

June 2012 Wot's On at Dursley Tabernacle URC www.dursleytab.org.uk

Tuesday 29th May 7pm Men's Group - Cinema trip (see inside for full details)

Sun 3 June 10.30am Diamond Jubilee Celebration Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme Theme: Trinity Sunday. Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

Jubilee Street Party for the whole of Dursley Sun 3 June 12.30 - 2pm Dursley Town Hall/ Parsonage Street. (see inside for full details)

Tue 5 June 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Tue 5 June 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 6 June 10 - 1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

Sun 10 June 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd. Eric Massey (Minister of Rodborough Tabernacle and Area Minister for Gloucestershire)

Tue 12 June 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Tue 12 June 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 13 June 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

Elders Meeting Thursday 14th June 7.30pm in the Upper Hall

Sun 17 June 10.30am Morning worship led by Revd Simon Helme with the Baptism of Theo Theme: Seeing Beyond. Readings: 1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

WELCOME TEA - Sunday 17 June in the Upper hall- for all newcomers to the church in the last year. A Free tea with a short talk about the life of the Tab. It's history, it's organisation, the United Reformed Church, our mission and future. Please see Simon for further details.

Tue 19 June 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Tue 19 June 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Tue 19 June Women's Guild Outing.

Wed 20 June 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

FRI 22 JUNE 7pm TAB. AUCTION OF PROMISES (see inside for more details).

Sun 24 June 10.30am Morning worship led by Revd Simon Helme Theme: In Pursuit of Justice. Readings: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

Tue 26 June 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on the church premises.

Tue 26 June 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 27 June 10 -1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

1st July 10.30am Morning worship led by Brian Lamming

YOUTH ALPHA COURSE – will run after FURY every Sunday night during term time, 7.30-8.30pm in The Parsonage. Speak to Emma Irvine 543760 or Simon 542344 if interested.

The Minister is away on the West Midlands Synod Minister's Summer Conference 11-14 June

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

Leading Worship Training Course I intend to run a short course to train people in leading worship. If you are interested in this aspect of the church's ministry please speak to me.

Thanks Simon (542344)

WE THANK THOSE WHO KINDLY PROVIDED THE FLOWERS FOR MAY:-

May 6 Enid Fullard, **May 13** Kathryn Palmer, **May 20** Dorothy Sutton, **May 27** Ann Shillitoe

Flowers are needed for June, please. If you would like to donate flowers, please enter your name on the list in the vestibule and see Joan Kingham if you need her to order the flowers.

News of the church family

Victor Watts would like to thank all the kind people for their prayers, cards and phone calls, he hopes to see you all in the not too distant future.

Glyn and Gwynneth Goulden would also like to say thank you to friends for their phone calls of support, it is very much appreciated.

It is good to know that Victor Watts knee operation is safely over. He is now home from hospital but still in a lot of pain. We hope he will soon be mobile again. We are very concerned about Tarina Cieciora who is having chemotherapy in Cheltenham Hospital. Glyn Goulden is at present in Gloucester Hospital awaiting an operation. We hope all will go well and we remember Gwynneth in her anxiety for him. Angela Jones is awaiting results of tests, but she says she feels much better. We have missed Eve Fellows from our services. She has been poorly but thankfully she is also feeling a little better. Peggy Tresise is also making good progress and her leg is beginning to heal. It was good to see Margaret Pengelly and her family at the coffee morning recently we have missed her and send her our love. Jean Jukes had a nasty fall recently and is still in a lot of pain. We have also missed Farida Barnes from our fellowship as a result of a nasty infection. Doris Biddle is still in Cirencester Hospital, and is always pleased to see visitors from the Tabernacle. Larry Barnes is also having health problems, and we miss him too. We were all very worried when Audrey Stewart broke her leg coming into church recently. She was immediately taken to Gloucester Hospital and we are glad the operation went well, and she is now home though still in pain. Unfortunately her hip operation has had to be postponed. We remember all these friends in our prayers, and hope to have good news of their progress in the future.

Belated congratulations go to Kath and Ken Bloodworth who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at the end of May.

Many of our members will not know Joyce Hurd, who died on May 16th in the Hollies Care Centre. Joyce had been unable to attend worship for some time due to her poor health, but she loved the Tabernacle and was visited by members of the church and remembered in our prayers. Her funeral took place on Friday May 28th, and we express our loving sympathy to her partner of many years, Maurice Cranage, and Joyce's son and family.

Food Bank

the Foodbank has been extraordinarily busy recently. On Monday we fed 16 people. Consequently stocks are running low.

