



AUGUST 2013

## WOT'S ON AT DURSLEY TAB

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*To all those going on holiday we wish you all a very happy time.*

Sun 4 Aug 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Parables of Jesus: The Story of the farmer. Reading: Psalm 119.105-112; Matthew 13.1-23

Tue 6 Aug 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Sun 11 Aug 10.30am Worship led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: Parables of Jesus: The Wheat and the Weeds. Readings: Psalm 86.11-17; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-4

Tue 13 Aug 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Thu 15 Aug 9.30-11; 30am Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning in the church. Please support this worthy charity. (Full details inside)

Sat 17 Aug 2pm Wedding of Stephanie Hubbard to James Atkins – an invitation to all at the Tab to come along and celebrate with Steph.

**Sun 18 Aug 10.30am Pastorate Service at Sharpness URC led by Rev Simon Helme – NO SERVICE at the Tab** Theme: Parables of Jesus: The Mustard Seed and Yeast Story.

Readings: Psalm 119.129-136; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Tue 20 Aug 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

**Sun 25 Aug 10.30am Worship led by Rev Richard Atkins from BBC Radio Gloucestershire**

**Tue 27 Sep 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.**

**Sun 1 Sep 10.30am Communion Service with Thanksgiving for Isla Jelf and dedication of her parents – led by Rev Simon Helme** Theme: The story of Moses: Rescue and Run

Readings: Exodus 2.1-25; Romans 12.1-8

6pm Church Membership Meeting for anyone interested in becoming a member at the Tab

Flowers for July were kindly given by:-

July 7 Diana Baldwin, July 14 Jim & Val Smith, July 21 Joy Strong,  
July 28 Ronnie Harding, Aug 4 Joan Kingham.

## **News of the Church Family**

During July, many of our members have had falls. Pip Whittard has fallen and broken her hip. She is now home from hospital and doing well. Janet Butt also has a broken hip after an unfortunate accident at Open Door Club and is at present in Stroud Hospital.

Ann Shillitoe has broken her collar bone and Kathryn Palmer is badly bruised and has a sprained foot.

Michael Parsons has had a spell in hospital but is now home and awaiting further tests. We also hear that Jean Jukes is having treatment for her leg. Jan Strutt's result were encouraging but she is still in a lot of discomfort. We send all these folk all our good wishes and remember them in our prayers.

On a happier note, it is lovely to have Joan out and about and having her worshipping with us again.

Our dear friend Chas Dukes celebrates his 90th birthday on the 3rd of August. Happy Birthday Chas, hope you have a good day. We also send belated congratulations to Joan Golding who celebrated her 90th birthday earlier in July.

## **SHARE A PRAYER AND MAKE OUR CHURCH A POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER**

### **Prayers for August**

Heavenly father, we have enjoyed and appreciated the last month, all the great summer weather, the Space Academy holiday club and the Tab social and fundraising events. During August as we enter the school holidays and have opportunities to rest, relax, reenergise and recharge our batteries we ask for your guidance.

Provide guidance to those who have big decisions to make on their future. Look over those who receive their exam results. May you help them to take the right choices, realise their potential and develop into key members of your Christian community.

Provide guidance to us all as a church as we collectively go forth in faith through the Parsonage Development and the Youth Centre Projects. May you help us to make the correct decisions to enhance the Tab as a blessing within the local community. Provide guidance to us as individuals when we return back into our routine. May you provide us with the confidence to be an example of your love and show us the hope and the way for the future. Amen

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Thu 15 Aug 9.30-11.30am The Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning in the church.** Rev Hewis will be here with TLM Christmas cards and gifts and there will be stalls for cakes, vegetables, fruit and plants, books games and puzzles. There will be a tombola and a treasure island.

Entrance is £1 and refreshments will be provided. Please come and bring your friends along to. All our local churches support this very well worthwhile charity.

**Men's Group Event.** Dennis is organising a summer's Evening Bike Ride. This will be on a Friday evening 23 August (bank holiday weekend) or the 30th. Date to be confirmed. He anticipates leaving early evening/late afternoon with a stop for a meal somewhere. Details to be decided. But I need to fix a date first. Any preferences and are you interested? Dennis

**Sat 14 September "The Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) annual "Ride and Stride" takes place** GHCT is a charity providing funds to churches in Gloucestershire in support of property maintenance and development.

They assisted our Sanctuary refurbishment programme and Community Rooms Project.

The Ride and Stride is a sponsored event for any cyclists or walkers (or horse riders!). The aim being to visit as many churches as possible on the day.

This years' organiser is Dennis Allen, who will be looking for sponsors, co-riders and for people to be in attendance on the day for visitors to our church.

