

# January 2013

## Wot's On at Dursley Tabernacle URC

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### WE WISH ALL OUR TAB FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

**MONDAY 31 DECEMBER 8.30PM IN THE CHURCH. NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - (DETAILS INSIDE )**

**Sun 6 Jan 10.30am Epiphany Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme Theme: How should we pray? Pray like Jesus. Reading: Psalm 138; Matthew 6.5-15**

**Tue 8 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group** meet in the church.

**Wed 9 Jan 10-1pm Family Café** in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Thu 10 Jan 7.30pm ELDERS MEETING IN THE UPPER HALL.**

**Fri 11 Jan 9am Fabric Panel** meet to work on church premises.

**Sun 13 Jan 10.30am Family worship led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme: How should we pray? Ask Search and Knock. Readings: Psalm 85; Luke 11.5-13**

**Tue 15 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group** meet in the church everyone is welcome.

**Tue 15 Jan 2pm Women's Guild** with speaker Rev Simon Helme

**Tue 15 Jan 7.30pm Tab Men's Group** in the Upper Hall, (details inside)

**Wed 16 Jan 10-1pm Family Café** in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Fri 18 Jan 9am Fabric Panel** meet to work on church premises.

**Sun 20 Jan 10.30am Family worship led by Revd Simon Helme followed by Church Meeting**

**Theme : How should we pray? Never give up. Readings: Psalm 121; Luke 2.8-21**

**6pm United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – St Barts, Lower Cam**

**Tue 22 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group** meet in the church.

**Wed 23 Jan 10-1pm Family Café** in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Thu 24 Jan 2pm Pastorate Council** at Dursley Tab.

**Fri 25 Jan 9am Fabric Panel** meet to work on church premises.

**Sat 26 Jan 9.30-11.30am Saturday Coffee Morning** in the Upper Hall.

**Sun 27 Jan 10.30am Family worship led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme: How should we pray? Smug or Sorry? Readings: Psalm 84; Luke 18.9-14**

**Tue 29 Jan 9.30am Prayer Group** meet in the church.

**Wed 30 Jan 10-1pm Family Café** in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Thu 31 Jan 7.30pm Genesis Live: a talk by Simon Helme.** details inside)

#### **WE THANK THOSE WHO KINDLY GAVE THE FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER:-**

Dec 2 Christine Pratt, Dec 9 Lilla Jones, Dec 16 - 30 Peggy Tresise and Mrs Margaret Powell. Thanks to all who arranged the flowers, and to those who kindly delivered them.

#### **Share a Prayer, and make Dursley Tab a powerful prayer base.**

**Please pray for the following items in the coming month:**

1 As we enjoy our Christmas with our families, please pray for members in our

congregation who will be on their own over the Christmas and New Year and who would love to have a visit or enjoy a telephone call.

- 2 Please pray for the local Churches Together, Friends at Christmas who will be providing a meal on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, transport and entertainment for those people in our Dursley and Cam area who will be on their own. We also pray for the helpers who have given up their days to be with them.
- 3 Please pray for Peace in our world, especially in the area of the Middle East, encompassing Palestine, Syria, Egypt and Israel. We also pray for Afghanistan.

### **News of the church family A very Happy and Blessed New Year to all Tabernacle friends.**

We are still very concerned about the health of Jan Strutt and Glyn Goulden, but our prayer is that 2013 will bring healing to them both.

The good news is Audrey Stewart has at last, had her hip operation and by the time you read this she will be home and we hope on the way to full mobility again.

Margaret Pengelly is also home from hospital and we pray she will improve slowly.

Jean and Charles Jukes have also been quite poorly, but we hope Jean will be well enough to be able to have her operation in January.

Val and Jim Smith are back from South Africa, but unfortunately Val broke her wrist on the way home. We hope this will soon heal.

Anne Noden has now moved to 49 May Lane, where we all hope she will settle happily.

