

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

Tue 1 May 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Tue 1 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 2 May 10 - 1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

Thu 3 May at 7.30pm. Churches Together in Cam, Dursley and District, have their forum meeting at the Quarry Chapel .

Sat 5 May 7.30pm- Murder Mystery in the Church Sanctuary Cafe Style. Hazel Harris with friends from the Rotary and Inner Wheel is pleased to present "Murder at the Manse" . A supper will be provided in between the scenes of the murder mystery. Tickets £8.00. Please bring your own soft drinks or wine.

Sun 6 May 10.30am Communion Service with prayers for healing led by Revd Simon Helme
Theme: Reach Out. Reading: Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

Tue 8 May 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Tue 8 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

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

Thu 10 May 7.30pm Elders Meeting in the Upper Hall.

Sat 12 May 9.30am until lunchtime The May Fair with plants, cakes, tombola, raffle and refreshments. (see inside for full details).

Sun 13 May 10.30am Morning worship led by Mrs Jenny Heslop.

Readings: Psalm 98 Acts 10; 44-48.

6pm United Service for Christian Aid Week at St Georges Upper Cam

Tue 15 May 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Tue 15 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Tue 15 May 12.30pm for 1pm Women's Guilds Lunch and AGM in Upper Hall.

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

Sun 20 May 10.30am led by Revd Simon Helme, followed by Church Meeting
Theme: On your behalf. Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 111 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
Items to discuss include church manse, youth centre proposals ,jubilee celebrations.

Tue 22 May 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on the church premises.

Tue 22 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

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

Sun 27 May 10.30am Pentecost Sunday, pastorate service led by Revd Simon Helme
Theme: Pentecost. Readings: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Tue 29 May 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on the church premises.

Tue 29 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 30 May 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary.

May 21-24 The Minister is away on study leave for his MA .

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.

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

FLOWERS FOR APRIL WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY:-

1 Apr Angela & Alan Simpson **8 Apr** Easter flowers (thank you to those who donated)

15 Apr Hazel & Malcolm Harris **22 Apr** Hilary & Will Peacock in memory of their parents

29 Apr Joan Kingham in memory of her father.

Our thanks to all who gave the flowers and to those who arranged them in April, also to those who kindly deliver them each week to the sick and housebound. Their visits are very much appreciated and help to keep people in touch with the Tabernacle.

If you could help with the flower arranging or delivering the flowers on a Monday, Joan Kingham would like to hear from you to add your name to this years rota of helpers.

A rota for those wishing to give flowers to our church is on the notice board in the vestibule. Please put your name against the date you prefer and let Joan Kingham know whether you wish to buy your own flowers or would prefer to give a donation to the flower fund.

Men's Group-Next meeting -Cinema trip-see Simon for further details.

Family Café

We always need help on Wednesday mornings to support our very successful Family Café. If you can help please see Susan Panes so you can be added to the rota, or contact her on 546737. Remember we always need help after the Sunday service to set up the church space for the Café.

News of the church family

In the past month we have been very concerned for Angela Jones, who has suffered a slight stroke. Thankfully, we can now report, that she is now home from hospital and beginning to feel much better. We do hope she will take care. Eve Fellowes has also had a spell in hospital and also time in The Hollies Care Centre. She is now home but still not feeling very well. We think too of Tarina Cieciora who has a very serious condition and needs our support and prayers. There is better news of Peggy Tresise who following a rather drastic but successful treatment, has been told that the infection in her leg has cleared up. She must be patient to allow her leg to heal completely. At the time of writing, Joyce Hurd is in hospital, but awaiting transfer to The Hollies Care Centre. Joyce is very ill, and her partner Maurice Cranage is also unwell, and of course very anxious about Joyce. Margaret Pengelly is at present receiving treatment for her illness and has anxious days ahead. Doris Biddle is still very unwell in Cirencester Hospital and we await further news of her condition.

Gus Smith has recently had a very nasty fall, and we have missed her from our worship. Larry Barnes still has problems and we await news of him.

