



Wot's On ?

at Dursley Tab.URC in May 2013

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Wed 1 May 10am-1pm Family Café in the church.

Thu 2 May 7.30pm Elders Meeting in the Parsonage

Sat 4 May 7pm Tab Quiz? £7 adults £3 students (details inside)

**Sun 5 May 10.30am Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme
Theme: Jacob and his family. Reading; Genesis 32.22-31; Romans
8.26-39**

Tue 7 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 8 May 10am-1pm Family Café in the church.

**Fri 10 May MAY FAIR 7pm-9pm (by request) & Sat 11 May
9am-12.00 noon (details inside)**

**Sun 12 May 10.30am Family worship led by Rev Arthur Williams.
6pm Churches Together United Service for the start of Christian Aid
Week – led by Revd Simon Helme and Steph Hubbard**

Tue 14 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 15 May 10am-1pm Family Café in the church.

**Wed 15 May 7.30pm Fellowship Night – ‘A Life Worth Living’
PENTECOST GIFT WEEKEND – SAT/SUN 18TH 19TH MAY – see below
about the special Church appeal for the Parsonage Project.**

**Sun 19 May 10.30am Pentecost Sunday led by Revd Simon Helme
Theme: The Holy Spirit: Peter Speaks Out. Reading: John 20.19-23;
Acts 2.1-13, 43-47**

**Mon 20 May Men’s Group–evening walk to Waterley Bottom- set off
from church at 7pm.**

Tue 21 May Prayer Group meet in the church.

Tue 21 May Women’s Guild Lunch & AGM 12.30pm for 1pm

Wed 22 May 10am-1pm Family Café in the church.

Wed 22 May 7.30pm Fellowship Night – ‘A Life Worth Living’

Sun 26 May 10.30am Family worship led by Ron Cook.

Tue 28 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 29 May 10am-1pm Family Café in the church.

Tue 7 – 10 May The minister will be away on his next module for his MA in Christian Spirituality.

Ken and Sandra Wall will hopefully be visiting us on Sunday 19th May. Ken is the minister from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand who Simon did an exchange with in 2010.

SHARE A PRAYER AND MAKE DURSLEY TAB A POWERFUL PRAYER BASE

Dear Father

We pray that you keep our hearts tender and receptive to your Word. That we become more sensitive to your Holy Spirit and help us move from where we are, to where you want us to be, in your great love for us.

We pray for the power of your Spirit to be at work in our community, transforming lives. Drawing your children to your light and breaking the chains of addiction in all our community and filling that void with your love and knowledge, that there is a better way through Jesus and the power of your Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we pray, that just as Isaac dug wells in Genesis, that those wells be dug today, and become fruitful, throughout all of your world, providing clean water for all. We pray that Jesus opens the hearts of all that draw water from those wells, as He did for the woman in Samaria, and gives to each person revelation of Him and His living water.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Please pray for those at the Quarry Chapel as they consider their future.

The church needs to find a new church secretary and people willing to take on the work of the church. They are few in number at the chapel so this is a critical moment for them. They are praying over their future together and will have a special church meeting on Sunday 5th May after worship at 2.45pm to try and consider the way forward.

THE FLOWERS FOR APRIL WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY: -

April 7 Carol Bye, April 14 Christine Pratt, April 21 Joyce Longman,
April 28 Jackie and Roger Denny in memory of Roger's mother Maureen.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome home to Liz and Ron Swanwick. We hope they have had a wonderful time with their family in Australia.

We hope to have good news of Ann Shillitoes thyroid operation when you read this. We hope all will go well. Margaret Pengelly has had a time in Cheltenham Hospital, but is now in the Vale Hospital. We hope she will soon be well enough to return home. Jan Strutt is still having radio-therapy and we remember her and Glyn Goulden in our prayers.

Jean and Charles Jukes are feeling a little better, and it was good to see him in church. It was good to see Gordon Moir with us again, following his operation and to know Ann Cameron-Murphy is much improved. Joan Goulding wishes to thank all the kind folk who helped her when she was taken ill in church recently. It is good to hear she is now out and about again. We have missed Dilys Morgan from our worship, she had a nasty fall while on holiday, cutting her head quite badly. Farida Barnes, Eileen Denning and Joy Nicholls have also been unwell and we have missed them. We remember all these friends in our prayers.

TAB FUND RAISING/EVENTS FOR 2013

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR. PLEASE
HELP US IN ANY WAY YOU CAN.**

Sat 4 May 7pm Tab Quiz please bring your family, friends and neighbours. Youth teams very welcome. The quiz will be exciting and challenging with music, pictures and general knowledge. The traditional sausage and mash supper is included. (Please bring your drinks) (Transport available if needed) Tickets £7 adults £3 students from committee members, or Inches.

