



Wot's On at

Dursley Tabernacle URC in April 2013

www.dursleytab.org.uk

Easter Experience – Holy Week Prayer Stations in the church for private prayer and reflection **Wednesday 7pm- 9pm, Thursday and Friday 10am-9pm**

7pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Dursley Methodist Church

'The Great Copper Challenge' – CAN YOU!! (MORE DETAILS INSIDE)

SUN 31 MAR 10.30am EASTER SUNDAY ALL AGE COMMUNION LED BY REV SIMON HELME Theme: It is finished. Readings: Mark 16.1-8; Acts 10.34-43

Tue 2 Apr 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 3 Apr 10am-1pm Family Café in the church sanctuary.

Sun 7 Apr MORNING WORSHIP LED BY MATT BARTON. This is not a Communion Service

Tue 9 Apr 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 10 Apr 10am-1pm Family Café in the church sanctuary.

Thu 11 Apr 7.30pm Elders Meeting in the Parsonage

Sat 13 Apr 7.30pm Strictly Come Dancing (see inside for more details)

Sun 14 FAMILY WORSHIP LED BY REV SIMON HELME.

Theme: Abraham Passes the Test. Readings: Genesis 22. 1-19; Romans 6.12-23

Tue 16 Apr 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Tue 16 Apr 2.30pm Women's Guild meet in the church- **speaker Mr Phillip Moss-'Beatrix Potter and the Tailor of Gloucester'. Everyone invited.**

Wed 17 Apr 10.am-1pm Family Café in the church sanctuary.

Sun 21 Apr 10.30am FAMILY WORSHIP LED BY REV. SIMON HELME

Theme: Isaac's children Readings: Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8.1-11

Tue 23 Apr 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 24 Apr 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church sanctuary.

Sat 27 Apr 9.30am -11.30 The Saturday Coffee Morning hosted by the Women's Guild with Cooked Breakfast. Cakes etc. Please support us.

Sun 28 Apr 10.30am FAMILY WORSHIP LED BY REV. SIMON HELME followed by Church Meeting .Theme: God's Promises to Jacob.

Reading: Genesis 28.10-22; Romans 8.12-25

Joan Kingham needs your help If you would like to give the flowers for any week from the beginning of April Joan would be very pleased to hear from you, as there are no names down yet for April onwards. **Please write your name on the flower donation chart in the vestibule and give your money to Joan. Thank you**

THE FLOWERS FOR MARCH WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY:-

Mar 3 Shirley Welsh Mar 10 Ann Shillitoe and Joanne

Mar 17 The Hearn family Mar 24 Kathryn & John Palmer

Mar 31 Lita & Ron Heathman &The Norris family in memory of Frank

Share a prayer and make Dursley Tab a powerful prayer base.

PRAYERS FOR APRIL

Pray for all those involved in planning for the alterations in the old parsonage. We pray that you will guide them and whatever is done is done for your glory.

Pray for the preparations for Christian Aid week and all those who give their time to do the door to door collection. Lord we ask you to keep them safe

Pray for the protection of civilians in Syria, pray for aid to get through to those suffering in this place. Pray for an end to this violence.

News of the Church Family

Congratulations to Trinity Axelson (Sylvia Woods granddaughter) who has become engaged to Christopher Smith who is also a Medical Student.

Charles Jukes has had a spell in Gloucester hospital with heart problems, but we are glad to hear he is now home and feeling much better. Jan Strutt is to have radio therapy next month and we pray this will be greatly beneficial. Glyn Goulden is very much missed from our services but he remains positive, and is always pleased to receive visits from Tabernacle friends.

Ann Cameron-Murphy's heart operation is safely over. She is home, and slowly improving. Gordon Moir's operation also went well. We continue to remember Margaret Pengelly, Michael Parsons, Ron Heathman and Mary Sherratt in our prayers. Joan Kingham has not been at all well recently and we think of Joan and pray for her too.

A number of our friends have had nasty chest infections in the past month and we have missed them from our worship. We hope for much needed warmer weather in the near future, it would be a blessing to us all.

Our loving sympathy goes out to Gloria Pritchard on the death of her mother. We remember Joan Whiting who has been very distressed by the death of a very much loved nephew. We think also of Larry Barns and family on the death of Larry's mother. We have just heard of the death of Glanville Huckson, one of our oldest members. Many of you will not know Glanville but until he became increasingly confused, he was a regular attender. He moved some time ago to live near his daughter in North Wales. We offer his family our deepest sympathy.

