 21st 2015

Led by Sally Willett and John Hardaker (Evangelism and

Renewal Advocates)

Igniting Prayer

Discovering prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit

Looking afresh at becoming a praying Church. This event guides us into the kind of prayer we've been longing for: greater intimacy with God and powerful, life-changing participation with our heavenly Father in bringing forth His kingdom on earth. It includes praying with vision, asking in Jesus' name, and standing in the gap as an intercessor.

This day will broadly follow the outline with three times of teaching. There will also be times of putting into practise what has been taught.

Rotas for November 2015

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

Date	1 st November	8 th November	15 th November	22 nd November	29 th November
Duty Elder	Rod Irvine	Martine Carter	Hilary Green	Ronnie Harding	Graham Strutt
Vestry Elder	Liz Swanwick	Kathryn Palmer	Liz Swanwick	Carole/Dennis Allen	Will Barrett
First Reading	Malcolm Harris	Graham Dixon	Emma Irvine	Lionel Jones	Gill Watts
2nd Reading	Hazel Harris	Peggy Tresise	Caroline Stables	Ronnie Harding	Vic Watts
Audio Desk	Lionel Jones	Rod Irvine	Christine Welsh	Dennis Allen	Rod Irvine
Flower Arrangers	Christina Bye	Sally Lavis	Gloria Pritchard	Peggy Tresise	Gill Watts
Flower Distribution	Enid Fullard	Maggie Sweeting	Hilary Green	Martine Carter	Sylvia Woods
Welcome Team	Tarina Cieciora Anne Moirez	Carol Bye Malcolm Harris	Chris Purnell Michelle Barnes	John and Kathryn Palmer	Shirley and Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding
Prayer Team	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	John and Kathryn Palmer	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Graham Strutt Julie Perrin
Coffee Rota	Gloria and Mike Pritchard	Hilary and Will Peacocke	Jean and John Harris	Shirley and Matt Welsh	Sylvia Woods Carole Smith

Communion Preparation: Ronnie Harding

Communion Servers: Martine Carter, Ronnie Harding, Kathryn Palmer, Carole/Dennis Allen