

SPRINGTIME IS HERE AT LAST



APRIL 2014 Wot's On at DursleyTabernacle

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

Wed 2 Apr 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Wed 2 Apr 7.30pm Last Christianity Explored at the Courtyard Café

Sun 6 Apr 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Authority of Jesus: Jesus heals Bartimaeus. Readings: Mark 10.46-52; Hebrews 7.23-28

6pm United Lent Service at Dursley Methodist Church led by Revd John Emmett

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

Tue 8 Apr 2-3.30pm First session of Tab Knitting Group. (Full details inside)

Wed 9 Apr 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Thu 10 Apr 1pm Lent lunch at Sharpness URC with talk by Simon Helme

Thu 10 Apr 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Sun 13 Apr 10.30am Palm Sunday led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: Jesus Rescues: Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. Readings: Matthew 21.1-17; Matthew 27.11-26

6pm United Lent Service at Dursley Methodist Church led by Revd Ian Robb

Tue 15 Apr 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Tue 15 Apr 2pm Women's Guild with speakers Ronnie Harding and Lionel Jones 'Assisi Pilgrimage'. There will also be a 'Bring & Buy'. Everyone welcome.

Wed 16 April 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Thu 17 Apr 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service at the Tab led by Revd Simon Helme

Good Friday Churches Together Walk of Witness 9am from Sainsburys to Cam Peak (approx.. 11am)

Good Friday 7pm Stainer's Crucifixion in the Tab. (Full details inside)

Sun 20 Apr 9am Garden Service followed by Easter Breakfast in the Upper Hall

10.30am Easter Day Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Jesus Rescues: Jesus is Alive. Readings: Matthew 28.1-10; Acts 10.34-43

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

Fri 25 Apr 7pm 'The Cotswold Youth Singers' We are very excited to have finally managed to acquire this exceptionally gifted and directed Christian Choir offering an unforgettable spiritual experience at Easter **Strongly recommended.**

Sat 26 Apr 9.30am Coffee Morning hosted by the Tab Youth Team with 'Fury' they deserve your support so please come and encourage their commitment.

Sat 26 Apr 10am Tab Walkers first walk (Full details inside.)

Sun 27 Apr 10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Helme .

Theme: Jesus Rescues: Jesus commissions his friends. Readings: Matthew 28.16-20; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

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

THE GREAT 5p COIN COLLECTION IS NEARLY OVER PLEASE BRING YOUR COINS TO CHURCH AND GIVE THEM TO TERRY LARKHAM BY APRIL 20th THANK YOU.

FLOWERS FOR MARCH WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY-

2 March Ron & Lita Heathman
16 March Ann Shillitoe & Joan Whiting
9 March Iain & Betty Hearn
23 March Lilla & Lionel Jones
30 March Shirley & Matt Welsh

Donations for the flowers on Easter Sunday or a gift of flowers would be very much appreciated, please speak to Ronnie Harding. All flower arrangers are needed to decorate the church Easter weekend.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

We continue to remember Jan and Gray Strutt in our prayers and also Oscar Cullimore who is still continuing with his treatment we pray for him and his family. Our thoughts are with Joan Whiting on the death of her brother Dennis and also our deepest sympathy to his wife Audrey who came to Tabernacle Ladies. We also remember Eunice Davies in her concern for her son. To all these people we send our love and ask God's blessing on them all.

It is good to see Joyce Nicholls has made a good recovery and is now out and about. We also welcome Jo Helme home after her trip to New York where she spoke at the United Nations. Well done Jo. It is good to hear Hilary Green's eye operation was a success and she is now able to drive her car again, we thank the Lord for his help at all times.

Gus Smith would like to thank all her friends at the Tab who sent cards and best wishes for her 90th birthday, we are glad you had a lovely birthday Gus. Joan Whiting and family would like to thank her friends at the Tab for flowers cards and prayers on the passing of Joan's dear brother Dennis.