The Corrymeela Lunch held recently raised £409 for this worthy charity. Thank you to those who organised it, to all those who helped in any way on the day to make it such a success, and to all who came and supported it and enjoyed a lovely lunch with good company.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH -18TH MAY

I am very grateful each year to all our volunteers who collect. Sometimes this is not easy but raises a huge amount of money. If you collected last year please let me know if you are unable to do it this year, we still have a few roads without collectors so if you are able to collect and didn't last year please let me know.

On May 12th Ronnie with a team of ladies are hosting teas and cakes at the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon, we hope you will come and support this.

Please consider organising an event for Christian Aid. Thank you
Martine Carter 01453 890432

Jo Helme is planning on going to Nicaragua this summer with the Peace and Hope Trust. To help raise money for her trip she is open to requests for child minding. She also plans a number of fund raising activities in April and May.

Connect At Sponsored Walk – Jo helps out at the Connect At group that meets at the Tab and they are planning a sponsored walk to help her raise funds. If you wish to sponsor them see either Martine or Jo.

Rooms are available to hire at the Tabernacle for details please contact Mrs Sylvia Woods on 01453 545828 or email Sylvia at woods_se@yahoo.co.uk

In April there is a new Tai Chi class starting in the Community Rooms on Thursday evenings 7.30pm till 8.30pm run by Gerald Griffiths and new members will be welcome.

Fellowship Groups Contact Information

Fellowship groups will resume their meetings after Easter. See noticeboard for further details. Any general questions or concerns, please call Carole on 542807

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER? To find out more speak to Simon – 542344.

TAB FUND RAISING / EVENTS FOR 2013

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR PLEASE HELP US IN ANY WAY YOU CAN.

The Great Copper Run Challenge CAN YOU!! Fill a jar, a box, or a carton with copper coins before the end of May? Bring your full jars in on any Sunday to Terry, Helene or Hilary.

More Fund Raising in the coming months so look in the Wot's On and see what is happening and come along and support us.

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 13th April 7.30pm Strictly Come Dancing – in the Church. Tickets £5 – buy on the night or see Jo. If you want to perform see Jo

Sat 20 April Connect At Sponsored Walk – Jo helps out at the Connect At group that meets at the Tab and they are planning a sponsored walk to help her raise funds. If you wish to sponsor them see either Martine or Jo.

Sat 4 May 7pm Tab Quiz Please bring your family, relatives, friends and neighbours. Youth teams very welcome. The Quiz will be exciting and challenging with music, pictures and general knowledge. The Traditional Sausage and Mash Supper is included. (Please bring your drinks) (Transport available if needed) Tickets will be available soon.

Sat 11 May 9.30am - 11.30 MAY FAYRE – This is a WHOLE TAB EVENT with plants, cakes and puddings, gifts, tombola, toys and books, raffle and refreshments too. Please start collecting now, turn out those cupboards and drawers and give something to sell. Put the date in your diary and tell all your friends and neighbours and bring them along and support us.

We will need items for all the above stalls. Plants of all kinds summer bedding, if buying plant plugs to grow on please buy an extra tray and plant a tray for us, or splitting up your perennials please save all those spare unwanted plants for us. Vegetable plants, such as cucumber, tomatoes, courgettes, lettuce and runner bean plants. Whatever you have to spare, Gardening books, garden tools, ornaments chairs etc. anything to do with the garden. If you could give an hour of your time to help on the day, men setting up the tables and clearing up afterwards, or if you would like to run a stall please speak to Helene or Angela Jones.

On Sun May 12th Ronnie with a team of ladies are hosting teas and cakes at the Methodist church. We hope you will all come and support this.

The Christian Aid Service will be in the evening of May 12th, more details later.

Dursley Tabernacle's Church Family Weekend Away

28th to 30th June 2013

Sheldon, Dartmoor

THEME – Who Do You Say I am?

We will explore the 'I am' sayings of Jesus in John's gospel (e.g. I am the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd, the Vine, the Resurrection and the life etc.). We will hopefully gain more understanding of the Fourth Gospel and John's portrayal of Jesus. The weekend will offer us the chance to refresh our vision of who is Jesus and what he means to us. There will be a creative mixture of learning and participation, laughter and reflection.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Those who went last year 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 last summer. The pictures are now certified.