Malcolm Harris is going into Cheltenham Hospital on May 4th for an operation,

Vic Watts is having his knee operation on May 15th and Audrey Stuart is having her hip operation on May 17th. So many poorly people in our fellowship, we remember them all in our prayers, and hope for good news of them as soon as possible.

Corrymeela Lunch

Our lunch was once again a great success, and it was good to see our friends from other churches and the Mission Committee thank all those who supported this event in any way. The soup, bread and puddings were even better and we thank all those who served at tables and the tea and coffee makers, and washer and clearers up. All so important. We raised £416 for the Corrymeela Community, Thank you!

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Some of our Quaker friends have asked whether we would be willing to take part in a petition to the Government calling for a ban on British armed drones. Drones are unmanned aerial vehicles which pilots control, without danger to themselves and which aim thousands of miles from their targets in countries such as Afghanistan. Here local people live in terror on hearing

their approach. Drones are making it too easy to start a war, and there is no risk to the attackers, while innocent victims have no comeback to the courts of justice. We are told that in Afghanistan alone 250 strikes have been made by British drones. Perhaps we need more information about these. Would you please think prayerfully about this matter, and let Joan Kingham know your feelings.

Food Bank If you can donate any of the following items for the Food Bank they would be very much appreciated.

Milk uht or powdered, sugar, fruit juice, soup, pasta sauces, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned baked beans or spaghetti, tinned rice pudding, cereals, teabags/instant coffee, packets of rice and pasta, Tinned meat / fish ,tinned fruit, jams, biscuits and snack bars.

Most needed items include the following

Sponge puddings and other long life puddings, tea bags & coffee - small & large, sugar small or 500gs,tinned hot dogs, tinned meat, curries, chilli -con-carne, anything that goes with pasta or rice.

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME TO BUY ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE DONATED.

Thank you for everything that you have donated.



CHRISTIAN AID

Several of us took part in the March for Justice last year, this is being followed up this year, details below.

Severn Vale Walk – 6 October 2012

Plans are beginning to take shape for our Severn Vale Walk on Saturday 6 October this year. The route begins with a short service at St Mary's, Frampton-on-Severn and follows the Severn Way and the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal finishing with Evensong at Gloucester Cathedral. There will be a mid-morning break at St Peter's, Framilode; lunch at St Laurence's, Longney; and mid-afternoon break at St Swithun's, Hempsted. You can already book online at:

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/events/walking/march-for-justice.aspx>

A Taste of India' Curry Evening

Meanwhile, the Bishop of Tewkesbury, Rt Revd John Went will be hosting a curry evening for walkers, sponsors and anyone else who is interested on Monday 11 June at St Philip & St James, Hucclecote. Steph Hubbard, Christian Aid Regional Coordinator for London, visited the marchers in India recently and will be telling us what she saw and heard. Tickets will be available from Canon Adrian Slade and we will shortly be sending you details of how to book. Christian Aid are monitoring the Kailahun Health Project in Sierra Leone, this is designed to improve the quality of the health services and the European Union have agreed to contribute £3 for every £1 raised. So please start raising money – coffee mornings etc.

May 13th Please don't forget Ronnie's teas at the Methodist Church, anything raised will be tripled. Please, please can you collect for Christian Aid 13th-19 May Last year we raised over £1300 and I am really pleased to say we raised more than any other church in Dursley. Can we repeat this fantastic effort? Contact Martine Carter on Dursley 890432

Dates for your diaries

Thu 3 May from 5.00 to 6.30 at the TAB. Connect at. The club will be every Thursday in term time. We successfully ran a Youth Club for children with Special Educational Needs particularly those on the Autistic Spectrum at the Vale of Berkeley College until it closed last summer. We enjoyed a variety of activities including art, craft, cooking, games as well as visits such as WWT and bowling.

We are starting a similar club at the TAB run by volunteers who will be trained to work with

these young people. We will aim at providing a social experience for these young people in a safe environment. As the needs of these young people vary enormously we will initially need to have an informal chat with the parents and young person before they join and on the first few occasions they will be required to be accompanied.