SHARE A PRAYER AND MAKE OUR CHURCH A POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER We pray for the work of the Tab, we pray for all the leaders and helpers in the Junior church, We pray for all our children, we just ask you to surround them and protect them with your love. We pray for the Fury group as they face trials and ordeals in school and we pray for them to reflect your love in their lives.

We pray for the community in which we live. We pray for the Youth Centre and the way forward, we ask you Father God to lead our entire decision making in this church. We pray for all those who have come to the Christianity Explored course and we pray for those who don't attend churches and we ask you to guide us planning the way forward.

We pray for the work of Christian Aid, for people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict. Jesus, Prince of Peace we pray for the peace that brings freedom out of fear, hope out of grief, and dignity out of violation.

Lead our sisters and brothers out of the valley of the shadow of death into a place of still waters, green pastures and restoration. And give us a fire to work tirelessly for your justice that we may all share in your fullness of life. Amen

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Dates for your diary

Tue 8 Apr 2-3.30pm - Tabernacle Knitting Group is starting in the Reception Room. Please come along and meet other knitters. Bring your wool and needles. We are hoping to be able to knit for Gloucester Royal Hospital, Premature Baby Unit as we have a lady who is coming along to our group who already knits for them. The cancer charity Cobalt Unit also would like ladies to knit for them. It is quite exciting being able to "do our bit by knitting" and also enjoy a cuppa at the same time. Cost £1 for tea/coffee plus biscuits.

Good Fri 18 Apr 7pm In the Tab. Churches Together Augmented Choir conducted by Mr Barrie Cooper, Soloists Mr Andrew Telford and Mr Brian Parslow. Donations please towards the Parsonage Youth Centre.

Fri 25 Apr 7pm 'The Cotswold Youth Singers' entrance £6.50p.

Sat 26 Apr 10am Tab Walkers This is our first walk and we will meet at the Tab at 10.00. All are welcome Tab folks, friend's dogs, and all ages. The walk is very local; we will go up Stinchcombe Hill. However anyone who prefers to drive up Stinchcombe and just walk at the top is also welcome. We will probably get up there for 11ish. Please bring nibbles, picnic, drinks etc. We should get back to the Tab by early afternoon. We hope to do a monthly walk; the length and time of the walk will be to suit those who are interested. Please let me know if you are interested then we have a rough idea of numbers. Martine 890432. Juliamartine.carter@gmail.com

Sat 3 May 'A Kids Stuff Sale' organised by Emma Irvine, helpers needed.

May Fair Fri 16th 6pm and Sat 17th 9.30am Lots of lovely cakes & plants are needed so if you are splitting up clumps of perennials please save some, or buying plant plugs buy 1 extra for us and plant them up ready for the stall. We need volunteers please. This is a family event with toys, face painting and competitions,

Women's World Day of Prayer On March 7th the ladies of this area joined together to find out more and pray for Egypt. We enjoyed the fellowship together and we would like to thank all the lovely ladies who attended and those from the Tab, Dursley Methodist, St Marks, St Giles Uley and St Dominic's who took part in the service. We would also like to thank Simon Fullard for playing the organ and Rev Simon Helme for his inspiring address. Many thanks also for those who made cakes and provided refreshments. Over £150 was sent for work in this area. From Martine and Peggy

UNITED SERVICES IN LENT AT DURSLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Week 4: Sunday Service March 30th 6pm **IAN GARDINER**

Theme: Ridicule (trauma, prophetic voice, being disregarded)

Parable of the Rich Fool, Luke 12.13-34

Week 5: Sunday Service April 6th 6pm **JOHN EMMETT**

Theme: Sacrifice (what do others give up for us, what do we give up for others?)

Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin Luke 15.1-10

Week 6 Sunday Service April 13th 6pm: **IAN ROBB**

Theme: Transformation (Christ's love active in the world, not only for ourselves but for all humankind). The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10.25-37

Lent Lunches at Sharpness URC. Home made soup and bread will be served on alternate Thursday lunchtimes from 1pm at Sharpness URC. There will be a short talk by Simon Helme on a Lenten theme. All welcome.