THE MAY FAIR: A WHOLE TAB EVENT

10 & 11 MAY

**This is one of our Major Fund Raising Events so please put the date
in your diary**

10 MAY FRIDAY EVENING (by request) 7pm -9pm

11 MAY SATURDAY 9am – 12.00

We need Contributions & Helpers for the stalls.

PLANTS & GARDEN
ITEMS

CONTACT PLANT TEAM
Christina Bye (543148)
Peggy Tresise (543161)
Matt Welsh (543549)

All kinds of plants please, they must be clearly labelled so we know what they are. Bring them to the Reception room on Fri between 2-4pm or 7-7.30pm in the evening.

CAKES

Contact Cake Team
Sadie Evans (542385)
Hilary Green (547191)
Sally Larkham (542175)

Bring your cakes etc. large or small to the Reception room on Fri between 2-4pm or 7-7.30pm in the evening.

CRAFTS

Contact Shirley Welsh (543549) any type of homemade article, sewing, knitted, pottery, art and craft work of any kind. Please bring your items to the Reception room on Fri between 2-4pm or in the evening between 7-7.30pm (Stall helpers needed)

Tombola

Contact Lilla Jones (543396) to offer items or help on the stall.

Ladies Accessories Contact Angela Jones (544378) to offer items for sale or to help on the stall.

Toys & Games Contact Julie Perrin (0790929520) to give any good quality toys books or games.

Bric a Brac Contact Sylvia Woods (545828) any suitable items please.

Raffle Contact Helene Dalrymple (549209) any suitable prizes

We most of all need YOU to come and bring your family, friends and neighbours on Friday Evening or Saturday morning. There will be refreshments throughout Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please come to help, shop, eat, and just enjoy the event.

'THE GREAT TAB COPPER RUN' Have you filled your jar with coppers yet? Please keep saving them. You can bring your jar to church and hand it to Helene, Hilary or Terry whenever you like, every penny will help. The closing date is May 26th.

Sun 2 Jun - A Family Event 1952 ' Coronation Garden Party'

to celebrate 60yrs of Queen Elizabeth - in Tab Garden (weather permitting!!) with 1950's music – games & lovely food. Get out your vintage clothes for this event.

Tab Welcome Tea – Sunday 9th June 4.30-6pm

Our annual Free Tea for all our newcomers. A chance to find out a bit more about the Tab, its history, its distinctive beliefs, ask questions about our community, our worship, our mission, and enjoy good food and company. See Simon, our minister if you are interested in coming. Tel: 07946402954, email smhelme@gmail.com

Jo Helme is planning on going to Nicaragua this summer with the Peace and Hope Trust. She wants to thank everyone for their great support in making the Strictly Come Dancing event such fun and such a success. She also wants to thank everyone who sponsored her for the Connect At walk from Sharpness to Slimbridge. To help raise further money for her trip she is open to requests for child minding.

Parsonage Project Appeal

Pentecost 2013 May 18th-19th

On 17th March 2013 our church meeting voted unanimously to submit plans for the re-development of our premises. The project will have several phases and no single phase will begin until the funding for it is in place. With prayer, we must now step out in faith to seek whether the funds to turn our vision into reality are available.

What are we planning? As the catalyst for this development comes from the vacancy of the old Parsonage, we are calling the project "The Parsonage Project" although the things that need to be addressed extend beyond the development of the Parsonage. The phases of the project will inevitably involve overlap, but the work ahead of us can be roughly divided into four different sections:

- Creation of Youth Centre facility.
- Re-development of the upstairs kitchen, upper hall and rooms at the rear of the premises.
- Re-development of the upper floors of the old Parsonage.
- Improvement of access in various parts of the building.

How much will this cost Dursley Tabernacle URC?

The main funding for the Youth Centre installation is to come from the Town Council, but we will need to provide an estimated £16,000 for the cross-over aspects of this first phase. The remainder of the Parsonage Project has not been fully costed yet, but a rough estimate suggests somewhere in the region of £150,000 - £200,000.

Pentecost Appeal 18-19th May

Launched at the Church Meeting on April 29th, all church members will receive a booklet giving details of how we intend to launch our appeal on the Pentecost weekend and how church members can be involved and support our next development either in prayer, time or financial giving.

This Pentecost we are asking church members to prayerfully consider whether they can give a special gift, over and above what they already give to the church, to launch our appeal. This is the first time since 2008/09 that we have made a direct appeal for extra funds.