The Foodbank urgently needs the following items:

- Fruit Juice (UHT) - Tinned Spaghetti - Instant Mash Potato- 500g packs of Sugar
- Biscuits -Tinned Vegetables - Tinned Fruit - Tinned Potatoes - Nappies (all sizes)

any contributions can be left in the church reception room.

Thanks Simon

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME TO BUY ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE DONATED.

Thank you for everything that you have donated.

Jubilee Street Party for the whole of Dursley – Sunday June 3rd 12.30 – 2pm Dursley Town Hall/Parsonage Street

Dursley Town Centre Churches are organising a street party to enable the whole community to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Big Lunch, part of a national initiative by the Eden Project and Hope Together, will take place on Sunday 3rd June 12.30pm-2pm running

down Parsonage Street in the pedestrianised centre of Dursley, from the Town Hall to the King's Head.

The churches will set up tables in a long line down Parsonage Street and anyone is invited to come and sit at them and share food. There will be music, quizzes and activities, but the main emphasis is on the community coming together to share a Big Lunch: a traditional street party to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Although the event is organised by the churches, apart from saying grace, there will not be any religious content. This is designed to be a community event to bring everyone together. There is no charge – people are just asked to bring and share food if they are able. Hot drinks will be available.

Revd Simon Helme, minister of Dursley Tabernacle says: 'National celebrations and the opportunity for a community street party only come around once in a generation. We wanted to offer the people of Dursley the chance to come together and share lunch and make memories that will be part of the family photo album for years to come.'

Revd Janet Bromley, Rector of St James the Great, says: 'we hope that young and old will come and join our community celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There will be plenty of food so please come even if you can't bring anything. The most important thing is getting together and enjoying each other's company.'

Revd John Emmett, Minister of Dursley Methodist Church says: 'Eating together is an important way of binding communities together especially at time of celebrations: birthdays, anniversaries Christmas etc. Whether it is offering the food we prepare in our homes or sharing it outside, it is a great way to enjoy each others' company and to share our enthusiasm. Do please come and join us.'

For more information contact

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Dates for your diaries

Thu 31 May 7.30pm for 7.45pm Dursley Tabernacle School of Theology –at Dursley Tab. Please read chapter Seventeen, Christianity and World Religions , in preparation. Last Meeting is Thursday 21st June – The Last things!

Sun 8 July after morning worship The next Church meeting will take place.

Sun 15 July Sunday School Anniversary will take place (More details next month)

Thu 16 August Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning. (please make a note in your diary.)

SYNOD MINISTRY AND MISSION CONTRIBUTION

The May Church Meeting agreed to propose to Synod increasing our MoM contribution up to the suggested figure, but staged over a three year period.

To cover this would require an increase in the required levels of members' donations and general church income.

The full costs associated with running this church can be found in the Annual Financial Statement, which is available on request and should soon be available on our web site.

The contribution that this pastorate makes to the URC MoM is currently £35,640 per year. This pays for our ministers' stipend and all its associated costs, as well as central URC costs. Based on a formula of £30,240 + £84.73 per member, Synod calculate that this year we should be paying £42,822, which is £7,182 more than we are doing. It was suggested at the May Church Meeting that it might be useful to communicate to the membership what this MoM figure works out as per member.

The increased MoM contribution would work out as £291 per member per year. It should be remembered that this is by no means the full picture; the church has many other costs to cover and several other sources of income in addition to members' donations. Clearly some members can afford to contribute more than others and non-members also contribute.

Memorial in the Garden of Rest

At the recent church meeting Hazel Harris explained her idea about having a memorial built in the garden of rest for people whose ashes are there. She has obtained a quotation for £1,250 + VAT for the base stone and then people could pay for their own memorial plaques rather than just writing names in the memorial book as we do at the moment. A further suggestion was made, that such plaques could be placed on a sculpture which may not have the same costs.



An opinion was expressed that the remembrance book was sufficient and that a memorial of this type would spoil the garden. A further concern was expressed that the garden is used for church family picnics and games for our young people, and that there might be a risk that this step would make people feel such use was disrespectful.

It was noted that, although there is no money in the budget for this, 'In Memoria' reserve money might be available.

It was agreed that the issue should be left for further discussion and that financial pledges should be offered to the treasurer by anyone interested in supporting the venture before the church meeting.