If anyone else wishes to take part please contact him for a sponsorship form."

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept and 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 7.30pm at the Tab 'FISHING COURSE' – How to share faith without annoying people.** A three week short course to help you have more confidence in sharing your faith and giving an answer for the hope you have, without being embarrassing, annoying or offensive. Simon Helme and John Palmer will look at what we can say when people ask us about why we go to church, why do we follow the Christian faith. We will also look at how we can offer 'bait' in conversations that give people permission to ask questions about faith. The final session will look at possible replies to common objections to the Christian faith and belonging to a church. All welcome.

**Fri 20 Sep 7-11pm 'HARVEST BARN DANCE' entrance £7.50 includes food.** Come and join us and have a great evening.

**Sat 28 Sep 9.30-11.30am Coffee Morning hosted by the Men's Group.**

## **THE TWEMLOW TRUST**

38 May Lane, Dursley, Glos GL11 4HU, 01453 547838

In 1718, the Reverend Joseph Twemlow, then Minister of Cam Meeting, opened a school in Dursley for the children of 'Protestant Dissenters'. When this school closed in 1887, a Trust in the name of Joseph Twemlow continued to support the education of Non-conformist young people in the area. Since 1947, this has been through donating small grants to students in higher education.

Applications are now invited from students in, or about to enter, higher education, for grants for the 2013/14 academic year. Applicants must be from Nonconformist families and resident in the parishes of Dursley, Cam or Uley.

Applications should be made in writing, before August 31<sup>st</sup>, to

The Secretary, The Twemlow Trust, 38 May Lane, Dursley, Glos GL11 4HU. They must give details of the course of study being undertaken and confirm the eligibility of the claim under the terms of the Trust.

## Dursley Tabernacle's Retreat Holiday 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Windermere, Cumbria.

### THEME

Our Main sessions will explore Christian spirituality as expressed through some classic poets. Carole Allen and Simon Helme and Lawrence Moore (the director of the Windermere Centre) will lead the sessions. Afternoons will be free to enjoy the beauty of the Lake District and the autumn colours. Evenings will be opportunities to relax **BOOKING INFORMATION** The retreat will begin at tea time on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and end after breakfast on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. To book your place on the weekend, please contact Carole Allen with your deposit as soon as possible. (Some transport is available at present). Contact her on 01453 542807 or [caroleallen28@gmail.com](mailto:caroleallen28@gmail.com) for more information or if you have concerns about costs.

### Faith and Culture

The autumn season for Christian education will feature House Fellowships looking at how we can share our faith in today's culture and society. If you want to host or lead a group please see Simon Helme.

During the autumn and winter Simon will offer a series of centrally based meetings looking at the relationship of Faith and Culture.

7 Nov – Faith and Film, 28 Nov – Faith and Contemporary Music

16 Jan – Faith and Art, 30 Jan – Faith and Literature

Faith and Poetry will be covered on the Church Retreat in October. More details to follow.

## Rotas for August 2013

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

Duty	4 August	11 August	18 August	25 August	1 September
Duty Elder	Kathryn Palmer	Jan Strutt	Shirley Welsh	Lionel Jones	Hilary Green
Vestry Elder	Rod Irvine	Ronnie Harding	Hilary Green	Martine Carter	Carole or Dennis Allen
First Reading	Shirley Welsh	Michael Weedon	Gwyn Golden	Matt Welsh	Michael Weedon
2nd Reading	Brenda Peters	Liz Swanwick	Peggy Tresise	Terry Larkham	Gwyn Goulden
Door Duty	Lita and Ron Heathman	Betty and Iain Hearn	Mary and Michael Weedon	Enid Fullard Ronnie Harding	Eric Murray Farida Barnes
Audio Desk	Carole/Dennis Allen	Christine Welsh	Carole/Dennis Allen	Rod Irvine	Lionel Jones
Flower Distribution	Ronnie Harding	Helene Dalrymple	Shirley Welsh	Hazel Harris	Peggy Tresise
Welcome Team	Helene Dalrymple Carole Bye Malcolm Harris	Shirley and Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Martine Carter Hilary Green Iain Hearn	Tarina Cieciora Emma Byrne Ron Swanwick	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Peggy Tresise
Prayer Team	Jackie Pritchard Julie Perrin	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Tarina Cieciora Emma Byrne	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones
Flower Arranging	Kathryn Palmer	Gill Watts	Gloria Pritchard	Peggy Tresise	Sally Lavis

Communion Preparation 4th August: Audrey Stewart

Communion Servers:

Rod Irvine, Kathryn Palmer, Jan Strutt, David Pritchard