Gifts can be given in sealed envelopes that will be available after April 29th. Simon, our minister will be in the church reception room on Saturday morning May 18th 9.30-11.30am to talk with people about the project/appeal and receive gift envelopes. Alternatively, Gift envelopes can be received in the offertory on Sunday morning 19th May. Please consider if you are able to help in this way.

'Something to sell? Why not advertise it on Tab-bay! and raise money for our Redevelopment Fund.'

Look out for the little notice board where you can advertise something you might want to sell - indicating the price - and donate all (or a proportion of) the money raised to the Fund. You'll find some blank cards, drawing pins (even a pencil!) attached to the board. No articles will be stored in the church and the transaction involves only the buyer and the seller who gives the proceeds directly to the church Treasurers...
Couldn't be simpler - let's give it a try!

John & Kathryn Palmer

Leprosy Mission

Peggy Tresise, Joan Kingham and Joy Strong are collecting old postcards in aid Leprosy Mission. Can you help them with this?

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT – ‘A LIFE WORTH LIVING’

Starts Wednesday 15th May from 7.30pm

During the spring/summer months we will offer a central based mid-week opportunity for fellowship, discussion, laughter and reflection on the Christian faith. They will meet on consecutive Wednesday evenings – apart from 29th May (due to holidays) – finishing on 26th June.

The meetings will be held in the café style and we will be using a DVD of Nicky Gumbel's talks on the Letter of Paul to the Philippians: 'A Life Worth Living'. Gumbel is the presenter of the Alpha Course and has an entertaining and engaging style. The sessions will look at how to live the Christian life positively, practically and joyfully. It will address many of the issues of modern living and ask how we can find a life worth living. All welcome.

JOHN BELL RETURNS TO THE TAB! NOVEMBER 2ND AND 3RD 2013

John Bell, from the Iona Community came and shared with us in 2008. Now five years later he will return to share with us over the weekend in which the Church celebrates All Souls and All Saints. The theme will be '*For All The Saints*'. With John's extensive experience and travels around the world he will share some stories of how the Global Church is responding to the issues of the world. He will share how the Saints of God are campaigning for justice, working alongside the poor, making a difference in their localities, sharing good news, reshaping faith, forming community, being disciples of Christ in different contexts.

Saturday 2nd November will feature two afternoon seminars and an evening Big Sing:

RECEIVING GIFTS FROM STRANGERS - a reflection on what the affluent Western church has to gain from the experience of Christians across the globe.

RE-IMAGINING GOD'S PEOPLE - looking at the biblical pigmies and giants through different lenses.

SATURDAY EVENING BIG SING: SINGING WITH THE WORLD CHURCH ...songs from many countries all suited to British voices.

On Sunday morning John will preach in our morning worship and then in the evening:

SUNDAY EVENING BIG SING: THE COUNTER CULTURAL NATURE OF THE CHURCH'S SONGexamples old and new.

It should be a fantastic weekend. Book it in your diary now. More details and publicity to follow soon.

May Rotas –Please swap any duty you are unable to do and inform Shirley Welsh of any changes. Thank you

Duty	5 May	12 May	19 May	26 May	2 June
Duty Elder	Shirley Welsh	Rod Irvine	Ronnie Harding	Jan Strutt	David Pritchard
Vestry Elder	David Pritchard	Martine Carter	Jan Strutt	Hilary Green	Jan Strutt
First Reading	Malcolm Harris	Gordon Moir	Carole or Dennis Allen	Shirley Welsh	Iain Hearn
Second Reading	Helene Dalrymple	Gill Watts	Helene Dalrymple	Brenda Peters	Lilla Jones
Door duty	Enid Fullard Joan Kingham	Betty and Iain Hearn	Mary & Mike Weeden	Eric Murray Farida Barnes	Betty and Iain Hearn
Audio desk	Lionel Jones	Dennis Allen	Rod Irvine	Dennis Allen	Christine Welsh
Flower Distribution	Enid Fullard	Mary Sherratt	Hilary Green	Carol Bye	Ronnie Harding
Welcome Team	David Pritchard Joan Kingham Helene Dalrymple	Chris Purnell Carol Bye Malcolm Harris	Shirley and Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Iain Hearn Martine Carter Hilary Green	Kathryn and John Palmer Ron Swanwick
Prayer Team	Emma Byrne Terina Cieciora	Jackie Pritchard Julie Perrin	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Kathryn & John Palmer

May 5 Communion Preparation– Ronnie Harding

Communion Servers: Hilary Green, Rod Irvine, Kathryn Palmer, Liz Swanwick.

2 June Communion Preparation -Sally Larkham

Communion Servers: Carole or Dennis Allen, Terry Larkham, Liz Swanwick, Martine Carter.

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