

Wot's On at Dursley Tabernacle URC



In January 2014

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A very happy New Year to everyone

Sun 29 Dec 5.00pm JOAN KINGHAM ON SONGS OF PRAISE- BBC 1

Tue 31 Dec 8.30pm onwards – TAB NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY- all are welcome –
bring an item of food/drink to share if possible. (See inside for full details)

**Sun 5 Jan 10.30am Epiphany Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme
with the reception of new members**

Theme: Travelling in Faith: Ever Faithful. Readings: Isaiah 60.1-3; Acts 7.55-60

**6.15pm First Sunday: Evening Praise and Prayer – an opportunity for informal
worship**

Tue 7 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.

Wed 8 Jan 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church

Thu 9 Jan 2pm FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE RECEPTION ROOM.

Thu 9 Jan 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Sun 12 Jan 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme.

Theme: Travelling in Faith: Stunning Vision. Readings: Psalm 30; Acts 9.1-20

Tue 14 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.

Wed 15 Jan 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Wed 15 Jan 7.30pm Churches Together Forum Meeting at Cam Methodist Church.

**Fri 17 Jan 7.30pm A Pudding Tasting Evening, make a note in your diaries
and come and enjoy some scrumptious puds.**

Sun 19 Jan 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme followed by church meeting.

Theme: Travelling in Faith: Getting In. Readings: Acts 11.19-30

6pm United Service at St James church for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Tue 21 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.

Tue 21 Jan 2pm Women's Guild meet in the church.

Wed 22 Jan 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church.

**Sat Jan 25 9.30am Coffee Morning hosted by the Tab 'Friends. Cakes and gifts for the
stalls would be appreciated. Please come and support your church.**

Sun 26 Jan 10.30am led by Carole Allen. Theme: Travelling in Faith: Stepping Out.

Readings: Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; Acts 13.1-3; 15.22-35

Tue 28 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.

Wed 29 Jan 10am – 1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Thu 30 Jan 7pm Men's Group visit to Gloucester Climbing Wall.

JOAN KINGHAM ON SONGS OF PRAISE – DECEMBER 29 at 5pm Joan Kingham has been selected by the BBC to be interviewed in a special Songs of Praise that will be broadcast on 29th Dec. The programme will look at Christians who have been awarded Queen's Honours.

Tab New Year's Eve Party – a fun event for all the family, including games, dancing, variety, food and drink. Please bring and share an item of food (sweet or savoury) and drinks. There is no charge. Recent years has seen a church full of happy partygoers enjoying good fun at the start of a new year. Come along and enjoy the party.

We have had small children in the past who have slept in a quiet corner whilst the party continued.

FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY:-

1 Dec Kathryn Palmer 8 Dec Ron & Lita Heathman 15 Dec Mr Mike Pritchard
22 & 29 Dec Christmas flowers were given by Mrs W Powell in memory of her husband and by Peggy Tresise.

If you would like to give a donation towards the Sunday church flowers in the New Year, speak to Ronnie Harding. On Mondays we take the flowers out to the sick and housebound, If you would like to help by arranging the flowers for a Sunday morning or would like to take the flowers to someone who is unwell on a Monday, then Ronnie would like to hear from you. There are rotas for all of these jobs so if you could help with any of the above then see Ronnie in church or phone her on Dursley 547080.

RONNIE HARDING WILL BE COLLECTING LAST YEARS OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS IN THE NEW YEAR TO GIVE TO A CHARITY. Please bring your cards to church and give them to Ronnie or leave them in the Reception room between **SUNDAY 5TH JAN -15TH JAN, but NO LATER.** Thank you

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.

News of the Church Family

Jan Strutt has spent some time this month in the hospice but fortunately, she is now home again, although Jan remains very poorly.

Jean Cockram is in hospital at present. She has been suffering with pneumonia and has had heart problems but we are all pleased to hear that Jean is now improving.

We hear Walt Stewart has now had a pacemaker fitted. The procedure went well and he is doing very well now.

It is good to have Shirley Welsh back in Church looking fit and well after her recent time in hospital. She is waiting for a date for an operation to fit a heart implant in the New Year. We wish her well over Christmas and hope that the appointment comes through soon.

Charles and Jean Jukes are both okay at present although both are frail.

Joy Strong had a nasty fall; although fortunately nothing seems to have been broken but she has suffered some very nasty bruising.

Joan Whiting has had an anxious time awaiting results following recent blood tests.

We remember all our Church Family in our thoughts and prayers at this festive time and wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

SHARE A PRAYER AND MAKE OUR CHURCH A POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

Dear Father God, we confess our need of your presence and guidance as we face the New Year.

You alone know what the future holds for us. You alone can give us strength and wisdom to face the challenges.

In the midst of life we can only be certain of your unchanging love.

O Lord we ask you to open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our world. Help us to show compassion to those in need.

We thank you for the promise and hope of this New Year and look forward with expectancy and faith.

We thank you for your goodness and love for us in the past year. Amen

Opportunities for sharing faith and enquiring about the Christian faith:

Simon would be interested to know if anyone would be interested in doing an Alpha Course in the New Year or a Christianity Explored course? Look up the websites www.alpha.org or www.christianityexplored.org to see the different approaches. The Christianity Explored Course focuses on who Jesus is and what he did and what it means to follow him. It is based on Mark's gospel and takes people through the gospel. It can be done in small housegroups or at larger venues. If people wanted to host a group in their own home Simon would be willing to lead the course, either Alpha or Christianity Explored.