HOLIDAY CLUB: JULY 23-27 Our annual Bible based Holiday club for primary school children will take place 23-27 July. The theme 'On Your Marks' will be based on the Olympics and use Mark's gospel to tell stories about Jesus. We will need the usual army of volunteers to welcome 50 plus children into our church. If you can help in whatever way please see; Kathryn Tearle, Kathryn.terale@btinternet.com 545791 or Caroline Stables, stablescm@gmail.com 511094

Men's Group – Cinema Trip Tuesday 29th May 7pm We have booked a private cinema in a converted farmhouse stables near Wotton for a showing of the film 'Machine Gun Preacher' on Tuesday 29th May from 7pm. Bob Wood (known to Eric Murray) has converted some of his farm buildings into a cinema, using fittings from old local cinemas, like the Regal cinema that used to be in Kingshill, Dursley. The cinema seats 20. It's address is Sodom Mill (it's a great name for a church group visit!), Cromhall, GL12 8AW. Machine Gun Preacher has just recently been in the cinemas. It stars Gerard Butler. It tells the inspirational true story of Sam Childers, a former drug dealing criminal who becomes a

Christian and finds an unexpected calling as the saviour of hundreds of kidnapped and orphaned children in war torn Sudan. The film contains strong language and scenes of a religious nature! Please don't bring any firearms.

The hire of the cinema is £100 (most of the proceeds go to charity - but you also get an ice cream thrown into the deal).The Tab Men's Group is open to any men, whether or not they attend the Tab - come along for a night out!

Petition against pornography on the internet – Premier Radio are asking people to sign a petition enforcing internet service providers to prevent children from having access to pornography on the internet without adult permission. Details and the petition to sign, are in the church vestibule.

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

Please pray for the following items in the coming month.

1. Please pray that negotiations re the new parsonage and the plans for the use of the old parsonage, as a youth centre, may go smoothly. May the Lord be with the working party involved as they move ahead with the forward planning.
2. Thank the Lord for all the work that has been done on the refurbishment of the community rooms. Pray for the smooth handover for organisations using the rooms and a growth in their future use by our local community.
3. Give thanks that rain has eased drought conditions affecting several regions in Ethiopia and Kenya, rejuvenating water sources and enabling some displaced families to return home. However, International Aid Services are helping thousands of people affected by Somalia's enduring drought. Many have fled to displacement camps where water is distributed, also hygiene kits and cooking equipment, child friendly spaces are being set up where youngsters can socialise and play in safety. More than 2.3 million Somalis (1/3 of the population) are in need of food aid. Please pray for a co-ordinated international response to the growing hunger crisis in the western regions of Africa.

Electronic Digital Piano

David Pritchard spoke about his remit to investigate the costs of an Electronic Digital Piano. Members of the music group who play the existing keyboard are aware of its limitations and feel that an electronic piano would enhance the music group provision but also offer opportunities for concerts and other events.

Some voices spoke against the idea – it was felt that the ordinary piano was adequate and that the church does not have money for such a purchase at this time. Concerns were voiced that the existing piano was given by a family who still live in the area and that it should not be removed. One person suggested that the life of an electronic piano might be

limited.

It was noted that there was no suggestion to replace the existing piano – it would be the keyboard which would be replaced. It was explained that the keyboard was limited in the sound that it produces and has a limited number of keys. Some voiced the benefits of an electronic piano and a representative of the entertainments committee felt it might extend opportunities for lettings.

This was clearly a controversial topic and time for reflection will be required. Like the proposal for the memorial wall in the garden of rest, there is no budget for this item so any development would be subject to financial pledges being offered. Further discussion is to be brought to the next church meeting.

Be part of a miracle- FOODBANK 5K FEAST With Dursley, Stonehouse and Stroud now open we are looking to expand both the public awareness of our project and raise finance to support the running costs of this expansion. To this end, the Marah Trust and the Stroud District Foodbank want to ask for your support in an event we are running. We putting on the 5k Feast, an event that will see 5000 people take part in a series of meals organised by local community groups, businesses and individuals. We want you to join in with us and encourage others to get involved in your community.

Between the 16th July and 22nd July we are asking people to organise a Feast- it could be a meal, a coffee morning or just a few nibbles- and invite their friends and neighbours to share with them and give a donation to the work of the Foodbank and Marah. We think it could be a great opportunity everyone involved with the Foodbank project to make sure that everyone in our District knows we are ending food poverty and that every single person has a role to play in making sure people do not go hungry.

We will be providing all the resources: invitations, party ideas, posters etc but we need you to share the idea with your friends and colleagues, maybe host a party yourself and generally gossip about the idea. Please register your support and get more information at strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/5kfeast, call us on 07725 87423. We will then contact you once the resources are ready. The rest is left up to your imagination!

Thank you so much for your support. The foodbank is nothing without those that commit their time and effort to make it work. Since we opened we have now fed over 450 people and that is only because people like you have helped us and offered your support. I hope you will join us in this 5k Feast and that together we can take yet another step towards ending food poverty in our District.