The weekend will be run by us, including the catering, to keep costs as low as possible. Costs this year are £90 per adult, with no charge for children under 18 who are still in education. Accommodation is mainly in twin bedrooms, some of which can have additional mattresses for children and two with extra children's beds on an upstairs deck. There are just a couple of single rooms* and a couple of ground floor rooms. There are 38 beds available with 8 extra mattresses for children. We will all eat together and meet together. The programme is being planned by a team of elders and will include a balance between free time and planned sessions for all ages. We intend to share the load of delivering the weekend by creating teams of people with certain responsibilities. It's a good way to get to know someone!

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. Places are offered on a first-come first-served basis, so book now.

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. Carole Allen and Simon Helme will look at the Lake Poets Wordsworth and Coleridge, as well as John Donne, George Herbert, Gerard Manley Hopkins and Thomas Traherne, considering some of their 'spiritual works' and reflecting on their cultural and theological contexts, especially the Romantic movement. Simon will also offer morning bible studies on the psalms. Carole will lead morning and evening prayer.

The Director of the Windermere Centre, Lawrence Moore, will also have some input into the programme. He will give two sessions: one on Walter Bruggeman's poetic approach to Biblical interpretation, as expressed in his book, *Finally Comes the Poet*; secondly the singer songwriter Leonard Cohen, "the Poet of Brokenness and Grace".

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

This year, by popular request, we are offering another midweek retreat holiday to allow the adult members of our congregation a time for fellowship and reflection together. We have booked the Windermere Centre which is the United Reformed Church's residential training centre located, unsurprisingly, not far from the shore of Windermere in our beautiful Lake District. The centre is close to the local railway station or can be reached from Dursley by car in about four hours, depending on traffic. More information is available on their website which is: www.windermere.urc.org.uk

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. Accommodation for up to 30 people is available in 21 en-suite rooms, with 12 single rooms (2 of which are fully equipped for wheelchair users) 5 twin rooms, 1 double room and 3 triple rooms*. The programme is to be planned by a team of elders and will include a balance between free time and planned sessions.

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. Places are offered on a first-come first-served basis, so book early to be sure of a space on the holiday

Foodbank

The Foodbank has now fed it's 2500th client. Thank you for all your support in providing foodstuffs and toiletries over the past 15 months. The work has now been extended through **KID'S STUFF** – set up by a network of churches from across the Stroud District to help people in crisis.

Find out more at info@strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk clothes, furniture, and toiletries are given and stored at the warehouses.

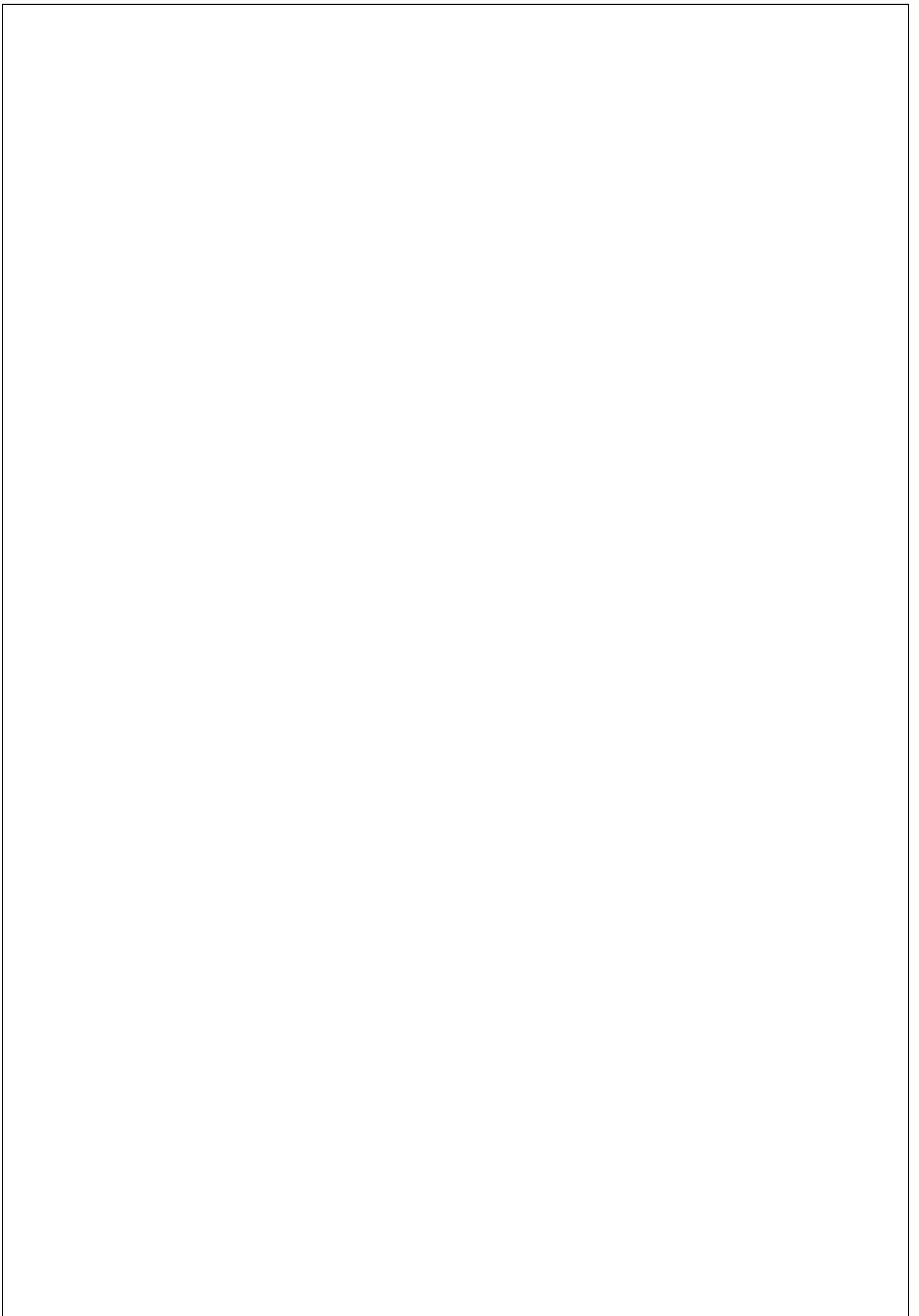
Professional support workers are able to refer people e.g. CAB, social services health visitors and the goods are then delivered directly to them. Kids' stuff currently needs cots, buggies, clothes, good quality reading books, stairgates, and highchairs. Please ring on 072528 411782 or use the email above.