We have been deeply saddened by the death of our member Ken Bloodworth. Ken had been ill for some time, and he will be missed by so many people. Ken was a faithful member of our church for many years and he and Kath also attended the Quarry chapel, and were greatly valued there as well.

Ken was a good friend to many people, and it was always a joy to see him in the Tabernacle. The service at the Tabernacle on December 13<sup>th</sup> was a fitting tribute to his memory. Our loving sympathy goes out to his wife Kath, his daughters Ann and Pauline and his beloved grand children.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER?** To find out more speak to Simon – 542344.  
**The Helme family have successfully moved house to 7a Windsor Rd, Dursley, GL11 4BU.**

After consultation with elders, there are some necessary changes to our church communication network, which the move has required. There was some concern that the church should not lose its familiar telephone number which is available on all our publicity, so a simple landline connection has been retained in the vestry - with the same church number 542344 - for Simon/Elders' use for church business when on the premises. To bring us in line with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Simon now has a church mobile with the number: 07946 402954. This number will be provided on the church answer-service message and will be included from

now on in all new publicity material, making Simon much easier to contact, and allowing his church and personal communication to be separated.

It is worth everyone knowing that it will cost the church slightly more for Simon to retrieve messages from the church mobile than from the landline answering service, so if Simon is unable to answer his mobile at any time and the answer phone on that cuts in, it will be cheaper for us, and for you, for you to redial and leave a brief message on the landline. Simon will be checking this regularly, as he used to do the answer phone in the parsonage. Also note that Simon has a new email address: smhelme@gmail.com The old address will continue for a short while though.

The Helme family would like to thank everyone for their support, cards and kind wishes during their move. We are getting settled and really appreciate our new home. Its warm, the floors are level and we can't hear all the church activities! Thank you for your patience as we get right. We hope in the Spring we will have an open house for you all to come and visit us.

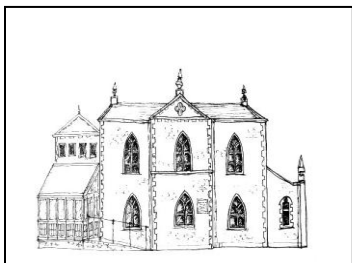
Yours,

Simon, Debbie, Jo, Libby and Sam

### Dates for your diaries

#### **Mon 31 Dec 8.30pm NEW YEARS PARTY**

Last year we held our first church New Year's Eve Party and it was a roaring success! We had about 80 people there of all ages and we had heaps of fun. Many people came apprehensive that a church party would be boring – usual prejudice towards church events! Everyone went home believing it was the best party in town! The same ingredients this year will include disco, Zumba, barn dances, quizzes, games,



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syne and conga down the town, etc. Bring some food and drink to share and be prepared to pitch in with help needed especially clearing up. If you have a turn (song, poem, jokes, sketch etc) then please see Simon. Start from 8.30pm - going on until after midnight of course!

**Tab Men's Group Tue 15 Jan 7.30pm in the Upper Hall** when Ron Swanwick will give us an evening of art appreciation! He will show slides of classic paintings and help us to appreciate the craft of the artist. Come and get yourself an education!

**Sun 20 Jan Church Meeting after the morning worship.**

**Sat 26 Jan 9.30-11.30am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Upper Hall.**

**Thu 31 Jan 7.30pm Genesis Live:** From dust you came and to dust you will return – reflections on our mortality – a talk by Simon Helme in which he will look at how Christians face death and the resources and hope we have through our Christian faith.

**Thu Mar 21 Advance notice for our Corrymeela Lunch** Please put the date in your diary.

### **TABERNACLE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

Fellowship groups are now about half way through the Genesis material, but it is still possible to join a group. As all the groups are following the same material it is possible to swap and change around if you miss a session or if you feel that the time/venue/composition of your group is no longer suiting your needs. The original plan was to meet in a set venue and at a set time on the first and third weeks of each month, but inevitably some of the groups have special arrangements to change venues or times because of the personal circumstances of leaders or group members.

