



July 2014

Wot's On at DursleyTabernacle

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Tue 1 July 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church. All are welcome.

Wed 2 July 7.45pm Discipleship Explored at the Courtyard Café

Thu 3 July 7.30pm Elders Meeting at church

Sun 6 July 10.30am Sunday School Anniversary All-Age Service led by Revd Simon Helm There will be a picnic and games for all the family in the church garden after the service. Please note that Communion will be moved to the next Sunday.
2.45pm Pastorate Service at the Quarry Chapel

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

2pm-3.30pm Knitting Group meet in the Community rooms.

Wed 9 July 7.45pm Discipleship Explored at the Courtyard Café

Thu 10 July 7.30pm Gloucestershire Area Meeting of the URC

Sat 12 July 8pm 'Wine and Cheese evening at Stinchcombe Hill Manor House' Tickets £10pp. This is a special event in a stunning setting with fine food and choice of wine.

This was a great success last year so book your baby sitter and have a relaxing evening in good company. Tickets on sale now from Helene, Emma or Lilla

Sun 13 July 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme:

Adventures with God: Peter prays. Readings: Acts 9.32-43; John 10.22-30

Sun 3pm Churches Together Picnic and Songs of Praise at Nympsfield

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

Wed 16 July 7.45pm Discipleship Explored at the Courtyard Café

Sun 20 July 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Adventures with God:

Cornelius prays. Readings: Acts 10.23b-35, 44-48; John 15. 9-17

6pm Churches Together United Service at St Giles' Uley.

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

Sat 26 July 9.30am Coffee Morning in the Community rooms hosted by Hazel and Malcolm Harris donations of cakes and other items to sell would be very much appreciated and of course your company too.

Sun 27 July 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Adventures with God: Peter escapes. Readings: Acts 12.1-10; Acts 12.11-19

Flowers for June were kindly given by:

1 June Michael & Mary Weeden 8 June Audrey & Walt Stewart

15 June Hazel & Malcolm Harris 22 June Joan Kingham

29 June Veronica Harding

Donations for the flowers are needed from July 13th - end of August

News of the church family

Joan Kingham is now home from hospital but not fully recovered. We miss her from our fellowship, and send her our love and hope she will soon be feeling better. Oscar Cullimore has been in hospital quite poorly but is home again and has restarted his treatment; Dayna Cullimore has also been in hospital too. We remember them both and their family with their ongoing problem. We are concerned for Jan Srutt who is in considerable pain and always keep her and Gray in our thoughts and prayers.

We hear that Hazel & Malcolm Harris have been unwell, also Joan Whiting, Shelley Barnes and David Pritchard. It is good to know that Farida Barnes is back home and on the road to recovery. We are pleased to hear Carole Beattie has moved into her new flat, we wish her every happiness in the future there. We think of all these friends and remember them in our prayers. The Helme Family had a wonderful day at Simon's brothers' wedding, Simon was best man and Jo and Libby were bridesmaids. Our best wishes and congratulations go to the bride and groom, for their future happiness.

Share a Prayer and make our church a powerhouse of Prayer

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY?

“Do not worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God’s peace, which is far beyond understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus”. (Philippians Ch. 4 verses 6 & 7. NIV)

When we pray, whether together in the fellowship of the church or alone in the inner sanctuary of our hearts, we are ‘tuning-in’ to the heart of God, whose nature is pure love and whose power is unimaginable. But often it’s when we are at our weakest and most vulnerable that we find it hard to pray. That is when God says to us: “you stay where you are - I’m coming to you”. Then, in the stillness, we feel His presence and the peace which ‘passes all understanding’.

God *always answers our prayers*. In his wisdom He will not always give us what we desire, but He will always give us what we need. In His answers, God invites us to understand what we can and gives us the faith to stand under the rest.

“God wastes nothing in our lives, if only we will let Him use it” (KJP).

So we pray, seeing on the screen of our minds, those who need the assurance of our prayers, both in the fellowship of our church, our community and in the wider world: “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers”.

WEDNESDAYS, 7.30PM AT THE COURTYARD CAFÉ, TO JULY 16TH DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

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Following on from the successful Christianity Explored Course, this is a series of meetings to explore living the Christian life. The course goes through Paul's letter to the Philippians and covers such topics as:

'How can I be sure I am a Christian?' 'What is life really about?'

'How can I grow as a Christian?' 'How can I enjoy being a Christian more?'

We will look at issues such as confidence in your faith, transformation and the work of the Holy Spirit, righteousness, knowing Christ, contentment, joy.

The evenings are designed to be informal, non-threatening and enjoyable with a mixture of presentation by Simon Helme, Minister at the Tab, and discussion (although no-one will be put on the spot and forced to say anything they don't want to).

The Courtyard Café are kindly offering their premises free of charge (you will have to pay for your own drinks and cake!).