Dursley Tabernacle's Church Family Weekend in Sheldon, Dartmoor

27th to 29th June 2014

BOOKING INFORMATION

Back by popular request, next June we are planning to return to the Sheldon Centre for our church family weekend. Those who went on either of our last two Sheldon weekends will tell you there is something for everyone. The centre has lovely grounds to walk in and many quiet places, but it's also great for children with lots of adventures and games to be had. It's close to the beach and also to the attractions of Dartmoor. Tour the premises by looking at their website www.sheldon.uk.com or ask around the congregation to hear stories of our time there in past years.

The weekend will be run by us, including the catering, to keep costs as low as possible. Rod and Emma Irvine have agreed to manage the catering again as we did last year, rather than trying to set up a complex team of volunteers, and we are grateful to them for this. Due to a slight increase in centre costs, the charge this year will be £100 per adult, with no charge for children under 18 who are still in education. This will assume full occupancy of the centre as in previous years; obviously, in the unlikely event that we don't have enough adult members, we may have to ask for a voluntary offering to cover costs for young people. Our programme will be similar to previous years; we will all eat together and meet together, but we are responding to feedback and intend to plan in a little more flexibility and free time for spontaneous things to happen! As before, transport will be managed with lift sharing and goodwill donations between friends.

Accommodation is mainly in twin bedrooms, some of which can be made into family rooms with additional mattresses for children, and two ground floor rooms have extra children's beds on an upstairs deck. There are just two single rooms and only three ground floor rooms. If you have mobility problems and would like to be in one of the ground floor rooms, please indicate when booking. There are 34 beds with 14 extra mattresses for children and a couple of cots available.

To book your place on the weekend, please return the slip below 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.

SYNOD TRIP TO IONA – Sept 2014

This is to let you and your church(es) know that once more it is possible to be part of a group going to spend a week on Iona and we are eager to have friends old and new join us. A small group of us based at Holyhead Road URC is organising a week's stay with the Iona community at the Abbey – this will be from Saturday 13 September to Friday 19 September 2014. For our last trip we were joined by friends from all over Coventry and Warwickshire and from further afield in the West Midlands and we are hoping to have a similar ecumenical experience, this time round.

Assuming (and it is a fairly safe bet) that we attract forty-two takers in total, our party will be taking over the whole of the Abbey accommodation. Nevertheless this week will be organised in the usual community pattern – those who go to the Abbey will take part in its worship life and will participate in mealtime duties and other housework through the week, with plenty of free time and opportunities to see the island, whether or not as part of organised trips. We ourselves will be organising a short programme of study and discussion on three of the mornings, on topics still to be determined. On our last trip we looked at aspects of the Book of Psalms, and finished by corporately composing a new Psalm in response to our discussions and our week's experience.

The cost of the week at the Abbey is approximately £340, which does not include transport to and from the island. It is intended that a coach will be arranged to leave Coventry on the evening of 12 September. There will be pickups arranged at one or two other locations according to demand. The cost of travel will be calculated nearer the time on the basis of how many participate. Those organising their own transport to Iona (via ferries to Mull and Iona itself) are equally welcome. Note that in 2011 the cost of coach and all ferry and Mull bus travel was approximately £110 return.

If you are interested and require additional details please feel free to email me in the first instance at bill@morvern.com or else contact Mrs Wynne Davidson by phone on 024 7659 4212. A £50 (non-returnable) deposit secures a place, posted to Wynne at 67 Byfield Road, Coventry CV6 1FJ. We expect this to be a popular trip and will operate on the basis of "first come, first served". **Cheques should be made payable to "Holyhead Road URC". Thanks.**

A flavour of what can happen on the island can be seen at <http://www.iona.morvern.com>, where there is a collection of pictures and comments from a similar trip made in 2004.

With best wishes, Revd. Bill Young

Rotas for January 2014

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

Date	5 th Jan	12 th Jan	19 th Jan	26 th Jan	2 nd Feb
Duty Elder	Shirley Welsh	Hilary Green	Ronnie Harding	Rod Irvine	Lionel Jones
Vestry Elder	David Pritchard	Carole/Dennis Allen	Kathryn Palmer	Hilary Green	Carole/Dennis Allen
First Reading	John Harris	Liz Swanwick	Lionel Jones	Hilary Peacocke	Ronnie Harding
2nd Reading	Gordon Moir	Zoe Avastu	Gill Watts	Hazel Harris	Lilla Jones
Door Duty	Carol Bye Ronnie Harding	Eric Muray Farida Barnes	Mary & Michael Weedon	Gloria & Mike Pritchard	Farida Barnes Eric Murray
Audio Desk	Lionel Jones	Christine Welsh	Carole/Dennis Allen	Andy Spears	Christine Welsh
Flower Distribution	Helene Dalrymple	Shirley Welsh	Hazel Harris	Peggy Tresise	Enid Fuillard
Welcome Team	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Peggy Tresise	Kathryn & John Palmer	Helene Dalrymple Carole Bye Malcolm Harris	Shirley & Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Martine Carter Hilary Green Iain Hearn
Prayer Team	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	Kathryn & John Palmer	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cierciura	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Martine Carter Hilary Green
Flower Arranger	Veronica Harding	Christina Bye	Sally Lavis	Diana Baldwin	Christina Bye

Communion Preparation January 5th: Sally Larkham

Communion Servers: Kathryn Palmer, Jan Strutt, Carole or Dennis Allen, Liz Swanwick