If you would like to volunteer or know a child who would benefit from the club, please get in touch with Martine Carter on 07891286356 or e-mail juliamartine.carter@virgin.net

Sat 12 May 9.30am The Great Garden Fair, A variety of plants including perennials, and summer bedding plants, and other garden items for sale, also cakes, so please make cakes for this important date, a tombola, and a raffle so prizes would be appreciated, and refreshments, of tea, coffee. Above **all please come yourselves and buy your plants for the coming summer, and support the hard work of all the events committee and it's helpers.**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13TH - 19TH MAY HELP PLEASE.

Sun 17 June 5pm WELCOME TEA – in the Upper Hall – for all newcomers to the church in the last year.

Fri 22 June 7pm The 2012 Tab Auction of Promises in the church sanctuary.

Do you need a babysitter, a gardener, somebody to put up shelves or a cake for a special occasion? Then you need to be at the Tab on Friday 22nd June at 7pm. These are just a few of the amazing 30 plus promises that you can bid for. No car? No problem lifts are available. This is a really enjoyable evening, so do please come, support our fundraising, enjoy the fellowship, laughter and buy yourself a bargain! We are looking forward to seeing you there.

A list of promises on offer from mud baths to housework will be on display in the church foyer and in the reception room from 1st June

If you aren't able to be 'in Town' on the day you can leave a bid for a promise to be included on the night in your absence (see Helene).

Please put the date in your diary Now not an event to be missed.

TAB CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY – SHELDON, DEVON – JUNE 29-JULY 1ST is fully booked now.

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**

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

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)

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.

Youth Centre

You will have seen us mentioned on the front page of the Gazette last week with regards to plans to work in partnership with the Town council to provide youth facilities in the Parsonage. The press release given to the Gazette by the Council emphasised that this was only a proposal at this stage and that there was a lot of work to be done and consultation to be had, especially with the church, the public and the youth, as to whether this would work. Unfortunately the Gazette ignored these comments in the press release and their article gave the impression that it was a done deal. We hope that in future articles they will be more cautious in their reporting.

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

Please pray for the following items in the coming month.

1. That a home suitable for Simon and his family will soon be found.
2. That the plans for using the ground floor of the present parsonage as a possible Youth Centre will be discussed, finalised and come to fruition. Please pray for the councils and officers involved as well as the working team representing the church.
3. The food crises in West Africa. Please pray for all the agencies working to relieve the disaster and food shortages due to drought and failure of crops. Children especially are suffering malnutrition.
4. Please pray for the success of Connect At a club for children with Special Educational needs run by volunteers who will be trained to work with these young people.

Fellowship Groups

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

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

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

Duty	May 6th	May 13th	May 20th	May 27th	June 3rd
Duty Elder	Shirley Welsh	Lionel Jones	Hilary Green	Shirley Welsh	Ronnie Harding
Vestry Elder	David Pritchard	Hilary Green	Carole or Dennis Allen	Ronnie Harding	Rod Irvine
First Reading	Malcolm Harris	Will Peacocke	Tarina Cieciura	Zoe Avastu	Caroline Stables
Second Reading	Helene Dalrymple	Jan Strutt	Will Peacocke	Vivienne Deane	Alan Simpson
Door Duty	Enid Fullard Joan Kingham	Eric Murray John Harris	Jean Harris Iain Hearn	Carol Bye Mike Pritchard	Eric Murray John Harris
Welcome Team	Jan Strutt Chris Purnell Hilary Green	Shirley Welsh Ron Swanwick Peggy Tresise	Helene Dalrymple Matt Welsh Joan Kingham	Tarina Cieciura Martine Carter Hilary Green	Shirley Welsh Gray Strutt Peggy Tresise

Communion Preparation: Ronnie Harding

Communion Servers: Ronnie Harding, Lionel Jones, Jan Strutt, Kathryn Palmer, Rod Irvine



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