You may have been in church for years, or you may be only just beginning the Christian life. Whatever stage you are at, Discipleship Explored will help you understand what is involved in following Christ today, and encourage you to start walking confidently in his footsteps.

Please invite friends. A great opportunity to explore together.

For more info follow the link: www.christianityexplored.org Or phone 0744 356 8242

Dursley and Cam Child Contact Centre need new Co-Ordinators

Are you a 'people person' who would like a satisfying role and enjoys working in a team? The Child Contact Centre needs new co-ordinators to run our centre on Saturday afternoons, once a fortnight. The involvement is on average about five hours a week. An honorarium is available. For further information see notice on noticeboard or contact Simon or Beryl Gleich, 01453 546928

Dates for your diaries.

Sat 12 July 10.am – 3pm Spirituality network for Gloucestershire. Bishop & Mrs Rosemary Went will lead a day of reflection entitled "Walking in the Light". It will be held at Sacred Heart church Hall Chalton Kings Cheltenham. Cost will be £12 to reserve a place contact Rev Alison Evans on 1453 824034.

Thu 14 Aug at 9.30qm Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning in the Tabernacle Church. There will be a variety of stalls including, books, games, puzzles, toys, cakes and jams, vegetables, fruit and plants as well as a Treasure Island. Mr Hewis will be here with Leprosy Mission Christmas cards – Please book this and bring along your friends and relatives too.

CONFERENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT at the Tab 17th and 18th October 2014

We are hoping to host a conference looking at the work of the Holy Spirit in individual lives and churches in the autumn, Friday evening 17th October and all day Saturday 18th October. Revd Paul Stokes, a URC Minister will lead the conference. He will teach from a Reformed perspective, a biblical message to enrich and empower the church to serve with joy. The teaching is based on the Dunamis Project, which other URCs have successfully used. See website: <http://www.dunamis.org.uk/>

| FRIDAY 17th October | | |
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| STARTING AT 7.30 | | |
| 8.00 | Session #1 Introducing the Spirit | Experiences of the Holy Spirit at work. Worldview – baggage & blinkers that affect our views. Who not What – the Spirit as the third <i>Person</i> of the Trinity. |
| 9.00 | Closure <i>Finish about 9.15</i> | Worship & prayer |
| SATURDAY 18th October | | |
| 10.00 | Opening | Worship |
| 10.15 | Session #2 Understanding the Spirit | Great Expectations – our need, and Jesus' promise, of the Holy Spirit. Antiquity – the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Epiphany* – the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus. |
| 11.15 | Refreshments | |
| 11.30 | Session #3 Encountering the Spirit | Pentecost – the Spirit's work in the early Church Encompassing – what the Holy Spirit does in our lives Clothed & Inhabited – biblical distinctions about the Spirit's activity |
| 12.45 | Lunch break | |
| 1.45 | Worship | |
| 1.55 | Session #4 Cooperating with the Spirit | Growing in the Spirit's power Welcoming the Spirits' gifts |
| 3.30 | Closure <i>Finish by 4.00</i> | Worship & prayer & wrap-up |

Rotas for July 2014

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

| Date | 6 th July | 13 th July | 20 th July | 27 th July | 3 rd August |
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| Duty Elder | Rod Irvine | Hilary Green | Martine Carter | Ronnie Harding | Rod Irvine |
| Vestry Elder | Lionel Jones | Liz Swanwick | Rod Irvine | Lionel Jones | Ronnie Harding |
| First Reading | Shirley Welsh | Emma Irvine | Shirley Welsh | Edna Mellerup | Lilla Jones |
| 2nd Reading | Edna Mellerup | Gill Watts | Matt Welsh | Helene Dalrymple | Matt Welsh |
| Door Duty | Gloria & Mike Pritchard | Betty & Iain Hearn | Gloria & Mike Pritchard | Mary & Michael Weedon | Gloria & Mike Pritchard |
| Audio Desk | Rod Irvine | Steve Dowle | Lionel Jones | Lionel Jones | Steve Dowle |
| Flower Distribution | Shirley Welsh | Hazel Harris | Enid Fullard | Hilary Green | Carol Bye |
| Welcome Team | John & Kathryn Palmer Peggy Tresise | Shirley & Matt Welsh | John & Kathryn Palmer Peggy Tresise | David Pritchard Chris Purnell Michelle Barnes | Iain Hearn Malcolm Harris Hilary Green |
| Prayer Team | Martine Carter Hilary Green | Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones | Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora | Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones | Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora |
| Flower Arranging | Gloria Pritchard | Sally Lavis | Diana Baldwin | Christina Bye | |

Communion Preparation : 13th July Gloria Pritchard (change of date due to Junior Church Anniversary on the 6th July)

Communion Servers: Hilary Green, Terry Larkham, Liz Swanwick, Rod Irvine