**It is always wise to ring the contact number in advance if you are planning to attend a group for the first time, or after a period of absence.**

**Monday Evening** Martine Carter **890432**  
Venue varies

**Wednesday Afternoon** Shirley Welsh **543549**  
2.30pm at 12 Shelley Road, Dursley. Led alternately by Joan Symes and Shirley

**Wednesday Evening** Carole and Dennis Allen **542807**  
8pm at 18 Knapp Lane, Cam.

**Wednesday Eve** Peggy Tresise **543161** and Jan & Gray Strutt  
Meeting in Cedar Drive, Dursley.

**Thursday Afternoon** Helene Dalrymple **549209** Ronnie Harding **547080**  
2pm at 11 Tilnor Crescent, Norman Hill.

**Thursday Evening** Hannah Jelf **548367** Heidi Horn **549741**  
Venue varies. Hannah will soon be going on maternity leave and is now being ably supported by Heidi as necessary. We offer Hannah, Adrian and baby Jelf all our love at this time.

**Any general questions or concerns, please call Carole on 542807.**

**ALPHA COURSE** – An opportunity to explore the meaning of life. We hope to run another Alpha Course at the start of the new year. If you are interested in joining these popular and enjoyable courses please see Simon. Tel 542344 or 07946 402954. More about Alpha on [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

**Dursley Tabernacle's Church Family Weekend Away**  
**28th to 30th June 2013**  
**Sheldon, Dartmoor**

**BOOKING INFORMATION**

Next June we are planning to return to the Sheldon Centre for our church family weekend. 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 (as last year's pictures will testify...!) and also to the attractions of Dartmoor. Tour the premises by looking at their website [www.sheldon.uk.com](http://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 ourselves, including the catering, to keep costs as low as possible, but we will be making a few changes in the arrangements from last year due to an increase in costs for the use of the communal room for our meetings. Costs this year are £90 per adult, with no charge for children under 18 who are still in education. There will be no camping option this year.

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](mailto: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.

**Dursley Tabernacle's Retreat Holiday  
14th to 18th October 2013  
Windermere, Cumbria.**

**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](http://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.

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**January Rotas 2013**

Please swap any duty you are unable to do and amend the rota in the reception room.  
Thank you.

<b>Duty</b>	<b>6 January</b>	<b>13 January</b>	<b>20 January</b>	<b>27 January</b>
<b>Duty Elder</b>	<b>Kathryn Palmer</b>	<b>Rod Irvine</b>	<b>Carole Allen</b>	<b>David Pritchard</b>
<b>Vestry Elder</b>	<b>Carole Allen</b>	<b>Ronnie Harding</b>	<b>Lionel Jones</b>	<b>Hilary Green</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Vivienne Deane</b>	<b>Gill Watts</b>	<b>Lilla Jones</b>	<b>Hélène Dalrymple</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Liz Swanwick</b>	<b>Edna Mellerup</b>	<b>Will Peacocke</b>	<b>Carole Allen</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	<b>Lita and Ron Heathman</b>	<b>Enid Fullard and Joan Kingham</b>	<b>Jean and John Harris</b>	<b>Eric Murray &amp; Farida Barnes</b>
<b>Welcome Team</b>	<b>Iain, Martine &amp; Hilary Hilary Martine &amp; Hilary</b>	<b>Kathryn &amp; John Palmer</b>	<b>Ron S. Joan K. Helene D.</b>	<b>#Chris P .Carol Bye, Malcolm Harris</b>
<b>Flower Distribution</b>	<b>Mary Sherratt</b>	<b>Shirley Welsh</b>	<b>Hazel Harris</b>	<b>Mary Sherratt</b>
<b>AV Desk</b>	<b>Christine Welsh</b>	<b>Andy Spears</b>	<b>Rod Irvine</b>	<b>Dennis Allen</b>

**January Communion Preparation: Angela Jones**

**Communion Servers: Hilary Green, Ronnie Harding, Rod Irvine, Kathryn Palmer**

**Welcome Team Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley & Matt & Ronnie**



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