Will Mansell – Foodbank Co-Ordinator

Fellowship Groups continue. Please be advised by your group leader. As the Thursday evening group venue changes from week to week, contact Hannah to confirm the venue.

Day and Time	Host	Leader	Address	Phone contact
Wednesday 7.30pm	Jan and Gray Strutt	Jan Strutt , Lionel Jones, and Peggy Tresise	5 Dursley Court, Cedar Drive, Dursley	519640

Thursday 2.30pm	Shirley and Matt Welsh	Simon Helme	31 The Quarry Cam	543549
Thursday 2.30pm	Ronnie Harding	Helene Dalrymple and Elaine Jones	11 Shakespeare Road Dursley	547080
Thursday 7.30pm	Various	Hannah Jelf Zoe Avastu Andrew Phillips	Various venues	548367 Hannah

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

Duty	June 3rd	June 10th	June 17th	June 24th	July 1st
Duty Elder	Ronnie Harding	Carole or Dennis Allen	Hilary Green	Kathryn Palmer	Rod Irvine
Vestry Elder	Rod Irvine	Martine Carter	Carole or Dennis Allen	Lionel Jones	Jan Strutt
First Reading	Caroline Stables	Eve Fellowes	Helene Dalrymple	Michael Weedon	Jayne Parsons
Second Reading	Alan Simpson	Lilla Jones	Carole or Dennis Allen	Caroline Stables	Vivienne Deane
Door Duty	Eric Murray John Harris	Jean Harris Ronnie Harding	Mary & Michael Weedon	Angela Simpson John Harris	Enid Fullard Iain Hearn
Welcome Team	Jan & Gray Strutt Peggy Tresise	Shirley & Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Kathryn & John Palmer Tarina Cieciura Ron Swanwick	Iain Hearn Martine Carter Hilary Green	Chris Purnell Carol Bye Malcolm Harris

June Communion Preparation: Angela Jones

Communion Servers: Kathryn Palmer, Jan Strutt, Carole or Dennis Allen, David Pritchard

Auction No. TAB PROMISES AUCTION CATALOGUE SUMMARY

R = Reserve To be held 7pm TAB Sanctuary 22nd June 2012.

1. Swim for up to 6 with a Cream Tea, at Cam Green.
2. A Day Trip Out for 2 (100 miles round trip max.)
3. 2 local Taxi Drives to & from home max. 10 miles.

4. Professional Massage 45 mins. Head/shoulder/neck (evenings or weekends).
5. 2 hrs English exam coaching.
6. 2 Baby Sitting Sessions.
7. A selection of desserts for up to 24 people .
8. Professional Artist offering to paint a local landscape of your choice in oil on Canvas 12x16
- R £15 9. A Hand tied Bouquet of Flowers for a Special Occasion
10. A Hand Knitted garment of your choice double/chunky wool you supply.
11. Strong D.I.Y. help for up to ½ a day.
12. Chain Saw Heavy Gardening.
13. A Celebration Cake Fruit 8" Sponge10".
14. A dog walk (not available Wed. am).
15. Clay experience, to throw a pot in Studio plus lunch.
16. A Fruit Cake.
17. A Basket of Assorted Fresh Fruit.
18. A Glass Fusing Taster to make a pot stand or glass coaster.
19. 6x2lb Lemon Cakes available throughout the year.
20. 4hrs of Baby Sitting.
21. 2hrs of Light Gardening.
22. Professional Carpenter offers 2hrs of his time.
23. A chocolate cake.
24. 2hrs of time for Housework or whatever else you need!.
25. A mystery tour for two people.
26. A dozen fruit scones.
- R £35 27. An Enzymatic Sea Mud Body Wrap Voucher (worth £55).
28. A Hebrew Tuition Session to discuss, learn pronounce. (1 hour)
- R £20 29. Up to 5hrs Calligraphy Writing of your poem, certificate, Greeting etc.
30. A bicycle complete service, brakes, tyres gears etc.
31. Professional Drawing or Painting Tuition in studio. Session.
32. Visit GWR signal & 1956 Signals and Strawberry Tea.
33. Be a passenger in an Army Bedford Truck for an hour.
34. Drum lesson for a beginner.
35. A Buffet Lunch for 10-12 people in garden overlooking a lake.
(August 15th Wed. 12-2pm)
36. Choice of Bristol/Bath Prints from original pencil drawings.
37. An hour Driving Lesson.
38. A diabetic type 2 fruit cake and small Xmas pudding.
39. A Handmade Hanging Basket.
40. An evening of Baby Sitting.

Do come and have an enjoyable evening and help the church to raise funds which are required. If you are unable to attend but would like to put a reserve on any of the above items please speak to Helene Dalrymple Tel: 01453 549209.



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