May 11th -17th Christian Aid Week see below what is happening and needed.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 11TH TO 17TH War tears lives apart. Love can help piece them together. Please can you help? The focus is on helping those people driven from their homes in Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Christian Aid with our help can reach 42 million people caught up in conflict.

FUND RAISING IN CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

Teas We are hosting afternoon teas in the Methodist church on Sunday 2.30-5 pm. Please can you support this event either by helping, providing cakes or just coming along to have a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

Soup Lunches

Soup lunches will take place at the Methodist church in Christian Aid week from Tuesday through till Saturday. Dursley Tab are hosting the lunches on Thursday. Please can you help on the day, provide soup or bread or just come along and enjoy the lunch and fellowship.

Christian Aid Door to Door Collection

The door to door collection is a huge money raiser for Christian Aid, people contribute to this who would not normally give and many give generously. The more volunteers we have the easier is the task. I would love to be able to cover each road with 2 people. Most of our patch is central to Dursley, although we do have a few areas in Cam. Please can you help? If you have done this in past years I will assume you will continue unless you let me know otherwise.

Save'n'borrow Credit Union

The Save'n'borrow Credit Union, formerly known as Stroud Valleys Credit Union, now has a weekly collection point at the **Parish Council office in Cam on Wednesday mornings (10 – 11.30am)** as well as being at the **Treetops Children Centre on Friday afternoons between 2.30 and 4pm.**

The Credit Union is an ethical profit-sharing co-operative which is run by volunteers who are all members. We are regulated in the same way as banks so your money is safe with us! We provide a friendly, personal banking service; members are encouraged to save regularly, making payments either by standing order or by cash or cheque at one of our collection points. Some members save for something in particular like holidays, school uniform or Christmas; others build up a nest egg for an emergency like a broken washing machine! As it usually takes up to a week to withdraw money, saving with us also means that you're not tempted to use your savings for an instant or impulse buy; for many members this helps them save and budget properly. We also offer junior savings accounts for children under the age of 16 and these usually attract a higher dividend.

Members can take out low interest loans based on their savings. For example, if you save £100 you can apply for a Standard Loan of £200 and you will only repay £213. If you don't have sufficient savings to borrow against we also offer other types of loans which also have very competitive rates of interest.

Anyone who lives in the Stroud District or Tetbury areas is welcome to join as a member – there is a simple application process. We also need volunteers to help run the Cam and Dursley (and other) collection points and/or other parts of the Credit Union; we are a friendly and welcoming group and full training is given.

So please check out our website (www.svcu.org.uk), email us on admin@svcuc.org.uk and/or come and see us on a Wednesday morning in the council offices in Cam or Friday afternoon at Treetops. We will also be calling in say hello to some of the many groups that use the Tabernacle Church. We look forward to meeting you!

Rotas for April 2014

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

Date	April 6th	April 13th	April 20th	April 27th
Duty Elder	Rod Irvine	Ronnie Harding	Kathryn Palmer	Lionel Jones
Vestry Elder	Ronnie Harding	Martine Carter	David Pritchard	Hilary Green
First Reading	Peggy Tresise	Gordon Moir	Carole/Dennis Allen	John Harris
2nd Reading	Tarina Cieciora	Gill Watts	Matt Welsh	Zoe Avastu
Door Duty	Ron & Lita Heathman	Eric Murray Farida Barnes	Lita & Ron Heathman	Betty Hearn Iain Hearn
Audio Desk	Andy Spears	Christine Welsh	Andy Spears	Dennis Allen
Flower Distribution	Hilary Green	Carole Bye		Ronnie Harding
Welcome Team	Kathryn & John Palmer	Helene Dalrymple Malcolm Harris Carol Bye	Shirley & Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Martine Carter Hilary Green Iain Hearn
Prayer Team	Kathryn & John Palmer	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Martine Carter Hilary Green

Communion Preparation : 6th April Audrey Stewart

Communion Servers: David Pritchard, Kathryn Palmer, Rod Irvine, Carole/Dennis Allen

Communion Preparation: Easter Day 20th April Edna Mellerup

Communion Servers: Lionel Jones, David Pritchard, Martine Carter, Ronnie Harding