The Foodbank still needs your help to continue feeding the many needy people in our local area so please keep bringing your items of food and toiletries so we can help those less fortunate folk who needs our help now. --

Be Not Dismayed By Dismal Days

It's a dismal, dreary morning and as I sometimes do
I feel a little dreary and kinda downcast, too,
For let nobody tell you that life's a "happy song"
And that we just keep on smiling when everything goes wrong...
For it just would not be natural to always wear a smile,
For a smile would be a "silly grin " if it covered up a trial...
For there are certain periods when the soul is "sweetly sad"
And it contemplates the mystery of both good times and bad...
We're not really discontented and we are never unaware
That THE GOOD LORD UP IN HEAVEN HAS US ALWAYS IN HIS CARE,
But the soul of man is restless and it just keeps longing for
A HAVEN that is SAFE and SURE that will last FOREVERMORE...
And as I sit here writing this a thought passed through my mind--
"Why dwell on PAST OR FUTURE or WHATS AHEAD or GONE BEHIND?"
Just follow GOD unquestioningly because YOU LOVE HIM SO,
For if you trust HIS JUDGMENT THERE IS NOTHING YOU NEED KNOW!

By Helen Steiner Rice



April Rotas

Please swap any duty you are unable to do and inform Shirley Welsh of any changes made. Thank you

Duty	7 April	14 April	21 April	28 April	5 May
Duty Elders	Ronnie Harding	Kathryn Palmer	Carol or Dennis Allen	Lionel Jones	
Vestry	Hilary Green	Ronnie Harding	Carol or Dennis Allen	Kathryn Palmer	
First Reading	Tarina Cieciora	Helene Dalrymple	Edna Mellerup	Terry Larkham	
Second Reading	Michael Weeden	Joan Kingham	Gill Watts	Tarina Cieciora	
Door Duty	Lita & Ron Heathman	Jean & John Harris	Mary & Mike Weeden	Betty Hearn & Joan Kingham	
Flower Distribution	Helene Dalrymple	Shirley Welsh	Hazel Harris	Peggy Tresise	Enid Fullard
Welcome Team	Chris Purnell Carol Bye Malcolm Harris	Shirley & Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Iain Hearn Martine Carter Hilary Green	Kathryn & John Palmer Ron Swanwick	David Pritchard Joan Kingham Helene Delrymple
Prayer Team	Jackie Pritchard Julie Perrin	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Kathryn & John Palmer	

No Communion Service in April